Whitney Wins National Music Competition
“Festival VI, A Must see DVD”

On Sunday, May 30, 2010, the National Classical Singer Competition was held in the Marriott Marquis located at Times Square in New York City. Participants sang in three semi-final rounds resulting in 200 finalists.

The ultimate winner was Whitney Morrison, a voice student of Mrs. Julie Moore Foster of the Oakwood University Music Department. The winning aria was, “Se il ciel mi divide” from Alessandro nell’Indie, by Niccolo Piccini. Other OU students who were semi-finalists were Laurie Gardiner, Tamara Richards and Marilyn West.

Congratulations to our winners generally, Ms. Morrison in particular, her teacher and the Oakwood Music Department, Dr. Audley Chambers, Chair.

Festival of Spirituals VI

Days prior to the event the weather was cold, wet and stormy. Would the participating choirs be able to travel three, four hours to Huntsville? However, on the day of the program, God said, “Let there be sunshine and it was so.” That evening and morning comprised Sunday, February 21, 2010.

Joining in the celebration for the first time was Fort Valley State University Choir all the way from Georgia. Tennessee State University returned with a beautiful sounding chorale. In all there were nine HBCU Choirs, two local groups and soloists. With a devotional and awards ceremony, groups and soloists, the program lasted almost three hours.

Hours after the program there was a frightening thunderstorm. Due to illness, Dr. Ginger Beazley, a former O.U. music teacher and Festival Honoree was unable to attend. We took the award to her studio.

DVD’s are $20.00 each. Contact phones: (256) 726-8455: 7007 or 7202
Before leaving for the General Conference Sessions 2010, the administration appointed selected personnel to welcome/host visitors who requested permission to tour the campus before, during and after the sessions. These are some of them.

Special thanks to Fred Pullins, Carol Moore, Sodexho, Public Relations, Public Safety, Enrollment Management, Telecommunications, Eva B. Dykes Library and Academic Affairs for your role in making our visitors feel so welcome to the campus. Their comments are recorded in our welcoming Guest Book available to you.