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For this we are heartily grateful. However, we feel that for even partial development in the future, we need from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 for immediate development and expansion, both physically and scholastically. We also need more attention given to the formulating of plans for the progress of the school.

CONDITIONS NOW EXISTING AT OAKWOOD

The following are some of the present conditions now existing at Oakwood.

- 1. Department or vocational heads do not have enough opportunity to use their own initiative in making decisions or formulating opinions.
- 2. What is ostensibly reported on some financial statements is not in actuality the case. For example, in a small meeting with some of the Board members during the Fall Board Meeting, the statement was made that the faculty owed over \$15,000 to the school. We understand that this is part of the reason, if not the entire reason for discontinuing faculty credit at the store. Later, several of the faculty statements were examined and found to be inaccurate.
- 3. Natural resources and industries are not sufficiently explored and advanced.
 - 4. Home owners' subsidy is inadequate.
- (Attention needs to be given to lighting, ceilings, black-boards, walls, etc.)
 - 6. It is understood that depreciation money is being used to build new buildings thereby leaving the older ones without any upkeep expense available (a public statement).
 - 7. Some teachers' rent subsidy has (is being) been questioned by the Federal Income Tax Authorities. (It is counted as part of the salary).
 - 8. The length of the Board Meetings held at Oakwood seem to be too short for the members of the board to give adequate study to the problems of Oakwood College.

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- 9. The financial support to Oakwood does not seem to be clearly defined as coming from any particular sponsoring body.
- -10. Oakwood Academy is now using the same facilities as the college.
 - 11. Oakwood Academy does not seem to have a sponsoring body.

These are only some of the conditions, in our opinion, which militate against attaining the desired high peak of efficiency and faculty morale.

Therefore, in view of the fact that Oakwood is a General Conference School and in view of the fact that the General Conference is a world-wide supporter and must divide its funds among the world field, thees its Board representing the General Conference opines that Oakwood cannot receive appropriations that it desires.

In view of the fact that Oakwood students come from a minority group which is still economically suppressed; in view of the fact that although we are grateful for what has been done, the present contributions are not sufficient to reach or even maintain the high standard advocated by Mrs. E. G. White for a Christian institution of higher learning; in view of the fact that, according to our understanding, there are three schools in the United States which are supported directly by the General Conference appropriations, Oakwood, being a General Conference shoool, should receive an anount in proportion to what the other two shoools receive according to its needs.

We recommend that the General Conference appropriate three to five million dollars for immediate development and expansion of the plant. The argument is repeatedly advanced that before Oakwood College can receive more funds or teachers it must have increased enrollment. We feel that such an argument does not obtain in most business circules because in order to make money, money must first be expended. Because of this fact we are unable to carry out the vocational objectives of the catalog of Oakwood College.

With a larger appropriation we would recommend the following:

- 1. Sociology teacher for a major in sociology.
 - 2. A band and/or orchestra teacher. Adults. Elementary education specialist.
- An additional home economics instructor and a home economics Bulder building.
- 5. Trained guidance personnel. Faculty
 6. A public relations director Faculty
- 7. More maintenance persons for supervision. 6+4
- 8. An Art teacher. Faculty
- 9. A school engineer and carpenter. (A full time carpenter is now available)
- 10. A school bus. Facility
- 11. Roads on the campus to be repaired and replaced with concrete Day
- 12. Concrete walk from the upper north campus road straight down to the campus.
- 13. A physics teacher.
- 14. Better campus lighting.
- 15. A Fine Arts Building.

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We also recommend the following:

1. That a faculty-board discussion be more frequent.

2. That the Academy be sponsored by some Conference.

3. That study be given immediately to leasing some industries to provide more income to the school and furnish more work for the students which could at the same time provide for reduced tuition costs to be student.

5. That there be provided more adult help in the bakery and other

industries.

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- 2. WHEREAS our sister colleges do not practice teacher exchange with Oakwood, we recommend that the young potential teachers now A student at Oakwood, should be given financial assistance to finish theitheir higher degrees incorder to return to Oakwood in their special fields to render services.
- 3. WHEREAS the student work program in its present setup to be inadequate, leaving some students who were promised employment prior to arriving on the campus in a position of seeking their own campus or town jobs. We recommend that the rate of pay be increased.
- 4. WHEREAS the school has no means of student transportation and many problems naturally arise which would not exist if there were a shoool bus which could be used. (For example, the choir has has agreat need of school-owned transportation, and students need weekly transportation to the city of Huntsville). We. therefore, recommend the purchase of a shoool bus. //
- 5. WHEREAS, in our understanding, the school has no expansion money in its budget except the Oakwood collection we recommend that a positive program for repair, maintenance, and replacement be adopted to remedy this situation.
- 6. WHEREAS two colleges in Alabama have recently lost their accreditation with the Southern Accrediting body and which have better facilities than Oakwood, we recommend that a special commission be appointed to study with the Administration and faculty for the future expansion of Oakwood College and the maintenance of its accreditation.
 - . WHEREAS the percentage tithe dollar now given to Oakwood is inadequate to meet its financial needs we recommend some study be given to the introduction of a program that will be somewhat more like that the other sister colleges are receiving for expansion.

8. WHEREAS over the years the resources resident in many areas of the school plant have not been explored adequately so as to contribute to the overall growth and expansion of the institution, we recommend, that the leadership be augmented to provide the

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