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From the President

A Legacy of High-Achieving Women

Too often I hear female friends of my teenage son say, "I'm not interested in attending a women's college because I might miss out on big football weekends or sorority life." Indeed, to those who don't know the facts, single-gender education may seem like an antiquated idea that has run its course. However, a look inside today's women's colleges reveals a disproportionate number of bright and promising leaders for tomorrow.

As Converse alumnae, you have a special recognition for the exceptional job women's colleges have done in preparing women to be leaders for their professions and communities. There are countless reasons why you should be proud of your Converse education, not the least of which is the level of accomplishment your fellow alumnae from Converse and other women's colleges have achieved. For example, while only 2 percent of all female college students graduate from women's colleges, consider their collective impact:

- 20 percent of *Fortune* magazine's "50 Most Powerful Women in American Business" are graduates of women's colleges.
- Of 60 women members in the U.S. Congress, 20 percent are graduates of women's colleges.
- One-third of female board members for *Fortune* 1000 companies are graduates of women's colleges.
- Half of all women's college graduates earn advanced degrees and 81 percent pursue advanced study beyond college.
- On a *BusinessWeek* list of the 50 women who are rising stars in corporate America, 15 (30 percent) earned their baccalaureate degree from a women's college.

Clearly, graduates of women's colleges have had a disproportionate influence in the work place and in their communities. In our own alumnae ranks we have three current judges for the state of South Carolina and another who has been elected for her sixth term on the Texas Supreme Court, the lead counsel for the US Environmental Protection Agency, the National Marine Educator of the Year for 2000, a special agent for the US Secret Service, a Broadway performer, and a recipient of the Yellow Rose of Texas award. There are countless others who join these outstanding women as proof that women's colleges are still an invaluable resource to our country. Why this success? The women's college provides a supportive environment where different learning styles of women are understood and collaborative leadership styles are encouraged. At schools like Converse, women find their own voices.

Our students participate more fully in their classes, hold all the leadership positions, are encouraged to take risks, and *graduate at a higher rate than their counterparts at coed institutions*. Equipped with self-knowledge and self-confidence, our graduate is well prepared for graduate study and the world of work, seizing opportunities she might never have considered had it not been for her women's college experiences.

The value of the women's college is being substantiated by new research. For example, a recent study completed by the College of Education at the University of Missouri concludes that women's colleges are better at promoting women's intellectual and societal self-confidence, academic ability, and cultural awareness. Students at these colleges are also less likely to hold stereotyped views of specific careers as "a man's job" or "a woman's job."

As we enter the new millennium, the value of an education at a single-gender college is no longer a well-kept secret. We are seeing a resurgence of growth in enrollment at women's colleges across the nation. At Converse, we have experienced a 12 percent increase in our entering class between 1999 to 2000.

Today's students are choosing women's colleges because of their dedication to a strong academic preparation and their desire to prepare for life after college; and they are receiving valuable lessons—both academic and co-curricular—that can last a lifetime. Converse is proud to perpetuate this legacy of achievement for women and looks ahead with great anticipation to helping many more outstanding women lay the foundation for a lifetime of accomplishment.

Nancy Gray

Nancy Gray

Prepared leaders for tomorrow are found at today's women's colleges.

*(pictured from far top left): Dana Williamson, Mellissa Crain,
Melissa Minger, Nicole Johnsey, Nina Williams, and Jenny Woodruff
(front row): Brooke Burtelle and Lauren Houston.*





Nicole Johnsey '01
SGA President

On April 29, 2000, the officers for the 2000-'01 Converse Student Government Executive Committee met for the first time to chart their course. Armed with a top ten list of student concerns and goals, the Committee was determined to serve Converse well and not just walk through the year. They aimed to be different, distinctive, and to leave for future Converse generations a clear purpose and vision for providing meaningful leadership that contributes to the academic and social growth of the student body.

Strong in diversity yet united in purpose, the committee quickly established the phrase "Not Just Passing Through" as their theme. SGA President Nicole Johnsey '01 says the theme captures the intent to not just stand before the Converse students, but to work among them. "We want to truly represent our classmates and serve as a

vehicle to ensure their opinions, ideas and concerns are heard."

The Committee established a series of theme weeks for the fall term that would enhance the academic, spiritual, and social growth of all students. Each week, Johnsey communicated information about upcoming student discussions and activities planned around the theme via a campus-wide e-mail. She also shared SGA's goals for how they hoped students would grow during the week. During various theme weeks, SGA led the students in an in-depth look at the meaning of the Honor Code, worked with Career Services to increase awareness of campus opportunities for career preparation and encourage students to utilize them, offered financial advice, and worked to increase voter registration and political awareness. Other theme weeks focused on academics, service, diversity, spiritual life, Converse traditions, and health.

During winter term, the Committee took a hiatus from theme weeks and focused their efforts on creating a long-range agenda for future student government leaders: the SGA Vision Document. Although similar to the

College's strategic plan, the Vision Document is comprised entirely of *student* opinions, desires, and plans. The intent is for the document to be used alongside the College's plan to better inform the administration of student's needs and desires regarding

their college experience.

In order to make the Vision Document successful, SGA called upon the entire student body to give input on campus matters. Over four weeks, opportunities were made available for students to address nearly every campus



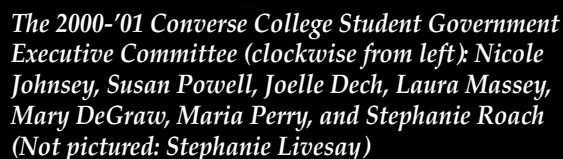
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Just Passing Through

all students had an opportunity to participate," said SGA Vice President Mary DeGraw '02. "Regardless of whether the student wanted to make a suggestion, we felt it was important that she could trust that her voice would be heard."

will be a legacy for future Converse students that provides a clear balance between the ideals of past Converse generations and those of generations to come. Says Johnsey, "It's been a busy year with both successes and failures, but we have achieved our pur-

pose as a student government association. We have done much more than pass through; we have taken action. And our hope is that such action will do much more than change Converse today, but will continue to effect students far into tomorrow."



Converse deaf education majors are getting into the classroom – the S.C. School for the Deaf and the Blind classroom, that is.

A collaborative program between Converse and the S.C. School for the Deaf and the Blind (SCSDB) allows college students to get experience working with children while the teachers learn the latest about research and technology from the college students.

Katharine Slemenda, associate professor of deaf education and chair of the education department, coordinates the program for Converse. Students who participated in the winter 2001 program were juniors Johnna Weathers, Shauna Mills, Kristen Kisker, Melissa Moss, Kimberly Bates, and Jean Eichelberger.

"The program gives college students hands-on learning from the field, which is not something they are going to get from a book in a classroom," SCSDB Coordinator of Educational Support and Development Joan Slemenda said. "We help the students by showing them how to teach and run a classroom, and they share the latest research and technology with our teachers."

SCSDB has had a professional collaboration with the deaf education department at Converse for 50 years. In 1949, Dr. Laurens Walker, superintendent of the SCSDB, approached Converse President Edward Gwathmey and they established a joint agreement between the two institutions. The curriculum has varied over the years, but the goal has remained the same: for teachers to be prepared to step into a classroom when they graduate from college.

This year for the first time, Converse's deaf education winter term course was taught entirely on the SCSDB campus. From January 3 through February 6, six juniors arrived daily at SCSDB for classroom studies, teacher observation, and to work with elementary and middle school students. The course offered several initiatives to

teachers and students alike in an effort to make the program beneficial to both sides. For instance, many SCSDB teachers are interested in taking on research projects, but time constraints and teaching demands often don't allow them to do so. The Converse students teamed with these teachers to discuss and plan projects, gather data, and ultimately produce a document, proposal or product. The teams also benefited students by allowing them to observe the teachers in action as they met to discuss issues, such as the best way to teach English.

Through the mentoring program, each Converse preservice teacher was paired with a SCSDB staff member who is fluent in sign language. The staff member not only worked to improve the student's teaching and sign language skills, but also to introduce them to the deaf community in afterschool hours.

Another benefit for the teachers was that Converse students shared the latest technology to affect their field. The students served as Web researchers for the teachers, selecting curricular areas that need further research, teaching strategies or supplemental activities.

"In the old days, the Converse students were the kids, and we were the teachers who knew everything," Joan Slemenda said. "But now it is a true collaboration, and we learn from each other."

First grade teacher Terri Brown, who has two Converse students in her class, said she loves the arrangement. "The kids can get more one on one attention because there are more people in the classroom. And it's good to get students who are still in college who have new ideas." Converse preservice teacher Kristin Kisker '02 agrees. "I have learned a lot by being in a deaf classroom. This is valuable real-life experience with the deaf culture and sign language."

The Converse program is funded by Federal Title II Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant.

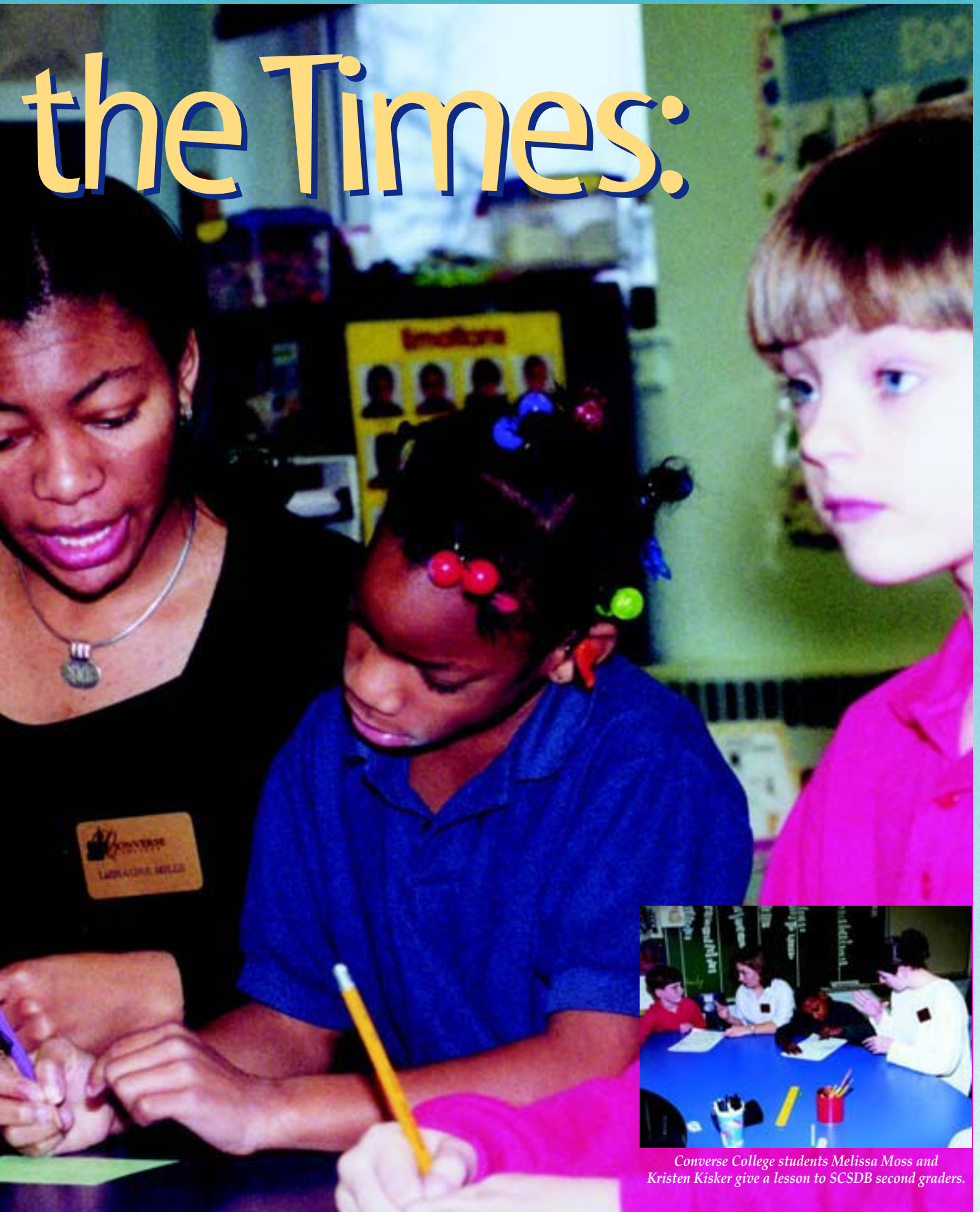
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Deaf Education Students Continue Century-Long Partnership with S.C. School for the Deaf and the Blind



Converse College student Shauna Mills of Spartanburg works with SCSDB first graders.

the Times:



Converse College students Melissa Moss and Kristen Kisker give a lesson to SCSDB second graders.

Generation-Y Goes

Converse rolls with the tide in recruiting

New Converse Scholarship Criteria

Full Tuition Presidential Scholarship – for an SAT of 1350 / ACT of 30 combined with GPA of 3.75 or better

\$11,000 Trustee Scholarship– for an SAT of 1100 / ACT of 24 combined with GPA of 3.5

Additional scholarship awards are available with various criteria, including music and athletic awards.

Colleges throughout the country are trying new ways to catch the eye of 15-year-old Ashley Cash and her Gen Y classmates.

to College

new students

by Susan Grogan Ikerd

(Editor's Note: Susan Ikerd recently joined Converse College as vice-president for enrollment management. Her primary responsibilities will center on implementing strategy that meets the enrollment goals of Converse.)

Throughout the country, a new generation is about to make its presence known. They are a generation that rivals the baby boomers in size. Some call them the Echo Boomers or the Millennium Generation, but they are most commonly referred to as Generation Y.

Members of Gen Y are the sons and the daughters of the boomers. Born during a baby bulge between 1979 and 1994, they are as young as five and as old as 20. At 60 million strong—more than three times the size of Generation X—they are the biggest thing to hit the American scene since the 72 million baby boomers.

According to a *BusinessWeek* article, Gen Y may resemble their parent's generation in size but they are very different in almost every other way. For the most part, Generation Y hasn't known life without prosperity and technological innovation. While boomers are still mastering Microsoft Windows'98, GenY has been tapping away at keyboards since grade school, and they've never been without ATMs.

Many are high-school seniors who will begin college next fall and they are placing far different demands on colleges than in the past. On average, most say career development is the primary reason when choosing a college. Their primary tool for college search is the Web, and they expect to find sites that offer a wide-range of online services along with immediate access to information and publications.

Students now begin the college search process in 9th and 10th grade, and have typically identified their top choices by Christmas of their junior year. The Converse admissions teams is moving rapidly toward both seeking out and responding to student interest in this time frame. Of course, as a women's college, the challenge for us is somewhat greater. By targeting those students who fit the desired profile for Converse, we should be able to increase enrollment to the desired level.

In order to reach out to the tech savvy GenY, Converse is joining with other colleges and universities throughout the country in placing more emphasis on a strong Web presence. Converse plans to use the Web both proactively – through broadcast e-mail and updated news and information to prospective students based on student preference, and reactively – to provide information upon request. We are creating a site that will encourage students to visit on a regular basis, and this site will be critical to the success of our undergraduate recruitment process.

Although technology is important, it is essential that we maintain the true essence of what makes Converse a special place. That essence is the personal touch. As much as we need the Web, we also need you! As we strive to establish a more regional profile, you can help us to communicate on a personal level by talking about Converse with bright young women in your hometown. Whether it be a conversation with a neighbor, a gathering for prospective students and their families in your home, or an evening at a college-night program, you can provide the kind of warm welcome that is unmistakably Converse. Prospective students who are from outside the Southeast sometimes cannot travel to campus, and welcome the chance to talk with an alumna in their area. We are also constantly in search of "brag facts" which help distinguish Converse alumnae, so it is important that you share your successes with us!

As we look to the future of undergraduate recruitment at Converse College, we have a wonderful story to tell. The process by which a student is recruited has changed to some extent, but the Converse experience has not. Students still have the same interaction with faculty and each other, and the same opportunities to learn more about themselves and the world. We want to share your experience with a new generation, and your help and support in making this happen is invaluable.

Refer a Student to Converse

Name of Student _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name of High School _____

Year of High School Graduation _____

Areas of Interest _____

Any Relationship to Converse _____

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Name (first, maiden, last) _____

Class year _____

Street address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

Home phone _____

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State _____ Zip code _____

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Class year _____

Spouse's name _____

Date of marriage _____

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Mother's name (first, maiden, last) _____

Class year _____

Father's name _____

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Birth date _____

New Job

Title _____

Company _____

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City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

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Advanced Degrees

Degree earned _____

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Name of deceased (First, maiden, last) _____

Class year _____ Date of death _____

Place of death _____

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TURNING BACK TIME

Converse Students Join Community in Restoring Cemetery

Time has not been good to the Magnolia Street Cemetery. Years of neglect have taken a ragged toll—leaving broken tombstones, overgrown underbrush, and crumbling walls. Located in the heart of Spartanburg proper since the 1800s, the cemetery had made the transition from being a place of hallowed respect to a hidden haven for derelicts.

But where some people find it easy to surrender and look the other way, others are eager to take action and make a difference.

Through the years, several people in the community made efforts to provide maintenance for the cemetery. Then in early 2000, Spartanburg City Police Officer Lee Raines adopted the dilapidated cemetery and vowed to return it to its intended state of honor. "It was a true shame to see the way the cemetery had been treated by the people of Spartanburg," he says. Raines began organizing regular clean-up efforts, gladly receiving assistance from anyone who was willing to lend a hand.

In the summer of 2000, Frazer Pajak, associate professor of interior design, volunteered with the Urban Youth Project in helping Raines with the cemetery. While restoring the monuments, Pajak saw an opportunity for both the Magnolia Street Cemetery and his winter term 2000 Converse students. "The cemetery presented a wonderful chance for my art restoration students to obtain some hands-on work outside of the classroom."

So during winter term 2000, Pajak returned to the cemetery with five of his

students for a two-week project. "We concentrated our work on restoring tombstones and a brick retaining wall that encircled the cemetery."

Spartanburg architect Allen Buie joined Raines, Pajak and the students throughout the undertaking. Like Raines, Buie had taken the Magnolia Street Cemetery on as a personal undertaking. The recent Clemson University graduate had worked at the cemetery before as part of the Urban Youth Program. "This is not work that just anybody can do. You have to use very specific chemicals and adhesives."

Both Buie and Raines were struck by the quality of work performed by the Converse students. "The students were extremely meticulous with their work," notes Buie. "They handled everything with such delicate care and precision."

Reinforcing a characteristic of the Converse Woman, Raines lauded the students for not only their skillful work, but also for their sense of community involvement. "It was obvious they were not motivated by just receiving class credit but by treating the cemetery with respect and making that extra effort to ensure everything was done well."

Raines emphasized the importance of the students taking part in a true community-minded project. "This is a grass-roots effort in every sense of the word. No one is being paid. The students are able to use their expertise and the Magnolia Street Cemetery gets a much needed sprucing-up."

Nurturing the Gift of Music

Elizabeth Ann Rabon is experiencing a special kind of student teaching – she is sharing the gift of music with children who are musically talented but normally would not be able to afford piano lessons.

In 1999, Dr. Melanie Taylor, assistant professor of piano pedagogy, secured a graduate teaching assistantship from the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA), allowing her to establish a scholarship program at Converse called

MusicLink. The sole purpose of the program is to reach those musically gifted children who so often do not have the opportunities to foster their talent.

Under the direction of Dr. Taylor, Ann, who holds a bachelor of arts degree in music performance and is currently a candidate for a master's in piano pedagogy, set-up shop in the Piano Pedagogy Lab in the Petrie School of Music. After receiving the green light from MTNA,

she sent introductory letters to music teachers in area school districts. "To qualify for the MusicLink program," explains Ann, "the student must have already been a participant in the reduced or free lunch program at their school, be evaluated by their music teacher for enthusiasm and potential for musical talent, and have a means of transportation to the lab."

With five students ranging in age from 7-12, Ann began teaching half-hour, individual lessons to each student on a weekly basis. "Initially, the entire program was free for the students. But we've since required them to pay \$10 per month and to purchase their own music. It's still an incredible bargain for the student since they would normally have to pay an average price of \$80 per half-hour on the open market."

Although MusicLink is sponsored nationally by the MTNA, the program at Converse is the only one that employs a graduate assistant for the teaching responsibilities, offering invaluable teaching experience. In fact, the Converse approach has caught the eye of Joanne Haroutounian, national coordinator of MusicLink, and is being featured as a model for other colleges and universities. "I am providing details of the Converse program to MTNA college faculty members across the country to encourage them to offer similar programs," said Haroutounian.

Judging from the gleam in her eyes, it is difficult to discern who is enjoying the program more—the students or Ann herself. "These children are my very first students and hold a special place in my heart. They so often slip through the cracks in our society, yet are some of the most talented and enthusiastic young musicians with whom I have ever come into contact."

Even though Ann will graduate in May, Dr. Taylor is firm in her commitment that the MusicLink program will continue at Converse. Because Ann has been such a success with her students, Converse undergraduates may be given an opportunity to teach as the program expands.



*Ann Rabon '01
with MusicLink participant
Randal Fernanders.*

Christy Laughter Scores Thousandth Point

Christy Laughter '02 continues to set records on the basketball court at an unprecedented pace. The 5'11" junior



Christy Laughter

from Hendersonville, N.C. scored her 1,000th point in the first game of the season against Queens College on November 17, 2000. In doing so, she reached the mark faster than any other Converse All-Star basketball player in history. At her current pace, she has a chance to become the first Converse player to reach the 2,000 point mark.

Though the team struggled on the court this year, Laughter has been one of the obvious bright spots. The team endured seven season-ending line-up changes and at no time did the All-Stars ever have more than two of their projected starters on the court at once. Robbed of both quality and quantity, the team relied heavily on Laughter to carry the load.

Head Coach Alex Ericson emphasized Laughter's durability in developing into a cornerstone for the All-Stars. "In three years, Christy has never missed a game or even a practice—an incredible run of endurance while still maintaining her high level of performance. She represents Converse in a way that exemplifies everything we want in a student-athlete...a true treasure."

Thanks to BI-LO, You Can Support the All-Stars When You Shop

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National Publications Note the Value of a Converse Education



Converse is proud to have been named as a Top Ten Best Value in the South and 11th overall in the region in the *U.S. News & World Report* 2001 rankings. To capture academic indicators, the magazine focuses on a college's academic reputation, student retention, faculty resources, student selectivity (including SAT or ACT scores), financial resources, graduation rate performance, and alumni giving rate.

Converse has also been recognized as one of *The Best 201 Colleges for the Real World* in the inaugural edition of the book by the same name. The criteria used for selecting the 201 *Best* included the commitment made by the college to develop career opportunities, the success of previous classes in graduating in a timely fashion, and the overall college experience.

Annual Fund Gifts Unlock the Doors of Possibilities

Every unrestricted gift you make to Converse College—whether it is in honor of your class for reunion, in memory of a special professor, or your annual gift—makes a difference in the lives of students, faculty, and staff. Because of gifts to the Converse Fund, we are able to award scholarships to deserving students, fund improvements in technology, subsidize study/travel trips, and more.

The South Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities has offered a challenge to schools across our state to increase alumnae participation. Simply put, if Converse has the highest increase in money raised or alumnae participation (gifts of \$25 or more), we will receive a \$40,000 grant.

For this fiscal year, the goal for our annual fund—which is used to supplement areas not covered by tuition and fees—is \$3 million. We need your support to reach our goal and to meet the challenge! Please consider a gift to the Converse Fund this year by June 30, 2001.

To offer your gift—by credit card or stock transfer—contact Suzanne White at (864) 596-9053 or by e-mail at suzanne.white@converse.edu.

Sally Abney Rose Physical Activity Complex On Schedule for Completion

The Sally Abney Rose Physical Activity Complex has made fast progress since the groundbreaking ceremonies last spring and is on course to be ready for the early returning athletes during the summer of 2001, prior to the return of the student body for fall term.

For the project, Converse received two gifts of \$1.3 million each. The gifts are from the Abney Foundation – in honor of Converse alumna Sally Abney Rose – and from Ed and Agnes Weisiger of Charlotte, N.C. Agnes Weisiger is a 1963 graduate of Converse and Ed Weisiger has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Sixteen acres have been developed for the 29,000 square foot single-story complex, which will include a regulation-sized soccer field, tennis courts, a multipurpose practice field and the Weisiger Center. The Weisiger Center will house intercollegiate basketball and volleyball courts, physical fitness training rooms, locker rooms, coaches' offices, and physical education offices.

Recent construction work has been focused on exterior and interior block walls, roofing, HVAC ductwork, and electrical installation.

Expansion of Milliken Art Building

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the expansion of the Milliken Art Building are scheduled for April 19th. The addition will be named the Justine V.R. "Nita" Milliken Wing of the Milliken Art Building and will provide an additional 14,000 square feet, nearly doubling the size of the entire complex.

Funded by an initial gift of \$2 million by Mrs. Milliken, the new wing will house lecture studios with faculty lofts, darkrooms for photography classes, a sculpture area, a computer assisted design (CAD) lab, an additional art gallery, and a historic preservation room.

Converse is currently reviewing bids from contractors and anticipates construction will begin this spring.



Rendering of the Milliken Art Building expansion.

Physical Activity Complex Progress



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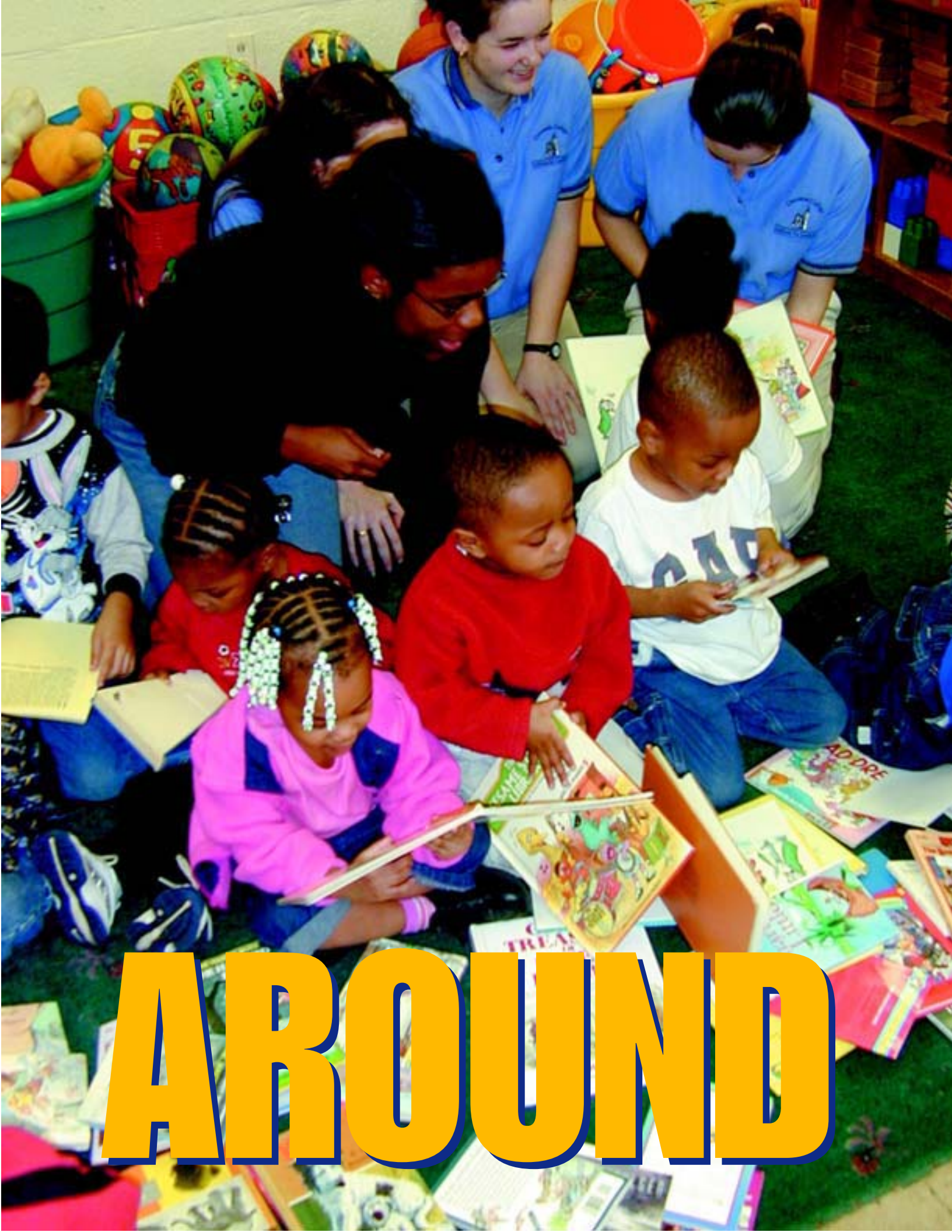
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AROUND

Join us for Founder's Day

As an alumna, you remember celebrating Founder's Day with strawberries and cream in Gee Dining Hall with the Converse community. This year, make plans to attend the Annual Founder's Day Service once again as Converse marks a milestone in its history with a very special announcement and the groundbreaking for a 14,000 square-foot expansion of Milliken Art Building!

The Founder's Day service will be held at 11:30 a.m. in Twichell Auditorium, followed by lunch in Gee Dining Hall with strawberries and cream. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Milliken Art Building expansion will begin at 2:00 p.m. on the Milliken lawn.

While you are on campus, be sure to drive by the construction site of the Sally Abney Rose Physical Activity Complex, just across from the main campus on Fairview Avenue. Also be sure to walk through the parlors and lobby of Wilson Hall as renovations are wrapping-up on the restoration project.

CCIFL Students Host Children's Book Drive To Show "Reading Is Fun!"

The Converse Institute for Leadership sponsored a book drive Feb. 19 – 23 to collect children's books for the Bethlehem Center in Spartanburg. The campus responded with donations of approximately 300 books, which were given to the children by members of CCIFL during an afternoon of story reading at the Bethlehem Center. The book drive centered around the theme of "Reading is Fun!" to show the children just how entertaining a good book can be.

Pictured at left: Members of the CCIFL show children at the Bethlehem Center that "Reading is Fun!"

"It was a great service learning opportunity," said Stacy Mulligan '01, a member of CCIFL. "Book characters are much more than passing entertainment, they can become a meaningful part of a child's memory. Sharing the gift of reading with these kids gave us a priceless gift in return."

Voice Mail Comes to Converse

Converse took another step into the information age as ITS implemented voice mail on campus in February. Each member of the faculty and staff now has a personal mailbox for callers to leave messages. The technology will help the campus to provide better customer service and to communicate more effectively.

Students have chosen to evaluate the option of including voice mail in the residence halls. Currently, answering machines are the method of choice for most students.

Converse Hosts Candidates for Milliken Scholars Program

On Saturday, January 20, the Converse Admissions Office recognized more than 100 prospective students who have qualified for Converse scholarships. The program was by invitation to high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. In addition to academic information sessions, the prospective students attended a panel presentation by current Converse students, a departmental fair in Montgomery Gym, lunch in Gee Dining Hall, mock classes in Carmichael Hall, an awards ceremony, and a tour of the campus. While the students were learning about college life, their parents

attended a financial planning session to help prepare them for funding their daughter's Converse education.

"The day was a great success," said Wanda McDowell, director of admissions. "We hosted a wonderful group of young women who are both academically gifted and very involved in their schools and communities."

Look out Red Devils, the class of 2005 is headed your way!

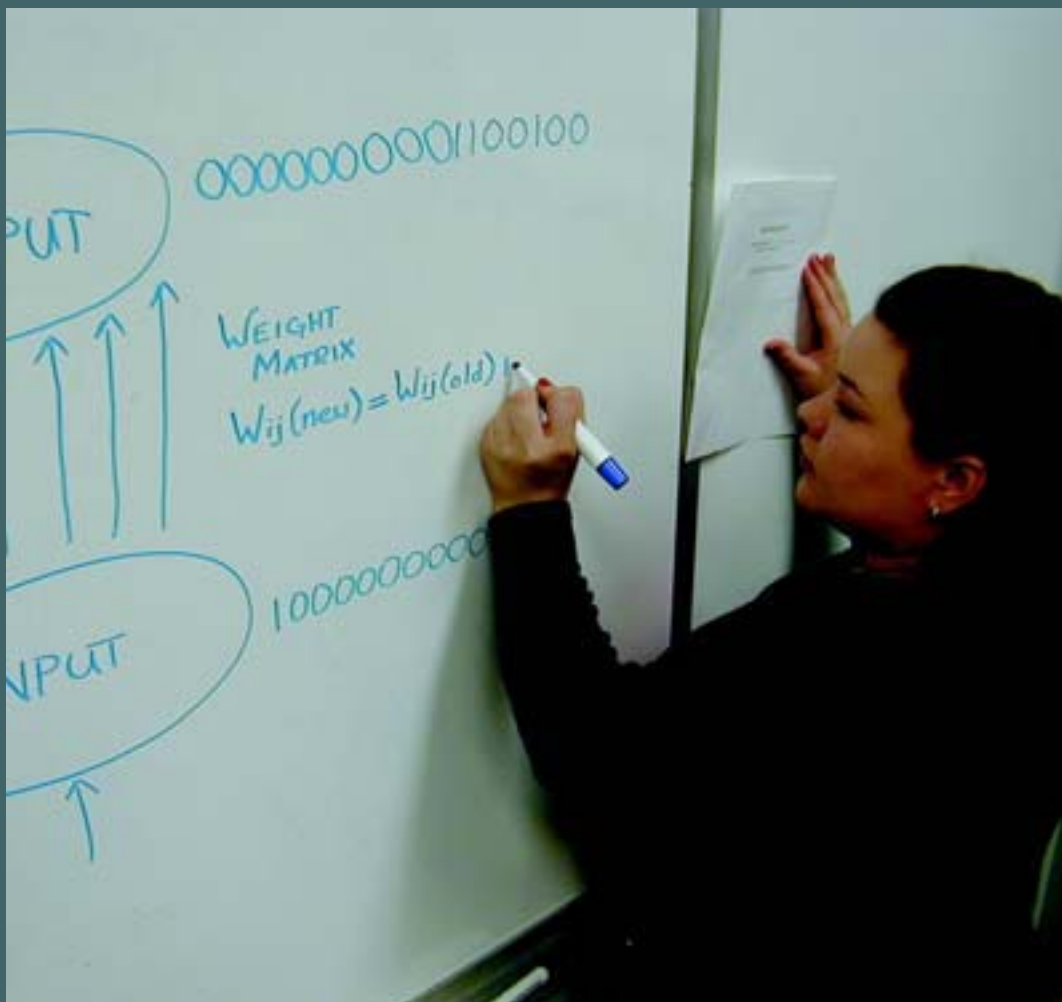
Sparkle City in Retrospect and Renaissance

Spartanburg is taking a walk down memory lane on April 28, 2001. Converse and Wofford Colleges are presenting a musical celebration that will recap the rich musical history of Spartanburg and include hundreds of community members. Audience members will be treated with numbers such as "Southern Harmony" from the "Singing Billy" Walker era, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" from the Birth of the Textile Industry era, "Let's Dance" from the Big Band era, and "Stars and Stripes Forever" from the Renaissance era.

Children from three local school districts plus the Village School will take the stage at Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium alongside ensembles from both colleges. Well-known community personas will narrate each era as historical photographs are projected onto large screens in the auditorium. Ballet Spartanburg will dance in the grand finale of "Stars and Stripes Forever," by John Philip Sousa, who performed with his band at Converse many times.

The Petrie School of Music extends a special invitation to Converse alumnae to join in this special event. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information, please call the Petrie School at (864) 596-9021.

CAMPUS



Sharon Simmons '01 presents research findings from her study of artificial intelligence.

"So What's an Orthogonal Vector?" Converse Students Delve into the World of Independent Research

Some of the best undergraduate research projects have begun with statements such as "I don't really understand this but it sounds fascinating," or "I've always wondered..." In *Dust Tracks on a Road*, Zora Neale Hurston wrote, "Research is formalized curiosity. It is poking and prying with a purpose."

Throughout the summer of 2000, six Converse College students rolled up their sleeves and dove headfirst into some intriguing areas of research. A team of eight college representatives from the South Carolina

Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) selected projects for funding from a field of 65 proposals. In all, SCICU funded 31 research projects; Converse students initiated four of those.

Joe Ann Lever, dean of the college of arts and sciences, said Converse is placing an increased emphasis on research at the undergraduate level. "Undergraduate research is invaluable to the development of the intellectual community, and it helps the student to better understand what an institution of higher education is all about."

The students presented their research findings in early February at an SCICU symposium in Greenville, S.C.

- **Sharon Simmons** teamed with Dr. Karlyn Ammons Barilovits in using artificial neural networks to study natural language processing. Simmons '01 from West Columbia, S.C., set about writing a computer program that would enable an artificial neural network to learn language in a fashion similar to that of humans. Her successful development of the program strongly suggests computers

can learn language the old fashioned way, not with look-up tables and rules.

- **Sallie DeCaro** '02 from Montgomery, Ala., and **Lynn Dancho** '03 from Lugoff, S.C., worked towards obtaining a more complete picture of the Galileans. Their study was part of the Converse in Israel project at the archaeological dig at Sepphoris, a first-century Jewish city in Galilee. Dancho investigated evidence of animal bones found at the site while DeCaro studied the evidence of stone vessels. Dr. Byron R. McCane, associate professor of religion, directed their research.

- **Pamela Emanuelson** '01 from Ladson, S.C., and **Amy Bates** '02 from Tusculum, Ala., searched for Hollywood's idea of the model family. Using movies from the 1990s and 1970s as their guide, they found that families in general, much less any ideals, were rare in movies. Their research indicates that the role of the family in films is often marginal, with many stories built around the life of single adults. Dr. Bob Muzzy, associate professor of sociology, assisted in the research.

- **Sara Hardy** '01 from Hephzibah, Ga., intended to compare marital advice given in England during the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries. Along the way, she read works by oft-maligned 17th century author Joseph Swetnam. Many literary figures believe Swetnam to have thought that all women were somehow evil and dangerous to men. Hardy, assisted by Dr. Laura Brown of the English department, concluded that while Swetnam did write derogatory things about women such thoughts were common in his day. She also notes that other authors, such as Shakespeare and Donne, made disparaging remarks against women and managed to escape the firestorm of criticism that hit Swetnam.

Faculty & Student Accomplishments

Faculty Accomplishments

Anita Davis, Charles A. Dana professor of English, recently published her latest article "Booknotes" in *Memorandum: The Journal of the Michigan Council for the Social Studies*. Additionally, she has reviewed three books for Corwin Press, Longman Publishing Company, and McGraw-Hill Publishing Company. Three of her co-authored test preparation guides—*Principles of Learning and Teaching Test*, *Testbuster for the GED* and *Testbuster for the GRE CAT*—are now available from the Research and Education Association.

Rafael Hernandez, Reeves professor of Spanish, was chair and discussant of a panel at the 48th Annual Conference of the Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies (SECOLAS) held recently in Veracruz, Mexico.

Kelly Harrison Maguire '91, professor of English, has been named president-elect of the South Carolina Council of Teachers in English (SCCTE). The organization is for English teachers at the kindergarten level through college.

Jerry Howe, professor of chemistry, co-authored an article for the *Journal of Chemical Education*. "C1204 in the Stratosphere: A Collaborative Computational Physical Chemistry Project" will appear in the December issue of the publication.

Patricia Foy, chair of music education and pedagogy, has been named president-elect of the South Carolina Music Educators Association (SCMEA), the state affiliate of the Music Educators National Conference.

Liz Patterson, director of the Converse II program, was named Citizen of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Spartanburg.

Douglas Weeks, Babcock professor of piano, played for numerous audiences during the fall and winter months. In November and December, he performed recitals in Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka under the auspices of the U.S. State Department. The tour culminated with a performance of Gerswhin's "Rhapsody in Blue" with the Sri Lanka National Symphony.

Mayo Mac Boggs, professor and chair of the art department, was selected as one of only two sculptors to exhibit work as part of the Southern Art of Spring Show. Held in the Charlotte Merchandise Mart in Charlotte, N.C. February 24 through March 4, the show attracted approximately 400,000 visitors.

Scott Robbins, assistant professor and chair of the department of music history, theory & composition, received his seventh ASCAP Award during the summer of 2000. His choral work *Silver Moon* won second prize in the Greater Boston Choral Consortium Composition Competition and has been accepted for publication by Frank E. Warren Publishers.

John Bald, associate professor of theatre, was recently re-elected as secretary for the South Carolina Theatre Association.

Steve Hunt, assistant professor of theatre, has been selected to serve as the South Carolina State Chair for the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival.

Edna Steele, assistant professor of biology, co-authored an article with Gayle Noblet of Clemson University. The article, "Gametogenesis, Fertilization and Ookinete Differentiation of *Leucocytozoon smithi*," appeared in the January-February 2001 issue of the *Journal of Eukaryotic Microbiology*.

Rick Mulkey, director of creative writing, has been awarded the Hawthornden Fellowship from the Hawthornden Castle International Retreat for Writers in Lasswade, Scotland. The month-long fellowship will take place at Hawthornden Castle. His poetry has also been nominated for a Pushcart Prize.

Susan Tekulve, assistant professor of English, has authored 13 new publications including stories in the *Beloit Fiction Journal* and *Crab Orchard Review*. Her articles and reviews on such authors as Joyce Carol Oates and Barbara Kingslover have appeared in *Book Magazine*.

Joe P. Dunn, chair of the history & politics department, recently returned from Lebanon and Syria where he served as a Joseph Malone Faculty Fellow.

Melanie F. Taylor, assistant professor of piano pedagogy, presented a workshop for the Atlanta Music Teachers Association in January. She judged the high school and collegiate piano divisions of the South Carolina Music Teachers Association statewide competition in November.

Student Accomplishments

Tiffany Thornton, '02, and **Jenny Woodruff**, '01, reached the final round of competition for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship at the Region IV Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival. The festival was held on the campus of Southern Mississippi University in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. February 7th and 8th. Ms. Thornton was nominated to participate in the Irene Ryan competition for her performance as "Charlotte" in Theatre/Converse's Fall '00 production of *A Little Night Music*.

Angie Brookhart, '01, and **Katie Landon**, '02, participated in the Kuwait Studies Program in Kuwait. Participants for this highly competitive program, funded by Kuwait University and the National Council, are selected from outstanding Model League of Arab States delegates.

Lindsay Birmingham '01 received the Beatrice Van Buskirk Educational Grant through Delta Omicron. For winning the grant, valued at \$500, Lindsay was featured in *The Wheel*, a publication of the national music honor fraternity.

The Converse College Delegation of South Carolina Student Legislature was recognized as the Best Small Delegation in the State during the annual Fall Session held at the state house in Columbia. A bill proposed by **Melissa Minger** '01, **Gini Redman** '01, and **Selena Given** '03 was signed into the Journal of Acts and Resolutions by Governor Jim Hodges. During elections for the 2001-02 session, **Jennifer Bradley** '03 was named Speaker Pro Tempore.

Stephanie Livesay '01 and **Melissa Minger** '01 attended the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia last summer. The South Carolina delegation was allowed only three collegiate participants. Additionally, Stephanie has founded the Spartanburg County Young Republicans and assisted the campaign of S.C. Senator John Hawkins. She has since been hired as a staff member for Senator Hawkins.

Carrie Leigh Page '02 served as a volunteer ESL teacher with the Amity Foundation in China. With a team of three other teachers, Carrie led courses for Chinese English teachers. The course topics included language, literature, conversation, and American culture.



Converse Sets New Guidelines for Receiving the Tower Charm

The five towers of Wilson Hall have become enduring symbols of the unique characteristics of a Converse College education. Representing reverence, honor, friendship, loyalty, and service, the towers hearken back to the very ideals on which the College was founded.

The Converse tower charm, a 14kt gold replica of the reverence tower, has traditionally served as the highest distinction of support for the College. Those who wear the tower charm do so in support and love for the mission of Converse.

Beginning July 1, 2001, individuals or married couples whose gifts to Converse total \$25,000 or more in any one fiscal year will be presented with the tower charm. The charm will be made available for purchase (at market value) to those who make a \$5,000 gift during a fiscal year or pledge \$1,889 per year for five years.

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Bringing Home More Than Credits and Memories

Chapman Endowment enables Converse students to explore new horizons

For some Converse students, traveling to far-away places is not a vacation, it is an education. An endowment established as a memorial tribute to Anne Morrison Chapman '57 by her husband, Hugh, and the Chapman family, has made it possible for Converse students to have the opportunity to travel around the world and experience different cultures firsthand.

During winter term this year, biology major Kenya Fernanders '01 studied in Oaxaco, Mexico. While in Oaxaco—the most diverse state in Mexico—Kenya concentrated her efforts on examining the Mexican Social Security System. “It’s really not at all like Social Security here in the U.S.,” she says. “The program in Mexico is open to anyone 17-years-of-age or older with a paying job.”

In addition to studying in the classroom, Kenya ventured out on excursions to outlying towns. “Even though the living conditions were a little bit better than what I had imagined, it is a totally different way of living than what we’re accustomed to here in the states. Interestingly, even with the poverty conditions so prevalent, there was music everywhere. I could hear music on the streets, in the restaurants, and in the shops. It was obvious that music plays a key role in their lives.”

Since 1998, 40 Converse students have studied in eight different countries through the Anne Morrison Chapman Study Abroad Experience Endowment. Originally established in 1989 by the Chapman family to fund a distinguished professorship of modern languages, the endowment has been expanded to include the study-abroad program and a visiting lecturer series.

Joe Ann Lever, dean of arts and sciences, pointed to Mrs. Chapman’s fascination with culture throughout the world in talking about the endowment. “Anne’s passion in life was studying the life, language, and culture of people throughout the world. This program will change the College immensely.”

*For information on establishing an endowed fund at Converse College,
contact Scott Rawles, vice president for institutional advancement, at (864) 596-9217.*

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Dear Alumnae,

It has been said that Dexter Edgar Converse was never happier than when he was building. In a February 2, 1890 letter to his brother Frank, Mr. Converse wrote enthusiastically about the construction of the Main Building on campus. "We undoubtedly have as fine a building for education as any in the South, and it is intended to spare no efforts in making it a first class institution."

One can easily imagine the gleam in the eyes of Mr. Converse if he could see how his beloved legacy has continued to grow and fulfill its purpose of providing a sound education for young women in facilities that are second to none.

A glance around the campus today shows that Converse College remains a distinctive center of education and the liberal arts. The College has undertaken the construction of several grand additions to her campus that will add so much to the lives of many young women. The Sally Abney Rose Physical Activity Complex, the expansion of the Milliken Fine Arts Building, and plans for building the Phifer Science and Technology Hall are all milestones in the Converse story.

The financial assistance and dedicated work of those who have helped us reach this point should not be forgotten. Kurt Zimmerli, chairman of the building and grounds committee on the Board of Trustees, has worked diligently with architects, builders and bankers to make the dreams of so many a reality. These facilities will serve as a lasting tribute to the ever-strong ideals on which the College was founded.

As I write this last letter to you as President of the Converse College Alumnae Association, I encourage you to be proud of your alma mater, the work we've done, the standards we've set, and the goals we've met. Be grateful for the confidence and commitment demonstrated by so many alumnae and friends of the College as we build for her future together.

Wicky Ann Meyer

2001:

A REUNION ODYSSEY

What would Reunion be without your presence? This year Converse College welcomes back the classes of 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2000 and the **Golden Club** for Alumnae Reunion Weekend. Come back and relive all the wonderful memories and traditions of Converse. You can reminisce, laugh and visit until dawn. Bring your spouse or guest, lots of pictures, and all of your stories. Join us for a fun-filled weekend at Converse.

Can You Help Converse Fill the Cabin?

Many of you have fond memories of the Log Cabin, and Converse needs your help in order to ensure that this facility remains special to students for generations to come. Converse is in search of sofas, end tables, area rugs, lamps, and chairs to furnish the Cabin. We also need recreational items such as used pool tables, ping-pong tables, fuse-ball tables, scuffleboard, or air hockey tables. If you can help with any of these items, please contact the Campus Life Office at 864-596-9016. Thank you!



The Continuing Education Division sponsored a ten-day trip to Italy, January 3-13, 2001 for alumnae and friends of Converse. Dr. Cathy West, associate professor of French and Italian, led the adventure. Travelers visited the cities of Sorrento, Pompeii, Capri, Florence, and Rome, and many small towns and villages in between. They stayed in a villa owned by alumna Jan Wesley '94 while in Tuscany. This photo of several group members was taken on the Isle of Capri. From left to right are: Shelton Bennett, George Bestill, Carolyn Pennell, Pat Perrin, Anne Porcher Perrin, Charles Hanna, Lenay Hanna, and Shelby Boyce.



Valerie Manatis Barnet, Honorary Alumna

Only seven times in the history of Converse College has an Honorary Alumna Award been given. This year during Reunion Weekend, Valerie Manatis Barnet will become the 8th recipient of this prestigious award. Traditionally this award is given for service and loyalty to Converse College and unquestionably, Valerie meets the criteria for selection. Valerie and her husband Bill, who is a Trustee of the College, have given unselfishly of their time and resources to the College for many

years, and have issued a matching challenge to alumnae and friends of Converse as a major component of the Campaign for Converse.

Valerie is a native of Spartanburg and a graduate of the College of Charleston with a B.A. in Art and Architectural History. An active community volunteer, Valerie has completed Leadership Spartanburg and has served on the board of many organizations, from the Spartanburg Teen Center, Spartanburg Little Theatre, Friends of 7, Brevard Music Center Foundation, and Walker Foundation, to the Governor's School for the Arts Foundation. Additionally, she has chaired fundraisers for the S.C. School for the Deaf and Blind and the American Heart Association and participated in numerous Spartanburg Little Theatre productions.

She has served as both vice-president and president of the Pine Street Elementary School, where her two sons are students. Her daughter is a student at McCracken Junior High School.

The Converse College Alumnae Association proudly welcomes Valerie to her respected position as the College's newest Honorary Alumna.

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A Collection of Recipes by Converse Family and Friends

Primarily created by students, this cookbook has a wide variety of delicious recipes submitted by alumnae, faculty, and students. All proceeds will help fund the Undergraduate Scholarship Program.

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"Dear Miss Gee..."

Miss Mary Wilson Gee, graduate of the class of 1893 – professor, dean, president of the Alumnae Association – was a grand lady whose tenure at Converse spanned more than seventy years, and of whom many of our readers have interesting, humorous, and wonderful memories.

In their travels to alumnae events, President Gray, Executive Director of Development Josh Newton, and Alumnae Director Melissa Jolly have heard numerous stories about the memories alumnae have of Converse and of Miss Gee. In response, they have developed an idea for a column in our magazine to feature short vignettes about Converse memories that would create interesting reading material. We invite you, our readers, to submit your short stories to us so that we might pursue this idea.

Please mail these to:

Dear Miss Gee
c/o Melissa Jolly, Director of Alumnae
Converse College
580 East Main Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302



Dr. Doris Marley Laird '51
Distinguished Alumna Award

The Distinguished Alumna Award is given each year to an alumna in recognition of outstanding achievement in her field, service to her community or society, and loyalty to Converse. Doris Marley Laird is a sterling example of the word "distinguished," and unquestionably deserves this award. Doris holds a B.M. in voice from Converse, a M.Mus. in voice from Boston University, a diploma in opera performance from the New England Conservatory of Music, and a Ph.D. in humanities from Florida State University.

Doris is currently an assistant professor of humanities at Florida A. and M. University and is a member of numerous professional associations. She has written many scholarly publications, and participated in numerous conferences. She also sings in her church choir at Trinity United Methodist Church.

In the 1950s Doris sang leading soprano roles on stages across the state of South Carolina. During this period in her life, Doris helped raise money for music school scholarships at Converse.

Doris has been featured in *Glamour Magazine* and in a CNN special for her use of mifepristone (RU-486) to control the growth of a non-malignant meningioma.

Married to Dr. William E. Laird, she is the mother of three sons: William E. Laird III, Andrew Marley Laird, and Dr. Glen Howard Laird.



Kitty Oldham Young '66
Mae Elizabeth Kilgo Spirit Award

The Alumnae Association's Mae Elizabeth Kilgo Spirit Award is presented to a Converse graduate who has kept the spirit of Converse College visible to other alumnae and her community through her continued loyal service to the College. These qualities of service and devotion are exemplified by the 2001 recipient, Kitty Oldham Young. Kitty has been a loyal alumna for 35 years, having first worked as an Admissions Counselor in the late sixties and early seventies, and Assistant Dean of Students from 1973-1974. She has served on the Alumnae Association Board and chaired the Records and Recognition Committee from 1992-1994. Kitty also served as a Class Representative, and in 1989 was recognized as one of the **Converse 100** during the Centennial Celebration for the College.

Kitty has quietly demonstrated her genuine concern for others through teaching adult Sunday School at the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville, S.C., serving on the PTA Board, teaching "First Place," being a basketball and soccer mom, and teaching a drug abuse program for elementary school children.

Kitty is married to Marion "Skip" Young and they are the parents of two children: David Marion Young (deceased, 1983), and Katharine Oldham Young who is a junior at Wake Forest University.



Lee Taylor Boyd '76
Converse 100 Award

First presented during the College's Centennial, the Converse 100 Award is given to alumnae who clearly represent the qualities of character and achievement that Converse alumnae hold as their ideal. Lee Taylor Boyd personifies this ideal.

A truly selfless person, Lee has served her community as a Sunday School teacher for 15 years, volunteer sponsor for the 4-H club of which her daughter is a member, and scribe and nurse at horse show events and competitions. She participates in a support group for parents who have lost children, having lost one of her sons three years ago to leukemia at the age of 16.

Lee received a B.A. in English from Converse and served as a class representative for her class during the late 1970s and early 1980s. She has also assisted with student recruitment over the years. In 1995 she received her associate degree in nursing from Midlands Technical College in Columbia, S.C. Lee has also worked as a nurse at Baptist Medical Center in Columbia.

She is currently pursuing training in Hospice Care and in her spare time enjoys gardening and riding horses with family members.

Lee is married to Blake Boyd, Jr., and is the mother of three children: Blake Boyd III (a senior at Wofford), Margie Boyd, and Taylor Boyd (deceased, 1998).



Sally Jeter Hammond '81
Converse 100 Award

For her embodiment of the qualities of character and achievement that Converse alumnae hold as their ideal, Sally Jeter Hammond has been chosen by the Converse Alumnae Association to receive the Converse 100 Award. For the last four years, Sally has been well known in the Spartanburg community as broadcast spokesperson for Spartanburg Regional Hospital. Prior to joining the hospital, she worked with WSPA-TV where she first began her career as an anchor and reporter even before she graduated from Converse. After graduation, she went on to serve as Congressional Press Secretary for Congressman Carroll Campbell during his bid for reelection, and later worked for SC-ETV and CNN Headline News in Atlanta. For seven years she was Director of Public Relations at Converse, followed by two more years as Acting Director of College Relations from 1991 to 1993. During the twenty years since she graduated, Sally also served as Class Chair and Class Fund Chair for the Class of '81.

In addition to being a busy professional, Sally is a wife, mother, and active community volunteer. Her volunteer efforts span the last thirteen years with the Junior League, United Way, Leadership Spartanburg, and Spartanburg Arts Association.



Susanne Cole Wean '71
Community Service Award

The Community Service Award is presented to a Converse alumna who displays the qualities of a vibrant citizen, evidenced in her active involvement in her community, church, and state. Susanne Cole Wean has channeled her entire adult life towards volunteerism and service to others.

Her incredible number of community service efforts include serving on the boards of the Holton Arms School, Shady Side Academy, the Zoological Society of Pittsburgh, Fox Chapel Garden Club, and the Carnegie Museum.

Susie received her M.P.M. in public management in 1998 from the Heinz School of Carnegie Mellon University. This has enabled her to be a more effective board member.

Susie has concentrated her efforts in the area of reproductive health care for women. She has served on the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of Western Pennsylvania and also for the Planned Parenthood Action Fund in New York. Susie has received three awards from Planned Parenthood of Western Pennsylvania and the National Abortion Rights Action League of Pennsylvania. She chairs the Allocations Committee for the Susan G. Coleman Race for the Cure in Pittsburgh and is an active volunteer with the United Way, the American Red Cross, and Junior League.

Susie and her husband, Raymond John Wean III, have two children: Tyler Fletcher and Britton Peyton.



Linda Frierson Perrow '81
Star Award

An alumna who has actively and admirably served Converse in the area of student recruitment is given the Converse Star Award. This year's recipient is Linda Frierson Perrow. While doing her course work at Converse for a B.F.A. in art with a related field in interior design, Linda participated in three internships: working for Pulliam-Morris Interiors in Columbia, working in Senator Strom Thurmond's Washington Office, and working for Musgrove Mill in Spartanburg. As a student Linda was involved in the Student Government Association and was a member of the Student Development Committee. Since graduating, Linda has been a champion for Converse and has written numerous letters to prospective students who indicate an interest in interior design. She has taken the opportunity to cite how her internship experiences provided effective tools for learning and prepared her for her career as an Associate Interior Designer for Pulliam-Morris Interiors, where she has worked as a designer since graduation.

Linda has served the Alumnae Association as a member of the House and Grounds Committee and has often assisted with alumnae events in Orangeburg, S.C.

Linda and her husband, Ansel Drake Perrow, have two children: Charlotte and John.



Penelope South Kosztolnyik '61
Career Achievement in Music Award

The Career Achievement in Music Award is presented to Penelope South Kosztolnyik. Since graduating from Converse with a B.Mus. in piano and a M.Mus. in piano and harpsichord, Penny has showcased her talents in performance and teaching.

Penny, a current resident of Bryan, Texas, also holds an artist diploma in harpsichord as a result of a Fulbright Grant and her studies in Vienna, Austria. She has been a piano teacher, instrumental music arranger, director, and judge in local and state piano and concerto competitions.

She currently teaches piano and music theory from her home.

She has been awarded numerous composition contracts to provide incidental music for stage performances such as *Twelfth Night*, *the Wind Dancers*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and *Equus*.

As a volunteer, Penny has participated in musical performances and given lectures for both radio and live audiences.

Penny has also published reviews of classical music performances and an article on Bartok that was presented at an international congress in Finland in 1995.

Penny is married to Zoltan J. Kosztolnyik and they have two daughters: Joan-Karen Penelope and Elizabeth Irene.



Suzanne Cameron Linder '61
Career Achievement Award

Each year Converse salutes an alumna who has dedicated herself to excellence in her profession and has distinguished herself by notable achievement over a continual period of time. Since graduating from Converse with a B.A. in history, Suzanne Cameron Linder earned a M.A. at Wake Forest and a Ph.D. in history at the University of South Carolina. With a career in teaching junior high, senior high and college level courses in history as her background, Suzanne currently works as Research Fellow at the Institute for Southern Studies at USC.

Suzanne has authored seven books: *"William Louis Poteat, Prophet of Progress; Medicine in Marlboro County, 1736-1980"*; *"Historical Atlas of the Rice Plantations of the ACE River Basin"*; *"Anglican Churches in Colonial South Carolina"*; *"Historical Atlas of Georgetown County and the Santee River."* She has co-authored two books: *"Willtown: An Archaeological and Historical Perspective"* with the archaeologist at the Charleston Museum; *"A River in Time: A Cultural Study of the Yadkin/Pee Dee River System"* with her daughter Emily Linder Johnson '93.

Among her many achievements, Suzanne has written numerous book chapters, articles, booklets, and book reviews. She is also an accomplished lecturer who is highly regarded in both historical and environmental fields.

Suzanne has three grown children and five grandchildren.

ALUMNAE

Board Slate 2001



President

Elise Warren '75, Birmingham, AL

(Position does not require election. President-elect automatically becomes President.)

- Independent medical surgical representative
- Alumnae Board Development Committee Chair and Class Fund Chair
- Junior League of Birmingham Sustainer

Secretary and Records & Recognition Committee Chair

Nancy Bain Cote '79, Spartanburg, SC

- Former Converse Reunion Chair, National CARE Chair, Alumnae By-Laws Chair
- Past President and Treasurer of the Junior League of Spartanburg,
- President of the Spartanburg Day School Parents' Club
- 1989 Converse 100 Award Recipient



Alumnae Development Committee Chair

Wallace Davison '89, Austin, TX

- Director of Corporate Finance, Knowledge Capital Group
- Member, Junior League of Austin
- CPA

Music School Representative

Berry Bate '75, Asheville, NC

- Development Committee member, Converse Alumnae Association
- Business: Sculpture by Berry Bate
- 1990 Career Achievement Award Recipient



1940's Decade Representative

Dicksie Brown Cribb '46, Spartanburg, SC

- 1989 Converse 100 Award Recipient
- Present Board: Brevard Music Center;
- Past: Converse Board of Trustees and Alumnae Association Board
- Past President: Junior League of Spartanburg, Spartanburg Philharmonic, S.C. Federation of Music Clubs

1950's Decade Representative

Mary Alice Ingram Busch '50, Florence, SC

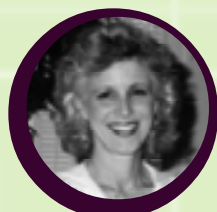
- President of Charles Ingram Lumber Company
- Member of Florence Symphony Board, Florence Museum Board, McLeod Foundation Board of Trustees
- Member of National Society of Colonial Dames of America in SC



1960's Decade Representative

Robin Langston Gorman '66, Columbia, SC

- Consultant, Langston Gorman & Associates
- 1st and only woman chair, Columbia Chamber of Commerce, 1995-1996
- Boards: Nurturing Center, Columbia City Ballet, Capital City Club



1960's Decade Representative

Gelene Duncan Ellsworth '63, Columbia, SC

- Converse Alumnae Director, 1970-1973
- Former Class Representative, 1st VP of the Alumnae Association, Columbia Council Chair, Columbia Garden Club, English-Speaking Union
- Spotlighted in March '90 Converse Bulletin



1960's Decade Representative

Linda Whitnel Crimm '66, Jacksonville, FL

- Teacher at Southside United Methodist Church Preschool (18 years)
- Church Committees: Scholarship, College Ministry, Senior Banquet and Senior Recognition Sunday
- Member of Children's International Summer Villages, DAR, SC Historical Society, Garden Club of Jacksonville



1970's Decade Representative

Betty Arthur Hardaway '71, Florence, SC

- Worship Committee, Central Methodist Church
- Former President, Parent Guild of Trinity Collegiate School
- Treasurer, Florence County Medical Alliance



1970's Decade Representative

Carroll Sibley Clancy '71, Raleigh, NC

- Board of Directors: Museum of Natural Sciences, NCSU Gallery of Art, Duke Children's Hospital Charity Horse Show
- Junior League of Raleigh Sustainer
- Chaired/Co-Chaired galas for Wake Visual Arts, NCSU, Museum of Natural Sciences, American Cancer Society



1980's Decade Representative

Marianna MacIntyre Taylor '81, Spartanburg, SC

- Member, Converse Board of Visitors
- Converse Fund Class Chair, Alumnae Director Search Committee
- Junior League of Spartanburg Sustainer, Church of the Advent, Vice President of Pine Street Elementary School PTO



1980's Decade Representative

Elisabeth Kinney McNeil '89, Bennettsville, SC

- Owner-manager, Shiness Gift Shop
- Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault; Board, State Archives & History Foundation; Trustee, Marlboro Civic Center Foundation
- Past officer in Rotary Club, Marlboro Area Arts Council and Chamber of Commerce

1980's Decade Representative

Miriam Creech Brice '86, Greenville, SC

- Converse Admissions Counselor, 1986-1987
- Prentiss Hall Publishing Company
- Junior League of Greenville, Greenville Legal Auxiliary, Easley Presbyterian Church



1990's Decade Representative

Chesnut Clarke Allen '94, Spartanburg, SC

- Former Young Alumnae Representative, Converse Alumnae Association
- Junior League of Spartanburg
- Business: Chesnut Allen Stationery



Graduate Degree Representative

Kelli Gosnell Hardigree '92, M.Ed '96, Spartanburg, SC

- Miss South Carolina USA, 1993
- Converse Admissions Counselor, 1992-1995; Associate Director of Admissions 1995-1996
- Teacher of the Year 1999-2000, Jesse Boyd Elementary School



Young Alumnae Representative

Catherine Cranford '96, Charleston, SC

- Converse Admissions Counselor, 1996-1998
- Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter
- Volunteer with Junior League of Charleston, Chamber of Commerce, Palmetto Pathways, and SPCA



Development Committee Member

Linda Russell Cranford '69, Asheboro, NC

- Director of Leadership and Legacy Gifts, United Way of Randolph County
- 18-year member Asheboro City Schools Board of Education
- Board of Directors of North Carolina School Boards Association and Randolph Cancer Center





AIKEN, SC

Eighteen alumnae and parents met in Aiken for lunch at the Green Boundary Club on November 2.

Photo #1: Converse alumnae, parents and staff at the Boundary Club in Aiken.



COLUMBUS, GA

Kate Corn Foster '85, club chair in Columbus, planned a luncheon for Converse alumnae at the Chattahoochee Club on November 16.

Photo #2: Converse alumnae in Columbus with President Nancy Gray and Alumnae Director, Melissa Daves Jolly '69.



BIRMINGHAM, AL

Elizabeth McDonald Dunn '83 and Elizabeth Yeilding Ezell '79, club chairs in Birmingham, planned a luncheon for Converse alumnae and parents at The Club Atop Red Mountain on November 17. Twenty-eight alumnae and parents attended the event.

Photo #3: Birmingham alumnae at The Club.



SPARTANBURG GOLDEN CLUB

The Spartanburg Golden Club met for lunch on Sunday, November 19. Members enjoyed the Sunday brunch buffet and a program given by Dr. Melissa Walker, Assistant Professor of History & Politics. Dr. Walker gave a review of her book, *All We Knew Was to Farm: Rural Women In the Upcountry South, 1919-1941*. Members of the Converse Granddaughters Club attended and helped with the luncheon.



SPARTANBURG, SC

Cathy Iannazzone Ellett '93, Converse club chair, planned a Christmas event for Spartanburg alumnae. The event began with Christmas cheer at President Nancy Gray's home and ended with the Festival of Lessons and Carols at Twichell Auditorium on November 30.

Photo #4: Dr. Alia Lawson, Scott Rawles, Shed Jolly and Adelaide Capers Johnson '69 enjoy Christmas cheer at the home of President Gray.

Photo #5: President Nancy Gray, Fayssoux Dunbar McLean, and Sara Floyd Dunbar '35, mother and grandmother, respectively, of Sara McLean '04.

CHARLOTTE, NC

Converse trustee, Agnes Binder Weisiger '63, and her husband, Ed, hosted a Christmas party in their home for alumnae in Charlotte on December 12.

Photo # 6: Frances Moffett Thackston '60, Louise Malloy Bonner '75 and Betty C. Malloy '48 at the Christmas party in Charlotte.

Photo # 7: Genevieve Steele Cumming '63, Tom Cumming and Mary Martin Witt '71 pose for a picture at the Charlotte Christmas party at the Weisiger's.

ORLANDO, FL

Jean Sackett Warren '48 hosted a cocktail party in her home in Winter Park on January 8, to introduce President Nancy Gray and Melissa Daves Jolly '69, Director of Alumnae, to the alumnae in Orlando.

Photo # 8: Alumnae event hosted by Jean Sackett Warren '48 in Winter Park, Florida.

JACKSONVILLE, FL

Converse club chair, Melissa Carlton Salko '92, planned a dinner at the University Club in Jacksonville to introduce President Nancy Gray and Melissa Daves Jolly '69, Director of Alumnae, to the alumnae in the Jacksonville area. The event was held on January 9.

TALLAHASSEE, FL

Harriet Mahaffey Wilson '57 planned a luncheon on January 10 at the Provence Restaurant to introduce President Nancy Gray and Melissa Daves Jolly '69, Director of Alumnae, to the alumnae in Tallahassee.

Photo # 9: Tallahassee alumnae at the Provence Restaurant. (L to R) President Nancy Gray, Becky Duggan, Converse parent; Harriet Mahaffey Wilson '57, Cina Duggan Smith '78, Bettie Jane Woodward Grant '56, Melissa Daves Jolly '69, Betty Blanton Lewis '72 and Doris Marley Laird '51.

ALUMNAE BOARD MEETING

The Converse College Alumnae Board met on campus February 3-4.

Photo # 10

Converse College Alumnae Board and staff. (L to R)

Back row: Elise Warren '75, Adelaide Capers Johnson '69, Karen Clarke '70, Cathy Iannazzone Ellett '93, Melissa Daves Jolly '69, Libby Anne Kepley Inabinet '86, Candy Moore '93, Marianna MacIntyre Taylor '81

Middle row: Bobbie Daniel '71, Mary Frances Morgan '43, Lib Harper Hopkins '49, Lydia Wood '92, Betty Arthur Hardaway '71, Carroll Sibley Clancy '71, Vicky Vann Meyer '71, Palmer Davison Ball '84

Front row: Mary Alice Ingram Busch '50, Gelene Duncan Ellsworth '63, Sandra Sherard Bethea '67, Chesnut Clarke Allen '94, Wallace Davison '89, Elizabeth G. Simons, and Jane Manning Hyatt '93

UPCOMING ALUMNAE EVENTS

APRIL 10	Winston-Salem (lunch)
APRIL 10	Greensboro (evening)
APRIL 27-28	Reunion 2001 Weekend
MAY 2	Gastonia (lunch)
MAY 3	Atlanta (book signing/ late afternoon-evening)

BE OUR ALL-STARS!

Join our Award-Winning
"Team Converse"
Friday, September 14, 2001
9:30 a.m.- 4:45 p.m.

Converse College will host her first leadership training conference to engage alumnae and friends on a new level of volunteerism, provide significant training for our volunteers, showcase outstanding alumnae and friends to each other, and make good use of your time.

Training will be offered to volunteers who help recruit students, support athletics and fundraising, offer internships, and serve as club chairs or class representatives.

If you want to add your name to our list of volunteers, please call the Alumnae Office at 1-800-584-9098.



ALICE SUITER

Alice Adelia Suiter, former Converse Dean of Admissions and Director of Financial Aid, died on January 13, 2001 at age 82.

A North Carolina native, Miss Suiter attended Women's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro and later received a master's degree in education from New York University. Many alumnae have fond memories of her years at Converse and the impact she had on their decision to enroll here.

Memorials may be made to the Alice A. Suiter Endowed Scholarship Fund at Converse College.

IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth COVINGTON McIntyre '26, November 21, 2000.

Margaret BLAND Clarke '27, December 12, 2000.

Elizabeth CANNON Brown '27, November 30, 2000.

Irma Franke JAHNZ Murray '28, April 2, 2000.

Dorothy MAHAFFEY Pate '28, January 19, 2001.

Ruth WARD McClement '31, December 2, 2000.

Dorothy CHAPMAN Smith '33, November 20, 2000.

Marion S. DOOM '33, July 23, 2000.

Nancy McCaughrin HARPER James '33, October 19, 2000.

Mary LITTLEJOHN Brodie '33, November 23, 2000.

Elizabeth "Betty" MCNEILL Yost '33, October 23, 2000.

Ellen BROADHURST Taylor '34, December 16, 2000.

Thelma POWERS Irvin '35, October 14, 2000.

Ruby LOFLIN Flaccoe '37, November 29, 2000.

Mary AMMONS Snyder '38, September 4, 2000.

Virginia CALDWELL Creighton '38, January 2, 2001.

Cathryn VANN Holman '39, January 13, 2001.

Annie Laurie "Sis" DAY Braddy '40, December 16, 2000.

Nancy CLEVELAND Poole '42, November 28, 2000.

Estelle EASTERBY Armstrong '44, November 26, 2000.

Martha "Monnie" KING Norton '45, November 8, 2000.

Molly JOHNSON Novack '46, September 8, 2000.

Bettie BROYHILL Gortner '51, December 2, 2000.

Jody HABERLAND '52, August 19, 2000.

Constance THATCHER Peale '55, December 3, 2000.

Patricia Anne NESMITH '57, October 14, 2000.

Susan ROSS Parks '58, October 2000.

Louisa FARMER Reaves '65, January 13, 2001.

Margaret Anne BIRD '69, December 5, 2000.

Renea Andrea PARKER '99, October 24, 2000.

To Elizabeth LUCAS Marchant '36 on the death of her husband, Thomas M. Marchant, Jr., January 12, 2001.

To Margaret SMITH South '37 on the death of her husband, The Rev. Robert W. South, December 28, 2000.

To Irene WESTON Croft '38 on the death of her brother, Thomas Isaac Weston II, December 26, 2000.

To Harriet EASTERBY Faris '40 on the death of her sister, Estelle EASTERBY Armstrong '44, November 26, 2000.

To Allene BROYHILL Heilman '44 on the death of her sister, Bettie BROYHILL Gortner '51, December 2, 2000.

To Sarah BURNETT Scoggins '44 on the death of her brother, Richard B. Burnett, October 25, 2000.

To Norma THATCHER Barton '44 on the death of her sister, Constance Thatcher Peale, December 3, 2000.

To Marguerite WILLAUER Yannopoulos '46 on the death of her brother, Howard C. Willauer, September 19, 2000.

To DeNorma "Dede" SMITH Gunter '48 on the death of her mother, Alie C. Smith, December 25, 2000.

To Betty STYRON Guffin '48 on the death of her mother, Martha C. Styron, October 27, 2000.

To Carolyn VANN Crawford '50 on the death of her sister, Cathryn VANN Holman '39, January 13, 2001.

To Jean HOLLERITH Case '51 on the death of her stepmother, Elizabeth Hollerith, October 15, 2000.

To Ann HALL Hines '52, '72 MAT on the death of her husband, Joe Davis Hines, January 16, 2001.

To Doris MARTIN Nanney '54 on the death of her husband, Darnold Dee Nanney, October 28, 2000.

To Carolyn BYERS Brockwell '56 on the death of her sister, Lynda Byers Merlin, February 15, 2000.

To Tolly GILMER Shelton '56 on the death of her brother, Bill Gilmer, September 2, 2000.

To Louise GREEN Winders '56 on the death of her husband, William Winders, August 1999.

To Patricia VINES Darnell '56 on the death of her mother, Mrs. Eldridge Elbert Vines, April 16, 2000.

To Carolyn GREEN Satterfield '60 on the death of her mother, Mrs. Albert Huey Green, October 10, 2000.

To Emily LITTLEJOHN Israel '60 on the death of her brother, William B. Littlejohn, November 4, 2000.

To Penny SOUTH Kosztolnyik '61 on the death of her father, The Rev. Robert W. South, December 28, 2000.

To Suzanne COCHRANE Martin '63 on the death of her daughter, Elizabeth Austell McKenney, October 20, 2000.

To Craig HARRIS McDaniel '65 on the death of her father, Henry Hollingsworth "Hal" Harris, Jr., November 27, 2000.

To Cathryn HOLMAN Callahan '65 on the death of her mother, Cathryn VANN Holman '39, January 13, 2001.

To Millie GOLD Moore '66 on the death of her husband, Thomas Moore, Jr., September 24, 2000.

To Mary M. TIPTON '66 on the death of her father, Ben F. Tipton, November 9, 2000.

To Jealyn CLEVELAND '68 on the death of her father, Ambrose Gamble "Gus" Cleveland, December 4, 2000.

To Elisabeth MARCHANT '68 on the death of her father, Thomas M. Marchant, Jr., January 12, 2001.

To Elisabeth POOLE Robe '68 on the death of her mother, Nancy CLEVELAND Poole '42, November 28, 2000.

To Eleanor WEAVER Carter '68 on the death of her mother, Jane Irby Weaver, September 20, 2000.

To Gillian WHITE Goodrich '68 on the death of her father, William Bew White, Jr., January 17, 2001.

To Barbara HOLMAN Stith '70 on the death of her mother, Cathryn VANN Holman '39, January 13, 2001.

To Sue Fan SMITH Ferguson '70 on the death of her mother, Mrs. Harvey L. Smith, December 2000.

To Mary Lee "Toody" WHITE '70 on the death of her father, William Bew White, Jr., January 17, 2001.

To Ellen BRADDY '71 on the death of her mother, Annie "Sis" DAY Braddy '40, December 16, 2000.

To M. Russell HOLLIDAY '71 on the death of her father, John Monroe Johnson Holliday, October 21, 2000.

To Susan LITTLEJOHN Lowe '71 on the death of her father, William B. Littlejohn, November 4, 2000.

To Anne L. CONOVER '73 on the death of her father, Cameron Howard Conover, January 14, 2001.

To Jade GALE Northrup '76 on the death of her father, Burton Gale, January 13, 2001.

To Christy HOLLIDAY Douglas '76 on the death of her father, John Monroe Johnson Holliday, October 21, 2000.

To Kathleen MCFARLANE Cates '80 on the death of her grandmother, Kathleen Newby McGee, November 2, 2000.

SYMPATHY

To Irene Susan BURNS Harbison '33 on the death of her husband, Robert Harbison, Jr., September 28, 2000.

To Terri MINTON Lessenberry '87 on the death of her father, William Minton, October 29, 2000.
 To Mary MCDANIEL Ridgeway '90 on the death of her grandfather, Henry Hollingsworth "Hal" Harris, Jr., November 27, 2000.
 To Laura JOHNSTON Stacy '91 on the death of her grandmother, Nancy HARPER James '33, October 19, 2000.
 To Lisa CANNON Dillard '95 on the death of her grandmother, Elizabeth Cannon Brown, November 30, 2000.

MARRIAGES

Lucia CLEVELAND '67 to Rick Johnson, November 18, 2000.
 Minetry "Tree" APPERSON '74 to Everett Whitman Crowley, December 1, 2000.
 Avan YATES McCormick '75 to James Ross Moore, June 17, 2000.
 Shannon MACNUTT '85 to Marc Zolar, June 24, 2000.
 Anne LONGLEY '87 to Eliot King Smith, December 9, 2000.
 Melissa Anne SANDERS '90 to Barrett William Burns, Jr., November 18, 2000.
 Lynn BALAGUER Dickey '91 to John Colston, December 7, 2000.
 Nicole Marie Ratzer to Marc William COMBS '91 MED, August 19, 2000.
 Mary Karl KINARD '91 to Mark Eugene Boepple, October 21, 2000.
 Mary Christina CLOUGH '92 to Alva Leslie Woodham III, September 13, 2000.
 Rebecca Jane SEYMOUR '92 to Shawn Alan Copeland, September 23, 2000.
 Jennifer Barrette KELLEY '94 to Raymond Royce McInnis, Jr., November 11, 2000.
 Elizabeth Woodroof MILLER '94 to Russell Alan Conrath, November 4, 2000.
 Jennifer Ruth NEWTON '94 to Ralph Dobbie Warnock, October 21, 2000.
 Libby WELLS '94 to Jason Crye, December 2, 2000.
 Shawn RUDD '95, '98 MED to Robert Daniel Wootton, Jr. '94 MED, October 21, 2000.
 Sherron Brooke BOLING '96 to Brady Allen Gravett, December 16, 2000.
 Tempe Leigh EDMUNDS '96 to Hugh McFaddin McLaurin IV, November 4, 2000.
 Laurie Louise GILES '96 to Willie James Hillstock, Jr., October 21, 2000.
 Kathleen Piper ROCHEFORT '96 to Joel Steinhert, November 4, 2000.
 Colleen Elizabeth SENTELL '96 to Thomas Kwabena Dieterly, October 28, 2000.
 Abigail Mayhew SMITH '96 to Jason Kyle Jordan, November 18, 2000.
 Gretchen Leigh SWANGER '96 to John Baker Maultsby, January 20, 2001.
 Alethea DEWEESE '97 to Bradley Cooper, October 14, 2000.
 Naomi Jane KLATTE '98 to Robert Brian Easler, November 11, 2000.
 Tara Elizabeth TENNYSON '98 MED to Andrew Hudson Brannon, September 30, 2000.
 Sonya Michelle BRIDGES '99 MED to Zakaria Ali Watson, December 23, 2000.
 Margaret Anne Sullivan to Henry Sanford HOWIE III '99 MED, October 21, 2000.

Shannon Leigh LANCASTER '99 to Jonathan Andrew Bullard, December 9, 2000.
 Laurie Elizabeth RINGER '99 to Phillip Allen Coggins, December 2, 2000.
 Tina EDMONDSON '00 to Jeremy Brent Barnard, September, 9, 2000.
 LaTonia OWENS '00 to Roger Patterson, July 15, 2000.
 Allison Lee PARRISH '00 to Roger Douglas Hill, Jr., November 4, 2000.
 Melissa Paige PYE '00 to Corey William Swink, October 27, 2000.
 Susan Evelyn SCHAPER '00 to Robert Andrew Thompson, December 22, 2000.

BIRTHS

Katherine Laney Peebles, born December 2, 2000, daughter of William and Lib LANEY Peebles '78.
 Courtney Roquemore, born August 17, 2000, daughter of David and Susan BRUBAKER Roquemore '80.
 Flora Baylor Sherrod, born November 17, 2000, daughter of Bruce and Flora ADAMS Sherrod '81.
 Patrick Jackson Barner, born March 22, 2000, son of Jack and Pat KINNEY Barner '81.
 Wallace Katherine McLean Robinson, born August 5, 2000, daughter of James Hendry and Robin WICKS Robinson '82.
 Kate Edmunds Jefferies, born October 25, 2000, daughter of John and Glenn EDMUNDS Jeffries '83.
 Elizabeth Hankinson Portwood, born October 17, 2000, daughter of Randy and Liz LANE Portwood '83.
 Mary Slade White, born December 21, 2000, daughter of Don and Kelly MCELROY White '85.
 Rutherford Hunter Fawcett, born October 9, 2000, son of Peter and Deans RICHARDSON Fawcett '85.
 Joseph Joel Wessler, born September 22, 2000, son of Wade and Sibyl Lynn SEXTON Wessler '86.
 Charles Henry Bond, born January 18, 2001, son of Todd and Wallis CRUM Bond '87.
 Anna Gaskins, adopted November 2000, daughter of Bill and Martha Lynn MERCER Gaskins '87.
 Colston Wright Board, born November 21, 2000, son of Mark and Sherrie MOSS Board '87.
 Hampton McMullen Simmonds, born October 17, 2000, son of Stuart and Allison GIBSON Simmonds '90.
 Aaron Winfred Moss, born September 8, 2000, son of Danny and Angela JOHNSON Moss '90.
 Clayborne Richard Grant, born January 18, 2001, son of Richard and Darden PORTER Grant '90.
 Matthew Rodman Meek, born May 30, 2000, son of Derrick and Elizabeth FOSTER Meek '91.
 Joseph Scott Stowe, Jr., born November 5, 2000, son of Joseph Scott and Frances JETER Stowe '91.
 Claire Anastasia Joyce, born December 8, 2000, daughter of Scott and Stacy REESE Joyce '91.
 Erin Cain Kitchenka, born January 16, 2001, daughter of Bryan and Valerie SHUMAN Kitchenka '91.
 Chloe Adeline Hall, born November 27, 2000, daughter of David Everett and Shannon STEWART Hall '91.

Carson Overstreet Hardigree, born May 30, 2000, daughter of Matt and Kelli GOSNELL Hardigree '92, '96 MED.
 Elijah Robert Swan, born August 25, 2000, son of Rodney and Marcy HINDES Swan '92.
 James Benjamin Stevens, Jr., born April 2, 2000, son of James Benjamin and Denise HOWARD Stevens '92.
 Emily Anne Ambler, born October 17, 2000, daughter of Mark and Laura BEAL Ambler '93.
 Russell Lawrence Lindsay, born October 3, 2000, son of Shannon and Anne JETER Lindsay '93.
 Elizabeth Carter Plaster, born July 30, 2000, daughter of William and Catherine LUCE Plaster '93.
 William Bogan Thornton, born April 11, 2000, son of Robert and Christine BOGAN Thornton '95, '97 MED.
 Richard Price Hardison, born September 11, 2000, son of Rick and Austin FAULK Hardison '95.
 Benjamin Robinson Pickens IV, born November 18, 2000, son of Ben and Melissa HENDERSON Pickens '95.
 William Pope Arline, born December 23, 2000, son of Joel and Alison MITCHELL Arline '95.
 Grace Danielle Durham, born October 25, 2000, daughter of Chris and Dawn WILLIS Durham '96.
 Daniel Peter Corcoran, born December 29, 2000, son of Bryan and Aubrey NEWELL Corcoran '98.

ADVANCED DEGREES

Cherilyn BRIDGES Wentzel '80, Master of Church Music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, December 15, 2000.
 Kathy B. MURPHY '98, Master of Education in Counseling, Clemson University, December 2000.

CAREER CHANGES

Ginny CRAVER Good '69, Director of Development, Trident Academy, Charleston, SC.
 Dr. Heather GOLLMAR Casey '91, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Brenau University, Gainesville, GA.
 Candy MOORE '93, Marketing Director for Employee Financial Services, First Union National Bank, Charlotte, NC.
 Charlotte SWINK '93, Director of Marketing and Community Relations, Holy Innocents' Episcopal School, Atlanta, GA.
 Ashley GROSS Millinor '94, Publishing Representative/Field Editor, Prentice Hall Publishing.
 Jennifer GEORGE Cook '96, MED '97, Director of Student Development, Oxford College of Emory University, Atlanta, GA.
 Angela M. JONES '96, Music Faculty, Manatee Community College, Bradenton, FL.
 Starr LOCKHART '96, Speech-Language Pathologist, Boylston Rehab, Columbia, SC.
 Elizabeth "Buffy" CAUTHEN '00, Assistant to Manager, Fifth Avenue Club of Saks Fifth Avenue, Houston, TX.
 Elizabeth Anne JOYNER '00, Program Manager for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Central Florida Speech and Hearing Center, Lakeland, FL.