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PUBLIC SAFETY MOVES TO WHERE THE ACTION IS: The administrative offices of Public Safety & Transportation have relocated to 5038 Oakwood Road, across from the Office of Spiritual Life, at the corner of Faculty and Oakwood Roads. The move makes the department more centralized and visible, and allows staff to expand operations. The former location (on the South side of the Physical Plant building) is now the Emergency Operations and Dispatch Center.

NCATE REAFFIRMS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: Congratulations to Dr. James Mbyirukira, the faculty and staff of the Education department, and faculty members from cooperating academic/academic support departments for a successful NCATE reaffirmation of accreditation visit. The visiting committee reported to Dr. Mbyirukira and Dr. Anderson that it is their recommendation that Oakwood's teacher preparation program is in compliance with all six accreditation standards and that accreditation should be awarded for a full seven years. "Thank you," to all departments and staff that supported the accreditation reaffirmation process.

MISSISSIPPI FOCUS UPDATE: 1) Mississippi FOCUS recently awarded April Collins, a member of the New Heights SDA Church, a \$1,000 scholarship to attend Oakwood College. 2) Mississippi FOCUS car tags went on sale for \$7 each, with \$2 per tag going to the E.E Rogers SDA Church School, in Jackson, MS. 3) Mississippi FOCUS is looking for 1,000 donors who will give \$5/month for Christian Education, using the Pocket Change Cups. Change can be taken out of donors' purses or pockets at the end of each week, and turned it in once a month, and earmarked for MS FOCUS.

STAFF MEMBER RECEIVES DEGREE: Graduating *cum laude* from Columbia College, Cheryl D. Sullivan has received the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with emphasis on Management Information Systems. She is now pursuing a Master of Science in Management with an Information Systems Concentration from the Florida Institute of Technology. Congratulations, Ms. Sullivan!

OAKWOOD MAKES WAVES: The local ABC station, WAAY-TV Channel 31 reports that Dr. Baker's promissory pool dive (to commemorate the College's enrollment reaching 1800 students) created the largest number of hits they've ever had on their website (approximately 1300 hits).

BAKERS RETURN FROM THE MIDDLE EAST: Drs. Delbert and Susan Baker returned to the campus on November 12 following a two-week archeological tour in Israel, Egypt, and Jordan. The trip was part of a consortium to develop an educational video for Theology, Religion and History students, and other interested persons.

CONTEST FINALISTS ANNOUNCED: Congratulations to the seven finalists of the First Breath of Life/Oakwood College Oratorical Contest: Kyle Brown (Junior/French); Lakicia Foster (Senior/Biology); Joseph Holland (Freshman/Print Journalism); Christine Jobson (Senior/Music Education); Philip Kermiah (Freshman/Theology); Kaggia Scott (Senior/Theology); Lynae Turner (Senior/Business Management/PR). Watch for an announcement when the final round will be held during Spring semester 2008.

OPERATION SAFE TRAVEL, SAFE RETURN: On November 14, the Office of Public Safety and Transportation, Express Lube Centers and NAPA Auto Parts sponsored "Operation Safe Travel, Safe Return." Technicians conducted vehicle safety inspections and topped-off fluids on student, faculty, and staff vehicles prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. President Baker, the College Administration, and Public Safety are concerned for the safety of the campus community, not only on campus, but off campus as well. The institution continually seeks partnerships with the business community to further its programs and initiatives.

BOOKS REQUESTED: Donations of new or slightly used books (in the areas of motivation, biography, inspiration, academic support - not necessarily textbooks) are being requested for the Living & Learning Center Library in Peterson Hall. For further information, contact Dean Holiday at 256-726-7309.

HOLIDAY WISHES: We sincerely hope that everyone had a blessed and safe Thanksgiving holiday.



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