

Zeta Phi Beta Amicae inducts three new members

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This auxiliary of Rho Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. was involved in several unique activities during the holiday season. The Amicae, friends of Zeta, inducted three members in a blue and white ceremony in November. The new inductees were Erica Allen, Doris Crosby and Vernell Ingram. A breakfast meeting was held later in the month of November at the home of Fostina West, a charter member of Amicae.

In December, the Amicae coordinated the Christmas Gala for Rho Zeta Chapter and guests. The affair was held at Tony's Lounge Dec. 4. Activities for the party were well planned by Trish McNeely, program chairman, and her committee. It was fun-filled with singing, games, prizes, fellowship and, of course, plenty of delicious food served by Tony. A step show performance by Omega Chapter members highlighted the entertainment.

The Amicae closed out its year with a meeting and dinner Dec. 20 at the home of Alice R. Smith, Amicae adviser. It was a beautiful affair with plenty of delicious food. Edythe Williams is Basileus of Rho Zeta Chapter. Evelena Clayborn is president of Amicae of Winston-Salem.



Left to right: Vernell Ingram, Erica Allen and Doris Crosby.

Lewisville Elementary winner in anti-violence program



Dr. Ron Montaquila, left, and Rev. Dr. Seth O. Larley

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Out of 20 schools in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system that participated in Operation Will Power, an anti-violence program, Lewisville Elementary was recently awarded \$3,000 for its involvement in the program. The school received the award as a result of getting parents, ministers and community involved.

Operation Will Power differs

from other anti-violence programs in that it focuses on willpower and the community supporting the program.

Another effort will take place during the 1999-2000 school year. Full community support is desired and anticipated.

The program appreciates and thanks Integon, RJR, Pepsi and

Goler Memorial AME Zion Church for their support in raising the funds for this award.

Lewisville will use its \$3,000 to expand its after-school program held at Rupert Bell Center.

Dr. Ron Montaquila is principal of Lewisville Elementary School. Rev. Dr. Seth O. Larley is president/CEO of Operation Will Power.

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Wright-Dalton

NORFOLK, Va. - Denita Dalton and Kensey Lamonte Wright were united in marriage on Dec. 4 at First Baptist Church-Bute Street in Norfolk. Dr. Robert G. Murray officiated the candlelight ceremony. An evening reception followed at the Scott/Dozier Ballroom on the campus of Norfolk State University.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Diane Dalton Booe and Mr. Albert H. Dalton. She received her bachelor's degree in English from North Carolina Central University and her master's degree in elementary/middle education from Old Dominion University. She is currently a teacher with Suffolk Public Schools.

The groom is the son of retired U.S. Navy MCPO Kenneth and Robin Wright. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology from North Carolina Central University and is president/co-CEO of Fifth Degree Entertainment.

Chandra Dalton of Winston-Salem, cousin of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Danielle D. Jones of Walkertown, sister of the bride; Antionette Dal-

ton of Walnut Cove, cousin of the bride; and Kennethra T. Bell and S. Nichelle Melvin of Durham, both friends of the bride.

Best man was DeShawn Wright of Brooklyn, N.Y., brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Khari Boyd and Quince Griffin Jr. of Chesapeake, Va., and Charles Corprew III and Fagan Stackhouse Jr. of Virginia Beach, all friends of the groom.

Courtney Jamison of Richmond, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl; and Donavin Green of Chesapeake, god-nephew of the groom, served as ring bearer.

Ushers were James McCrae of Durham, Wesley Hunter and Tony Pearl of Charlotte and Kevin Moss of Harlem, N.Y., all friends of the groom.

The guest book attendant was Stephanie Johnson of Richmond, sister of the groom. Hostesses were Sandra Dalton of Walnut Cove, cousin of the bride; Monica Rascoe of Portsmouth and Valerie B. Smith of Winston-Salem, both friends of the bride.

After their honeymoon, the couple will reside in Chesapeake, Va.

Johnson selected to Who's Who

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Paul Brandon Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Johnson, has been inducted into Who's Who of American High School Students 1999. He is also a graduate of the C. L. A. Y. program.



Johnson

Brandon, as he is known, is a senior at Reynolds High School and attends Mt. Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center.

waste another three years on that, she says. But she said they had a great time together. "We did great work together, and I think the last album was incredible."

By this time, she was a mother (her daughter is now 13), and Stone managed to stay in the music game by marketing her skills as a songwriter, singing jingles and working as a backup singer. She was working with MCA Records when they told her about a new singer they wanted her to help out.

"She reminds us of you," she was told. "She has this kind of thick voice, and she just needs to be smoothed up - can you write some stuff for her, work with her?" That was Mary J. Blige. So when that happened, that put me in touch with Mary, Lenny and the whole thing."

Her work with Lenny Kravitz allowed her to flex her talents as a musician. Not only did she sing backup and audition other singers for him, she also played saxophone during his live dates.

Kravitz appears as a musical

guest on "Black Diamond." But Stone's most productive partnership was with D'Angelo, whose debut album, "Brown Sugar," was credited with putting R&B's focus back on music and lyrics instead of empty rhymes and quick jams.

Stone collaborated with D'Angelo on his debut, and one of their songs, "Everyday," is also on her album. The two also had a romantic partnership that produced their 2-year-old son, Michael.

D'Angelo doesn't like to talk publicly about his relationship with Stone, which has now ended. As for Stone, she smiles slightly when his name is mentioned, and quickly says that she will not discuss their personal relationship.

"Musically, it was magic. It's something that I have not been able to do with any other producer or musician," she says.

Stone's well-reviewed album has that 1970s feel and continues the rich lyrical tradition of artists like Marvin Gaye.

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too proud to do that, though. I guess that comes with having faith and not being spoiled and not having an ego because it never bothered me to go to work."

While Stone found odd jobs to support herself, she still continued to pursue a career in music, and by the early 1980s, she got a second chance when she hooked up with the group Vertical Hold. The band members loved her deep, husky voice and songwriting talents, and asked her to join.

Vertical Hold made an initial splash with its funky first single, "Seems You're Much Too Busy." But Stone blames internal chaos within the group's record company for stalling their first album and the follow-up. So she decided to leave.

"(After) two attempts, and two great attempts to be a success, something interceded and intervened, and we were blocked, so I didn't want to

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