

# Oakley pleads guilty

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"allowing" Mrs. Oakley to operate his vehicle while impaired.

Brenda S. Setzer, the officer at the scene of the accident, twice has sought warrants against Tisdale for the charge. She was turned down both times by clerk B. Scott Reece of the warrants office, who said she lacked probable cause.

Tisdale sought to end the matter two weeks ago by asking Police Chief Joseph E. Masten to issue him a citation for the charge. Masten would not issue the ticket, citing the clerk's refusal to issue the warrants on the two previous occasions.

Assistant Chief George L. Sweat said last week that he knew of no plans to charge Tisdale once Mrs. Oakley was convicted. He said it would be up to the officer to pursue charging Tisdale.

The case of Todd Apperson Mercy, the driver of the other vehicle in the accident, was heard before Mrs. Oakley's.

He was convicted of failure to yield the right of way, causing the accident. He was fined \$25 and ordered to pay court costs.

His attorney, James J. Booker, said he will appeal the decision.

The accident occurred just past midnight at the intersection of Coliseum Drive and Reynolda Road. Mrs. Oakley drove Tisdale's 1966 Volkswagen into the side of Mercy's 1979 Honda.

Officer Setzer charged Mrs. Oakley with DWI and charged Mercy with failure to yield at a blinking yellow light. Police estimated damages of \$3,000 to Mercy's vehicle and \$1,200 to Tisdale's.

When Mercy's case was tried, John Sneed of Winston-Salem

testified that he was headed southwest on Coliseum Drive when he stopped at a blinking red light at Reynolda Road. He said he saw the Honda across the intersection pull into the path of Tisdale's Volkswagen, which was headed northwest on Reynolda.

Mercy testified that he stopped at the intersection, looked both ways and pulled into the intersection, where he was struck by the Volkswagen. He said he did not see Tisdale's car until just before impact.

Two passengers in the Mercy vehicle testified that he stopped before entering the intersection.

Allen would not allow witnesses to mention the content of conversations between officers on the scene and Tisdale.

Booker argued that, since Tisdale was the owner of the car, he was responsible for the hand-

ling of it. Allen said that was irrelevant because Tisdale was not the driver.

Booker said he would appeal the decision to Superior Court, where he expected other information about the accident to be revealed. His clients would not comment.

Officer Setzer testified that, when she arrived at the scene, Mrs. Oakley appeared to be, as the judge termed it, "grossly intoxicated." But Mrs. Oakley's defense attorney, Daniel S. Johnson, argued that Mrs. Oakley had been injured in the accident and may have been affected in her movements by her injuries. Officer Setzer agreed.

A chemical test done after the accident showed Mrs. Oakley's blood alcohol concentration to be 0.18 percent. The legal limit is 0.10.

# Black-owned high-tech firm

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minority-owned, high-tech company. In Winston-Salem, we're different. We can bring our expertise, and our financial strength, as a marketing advantage."

"We're delighted to have Maxima," E. Walton Jones, manager of the Business and Technology Center, said Wednesday. "It gives us another national firm doing business in the area. The city has been very active in trying to get them to come, and we're delighted to cooperate with the city to help them get established."

Jones said the center provides space and services to small and emerging businesses as they at-

tempt to establish themselves.

The Business and Technology Center will serve as an "incubator" for Maxima, Fleming said. Maxima's new office will be used for research and marketing.

"Right now, we just need a small office," he said. "The center is a joint relationship. They provide an answering service that enables us to move around and do the things we need to do in the field. As soon as we establish a business base, we most likely will locate in the Winston-Salem Business Park."

The business park is being developed for the city by the Webb Cos. and will be located on 160 acres of land just off In-

terstate 40 adjacent to Winston-Salem State University.

Fleming said the company initially will staff its office here with someone from one of its other branches next month. He said local employees will be hired as the company grows.

Maxima employs more than 500 people nationwide, he said.

City Development Coordinator Frieda G. Williams met Smith at a seminar last July in Raleigh. At the time, Smith expressed an interest in moving into the North Carolina area; he was considering the Research Triangle Park area near Durham. Ms. Williams suggested that he consider moving to Winston-Salem and talked to him about the business park.

"I have to give credit to the people at Winston-Salem State University, the Chamber of Com-

merce, Jim Holmes of the Webb Cos. and a group of others who made a great presentation when Mr. Smith came here in October," Ms. Williams said.

"I'm just so excited and thrilled that a company like Maxima has decided to come to Winston-Salem," she added. "It's an excellent opportunity for the city, and it says something about the growth and potential of this area."

The company now has offices in Washington, Rockville, Md., Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Columbus and Dayton, Ohio, Knoxville, Tenn., San Antonio, Texas, San Diego, San Francisco and Denver.

Maxima recently acquired its own computer supply company and a computer hardware and maintenance firm, Fleming said.

# Y-HAPPENINGS

## Y-ACTIVITIES

### Basketball Tournament

The First Annual Easter Basketball Tournament, co-sponsored by WAAA radio station and the Winston Lake Family YMCA, will take place on March 28 & 29. The tournament is for boys 12-15 years of age. This is an opportunity for boys in the middle school to compete in a highly competitive basketball tournament. The tournament will enhance their physical fitness, self-esteem, sportsmanship and sense of fair play. Registration deadline: March 22, 1986, at 2 p.m. Registration fee: \$5.00/player or \$50/team. For more information call Norm Joyner at 724-9205.

### Children's Community Choir

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## MEET ... DRUSILLA AMOS



DRUSILLA AMOS

One of our receptionists, Drusilla Amos, loves working with and meeting new people. Mrs. Amos has been with the YMCA for about 3 years. She started as an after-school counselor and bus driver at the Patterson Avenue YMCA. Her smile brightens the Winston Lake facility, and members are grateful for her assistance and pleasant attitude. Mrs. Amos looks forward to meeting all who come to the Winston Lake Family YMCA. She is also the teacher for our Children's Cooking Class.

## MEMBER OF THE WEEK



MRS. BESSIE ALLEN

Every morning Mrs. Allen can be seen, smiling and cheerful, as she actively participates in the Health Services program. A favorite area is the whirlpool, but Mrs. Allen also regularly swims and joins in the Senior Citizen Stretch. She also likes to play bridge, an activity often taking place at the Winston Lake Family YMCA. She's a supportive "member of the week," and we love her!!!

-- Christian D. Larson

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# City Attorney Ronald Seeber:

## Board can't review demotion

From Chronicle Staff Reports

City Attorney Ronald G. Seeber said Tuesday that the Board of Aldermen cannot review the demotion of former detective James I. Daulton, who lost his police certificate for his handling of the Deborah B. Sykes murder investigation.

Daulton and his attorney, Fred G. Crumpler, appeared before a special meeting of the aldermen's Public Safety Committee two weeks ago to ask that the board hear Daulton's appeal.

Crumpler said City Manager Bryce A. Stuart supported the demotion publicly, and therefore should not hear the appeal. Crumpler also asked that the city manager be removed from all future city personnel reviews.

Seeber said he prepared a memorandum last week informing the board that it has no authority to hear such an appeal. He said state law makes the city manager the last appeal within the city government for employees with a grievance.

Crumpler said at the time that he may pursue other legal remedies if the board could not hear the appeal. Daulton can appeal to the state courts.

Mrs. Sykes, a copy editor for the now-defunct Winston-Salem Sentinel, was raped and murdered on Aug. 10, 1984. Her body was found in a field just off

West End Boulevard behind the Crystal Towers highrise apartment complex.

Darryl E. Hunt, a 21-year-old black man, was convicted in June of her murder and is now serving a life sentence.

Daulton was demoted after an internal investigation into police conduct during the Sykes investigation concluded that he gave "deceptive" testimony during Hunt's trial and exhibited "unbecoming" and "unsatisfactory" behavior during the course of the investigation.

Daulton was the chief investigator assigned to the case.

He was reassigned to a civilian's job in the communications room of the department as a radio operator. The demotion involves a pay cut of nearly \$3,000.

A group of retired policemen and firemen has organized to help him pay his lawyer.

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