

reunion

APRIL 27-28, 2012

CONVERSE

Schedule

Friday, April 27, 2012

9:30 am - 8:30 pm Registration for Reunion Weekend

Twichell Lawn (Rain Location – Front Porch, Wilson Hall)

Pick up your packet and Reunion materials, including your nametag and a discount coupon for Valkyries Station (At 5:00 pm registration will move to the courtyard of The Heath, new apartment complex.)

10:30 – 11:30 am Class of 1962 Robing and Coffee

Bain Room, Wilson Hall

The Class of 1962 is invited to enjoy a morning coffee together and get “robed” for their processional and induction in the Golden Club.

11:00 am Parade of Classes –

Front Lawn, Twichell Auditorium (Rain Location - Lobby, Wilson Hall)

Line up with your class to process into Twichell Auditorium for Founder's Day/Reunion Convocation.

11:30 am Founder's Day/Reunion Convocation

Twichell Auditorium

Celebrate Founder's Day Convocation with faculty, staff and students. Convocation includes a welcome address from President Fleming, honor the life of Dean Joe Ann Lever and induction of the Class of 1962 into the Golden Club. Reunioning alumnae will process into Twichell Auditorium by class.

12:30 - 2:00 pm Founder's Day Luncheon

Front Lawn, Wilson Hall

Join the Converse community for lunch on the lawn. As is tradition, Dexter Edgar Converse's favorite dessert, strawberries and cream, will be served. Special seating will be reserved for the Class of 1962, as they celebrate their 50th reunion.

2:00 - 3:00 pm Campus Tours

Depart from Front Porch, Wilson Hall

Join student guides for a tour of the campus to see today's facilities.

3:00 - 4:00 pm Reading by Joyce Carol Oates

Twichell Auditorium

4:00 – 5:00 pm Book signing by Joyce Carol Oates

Twichell Auditorium Lobby

5:00 – 6:00 pm Alumnae College: Royal Weddings - From Victoria and her beloved Albert to William and Catherine

Zimmerli, The Heath

Dr. Jeff Willis, Director of Archives and Special Collections

5:00 – 5:45 pm Class Representatives Meeting

Stackhouse Parlor, Wilson Hall

A quick but important session to go over the agenda for your class meeting

6:00 - 8:30 pm Reunion Cocktail Party, Bluegrass, BBQ Picnic and Photo Booth

Fountain area behind, Kate Hall and Howard Hall (Rain location: Weisiger Gym)

This is a casual social time with Converse faculty, retired faculty, staff and friends from all the reunion classes. Be sure to visit the Converse photo booth with your classmates to make new memories.

Saturday, April 28, 2012

- 9:00 - 11:00 am** **Late Registration**
Lobby, Montgomery Student Center
- 9:30 - 10:30 am** **Breakfast with President Fleming and Converse Students**
Barnet Room, Montgomery Student Center
President Betsy Fleming will facilitate a student panel discussion.
- 10:30 am** **Class Meetings**
Kuhn Science Hall
Time to elect class representatives, pose for a class picture and catch up with classmates. Check your registration packet when you arrive for specific location.
- 11:45 am** **Memorial Service for the Class of 1962**
Dasher Rose Garden in front of Dexter Hall
- 12:00 pm** **Memorial Service**
Gibbs Chapel, Montgomery Student Center
Service honoring classmates led by Converse Chaplain, Jason Loscuito.
- 12:30 - 1:45 pm** **Awards Luncheon**
Mary Wilson Gee Dining Room, Wilson Hall
Presentation of Alumnae Achievement Awards, election of Alumnae Board nominees, presentation of "It's a Class Act" reunion giving awards and presentation of *Honorary Alumnus* will be awarded to Dr. Jeffrey R. Willis, Director of Archives and Special Collections, former chair of the History and Political Science Department and Andrew Helmus Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm** **Campus Tours - Depart from Front Porch, Wilson Hall**
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- 2:00 – 3:00 pm** **Alumnae College: Model Arab League Demonstration**
Bain Room, Wilson Hall
Dr. Joe Dunn, Charles A. Dana Professor of History and Politics, Chair of the History and Politics Department
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm** **Alumnae College: "The Internet: Turning Chess into Checkers"**
Room 212, Kuhn Hall
Are you looking for new and exciting ways to chase away your boredom? Are you interested in reconnecting with old friends? How about seeing if you can rekindle old fires? Are you looking for a way to quickly organize an event? Is an awful monster killing your computer? Come to our hands on informational session run by Computer Science majors/Campus Technology student workers.
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm** **Alumnae Recital**
Daniel Recital Hall, Blackman Music Building
- 4:00 – 4:30** **Meeting with newly elected Class Representatives**
Stackhouse Parlor
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm** **Pina Coladas at Pell**
Pell Residence Hall
Alumnae from all the reunion classes are invited to socialize and drink a toast to your memories of Pell.
- 7:00 pm - until** **Class Dinners**

At Your Leisure

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- 8:30 am - 5:00 pm** **Admission Office Open House, Wilson Hall**
If you have a daughter, relative, or friend interested in applying to Converse, stop by the Admissions Office to talk with a member of the Admissions staff.
- 9:00 am – 5:00 pm** **Art Exhibit, Twichell Auditorium Lobby**
Art Exhibition featuring Jane Yarborough Creech '60 whose work was selected for the cover of Oates' book, *A Widow's Story: A Memoir*
- 9:00 am- 10:00 pm** **Valkyries Station, Montgomery Student Center**
Visit Valkyries Station to pick up a Converse sweatshirt, mug, flag etc. (A discount coupon is in your registration packet.)
- 12:00 noon – 8:30 pm** **Hospitality Room, Loafers, Montgomery Student Center**
- 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm** **Archives, Mickel Library**
Visit with Dr. Jeffery Willis, *Director of Archives and Special Collections* and Andrew Helmus *Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History*, and view some of Converse's special treasures.
- 8:00 pm** ***The Last Day at the Dixie Girls Café* by Robin Swicord, Hazel B. Abbott Theatre**
In a small town in Georgia, the Dixie Girl Café is closing, as its owner, Jeri Lee, has plans to marry, as she is convinced that her destiny is to produce another Messiah. Her intended, Wayne Blossom, Sr., has a sheet metal business and sells fallout shelters on the side. We also meet his philandering son, Wayne Jr. who runs the local gas station and his wife, Joy, the station's auto mechanic. Lastly is Lanette, the youngest of the Blossom clan, who is in college thanks to a baton twirling scholarship. The mix of these colorful personalities creates a brew that is at once wacky, thoughtful, and compassionate. "Inspiring, hilarious, and touching; it skillfully blends madness, pathos, and off-beat philosophy..... A lovely play." *Newark Star Ledger*

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