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The caretaker house at Oddfellows Cemetery was broken into last month.

Equipment stolen from Oddfellows Cemetery site

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THE CHRONICLE

The caretaker house at the historic Oddfellows Cemetery was broken into last month, and equipment that has been used for upkeep of the historic black cemetery was stolen.

The break-in was discovered by James Clyburn, president of the nonprofit Friends of the Oddfellows, which works to restore the cemetery located at 2881 Shorefair Drive.

On Sept. 5, Clyburn made a regular stop to check on the cemetery and had brought some lunch to eat in the caretaker house. When he entered the building, he saw a saw glass on the floor from a window someone broke and opened to gain entry. The equipment the group stores in the locked building was in disarray. Two Craftsman push lawnmowers, five gardening shears and other donated equipment were stolen.



Clyburn

"I was just disgusted," said Clyburn, who called the police.

For more than 15 years, Friends of the Odd Fellows has been working to clean up the cemetery, which was started by black fraternal groups in 1911. The 10-acre cemetery had fallen into disrepair, and volunteers have made strides in clearing large sections that had been overgrown with trees, kudzu and bushes. There are about 10,000 African-Americans buried in the cemetery, the oldest of whom were former slaves.

The lawnmowers are the only two owned by the organization and are used to mow the grass in a large wooded section of the cemetery. A volunteer does monthly mowing in the rest of the cemetery with his own riding lawnmower. The group is still figuring out how what it will do about the missing equipment because insurance only covered replacing the window.

Clyburn said he doesn't know how the intruder or intruders got into the cemetery, which is fenced off from ShoreFair Drive. The group keeps the cemetery's gate locked when not in use.

The group holds a regular clean-up day on every third Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. The cemetery has also become a regular destination for volunteers on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, when a massive cleanup event is held.

Clyburn said he hopes anyone with a tip on the break-in can will contact the police.

Those wishing to make donations to Friends of the Odd Fellows can call Clyburn at 336-723-6452 or mail checks to Friends of Odd Fellows Inc., 100 Alice St., Winston-Salem, NC 27105.

Wake Forest University named Oakes first Chief Diversity Officer

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Barbee Oakes, a recognized leader in diversity, has been appointed as Wake Forest University's first chief diversity officer. Oakes retains her assistant provost title and responsibilities, developed over her six years in that role.

"As our first chief diversity officer, Barbee is beautifully positioned to advance strategic planning and execution of Wake Forest's diversity and inclusion initiatives," said Wake Forest Provost Rogan Kersh. "She will confer regularly with the president's cabinet, deans, governance boards and the larger campus community on issues involving the University's progress on inclusive excellence initiatives."

Oakes has her sights set on several high-priority goals for this year and beyond.

"Continuing to proactively address campus climate issues remains a very high university priority this year," Oakes said. "With increased diversity, the challenges we face in establishing policies, programs and practices to ensure everyone feels included become more complex and nuanced."



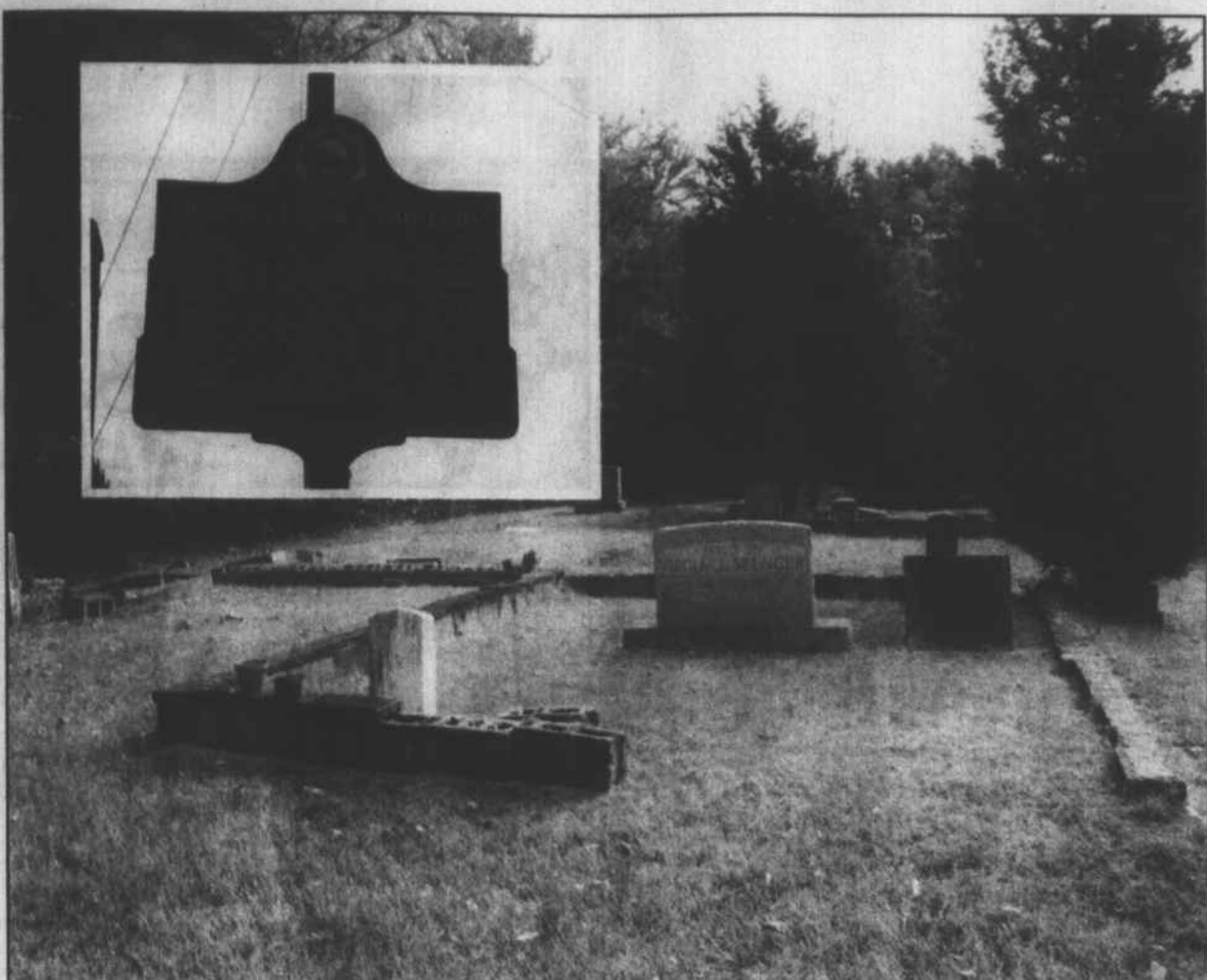
Oakes

While moving forward, she is also focused on documenting how far Wake Forest has come on diversity and inclusion efforts.

"Wake Forest has made tremendous progress in transforming our institutional culture to foster inclusive excellence during the past five years," said Oakes.

"Our vision was to redefine diversity at Wake Forest, enhance the cultural elasticity of our faculty, staff, and students; and establish equitable institutional policies and programs. Our Office of Diversity and Inclusion now encompasses Multicultural Affairs, LGBTQ Center, Women's Center, Diversity Education, Diversity and Inclusion associate deans, a network of campus partnerships, cultural competence initiatives, diversity admissions professionals and institutional policy revisions to foster equity for underrepresented faculty, staff and students."

Oakes received her bachelor's and master's degrees at Wake Forest and her doctorate in exercise physiology and nutrition at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She was a member of the Health and Exercise Science faculty at Wake Forest before serving as director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs from 1995-2009. Oakes was also a faculty member at Penn State and Arizona State universities.



(Inset) The historical marker for Oddfellows Cemetery. One of the cleared spaces at Oddfellows Cemetery.

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