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QEA leader opens new school

BY TODD LUCK
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The man behind the success of Winston-Salem's Quality Education Academy (QEA) is putting his weight behind another charter school.

The College Preparatory and Leadership Academy of High Point, or The Point, opened in August, becoming one of the first new charters to open after the General Assembly voted to lift the 100-charter school cap in North Carolina.

QEA opened in the 1990s and was one of the state's first charter schools. Simon Johnson co-founded the school, which is known for high academic achievement.

More than 90 percent of QEA students passed end of grade tests in the 2009-10 school year and more than 80 percent of them passed in 2010-11. Johnson said his next goal for QEA is for 100 percent of his students to go on to pursue higher education. As a consultant at The Point, he has equally lofty goals for Guilford County students.

"I just wanted to do something to make a difference, particularly for the children who were coming from my community and similar communities," he said.

The Point is currently located inside the massive Christian City Church in Greensboro, which is providing it with full facilities, including an auditorium, lunchroom and about a dozen classrooms. Plans are in the works to get The Point its own permanent building in High Point.

The Point's school leader, similar to a principal at a traditional public school, is Johnson's daughter-in-law, Dr. Michelle Johnson, who brings 15 years of experience in both public school and higher education to the new charter.

"Parents in our community in High Point wanted us to start a school here ... because they wanted a different choice for their children, some of them were commuting to Winston-Salem to QEA and they thought the community could benefit from a charter school in the area," said Michelle Johnson, a former QEA teacher whose daughter attended QEA and now attends The Point.

There are currently 14 staffers and 113 students at The Point. Michelle Johnson says the school will take all who apply to enter the school until it reaches its capacity of 250 students.

Charter schools are still controversial. Some believe that they take students and funding from tradi-

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Simon Johnson



Michelle Johnson

GOLDEN OCCASION

Church to mark couple's 50th wedding anniversary and 25th pastoral anniversary in style

BY TODD LUCK
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St. Peter's Church and World Outreach Center's Bishop James and Rev. Joyce Hash will be celebrating their 25th anniversary as pastors of the mega-church and their 50th wedding anniversary this weekend.

St. Peter's, which has 4,200 members and sits on a 79-acre campus on Old Lexington Road, tends to do things big, and the double anniversary celebration is no exception. The couple will renew their vows during a 5 p.m. gala Saturday at the Benton Convention Center, and on Sunday, services at the church at both 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. will feature a string of special guests, including the Hashes friend, Bishop T.D. Jakes, who will headline the evening service. Entertainment will be provided by Joshua Rogers, Jessica Reedy and Crystal Aikin - all

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Photo by Todd Luck

The Hashes stand in the main sanctuary at St. Peter's Church and World Outreach Center.



Zane Speaks

Elusive author draws hundreds of local fans

BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

Fans of bestselling author Zane got a rare opportunity to come face-to-face with the reclusive erotica writer last week.

More than 200 people packed the second floor of the Central Library last Thursday evening to hear the New York Times bestselling author dish about her life, her work, and of course, her books, which have sold millions of copies around the world. Her local appearance came during a nationwide tour to promote her latest, "Zane's Z-Rated: Chocolate Flava 3."

"I'm enjoying it," the mother of three and Washington, D.C. area resident said of the two month long tour, which also included a stop in Greensboro last week. "It kind of lets me know I'm on the right path with what I'm trying to do, which is empower women in every aspect of their lives. It's exciting."

Zane, who adopted her pen name as a means of staying anonymous when she first began writing short erotic stories online, is also a publisher with more than 90 authors signed to her imprint and executive produc-



Photos by Layla Garms

Top: The crowd listens as Carolyn Woods chats with Zane.

Above: Zane fields questions.

er of the Cinemax series "Zane's Sex Chronicles." A new show, "Zane's The Jump Off" is slated to air on the cable network in January, and her debut novel,

"Addicted," which she published herself in May 2000, is currently being made into a major motion picture starring Nia Long and Boris Kodjoe.

Carolyn Woods, supervisor of the Popular Library Department at Central, extended an open invitation to Zane, one of her personal favorites.

"You are our rock star author," Woods told the author before the start of the program, which had to be moved from the library's auditorium to accommodate the massive crowd. "You look like every woman. I'm glad you are who you are. As a full-figured woman, I love showing the world that we've got it going on, too."

For an hour, Woods and audience members peppered Zane with questions on a variety of topics, to which she responded with candor, giving the event the feel of a conversation among friends.

The author thrilled the audience by revealing that she has strong ties to the Twin City.

"My mother and several aunts attended Winston-Salem State University," she said

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Partners in Anti-Crime



Photo by Layla Garms

Mayor Allen Joines (left) is one of several city leaders who are helping Pastor Lamonte Williams better his community through a new coalition. Read more on page B1.

Prayer warriors gather for Womble

BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

State Rep. Larry Womble received an outpouring of support from friends, colleagues and well-wishers Tuesday evening, during a prayer rally at his home church, Bethlehem Baptist.

Late last year, Womble, serving his ninth term in the North Carolina General Assembly, was involved in a tragic car accident that left him in critical condition and the driver of the other vehicle, David Carmichael, dead. The feisty legislator, known for championing causes such as the Racial Justice Act and compensation for state eugenics victims, chose not to seek re-election in the state's 71st District because he is still recovering from his



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NAACP President S. Wayne Patterson and Rev. Daryl Napper greet Rep. Larry Womble as he is escorted into the service by his caretaker, Tracy Ingram.

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