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SACS APPROVES GRADUATE COURSE: Oakwood College has received approval from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for our first Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies. We are pleased to move from Level Two to Level Three status which will allow Oakwood College to offer a limited number of master's degree programs. Many have asked if Oakwood College has changed to university status. This has not yet occurred. University status is being researched. Information on this will be provided during Faculty/Staff Colloquium (August 6-7, 2007). President Baker expressed appreciation to all who worked diligently to make the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies program a reality.

60 YEARS AND COUNTING: The 60th Annual South Central Conference Campmeeting was held on the Oakwood College campus, June 8-16, 2007. Record crowds attended the services, all coordinated under the theme "Getting Ready for Eternity." There were early morning prayer services, devotional hours and workshops for all age groups. The featured evening speakers were: John Nixon, Ron Smith, James Doggette, MyRon Edmonds, Vandeon Griffin, Carlton Byrd, Christine Sinclair, and Furman Fordham. Wintley Phipps spoke to over 4,000 people during the second Sabbath service on June 16 in the audience of the church sanctuary, the church overflow room, and closed-circuit broadcasts to the Business & Technology building, Music Building and Cafeteria.

CLASS OF 2007 GIFT: The Class of 2007 intends to begin the construction of information signs around the campus. These navigational tools will help make the campus more accessible and functional for first-time guests, alumni, and friends, especially as new developments like the

new men's residence hall and the Bradford-Cleveland-Brooks Leadership Center are completed. For further information on how you can sponsor one of the signs, please contact Derrick Sabater, Class of 2007 President, at derrick_sabater@yahoo.com, or call (704) 293-5352.

LOVELINESS STILL KEEPING HOUSE: Commendation is expressed to the Financial Affairs Division and the Grounds Department for the sixth annual Huntsville Beautification Award appointed to Oakwood College for its excellence in maintaining a beautiful campus. The designation will be presented at the July 27 luncheon held by Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer and the City of Huntsville.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES: ♦ The **Bradford-Cleveland-Brooks Leadership Center** (adjacent to the Moseley Complex) is projected to be completed by October 2007. An official dedication will be scheduled during the October Board of Trustees meetings. ♦ Construction on the **New Men's Residential Hall** is progressing on schedule, and will be a much needed addition to campus residential housing for 266 male residents. The building is projected to open in Spring 2008. ♦ Renovations to the **Campus Cafeteria** are being planned, which will enlarge, modernize, and enhance seating capacity as well as improve food service features for students' dining needs.

THE ADVENTIST URBAN CONGRESS, sponsored by NAD Adventist Community Services, is taking place on our campus July 22-27. With exceptional speakers like Barry Black, Charles Bradford, Charles Brooks, E.E. Cleveland, Mark Finley, Alvin Kibble, Leslie Pollard and Ivan Warden, the event offers dynamic seminars, networking opportunities and empowerment to penetrate the complex challenges facing urban communities of the 21st century.

KNIGHT NEWS CHALLENGE: In 2007, Knight Foundation will again award **\$5 million** in grants to individuals, organizations or businesses with ideas and projects that will transform community news. Anybody, anywhere in the world is eligible for funding — if the project meets **all** of the following criteria: 1) Use digital media; 2) Involve new forms of news in the public interest; 3) Focus on a specific geographic community. Apply at www.newschallenge.org by October 15, 2007. ~ *Brittany N. Taylor*

WEDDING BELLS: On May 27, David Baker, eldest son of Delbert and Susan Baker, exchanged vows with Denise Marnella in Corona, California. The Bakers hosted the Huntsville community to an elegant reception in honor of the newlyweds on Sunday, July 1. David and Denise have both completed terminal degrees in Physical Therapy at Loma Linda University and have returned to Riverside, California, to continue their dual careers.

A CHANGE IS COMING: Confucious say: “Only the wisest and stupidest of men never change.” Responding to customer feedback, *Acts & Facts* has changed to a more streamlined format. More in-depth articles will appear in a new publication called *The Oaks Online*, beginning this Fall. Departments are asked to submit news items and updates as we prepare for the Fall issue.

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