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Memories in the Making

from the president



Dear Alumnae and Friends:

As you read this issue of the *Converse Bulletin*, you will feel the energy, growth, and change we are experiencing on this campus because of your extraordinary response to our Campaign for Converse. There is much good news and progress to share!

Our 14,000 square-foot expansion of Milliken Fine Arts Building is complete (pictured below) and will be dedicated in honor of Justine V.R. "Nita" Milliken on April 18 in conjunction with the

annual Founder's Day Celebration. Roger and Nita Milliken have had a tremendous impact on Converse over the past 40 years, and we are most grateful for their continued commitment to Converse's success.

I am also pleased to share with you our progress on The Campaign for Converse: Building for the Future. With fourteen months left to reach our goal of \$75 million, we have raised \$70 million. A special campaign update is included on pages 12-15. Even with our great progress, I urge you to continue

to support this effort. The last leg is often the most difficult!

Now is a time of change on many fronts at Converse. This spring we have special plans to honor, recognize, and thank Joe Ann Lever, Dean of Arts and Sciences, and Marty Lovett, Dean of Graduate Studies, for their years of service to Converse. Both will retire at the end of this academic year. Reflect with us on their many contributions to the College in our tribute to retiring faculty on pages 16-17. A national search is underway for Dean Lever's

successor. The search for Dr. Lovett's replacement will begin later in the year.

In other search news, finalists are currently being identified for the Dean of the Petrie School of Music. I am hopeful that we will have good news to share with you on this position in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

In closing, I ask you to remember one more important way that Converse needs your help: **REFER CAPABLE YOUNG WOMEN TO CONVERSE!** We are encouraged by increased

inquiries for the entering classes of 2003, 2004, and 2005. It is your influence that makes the greatest difference in our recruiting success, so please continue to spread the word!

Converse strives to be the college of choice for women in the South. Our top priority of preparing young women for success is exemplified by the three alumnae you will read about in our lead article on pages 4-7. May their stories, and those of countless other Converse alumnae, serve as a reminder of the invaluable role Converse plays in our world.

Nancy O. Gray

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The newly expanded Milliken Fine Arts Building will be dedicated in honor of Nita Milliken on April 18 in conjunction with Founder's Day.

THE CONVERSE POWERHOUSE IN BANKING

An Interview with Three Young Alumnae

 *Please explain your roles at Wachovia.*

Candy - I am Vice-President of Marketing/Employee Financial Services (EFS) Marketing Director. My role consists of creating and providing financial services to the employees of Wachovia Corporation (about 95,000 employees) with the assistance of corporate bank partners. EFS provides products and services for mortgages, auto and home insurance, educational seminars, consumer loans, and deposit products, to name a few. I began supporting EFS in October 2000, but have been with the bank since July 1993.


Carissa - I am the Global Sales Manager for the Currency Risk Management Desk. My group works with the bank's corporate customers to hedge their foreign currency exposure and also to buy and sell the currency itself. Twenty-five employees in Charlotte and London report to me. We are in the process of integrating the Legacy Wachovia and Legacy FirstUnion desks as a result of the recent merger. I have been with FirstUnion for 11 years; I started out on the credit side of the bank and moved to the trading floor in 1993.

Linda - I run the loan market research group, which falls under the umbrella of Loan Syndications (part of our Investment Banking Division). Wachovia is the #6 player in the domestic loan syndications market, which is a trillion-dollar market on an annual basis. We structure, or originate, large syndicated loans for our clients that can run in the billions of dollars. My group conducts technical research on the underlying fundamentals of the loan market. We watch trends to figure out what the hot markets are and help determine such things as the best time to bring a deal to market and the types of deals investors are looking for.


 *Can you provide a brief explanation of how the loan market works - in layman's terms?*

Carissa - In the large corporate market one institution does not take on an entire multi-

billion dollar line for a company. That loan is made up of a group of banks and other types of institutional investors. The real money in that market is not found in taking on one of those small pieces; it is in actually being the arranging institution who brings all those investors to the table.

 *Linda, you said that part of your job was to identify the hot markets. What are some of the tools that you use to do that?*

Linda - Well, the really interesting aspect about our job is that we are developing those tools now. Not many of our competitors even have a loan market research function. My philosophy is that when you are trying to understand the market, you need to have an understanding of each individual transaction that makes up the market at a given time. There are companion markets to the loan market, and you can draw conclusions and make inferences from what the companion markets are doing. Also, some of it is just common sense: the defense sectors are doing really well right now because of the war on terrorism, for instance.

 *How does it feel to be in upper management as women in a male-dominated field and what compromises have you had to make to get here?*

Carissa - If there is a glass ceiling, I haven't hit it yet. I actually serve on the diversity council, which is studying the metrics of how an individual - whether they be a male, female, or person of color - moves through the bank in terms of promotions, terminations, or choosing to leave. We want to know if we are creating the right environment for all people to be successful. Now, more than ever, the opportunities are there for women. My first interview out of college with an investment banking firm was with all men, and one of the first questions I asked them was "where are the women?" If you had asked me this question ten to twelve years ago, I would have told you I was very concerned. I fear running into the "I don't have an MBA ceiling" more than the traditional glass ceiling.

In Charlotte, NC, three young alumnae have risen to the top to become a powerhouse in the banking industry. While at Converse, Candy Moore '93 majored in Business Administration and Marketing, Carissa Mosteller Burns '88 majored in Politics and Business Administration with a concentration in finance, and Linda Layman Redding '88 majored in Math and Economics. Today, their education has paid off and they are making their mark on the world.



Linda - I agree. I never walk into a room and think "Gee, I'm the only woman here" - although I often am. I never feel awkward because of it and am never treated differently.

Carissa - The first time I actually worried about it was with my first pregnancy, but it wasn't a problem. I actually went onto a 4-day work schedule for about a year-and-a-half after the baby was born. I was still traveling and working more than 40 hours a week but did it all in 4 days. There are compromises you have to make, but you can come pretty close to having it all.

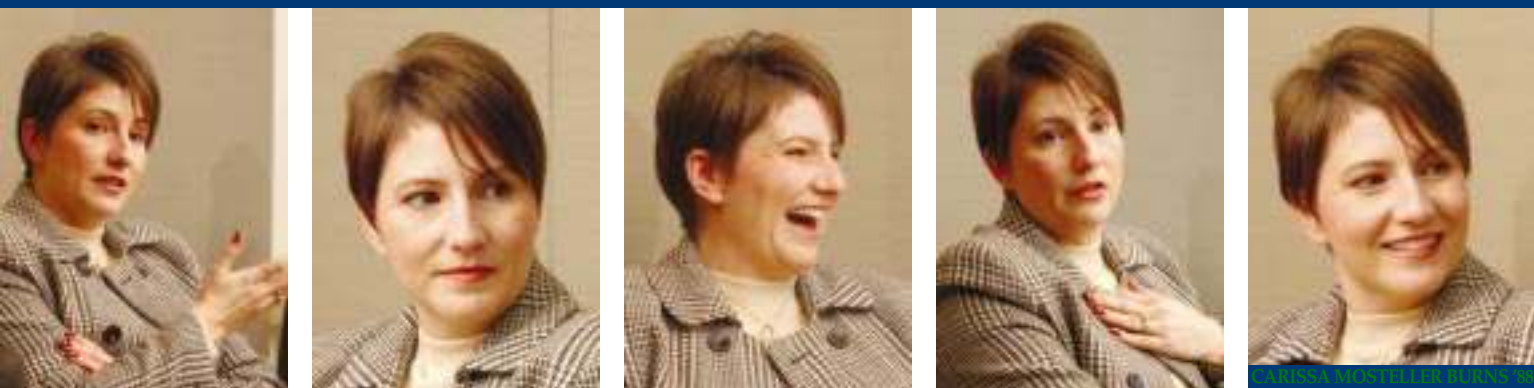
Linda - It was largely because of Carissa's success with her 4-day week that I approached the management in my division about a flex time schedule to spend more time with my child. The diversity issue is also about acknowledging that at certain points in your life different things are going to have to take precedence. I work more than a 40-hour week and carry a cell phone on Friday.

Other sacrifices include missing out on a lot of the comradie. No more going out for beer after work. I don't have time for idle chit-chat and I don't search it out anymore.

Candy - The diversity issue is a little bit different for me. After graduating from Converse, I was asked my first diversity question during a newspaper interview. They wanted to know how it felt to attend a college with so few minorities. I replied that I didn't see myself as an African-American student, I'm a Converse College graduate. It had never crossed my mind during my four years as a student that I should be judged as an African-American. While in the workforce, I attended a three-day diversity leadership class that was an eye-opener because everyone had different perspectives. I want to be judged by what I can bring to the table and for my accomplishments, and I am at Wachovia.

I don't really consider that I've had to compromise a lot for my career. I've always had a plan for my professional life and have known what I wanted to do, and I have a "go get 'em" mentality. I remember my friends went to Florida for college spring break while I worked on my resumé. I wanted to be prepared.

Carissa - It also takes family compromise.

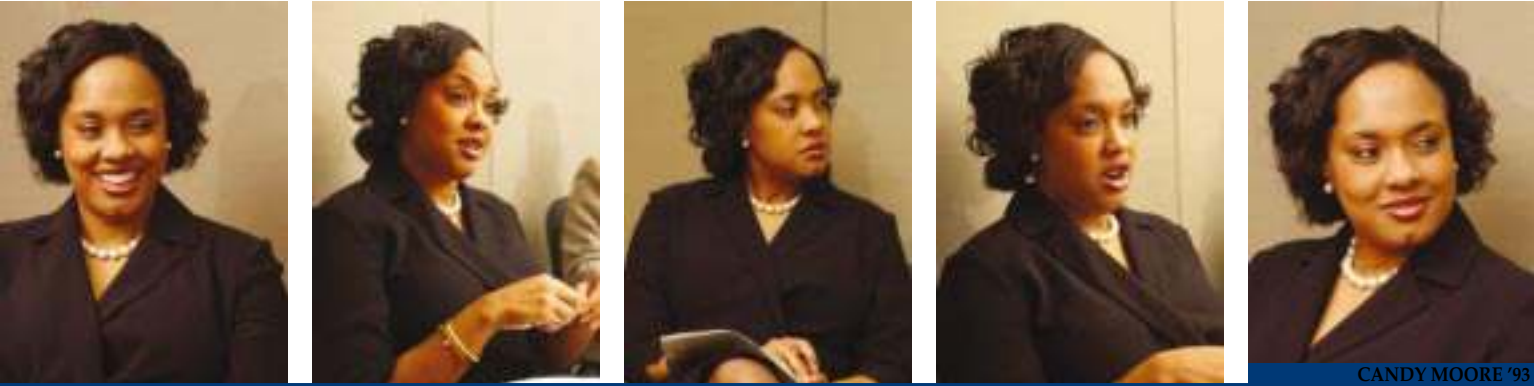


Without support, real support, from my husband, it would be impossible to juggle both child and career.

Linda - And by support we mean not just "rah, rah you are doing a great job," but the willingness to pitch in and share what needs to be done. Quality childcare is also critical.

Do you say that there are great opportunities for women. How would you advise college students today to prepare themselves to take advantage of those opportunities?

Carissa - I think women undervalue math and science skills. Women are often quite good at math but think that they have to be a math teacher or computer programmer, which is what I thought until my eyes were opened to the opportunities for anyone who has those kinds of quantitative skills. Part of the reason we don't have more women in my area of the finance world is because women still shy away from math and science.



Linda - A lot of what we do involves working on teams, reaching out to other groups within the firm, and just generally being organized. Women are naturally very good at working with clients and delivering the solutions. I need someone who can do more than add the numbers; I need for them to be able to tell me "why." You can be brilliant with numbers but if you can't sit in

front of the CFO and explain to them why they need to do something, then the numbers don't mean anything. Critical thinking skills are important.

Carissa and I come to Converse about twice a year - once to talk to prospective students about opportunities in our field and once to interview a handful of selected Converse students for various positions. We are looking for highly motivated girls who are bright, analytical, have strong academic records, demonstrated leadership, etc. The ones who are selected go through a highly competitive process to actually get an offer. Last year, Angie Brookhart '01 was hired by the Legacy FirstUnion Fixed Income group as an associate in the Derivatives Group. Students have a great opportunity in the investment banking field today because you don't have to go to New York anymore. You can come to Charlotte and have a Wall Street job.

How did your Converse experience prepare you for your current roles?

Carissa - I think that young women gain a great deal from single gender education. All the leadership roles around you are held by women at an extremely important time in your life to have that type of exposure. Much of that goes into our success, as well as the experiences from the small classroom environment. I didn't have a class with more than a few people in it.

And you had better be there, be prepared, and participate! I think that these two factors together create a great incubator for successful women.

Linda - I agree. You can't hide behind another person at a women's college. I went into the training program after graduation at a commercial bank and when the teacher asked questions, the women just sat there with their hands folded. I thought, "you know the answer to that question because we went over it last night. Stick your hand up and answer," but the behavior was what they were accustomed to. Maybe women's college graduates don't see gender when we walk into a room because we weren't programmed that way.

You should ask me how I got my job, it is a great example of the "good 'ole girls" network! My husband and I were living in Denver, and he had gotten a job in Charlotte. I knew that Carissa worked here, so I called her. She forwarded my resume to someone who was looking for a new employee, and I

received a call within 24 hours and had a job offer within 48 hours.

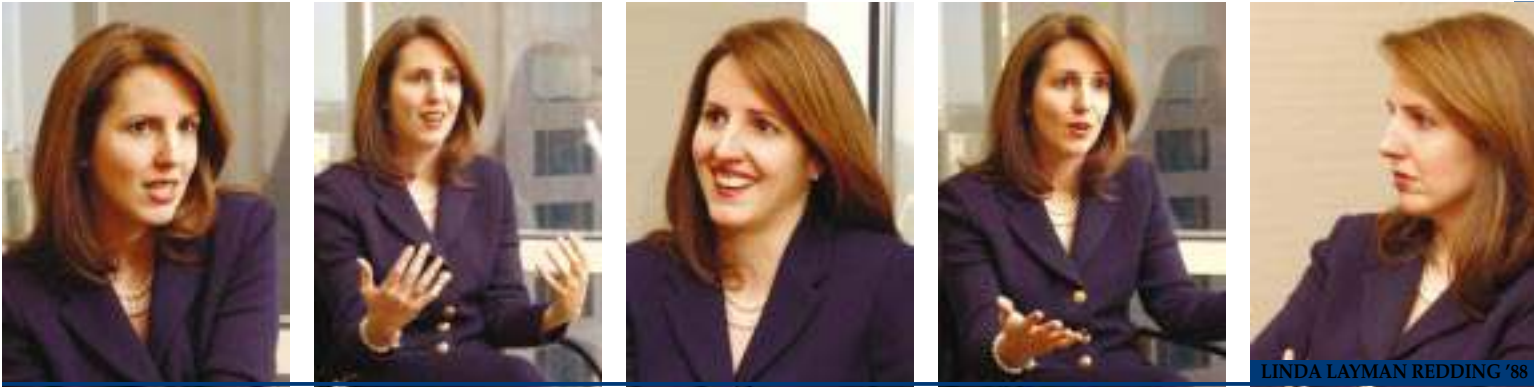
Candy - I was interviewed by a Converse alumna as well. I signed up for the FirstUnion interview day on campus. After several rounds of interviews, I reached the final stages of interviews and ended up getting a job offer. But it all began at

Converse. I am a big advocate of Career Services and for internships. I think that practical experience does a wealth of good.

Do you see women playing more of a role in the market? Are women more aggressive with their finances?

Linda- I think so. My group is mostly women. Women will continue to be more and more involved.

Candy - I think it's a struggle. EFS and other corporate partners rolled out a corporate-wide seminar in October 2000 called "Smart Women Finish Rich." Almost 400 female teammates requested



700 workbooks. Our female teammates wanted to know basic financial planning information. The testimonials have been overwhelming. Women are becoming more aware that we often survive our husbands, and many women are waiting later in life to get married and have children. We would like to offer the program again and possibly take it to employees all over the country.

Tell us briefly how you are involved in the community and what that means to you.

Candy - I am a member of the Junior League in Charlotte. My placement is called "Connecting Links," in conjunction with the Urban League, and I tutor clients who are trying to obtain basic life skills. Wachovia provides the job flexibility that I am able to dedicate two hours each week to tutor.

I chose to become a member of a few organizations where I can have a real impact. Serving on Converse's Alumnae Board has provided an insight, which is immeasurable, into the operations of our college.

Linda - Community involvement is actually

something I haven't given up. I do the things at Converse that mean a lot to me. Recruiting is very important because I want other women to have the opportunities I have had. I am in the Junior League as well, and that is where the majority of my community service is concentrated. My placement last year was tutoring at-risk kids through a community center. The corporate environment is very sterile and doesn't really get your hands dirty, but when you go sit with a seven-year-old girl who tells you she heard gunshots outside of her window the night before and is pretty nonchalant about the whole thing, it kind of jolts you into the real world. It's important to be an active participant in any community in which you live.

Carissa - Community involvement for me revolves around activities with my church. In fact, we specifically moved from Charlotte to Belmont, a small suburb of Charlotte, for a more active church/ community life. We are also significant donors to a number of charitable organizations in Mecklenburg County: the United Way, the Arts & Science Council, Habitat for Humanity, and WFAE, our local public radio station. My husband is secretary for the athletic scholarship organization at his alma mater, Appalachian State University. Most of my personal time, however, goes to my two-year-old!

You have all achieved significant success at an early age. What are your future plans?

Linda - I think eventually that I would like to get to a point where I can be a little more involved in the community than I am right now; to play a more significant role there. Also to be a great mother and have a great home life - that is far and away the most important thing. I want to see my daughter grow up to be a very successful young woman. And professionally - there is always something around the corner that you never imagined would be there

so it's a little hard to say.

Candy - In my freshman philosophy class, I was asked where I wanted to be in twenty years and I said in marketing for a bank. I've always had a long-range plan and wanted to do something that would be a challenge. Professionally, I want to see what is at the end of the road for our company. I think Wachovia is a good company that will get even better, and I really want to hang around to see what that looks like. I'm energized by our new leadership.

Carissa - At some point in the future, I would love to have a second career in either public radio or education. Those are two things

that I have as much passion for as my current career, but not enough hours in the day to do.

How do you define success in your lives?

Candy - For me it's being happy, being content, and spending time with my family and friends. It's the happiness within my soul of knowing that I am doing what I want to do with my life. I've had good people along the way who have coached me. I haven't traveled this road alone. I have a great family, great friends, and great mentors.

Carissa - Success is beyond career achievement. It's about personal satisfaction, believing that you are doing the best job that you can do at work, at home, and for the community.

Linda - My answer is similar. I think having the kind of home life that I have always wanted is extremely important. I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do when I got out of school but I knew that I wanted to have a family and to be in the business world and be successful with that. Just having the life I want is success for me, and having done it on my terms.

a walk through the CONVERSE WEBSITE

www.converse.edu

The Converse Website has undergone a dramatic transformation in the last year! If you have not yet seen the new look and greatly expanded content, be sure to visit www.converse.edu soon. The site has become an interactive medium through the additions of E-commerce, flash technology, and numerous online forms. Additionally, plans for the near future will expand the interactivity and content even more. The first goal, which is nearing completion, is to focus on all sections that serve prospective students. The second goal is to complete sections that serve the Converse community, alumnae, and other constituencies.



A few of the Converse Website attractions include:

JOIN THE CONVERSE WEB COMMUNITY

Sign up to receive updates in your E-mail inbox from the Converse website! You can customize your Web Community Profile, selecting the frequency of updates and topics you wish to receive. Select your preferred combination of news stories, sports scores, *Connections*, the *Converse Bulletin*, and more. To sign up, click on this option from the homepage. Joining the web community is a great way to keep current on Converse!



ABOUT CONVERSE

In this section, learn why Converse is a great choice for women of all ages; read about benefits of attending a women's college; get a snapshot overview of the College in "Converse at a Glance;" find maps, directions, and accommodations information for visitors; and get acquainted with the city of Spartanburg.



ADMISSIONS

Prospective students can complete the online application to



members of the admissions team and find the counselor for their area, and read a profile of the current freshman class.

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMICS

An overview of Converse degrees, majors, and career programs can be found here, along with information about the Nisbet Honors Program, Converse II, study/travel opportunities, internships, honor organizations, and the Honor Code. Resources such as academic catalogs and calendars, course schedules, Mickel Library, and the Registrar are also found here.



PETRIE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The Petrie section is the most recent addition to the Converse Website. Entry to the section begins with an interactive flash page that is guaranteed to provide entertainment. Listen to musical selections performed by Petrie students and faculty as you sweep your mouse across the page to uncover hidden images. Explore deeper into the section to learn about the undergraduate and graduate programs, faculty, performance opportunities, facilities, camps and clinics, and more.



STUDENT LIFE AND ATHLETICS

Meet the All-Stars and check out game schedules and scores, view images of the new Sally Abney Rose Physical Activity Complex, read the latest sports stories, and join the All-Stars Club. The student life section contains information about student activities, residential life, leadership and service programs, and campus safety.



GIVING TO CONVERSE

Give to Converse College online through our new, secure E-commerce system! The Giving to Converse section has everything you need to know about the Campaign for Converse, the numerous ways to give, the Converse Fund, endowment opportunities, and planned giving.



ALUMNAE

This site is for YOU, the Converse alumna! Register online for Reunion 2002, view the schedule of reunion events, and even search to see which of your classmates have registered. Also in the alumnae section, learn more about the alumnae student recruitment effort, visit the alumnae events calendar to view upcoming events and pictures from recent events, sign up to offer an internship at your workplace for a Converse student, update Converse with your personal information changes and news, meet the latest alumnae award winners and alumnae board members, and visit the campus bookstore site to stock up on great Converse merchandise.



NEWS & PUBLICATIONS

Read current Converse news stories and explore the searchable news archives. Did you know that the *Converse Bulletin* was online? Browse through current and past issues in this section. *Connections*, the online campus newsletter, is a great way to stay connected to Converse. *Connections* is posted every two weeks and contains interesting and informative stories on faculty, staff, and students, as well as a "closer look" profile of a member of the Converse community, candid pictures from recent campus events, education and women's issues in the news, career tips, and a trivia challenge. Also found in the News & Publications section is the Speakers Bureau, the perfect resource to find Converse faculty who are available to speak to clubs and organizations in the community.



Clockwise: Converse II student Laura Jutzi works with a Memories artist; Marilyn Field, Director of Art Therapy, and Converse II student Carol Tait stand before the Memories in the Making exhibit; "The Colonel," an Alzheimer's patient and World War II pilot, concentrates on his artwork; Nicole Vaughn, a staff member at an area Alzheimer's facility, encourages a Memories artist; and a Converse student enjoys the exhibit.

Memories IN THE Making

Most people have different appetites when it comes to art. Some choose contemporary while others stay with the classics. Some are drawn by the fantasy of abstract, and some marvel at the detail of rolling meadow scenes. Whatever the preference, art seems to be one of those rare ingredients that spark the wonder and fascination of people, regardless of age, gender, or social status. It is also one of the most widely used forms of simple communication.

In January 2001, the Converse College Art Therapy department initiated a program to work with Alzheimer's patients throughout the Upstate in an effort to tap into the expressive portion of their minds. "For many of these patients, painting is one of the few ways to truly share their frustrations, their memories, their thoughts, and their dreams," said Marilyn Field, Director of the Art Therapy program. "With each stage of Alzheimer's, it becomes increasingly difficult for the patient to communicate."

The program, called Memories in the Making, is the only one of its kind in South Carolina and is modeled after a California program begun in 1986. Marilyn contacted Joyce Finkle of the Upstate chapter of the S.C. Alzheimer's Association in late 2000 to gauge her interest in bringing the program to South Carolina. "The more we talked about it," reflects Joyce, "the more we felt it would be a very

beneficial partnership." Marilyn then conducted five training sessions for the facility activity therapists and Converse art therapy students. "The training sessions were vital in that the activity therapists were given a crash course in art therapy and the Converse students were given a general idea of what to expect when working with Alzheimer's patients," said Marilyn.

During weekly two-hour sessions, the Converse students work with five to ten Alzheimer's patients. "The patients are not told what to paint, we just want them to express their emotions and thoughts," said Carol Tait, a Converse II student. "We begin by giving them colored pieces of paper and playing music from their generation...basically just trying to stimulate the creative part of the brain. The patients then move on to drawings and paintings. Some works are completed in one session while others are completed over the course of several sessions. As the sessions

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Marilyn Field

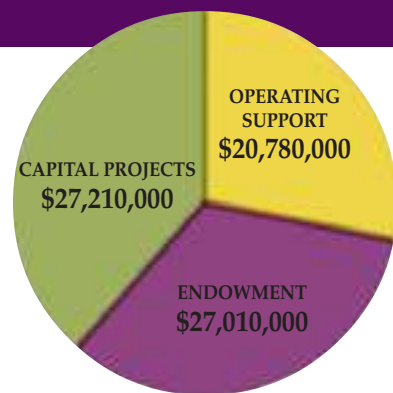
continue, the attention span and actual art quality of the patient clearly improve."

Through the program, the patients achieve much more than putting brush to canvas. "The patients are challenged to think, work on their physical concentration, and focus their energy within safe boundaries," said Marilyn. "They also receive a sense of achievement, and experience working within groups."

The fact that the attention span and art quality improves is proof that the patient is very capable of in-depth expression. "Through their artistic works," says Marilyn, "the patients show an amazing amount of information and eloquent expression. Art is a very personal expression, and many of the Memories in the Making artists choose subjects that recall happy memories of their lives, families, and friends. Their artwork proves that there is a creative reserve that remains deep into the degenerative process."

During March, the Converse Art Therapy Department and the Upstate Chapter of the S.C. Alzheimer's Association showcased some of the patients' works in an art exhibit and silent auction on the Converse campus. More than forty pieces of art were shown, and all proceeds from the auction were given to the S.C. Alzheimer's Association.





Campaign Capsule

The Campaign for Converse is divided into three primary goals:

\$27 million for the endowment. A strong endowment reduces the College's dependency on annual fundraising for operating expenses. Endowment funds are necessary for scholarships, faculty and staff support, and academic programs. To date, \$19,600,000 has been given to in support of the endowment.

\$27 million for campus enhancement projects. Within the past year, construction has been completed for the Sally Abney Rose Physical Activity Complex and Weisiger Center, and the Justine V.R. "Nita" Milliken Wing of the Milliken Fine Arts Building. Projects that remain include construction of Phifer Science and Technology Building, and renovations of residence halls and Montgomery Student Activities Building. To date, \$23,856,770 has been given in support of campus enhancement projects.

\$21 million for the Converse Fund. These unrestricted gifts are the financial lifeblood of the College. Among other things, these funds can be used for computer upgrades, library books, and faculty travels to professional conferences. The needs of the College require that a minimum of \$3 million be raised this year.

Progress to Date:
\$70 million

THE CAMPAIGN FOR CONVERSE

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Update on the Campaign

For every institution, there is a defining moment. These moments offer tremendous opportunities for progression and can set the course of an institution for generations to come. For Converse College, the \$75 million Campaign for Converse is that opportunity.

The Converse family must seize this defining moment to ensure the College's position of leadership by participating in this effort.

The effects of the Campaign can already be seen across the campus. Classes are now being held in the Justine V.R. "Nita" Milliken Addition of the Milliken Fine Arts Building, the Converse All-Stars are enjoying their new home courts in the Weisiger Center at The Sally Abney Rose Physical Activity Complex, and final architectural plans for the Phifer Science and Technology Building have been completed.

Yet the focus of the campaign is not on buildings but on students. At the academic level, Converse has established the Nisbet Honors Program, more Converse students are participating in study /travel opportunities, and fifty new endowed scholarships have been created. Converse is involved in intense competition with other schools throughout the country for gifted students and outstanding faculty, and this competition will only intensify as the need for higher education becomes more important with each passing year. More

endowed scholarships, modern equipment, study/travel opportunities, and endowed professorships will enable Converse to achieve the level of academic excellence expected by her students, alumnae, and friends.

The campaign has clearly caught the attention of foundations at both the regional and national level with recent gifts from:

- The Abney Foundation; Anderson, SC (\$250,000)
- The Broyhill Foundation; Lenoir, NC (\$200,000)
- The William Randolph Hearst Foundation; New York, NY (\$100,000)

Converse is very proud to receive these gifts and, with them, the "stamps of approval" and endorsements from these prestigious organizations. With their generosity, they signal their commitment and belief in the Converse mission.

While it may be easy to think that only large dollar gifts are important in this campaign, exactly the opposite is true. As shown in the following pages, both large and small gifts are essential to the College's future. Private financial support is critical if the College is to reach and fulfill her mission.

The momentum generated by the Campaign must be maintained in order to reach the goal of \$75 million by June 2003. There has never been a more exciting time in the history of the College. The Converse family must seize this defining moment to ensure the College's position of leadership by participating in this effort.

THE EXPANSION OF THE MILLIKEN FINE ARTS BUILDING

WHAT'S INSIDE?

Lecture studios
Darkrooms for photography classes
Faculty loft studios
Computer-aided Design (CAD) lab
Kiln and firing yards
Additional art gallery
Historic preservation room



Justine V.R. "Nita" Milliken



Nita Milliken

From the day she moved to Spartanburg in 1954, Nita Milliken has been a tireless advocate for Converse College. In 1986, the Southampton, N.Y. native was named an honorary Converse alumna in recognition of her long years of service and her loyalty to the College, which included a term as vice-chairman of the Board. She has also served on the Buildings and Grounds, Merit Scholarships, Educational Affairs, Twichell, and Executive Committees of the Board. The Justine V.R. Milliken Scholar Awards, which benefit forty Converse students each year, are the highest academic awards presented at the College.

Nita has also been an advisor to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a Palmetto Lady, and a recipient of the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award for selfless community service.

Alumnae Art Exhibition

A highlight of reunion weekend will be an art exhibition showcasing works by Converse alumnae. The exhibit will be held in the Milliken Art Gallery April 11-May 3, and will feature a diverse collection of disciplines, including a variety of painting styles, and two- and three-dimensional works. Among those participating in the exhibit are Randolph New Armstrong '62, Berry Bate '75, Betty Jane Bramlett '47, Vivianne Lee Carey '81, Nikki Caulk '00, Donna Lowery Duren '95, Claire Patrick Evans '51, Gladys Going Faris '53, Harriet Marshall Goode '59, Ann Lanier Jackson '86, Elizabeth Lide '69, Lisa Harris Meriweather '68, Marilu Bloodworth Poole '99, Jamie Lynn Robertson '98, Sylvia Taylor '93, and Genie Marshall Wilder '56. The exhibitors will be on campus during reunion weekend.

For more information, call Nancy O'Dell-Keim, Milliken Gallery Director, at (864) 596-9181.



"Venetian Gondolier"
Lisa Harris Meriweather '68



"Red Hot Blues"
Randolph New Armstrong '62

By building a strong endowment...

Converse will be able to provide an excellent academic atmosphere while making new capital investments in programs and facilities. Strengthening the endowment will not only make Converse a healthy college that is financially prepared for the future, it will also enable her to keep pace with her peer institutions, many of whom have significantly higher endowments. There are numerous ways to actively contribute to the strengthening of the endowment:

- \$25,000 for a named endowed scholarship which will become fully endowed when the fund reaches \$350,000
- \$25,000 for a program endowment in an area that matches your interest, such as supporting the Writing Center, a Petrie School ensemble, or a guest artist in residence
- \$25,000 that will endow a faculty/staff professional development fund
- \$100,000 for faculty excellence awards
- \$1.5 million for a Named Distinguished Professorship which will attract top scholars to Converse

The Virginia Elizabeth Davis Book Fund



Janie Davis Griffin and Elizabeth Davis

During their days as Converse students, Elizabeth Davis '30 and Janie Davis Griffin '30 were known throughout the campus simply as the Davis Sisters. "We lived in Pell Hall and were as close as two sisters could be," reflects Janie.

Elizabeth, who was diagnosed with polio at the age of nine, had a natural love for books and libraries. This interest led her to provide funding for the construction and inventory of a library in Farmville, N.C. in 1954. Two years later, she lost her battle with the disease that had gripped her for most of her life.

In 2001, Janie established the Virginia Elizabeth Davis Book Fund at Converse in honor of her beloved sister. The book fund allows Mickel Library to purchase books and periodical subscriptions.

The Beatrice Smith and Thomas H. Maybank Endowed Scholarship



Tommy and Bee Maybank

Bee Maybank '66 and her husband Tom were attending the 2001 Thousand Thanks dinner when they decided to take an active role in the Campaign for Converse. "I remember sitting with all these wonderfully talented people who are so committed to providing a sound education for young women," says Bee.

The experience planted the seeds for what would become known as the Beatrice and Thomas Maybank Endowed Scholarship, a full scholarship for Converse students in need of financial aid. In establishing the scholarship, the Maybanks hope to offset the ever-increasing financial burdens for private college students. "Students who attend private colleges in South Carolina are increasingly in need of financial assistance because of less and less funding from the state government," said Bee.

The Ladson H. Beach Endowed Scholarship

Ladson H. Beach understood the financial sacrifices parents must often make in providing their child with a private college education. Owner of a CPA firm in Orangeburg, SC, Mr. Beach was willing to make those sacrifices so that his daughter, Martha Beach Howard '80, could earn her elementary education degree from Converse College. "With three children in college at the same time, I know it was a challenge for Dad to send me to Converse," says Martha. "But he continued to do all he could to ensure that I had the opportunity to earn my degree in a setting where women flourish."

Martha and Ken Howard



To honor the memory of her father, Martha and her husband Ken have established the Ladson H. Beach Endowed Scholarship for Converse students in need of financial assistance.

For more information on endowment opportunities, contact Scott Rawles, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, at (864) 596-9217 or via e-mail at scott.rawles@converse.edu.

A strong annual fund at Converse...

correlates directly to a healthy educational environment for students, and addresses the College's most urgent needs that are at the very core of a quality liberal arts education. Tuition and fees have never covered the entire cost of a Converse education, so the remainder of the College's budget comes in large part from the generous annual support of Converse alumnae, parents, and friends.

"\$12 million of the \$17 million annual budget comes from tuition and fees," said Josh Newton, Executive Director of Development at Converse. "\$2 million comes from interest earned by investments. That means that the \$3 million annual fund is needed to bridge the gap so that we can address areas such as student scholarships, computer upgrades, building renovations, library books, and faculty travel to professional conferences."

Financial support from alumnae has always been a clear signal of their confidence in the mission of a college. And while year-ending numbers from

2001 show that Converse had one of the highest annual funds when compared to her peer women's colleges, she ranked among the lowest in alumnae participation. "Last year," says Newton, "our level of alumnae participation in the annual fund was at 27%. Our goal for this year is 40%."

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To date, \$1.9 million has been given to the annual fund. \$1.1 million remains to be raised in order to reach the \$3 million goal. Your gift, regardless of size, is significant in fulfilling the needs of the College, but nothing is as important as your participation. To contribute to the annual fund, contact Josh Newton at (864) 577-2088 or via e-mail at josh.newton@converse.edu, or give online at www.converse.edu.



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Hollins University	46%	
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Wofford College	39%	
Wesleyan College	36%	
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A FOND FAREWELL TO RETIRING FACULTY...

written by Dr. Tom McDaniel, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost



I do not see how Joe Ann Lever can possibly retire: she has only been at Converse for 40 years. In that time, she has served on virtually every committee of the college, proved herself a most able professor of biology, and taken on a variety of administrative positions with confidence and competence. She has been President of the Faculty Senate, Chairwoman of Academic Advisors, Co-chair of the Converse College Centennial Celebration, Director of the Office of Career Services, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and (finally) Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. I have worked with her as a colleague and friend in these endeavors and consider myself especially wise to have asked her to be my Associate Dean in 1990. Joe Ann inspires students and faculty alike with her commitment to women's education, the liberal arts, and Converse College. When she told me of her decision to retire, I said, "say it ain't so Joe (Ann)" but, alas, in her typical decisive way it was so.

Over the years, I have come to have great admiration for her energy, commitment, common sense, and dedication to the college. Every provost should be so fortunate as to have a Joe Ann Lever to deal with the myriad issues and problems of college life. What I have admired most of all in the long list of Joe Ann's professional abilities is her penchant for action. If there is a task, she gets it done; if there is a problem, she solves it; if there is a project to initiate, she puts the wheels in motion. Here is something else to commend: few of us in academic administration know how to deliver bad news gracefully. Joe Ann has some innate talent for letting a student know that her work is not good enough or letting a faculty member know that a request has been denied or telling a fellow administrator that an idea just won't fly-with such candor, compassion, and goodwill that the recipient almost ends up thanking her.

Not long ago, the college arranged a surprise "Joe Ann Lever Day." I recall that one of the signs put up in Sneakers declared "Dean Lever Forever!" For the many faculty and students who have come to appreciate Dean Lever the administrator and Dean Lever the person, she always will be "Dean Lever Indeed." She has left her mark on Converse, largely by dint of hard work and exemplary leadership. All of us will miss her enthusiasm, energy, and her ability to get things done. As we turn to new leadership for the academic program, a small voice will no doubt be heard echoing softly somewhere on campus: "Dean Lever Forever!"

joe ann lever

"Dean Lever was the major reason I was able to attend Converse. While I was visiting for Milliken Scholars Weekend, my dad ate lunch in Sneakers. Dean Lever joined him and my dad was so impressed with her knowledge and commitment to education that the reservations he had about sending me 15 hours from home to college were erased. Dean Lever always knew when to push me academically or just give me a hug if I had a bad day. The example she set as an educator and as a woman contributed greatly to the person I am today."

- Kirsten Kerr '94, M.D.

"Joe Ann Lever demonstrated leadership and earned our respect. Her lectures were business - if you snooze you lose; her tests were hard, but you knew that if you studied you could manage. She listened to all that was said before she made decisions. She understood the ridiculousness of/in life but she had the best laugh and more energy and wonder than all of us put together. I have tried to follow her example...I still am."

- Jan Hartley '68, Captain, US Coast Guard

"Dean Lever has made an incredible impact on my Converse experience. I have had the privilege of having her as my academic advisor during my years here. She has offered her assistance on my behalf countless times and has always provided a listening ear. Her advice and friendship have truly been a blessing."

- Amanda Harmon '02, biology major

"Joe Ann has been a mentor to me since my days as a student at Converse and will always be special to me. To this day, if I am considering an important career change, I contact Joe Ann. I remember when I interned my junior year and came away disillusioned about what I had planned to do in the future. I commented to her that it was my worse Short Term at Converse, to which she responded, 'No, it was your best, because it let you know now, rather than several years from now, what you DON'T want to do the rest of your life.' Dean Lever also threw in lighthearted questions just to loosen things up a bit on difficult exams. I remember an extra credit question in her killer zoology lab: she had a dissected frog wearing a bridal veil, and the answer was 'Froggie went a Courting,' if I remember correctly."

- Palmer Ball '84, Business Manager, Spartanburg Day School

"It has been said that a teacher can shape a student, and a student can shape the world. The world is a better place for the countless number of women Joe Ann Lever has shaped — among them mothers, nurses, doctors, teachers, scientists, and community leaders."

- Bonnie Bailey Webster '94, Adjunct Professor of Biology, Converse College

"This is the 20th year of my career in Occupational Therapy. Looking back now, I know that I owe a great deal to Dean Lever for helping to develop my abilities. During my years at Converse, I had the privilege of being instructed by "Miz" Lever, who provided me a superb education in biology. She also nurtured my self-confidence and taught me that I was limited only by my motivation to learn and to do. She gave me a voice, and she urged me to pursue a career that would be both satisfying and rewarding."

- Ann Lorenz '80, O.T.R.

martha t. lovett



grateful graduate students who have benefited from her kindness, generosity, optimism, and passion for learning and teaching.

While Marty will step down from her dean's position, we plan to keep her working on some special projects on a part-time basis. I have been privileged to call her my colleague and my friend. We wish her well as she takes on new challenges and adjusts to her new role at Converse.

"Marty Lovett has had a tremendous influence on my career. I am constantly amazed at how often I listen to a presentation about an innovative approach to teaching and think, 'Dr. Lovett taught us that.' She is one of the most knowledgeable educators in South Carolina."

-Ron Bagwell, Principal, Sanders Middle School, Laurens SC

"Dr. Martha Lovett has literally changed thousands of lives in South Carolina. Our education system is better because of her. Marty has planted seeds of success in school administrators throughout our state. There is no greater reward for an educator than to 'pass it on!'"

- Angela H. Bain, Director of Personnel, Lexington Schools

"I cannot begin to express the good fortune that brought Dr. Lovett into my professional life. She is a heroine upon whose shoulders I stand. I am compelled to pass on to others the lessons of pedagogy, love of my profession, and novel thinking that she helped to develop in me."

- Gary Burgess, Principal, Pendleton High School

"Marty Lovett has made me a better teacher and in the process a more aware and compassionate person. Her insight and analysis of education and life issues are a cornerstone of my beliefs on education. She may retire but she will always be a presence in my life."

- Charles Willis, Science Teacher, Carver Junior High School and Lt. Col. USAF (Retired)

It is hard to believe that Dean Martha Lovett will be leaving her full-time position in August. A mere 16 years ago I brought her from the College of Mount St. Joseph in Ohio to be Associate Director of the Graduate Education Program and Director of Teacher Education. I knew right away that she would be the kind of dynamic and student-friendly administrator for which I was looking. During her time at Converse, she has served us in challenging roles, giving excellent leadership to our growing Graduate Education Program, Converse II, and Continuing Education. As Dean of this important unit, she has demonstrated outstanding ability to develop creative academic programs, including four different graduate programs. Her leadership has resulted in remarkable growth in our graduate enrollments as evidenced by a record number of 237 graduate degrees awarded last year.

Martha Lovett has received many professional recognitions during her tenure at Converse. Her awards from Bowling Green State University and the South Carolina Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, along with the Phi Delta Kappa Service to Education Award and the Kathryn Amelia Brown Teaching Award, are but a few. Her leadership in state organizations underscore the breadth and quality of her service. Dean Lovett's most important recognitions come from



james g. harrison

Dr. James G. Harrison, Jr. came to Converse in 1970 and brought with him impressive academic credentials: an AB from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, an MA from Harvard University, an MSLS from Simmons College. He also soon completed a Ph.D. in classics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Over his 32-year tenure, Jim has served the college in a variety of important ways. He has been an exemplary professor of classics while also serving, from 1974 to 1992, as head librarian. While his students express admiration for his love of the Latin language, his contributions to the library have also been significant.

In recent years, Jim has continued his teaching while also taking on new responsibilities as first archivist at Converse. Both as head librarian and now as archivist, he has been involved in virtually all aspects of the growth of what is now called the Mickel Library. We applaud and celebrate Jim Harrison for his many contributions to the college, not the least of which has been the love and care he has given to our gardens. He will continue as our archivist on a part-time basis in retirement, and all of us wish for him many more opportunities to stop and smell the roses.



george speed

George M. Speed, the unretiring retiree, came to Converse in the fall of 1964 as Chairman of the Department of Mathematics and Physics. During that time, he taught hundreds of students, and many will remember the joys (and pain!) of his advanced mathematics courses. During the 1970's, as the country was discovering the importance of computers for the college curriculum, George developed an expertise via course work and self-education. This development led to the creation of computer science courses and eventually a major in computer science.

We soon found George's expertise could benefit us beyond the classroom. In recent years he has served exceedingly well as Director of the Computer Center. I have come to appreciate George's commitment to the college, his vast knowledge of computers, his wry sense of humor, and his helpful and friendly nature. George has retired from classroom teaching and last year was granted the title of "Emeritus." So in one sense he has retired, but he keeps on serving the college as he moves toward a much-deserved full retirement.

Department of Art & Design Receives Collection of Prints by 20th Century Greats



J. Frank Toms sits in his living room, surrounded by some of the classic pieces he donated to the Converse Art Department.

An art collection donated to the Converse College Department of Art and Design will enable students and community members to view works by some of the most famous artists of the twentieth-century without having to travel to a larger city. The collection of fifty-two prints, given by former Converse professor and Spartanburg resident J. Frank Toms, includes works by Joan Miro, Salvador Dali, Alexander Calder, and Helmut Newton. The prints will be available for public viewing when the Justine V.R. "Nita" Milliken Addition of the

Milliken Fine Arts Building officially opens April 18.

The collection is international in nature, featuring art from England, Spain, Mexico, Brazil, Holland, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Ukraine, Hungary, the United States and elsewhere.

Mac Boggs, chair of the Department of Art & Design, was instrumental in securing the collection for Converse. "Milliken Gallery exhibited part of this collection in 1971.

Amazingly, I received a call from Dr. Toms thirty years later in which he indicated his intention to give it to Converse permanently," said Boggs.

Frank Toms selected pieces for his collection based on personal taste, and as a result the artists, styles, mediums, and themes are varied. There are several works by Surrealist artists, including Dali, Miro, Paul Delvaux, Giacometti, and Rufino Tamayo (a Mexican artist loosely affiliated with the Surrealists). Pop art is another area represented and

includes works by Andy Warhol, Jim Dine, Allen Jones, Roy, and Mel Ramos. There are two works by Amsterdam artist Karel Appel, a significant member of the Cobra group which was comprised of artists from Copenhagen, Brussels and Amsterdam. Other well-known artists include the American Social Realist Raphael Soyer, and the sculptor, printmaker Leonard Baskin.

Although he never studied art in college, it is clear that Dr. Toms has a natural eye for fine art. He grew up outside of Manhattan and often visited the Museum of Modern Art as a child. This, along with a book of etchings he was given, encouraged his early interest in modern art. Dr. Toms moved to Spartanburg in 1963 as a Spanish professor at Converse, where he taught for 21 years. He also taught photography, an interest he developed while completing his Ph.D. at Tulane University in 1954.



Top right: American Trotting Horses No. 2 by Salvador Dali. Above: J. Frank Toms meets with reporters as his collection is hung in the Justine V.R. "Nita" Milliken Wing of the Milliken Fine Arts Building. Below: Le Léopard aux Plumes d'Or by Joan Miro.



Top: Ed Mitchell
Bottom: Martin Aigner

Converse Connections at 2002 Grammy Awards

A Spartanburg native and former student of the Alia Lawson Pre-College Program of Music and Dance, Ed Mitchell was awarded Best Musical Album for Children at the 2002 Grammy Awards. Ed was producer of "Elmo and the Orchestra" for Sesame Street.

Martin Aigner, Adjunct Professor of Music Media in the Petrie School of Music, also played a role in a Grammy Award-winning project. The 37-year-old

Austrian native served as a sound engineer on the "Johann Sebastian Bach: St. Matthew Passion" CD, which was named Best Choral Performance in the classical category.

Converse Hosts Regional Kennedy Center/ American College Theater Festival

On February 5th, the Converse campus population swelled noticeably as approximately 950 theatre students from a ten-state region arrived to take part in the Kennedy Center/American College Theater Festival (KC/ACTF). KC/ACTF selected the Department of Theatre and Dance at Converse to serve as host for the five-day regional event.

For the theatre aficionados, there was a little something for everyone: performances, competition for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship, theatrical readings, plays in the trendy 10-minute format, and a wide range



of workshops and seminars on such topics as auditioning for television and

Workshops were offered during the KC/ACTF Festival. These students are learning the finer points of fencing.



Converse students Tiffany Thornton '02, Anna Browning '05, and Nina Asbury '05 competed for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship. Tiffany (L) and Anna (R) are shown during their performance of The Memory of Water.

film, physical training for the performer, the history of costume design, preparing designs, and improvisation.

"The regional competitions are normally held in a larger university setting," said John M. Bald, Associate Professor and Chair of Theatre and Dance. "But the fact that Converse was selected is recognition of the strong commitment to KC/ACTF put forth by this department over the last seven years."

Peter Meinke: Self Distinguished Writer in Residence

Poet and fiction writer Peter Meinke served as the Sara Lura Mathews Self Distinguished Writer-in-Residence for January 2002. He gave a reading on January 15 and taught an advanced poetry workshop for Converse students in the creative writing program.

Meinke is author of twelve books of poems including "Zinc Fingers" (2000), which received the SEBA Award for the best poetry of the year. His collection of short stories, *The Piano Tuner*, won the 1986 Flannery O'Connor Award. His work has appeared in such magazines as *The New Yorker*, *The New Republic*, *The Atlantic*, *The Nation*, *Poetry*, and *The Georgia Review*.



Author Peter Meinke (back row center) is pictured with Converse students and faculty.

Women's History Month Celebrated at Converse



Panelists from throughout the state participate in the PROBE symposium. The red silhouettes in the background were placed around campus to represent S.C. women who were battered during 2001.

Throughout the month of March, Converse College joined the country in celebrating the countless contributions women have made to society. The Converse chapter of Mortar Board organized events throughout the month designed to raise awareness of domestic violence. These events were part of their biannual PROBE symposium. The Rev. Dr. Marie Fortune gave the keynote address for the symposium. Well known throughout the country, Rev. Dr. Fortune founded the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence headquartered in Seattle and has written numerous books that include *Violence Against Women and Children: A Christian Theological Sourcebook* (1996, with Carol Adams) and *Love Does No Harm: Sexual Ethics for The Rest of Us* (1995).

Other event highlights included appearances by Photographer Lloyd Wolf, who gave a Photo Documentary and Oral History of Jewish mothers; Dr. Jeanne Moskal, Professor of English at the University of North Carolina, who spoke of women and travel writing; and Daryle Ryce's 10th anniversary concert at Converse.



Stephanie Roach '02 reads during a domestic violence exhibition.

faculty and student ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Converse College Board of Trustees approved tenure and/or promotion for the following faculty members beginning September 1, 2002:

- James Harrison** for Associate Professor Emeritus
- Steven Hunt** for promotion to Associate Professor of Theatre
- Edna Steele**, Assistant Professor of Biology, for tenure
- Melissa Walker** for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor of History and Politics
- Douglas Whittle** for promotion to Associate Professor of Art.

Mayo “Mac” Boggs, Professor and Chair of Art and Design, was selected to participate in the Pixelpoint International Computer Art Festival in Nova Gorica. 109 artists from 30 countries were selected to participate in the festival, which was held in November-December 2001.

Melissa Daves Jolly ‘69, Director of Alumnae, has been named Secretary of the South Carolina Association of Alumni Directors. She will serve a two-year term.

The South Carolina Association of Teacher Education presented **Dr. Martha T. Lovett**, Dean of Graduate Studies and Special Programs, with the South Carolina Outstanding Educator in Higher Education award.

Richard Mulkey, Associate Professor and Chair of the English Department, recently completed a month-long residence at Hawthornden Castle in Edinburgh, Scotland as part of his Hawthornden Fellowship. Five writers from across the world were invited to work on the completion of new work while living in the castle. In addition, his poem, “Theoretically Speaking,” appeared in *Frank: An International Journal of Writing and Art*, which is published in Paris, France.

Teresa Prater, Associate Professor of Studio Art, exhibited three of her handmade books at The Southern University Educators Book Arts Invitational at the American Museum of Papermaking in Atlanta, Georgia.

Cathy West, Associate Professor of French and Italian, received a grant from the South Carolina Consortium for International Studies to fund continued research on women of the Maghreb, to present her latest research findings at a conference in Tunisia, and to work toward developing an exchange program with the University of Tunis.

Madelyn Young, Associate Professor of Economics, has been named Chair of the Department of Economics and Business.

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sharon Atherton (graduate student), **Lena Belcher ‘02**, **Melanie Brown ‘03**, **Yolanda Gregg ‘04**, **Kristina Monroe ‘05**, and **Leah Stokes ‘05** were named to the South Carolina Collegiate Honor Band, and performed with the band at the South Carolina Music Educators Convention in February. Now in its fourth year, the SCCHB originated at Converse College in 1998.

Renee Coffman ‘02 has received a full scholarship from Princeton University. Renee plans to pursue her Masters in Divinity degree.

Amber Dillard ‘03 has been nominated to receive the USAA All-American Collegiate Scholar Award and the National Collegiate Student Government Award.

Melissa Redding ‘05 was the recipient of the Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship. Only one recipient was chosen from each independent college in South Carolina. The scholarship carries a value of \$5,000, and was awarded to Melissa because of her outstanding grades during fall term and her academic history throughout high school. One of the main requirements for the scholarship is that Melissa is the first member of her family to attend college.

HONOR AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

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Gifts were made to Converse College in honor of the following individuals (October 1, 2001 to January 31, 2002):

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Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Heriot Guess
(Julia Easterling ‘39)
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson
(Adelaide Capers ‘69)

DOROTHY ANN JONES POWELL ‘56
Mrs. Tolly Gilmer Shelton ‘56

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Ms. Margaret C. Peach ‘84

NANNIE MAY RAWLES
Mrs. Brenda Garner Lancaster ‘02

WILBUR HAZEL REAMES
Dr. Malinda Maxfield Tulloh

LOUISA FARMER REAVES ‘65
Mrs. Mary Emily Jackson Vallarino ‘65

ANNIE LOUISE SHULER ‘35
Elizabeth S. Pentecost and Family

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Dear Alumnae,

I had planned to challenge each of you to increase our level of alumnae giving by pledging to walk from my home in Birmingham to the Converse campus, with my mileage based on each percentage point of increased giving. Given that our current level of participation in the 2001-2002 annual fund is only 24%, I would have worn out several pairs of tennis shoes had each of you responded! Rather than issue another challenge, let me issue a plea: EVERY ALUMNA needs to help in the effort to improve alumnae giving participation! It represents the lifeblood of the College and the one way that everyone can participate in the future success of Converse.

Not only does your gift help financially, but your participation alone is critical in showing foundations, donors, and peer institutions that alumnae stand behind Converse. Additionally, US News & World Report and other respected publications consider alumnae participation in their college rankings. Even a \$10 gift adds one more person to the percentage of alumnae who are reported as supporting Converse. Participation currently stands at 24%. Imagine what message that sends, as opposed to 80%, 90% or 100%!

I encourage you to take a look at the chart on page 15. It is a sobering reality of how we, as alumnae, support our alma mater in comparison to other colleges.

Spring is a time of new beginnings and is the perfect opportunity to renew your commitment to Converse. Best wishes for health, happiness, and success this spring - in each of your lives and in the life of our own Converse College!

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Alumnae NEWS

Travel with the Converse College Alumnae Association

ALUMNI COLLEGE IN SPAIN

July 1-9, 2002

(Jointly sponsored by the Wofford College Alumni Office)

Southern Spain's storied treasures will easily be accessible from the lovely village of Úbeda, your campus abroad site where accommodations include seven nights at the first class Hotel Ciudad de Ubeda. This trip includes three full meals each day, informative educational programs, excursions to Córdoba, Cazorla, Baeza, and Granada, and the services of an Alumni Campus Abroad Campus Director throughout your trip. To add an extra element of excitement, the Converse College Alumnae Office has teamed up with the Wofford College Alumni Office to plan this travel opportunity. Cost: approximately \$2,095 per person, from Atlanta, based on double occupancy.

For more information, call Melissa Jolly, Director of Alumnae, at (864) 596-9055.



CANADIAN ROCKIES TRAIN TOUR

Journey through forests and mountains with waterfalls and breathtaking lakes in areas home to bear, elk, and other magnificent creatures. This adventure of a lifetime will take you to Vancouver, Kamloops, Jasper, Lake Louise, Banff, and Calgary for nine days in late June and early July 2003.

ITALIAN VISTAS

Sample the good life on one of the most popular escorted tours of Italy. Travel through Rome, Capri, Sorrento, Florence, Venice, Verona, Milan, Stresa, Lugano, and Pisa for thirteen days in October 2003.

Look for more information on the trips to Canada and Italy in future issues of the Bulletin!



All classes are invited to...

reunion 2002: a converse revue

April 26-28

To register, call the Alumnae Office at (864) 596-9011 or register online at www.converse.edu by April 19.

Converse Alumnae Association Winter Board Meeting Alumnae Association Establishes Scholarship

The winter board meeting of the Converse College Alumnae Association was held February 2-3 at Converse. The day was filled with reports on strategic planning by President Gray, and presentations by Board of Trustees Chair, Mary Rainey Belser '69; VP for Institutional Advancement, Scott Rawles; VP of Enrollment Management, Susan Ikerd; SGA President Mary DeGraw and VP Maria Perry. In the afternoon, Webmaster Julie Clarkson presented advances that have been made to the Converse Website (see article on pages 8-9). A report was made by Executive Director of Development, Josh Newton, after which board members were asked to participate in a fund-raising "Thank-A-Thon" to express appreciation to donors who have already been made to the Converse Fund.

After committees met, the board reconvened and addressed the decision of how to utilize the money that would be raised that evening at the silent auction/dinner. The board voted unanimously to establish a Converse Alumnae Association Board Scholarship with funds raised. As a result of the auction that evening, approximately \$1,400 was raised to establish the fund. At the April meeting of the Alumnae Association Board, the allocation process will be determined.

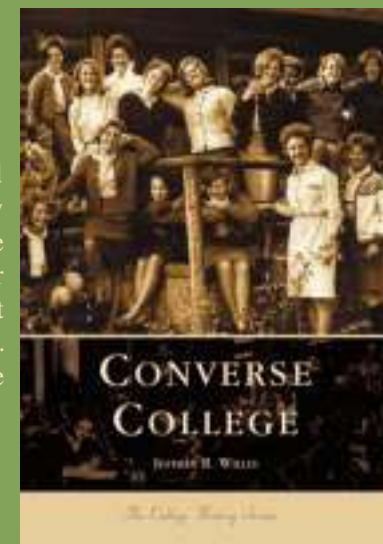
Local Alumnae Volunteer for Converse

A big THANK YOU to all Spartanburg alumnae who helped make calls during the Admissions Phone-A-Thon in March! Alumnae called prospective students to encourage them to choose Converse, which was very valuable in helping the admissions office close the gap with high school seniors who were still making their final college decisions. Talking with a Converse alumna helps to tip the scale because it provides an insider viewpoint of a Converse education and reinforces the College's commitment to personalized attention. Alumnae who participated in this event made an important difference for Converse!

Special Keepsakes for Converse Alumnae

A Pictorial History of Converse

Dr. Jeffrey Willis, Andrew Helms Distinguished Professor of History, has compiled a pictorial history that portrays how Converse has evolved over the past 112 years. Dr. Willis draws from his 35-year career at Converse in combining informative text with many previously unseen photographs. Proceeds from A Pictorial History of Converse benefit the Converse Alumnae Association.



A Gift that Benefits Converse Students: "Nothing Like an Old Friend"



Enjoy the heartwarming stories and toe-tapping songs of Converse alumna and recording artist Daryle Ryce '75. "Nothing Like an Old Friend" was recorded at Daryle's live performance at Converse in spring 2001 and includes her own rendition of the Converse Alma Mater. Proceeds benefit the Hayward Ellis Theatre Scholarship Fund at Converse.

Order forms can be downloaded from the Converse Website or submitted online at www.converse.edu (visit the Specialty Converse Gifts page in the Alumnae section). Orders will be shipped upon receipt. Please allow 2-4 weeks for delivery.

2002 ALUMNAE AWARD WINNERS



Star Award
Sandra Sherard Bethea '67

An alumna who has actively and admirably served Converse in the area of recruitment is given the Converse Star Award. This year's recipient is Sandra Sherard Bethea. Sandra received her B.S. degree in psychology from Converse, and continued her postgraduate studies at Virginia Commonwealth University.

While actively involved in her community, Sandra has been a tireless champion for Converse. She has written numerous letters to prospective students in the Midlands area of South Carolina encouraging them to consider Converse. In 1987, she established the Sandra Sherard Bethea Endowed Scholarship in an effort to provide financial assistance to Converse students. Sandra has also served on the Converse Alumnae Board, and is a former class of '67 representative.

Her efforts of community involvement include serving on the Baptist Hospital Medical Foundation, the Baptist Women's Board, and Hammond School Parents Association. Sandra has served as deacon, elder, and 1st vice-moderator for Eastminster Presbyterian Church. She has also completed mission work in Brazil.

Sandra and her husband, Robert P. Bethea, live in Columbia, S.C. They have two sons, two daughters-in-law, and one grandson.



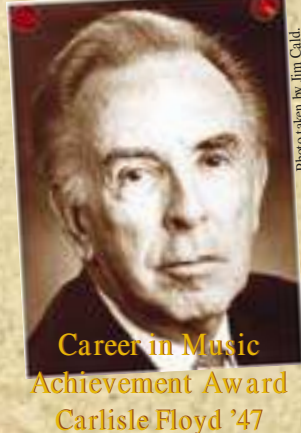
Converse 100 Award
Kay Wyatt Cheves '67

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. With her selfless giving to community service projects, Kay Wyatt Cheves is most deserving of this award.

Since graduating from Converse, Kay has been heavily involved in her local community of Greenville, S.C. Kay is a member of Junior League of Greenville, and has served as chairman of several committees for the group since 1969. She has also served as president of the Christ Church Episcopal School Parents' Organization, and is currently serving as a member of the Undershepard Program at First Presbyterian Church in Greenville.

Kay has also been true to her alma mater by serving as a member of the Alumnae Board, Board of Visitors, and as class agent for the annual fund. She served as chairman of the Parents Advisory Council and Ex-Officio Member of the Board of Trustees.

Kay and her husband, Langdon Cheves, Jr., live in Greenville. They have three children: Langdon, Kathryn, and Caroline.



Career in Music Achievement Award
Carlisle Floyd '47

The Career Achievement in Music Award is presented to Carlisle Floyd. One of the foremost composers and librettists of opera in the United States today, Carlisle first achieved national prominence with the New York premiere of his opera, *Susannah*, by the New York City Opera in 1956 after its world premiere in 1955. Floyd's operas are regularly performed in this country and in Europe; at least two of them have entered the permanent operatic repertoire.

Recently, the composer has gained increasing attention for his non-operatic works. 1993 saw the New York premiere of Floyd's orchestral song cycle, *Citizen of Paradise*, based on poems and letters of Emily Dickinson. Floyd's latest opera, *Cold Sassy Tree*, premiered at Houston Grand Opera in April 2000.

Floyd has been the recipient of a number of honors and awards: a Guggenheim Fellowship (1956); Citation of Merit from the National Association of American Conductors and Composers (1957); and the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Nation Award from the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce (1959). He served on the Music Panel of the National Endowment for the Arts from 1974-80 and was the first chairman of the Opera/Musical Theater Panel when that program was created by the Endowment in 1976.



Distinguished Alumna Award
Dr. Grace Beacham Freeman

The Distinguished Alumna Award is given each year to a Converse alumna in recognition of outstanding achievement in her field, service to her community or society, and loyalty to Converse. Without doubt, Grace Beacham Freeman is deserving of this award.

Grace's career has been characterized by her passion for the written and spoken word. Her early poems appeared in various journals, including the *Saturday Evening Post*. In 1951, a number of her poems were collected in a small "envelope book" entitled *Children Are Poetry*. From 1954-1964, her feature, *At Our House*, was distributed by King Features Syndicate throughout the US and Canada three times a week. In 1976, her *No Costumes or Masks* won Best Book by a South Carolina Poet. In 1985, Governor Richard Riley appointed Grace to serve as Poet Laureate for the state. Grace was presented with an honorary degree from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in North Carolina, and in 1992, she was given the Fortner Writers Forum Award. Grace has made appearances at The Kennedy Center for Arts in Education, The Maastricht Arts Center (The Netherlands), and Chumley's (NY).

Grace and her husband, John A. Freeman, Ph.D., live in North Carolina. They have four children.



Career Achievement Award
Phyllis Perrin Harris '82

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. Phyllis Perrin Harris '82 earned a B.A. in politics from Converse College and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Florida College of Law in 1985.

In 1986, Phyllis accepted a position with the Department of Health and Human Services in Atlanta. Later that year, she served as a staff attorney for the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4 in Atlanta, handling matters involving the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

In 1994, she was named Regional Counsel and Director for the US EPA's Region 4, a post she maintains today. Her responsibilities include serving as chief legal counsel to regional program managers on all aspects of EPA's environmental, employment, labor, and grants programs. She was presented with the 2001 Presidential Rank Meritorious Executive Award by President George W. Bush in recognition for "long-term results, consistency, integrity, strength, and commitment to excellence in public service."

Phyllis and her husband, Raymond Todd Harris, live in Atlanta with their three children.



Community Service Award
Lydia Kellett '62

The Community Service Award is presented to a Converse alumna who displays qualities of a vibrant citizen, evidenced through involvement in her community, church, and state. Lydia Willard Kellett '62 is most deserving of the award. Throughout her life, she has been devoted to improving the lives of those not only in her community, but also throughout the world. Children, education, and poverty stricken families have always been important mission areas for Lydia.

Shortly after graduating from Converse with a B.A. in education, Lydia served on the Board of the Junior League in Greenville. Lydia and her husband, Dr. William (Bill) W. Kellett, have formed an effective mission team, serving as foster parents. Together they have helped to stabilize infants born with addictions, performed crisis intervention, and provided short-term care for children.

As a ruling elder of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greenville, she has been involved with local and international church missions for 15 years. Each year, she and Bill travel to a developing country for medical mission work. This work has taken them to Africa, South America, and Central America. For the past several years, Lydia has led community groups in developing a center for education and health care in an impoverished neighborhood in Greenville.



Mae Kilgo Spirit Award
Ann Davidson Marion '47

The Alumnae Association's Mae Elizabeth Kilgo Spirit Award is presented to a graduate who has kept the spirit of Converse College visible to other alumnae and her community through her loyal service to Converse. While at Converse, Ann Davidson participated in various sports, earned a Block C, and was active in the Student Government Association as treasurer. She also took an active role in the college magazine, *Concept*, was elected to Wild Thyme, served as co-editor of the College's newspaper *Parley Voo*, and was a charter member of Crescent.

Ann's current interest centers on genealogy and family history. As part of her community service, she has served as president of the Chester County Historical Society, the Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies, the Chester Main Street Advisory Board, and the Catawba Regional Historical Preservation. Ann has also served as a trustee for the Chester County Library, and served the Chester Chamber of Commerce in several capacities. She has served as president of the Wofford College Parents Association, vice-president of the Converse College Alumnae Association, and class representative for the class of 1947 for many years.

Ann married Malcolm L. Marion, Jr., M.D. in 1948. They have four children. Her granddaughter, Jane, is a sophomore at Converse.



Converse 100 Award
Evelyn "Patti" Moore McGee '57

For her embodiment of the qualities of character and achievement, Evelyn "Patti" Moore McGee '57 has been chosen to receive the Converse 100 Award. Since graduating from Converse with a B.A. in history, Patti has lived in Charleston, SC, where she has been active in historic preservation and horticultural activities.

She is a past president of the Junior League of Charleston and the Women's Council of the Carolina Art Association. She served as chairman of the Charleston Arts and History Commission and the city's Tourist Management Commission. Patti was influential in the early stages of the Spoleto Festival and served on the festival's Board of Directors. She represented SC on the National Trust for Historic Preservation Board of Advisors and was chairman of the host committee when the Trust held its annual meeting in Charleston in 1990.

Since the late '80s, gardening and garden-related activities have been her principal interest. She sits on the board of the Garden Conservancy, a national organization committed to the preservation of private gardens. More recently, Patti has been active as a founding member of the Charleston Horticultural Society and serves on its board.

Patti and her husband, Joseph H. "Peter" McGee, have two children and three grandchildren.

ALUMNAE BOARD SLATE

2002



President-Elect

- Carroll Sibley Clancy '71, Raleigh, NC
- Raleigh Converse Club Chair and Converse Class Fund Chair
 - 1970's Decade Representative on the Alumnae Association Board
 - Board member, North Carolina Museum of Natural History



1st Vice-President and Nominations Committee Chair

- Jane Manning Hyatt '93, Spartanburg, SC
- District Sales Manager for Prentice Hall
 - Member, Junior League of Spartanburg
 - M.Ed. from Converse in 1998



2nd Vice-President and National Club Chair

- Sandra Sherard Bethea '67, Columbia, SC
- Office Manager and Receptionist in the office of her husband, Dr. Robert Bethea
 - Deacon and Elder, Eastminster Presbyterian Church
 - Former Class Representative and 1960's Decade Representative on the Alumnae Association Board



CARE Chair

- Libby Ann Kepley Inabinet '86, Columbia, SC
- Reading Specialist, Meadowfield Elementary School
 - Vice President for Community, Junior League of Columbia
 - 1980's Decade Representative, Alumnae Association Board



Secretary

- Candy Moore '93, Fort Mill, SC
- Vice President of Marketing, Wachovia in Charlotte, NC
 - Employee Financial Services Marketing Director
 - Member, Junior League of Charlotte

1940's Decade Representative

- Christie Zimmerman Fant '41, Columbia, SC
- Retired from the South Carolina Department of Archives and History as assistant director for historical programs
 - Active member, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
 - Board member, Archives and History Foundation



1950's Decade Representative

- Bette Hubbard Wakefield '50, Spartanburg, SC
- Sustainer and former president, Junior League of Spartanburg
 - Master gardener
 - Avid traveler



1960's Decade Representative

- Harriet Messer Goldsmith '69, Greenville, SC
- Christ Church Episcopal, Junior Warden of the Vestry
 - Board member, Peace Center for the Performing Arts
 - Volunteer, Metropolitan Arts Council



1970's Decade Representative

- Karen Clarke '70, Tampa, FL
- Retired owner and Vice-President, Peninsular Paper Company
 - Sustaining member, Junior League of Tampa
 - Supporter of nature and the environment, outdoor enthusiast



1970's Decade Representative

- Grazier Connors Rhea '74, Rock Hill, SC
- Community Development Director, Catawba Regional Council of Governments
 - Past President, South Carolina Community Development Association
 - Founding member, Past President and current Board member of Historic Rock Hill



1980's Decade Representative

- Palmer Davison Ball '84, Spartanburg, SC
- Business Manager, Spartanburg Day School
 - Board member, Stop the Violence and Converse Heights Neighborhood Association
 - Former President and Treasurer, Elen Hines Smith Girls' Home



1980's Decade Representative

- Claudia Barton Coleman '82, Greenville, SC
- Converse Class Representative
 - Active member, Christ Episcopal Church and Vice President of the Altar Guild
 - Board member, Beck Middle School and J. L. Mann High School



1980's Decade Representative

- Ann Lanier Jackson '86, Jacksonville, FL
- Quilt artist, Past President Honeybee Quilt Guild, Jacksonville, FL
 - Former Class Representative, Current Class Fund Chair
 - Adult Education Facilitator, All Saints Episcopal Church



1990's Decade Representative

- Erin Rich '98, Spartanburg, SC
- Senior Audit and Tax Accountant, Swaim Brown & Elliott PA
 - Member, Junior League of Spartanburg
 - Treasurer, Artist Guild of Spartanburg



1990's Decade Representative

- Heather Eldridge '97, Columbia, SC
- 8th Grade Reading/ Language Arts Teacher, Hand Middle School
 - Provisional Member, Junior League of Columbia
 - Current Converse Class Representative



1990's Decade Representative

- Charlotte Page '91, Brevard, NC
- Director, Rockbrook Camp for Girls, Brevard, NC
 - Graduate, National Outdoor Leadership School
 - Owner/ Designer of C-Saw Productions, specializing in creative garden art and furniture



Golden Club Representative

- Marianne Ellison Bartram '49, Spartanburg, SC
- Former math teacher, Columbia, Pendleton, and Lancaster
 - Retired math teacher, Greenville Technical College
 - Former Deacon, First Baptist Church of Greenville, SC



Converse II

- Pam Whiteside '01, Tryon, NC
- Psychology major
 - Planning to go to graduate school



At-Large Member

- Mary Helen Richbourg Earle '85, Greenville, SC
- Immediate Past 2nd Vice-President and National Club Chair, Alumnae Association Board
 - Airplane pilot with commercial multi-engine license
 - Member, St. Mary's Catholic Church choir



At-Large Member

- Lydia Wood '92, Atlanta, GA
- Atlanta Converse Club Chair
 - Recruiting and Management Staffing Coach, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
 - BellSouth Pioneer volunteer and Hands On Atlanta Volunteer



At-Large Member

- Bet Kenan Hamilton '83, Spartanburg, SC
- Board member, Spartanburg Day School
 - Immediate past chairman, Converse Alumnae Recruitment Effort (CARE)
 - Former Converse Class Fund Chair



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ROANOKE, VA
Alumnae in Roanoke met for lunch with President Nancy Gray at the Hotel Roanoke on Tuesday, October 26, 2001.

Photo #1: Pictured from l to r: Judy Coggins Deyerle '61, Sara Stonesifer Airheart '49, Anne Roberts Hooe '75, Meesie Morrett Hutcheson '38, Eula Ligon Rosenberger '63, Lib Harris Hobbie '42, Margaret Jarrett Morris '45, Laura Terry Norris '53, Margaret McGowan Robertson '52, Peggy Robertson Robinson '48, Bettie Jenkins Senter '42, Cathy Roy Stone '66, Kay Van Allen '70, Alice King Whitescarver '43, and Harriette Purdy Williams '42.



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WINSTON-SALEM, NC
Glenn and Ruthlee Phillips Orr '62 hosted the Campaign Kick-off event in their home on Tuesday, October 16, 2001.

Photo #2: Pictured from l to r: Josh Newton, Ann Fulton Walker '76, Melissa Daves Jolly '69, Ruthlee Phillips Orr '62, Glenn Orr, President Nancy Gray, Jenny Kimbrel Bunn '67, and Jim Bunn.



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RICHMOND, VA
Conner and Brenda Burke McGehee '64 hosted the Campaign Kick-off event in their home on Thursday, October 18, 2001.

Photo #3: Pictured from l to r: Dr. Byron McCane, Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Converse; Conner and Brenda McGehee; and President Nancy Gray.



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CHARLESTON, SC
Wayland and Marion Rivers Cato '65 hosted the Campaign Kick-off event in their home on Tuesday, October 23, 2001.

Photo #4: Pictured from l to r: Wayland and Marion Cato; Scott Rawles, V-P for Institutional Advancement; and Josh Newton, Executive Director of Development.



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BIRMINGHAM, AL
Mike and Gillian White Goodrich '68 hosted the Campaign Kick-off event in their home on Monday, October 29, 2001.

Photo #5: President Nancy Gray and Gillian White Goodrich at the event in Birmingham.



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MONTGOMERY, AL
Dabney Hunter McKenzie '76 hosted a Converse luncheon in her home on Tuesday, October 3, 2001.

Photo #6: Pictured from l to r: Lucy Finley Jackson '49, Menelle Head Weiss '75, President Nancy Gray, Martha Beasley Cassels '53, Dabney Hunter McKenzie '76, Mary Ward Wisnewski '78, Elise Warren '75, Jane Murray Massey '79, and Lee Holmes '94.

MOBILE, AL
Alumnae in Mobile met for a reception at the home of David and Kay Watt Clark '78 on Tuesday, October 30, 2001.

Photo #7: Pictured from l to r: Winkie Giddens Greer '62, Julie Phifer Murry '57, and Kay Watt Clark '78.

COLUMBIA, SC
The Columbia Campaign Kick-off event was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at The Palmetto Club.

Photo #8: President Nancy Gray addressed alumnae in Columbia at the Palmetto Club.

CHARLOTTE, NC
Patty O'Hearon Norman '69 hosted the Charlotte Campaign Kick-off event in her home on Thursday, November 15, 2001.

Photo #9: Pictured are: President Nancy Gray and Alumnae Association Board member, Candy Moore '93 and her guest.

GOLDEN CLUB LUNCHEON
The Spartanburg Golden Club met for lunch on Sunday, November 18, 2001. Golden Club members enjoyed the buffet and speaker Bill Barnet, Chairman of the Campaign for Converse, Building for the Future. Members of the Converse Granddaughters Club attended and helped with the luncheon.

Photo #10: Bill Barnet, speaker

SPARTANBURG, SC
President Nancy Gray and Mary Rainey Belser '69, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, hosted a Christmas Cheer event in Main Hall before the Festival of Lessons and Carols in Twichell on Monday, December 3, 2001. The Alumnae Office also hosted a wine and cheese and book-signing event on Monday, December 10, 2001. Dr. Jeff Willis signed his latest book: Converse College: A Pictorial History.

Photo #11: Dr. Charles Ashmore, Dean Emeritus; Dr. Jeff Willis, Andrew Helmus Distinguished Professor; and Dr. John Stevenson, Charles A. Dana Professor Emeritus of English at the book-signing event in December.

TAMPA, FL
Converse Alumnae Board member, Lib Harper Hopkins '49 and her husband, Bill, hosted a Converse get-together in their home on Monday, January 21, 2002.

Photo #12: Pictured from l to r: Lib Harper Hopkins '49, Beth Woods Sessums '87, Emily Gilges Watson '83, Lisa Burks Clark '90, Gordon McLeod and Jean Wall from Tampa Prep, Josh Newton, Karen Clarke '70, Mary Margaret Smith Dolcimascolo '72, Jan Rorebeck Dees '70, Cathy Booth Chambers '68, Dr. Bill Hopkins, Jessica Eggimann '00, and seated, President Nancy Gray.

JACKSONVILLE, FL
Mary Jane and Jack Uible hosted a reception in their home for Converse alumnae on Tuesday, January 22, 2002. Billy and Beth Uible Morris '81 co-hosted the event.

Photo #13: Pictured from l to r: Billy and Beth Uible Morris '81, Mary Jane Uible, Melissa Daves Jolly '69, President Nancy Gray, Jack Uible, Gay Simmons Colyer '73, and Josh Newton.

AUGUSTA, GA
Alumnae met at the Pinnacle Club for lunch on Thursday, January 31, 2002.

Photo #14: Pictured from l to r: Liz Griffin, guest of Octavia Garlington, Kristi Goodwin Connell '95, Octavia Garlington '49, Nancy Harlan Gooding '83, Alice Haskell Sanders '61, and Melissa Daves Jolly '69.

ANDERSON, SC
Melissa Henderson Pickens '95, club chair in Anderson, planned an alumnae luncheon on Thursday, February 7 at the Anderson Country Club. Dr. Jeff Willis gave a program on "Converse in Pictures" from his new book, Converse College: A Pictorial History.

Photo #15: Pictured from l to r: Amelia Townsend Alexander '53, Melissa Daves Jolly '69, Josh Newton, Melissa Henderson Pickens '95, Nell Taylor, Amy Prevost Brickle '84, Velma Hood Mayer '24, Jane Gray Williams Suggs '55, and Dr. Jeff Willis.

ROCK HILL, SC
Susan Amos Herron '88, club chair in Rock Hill, planned a luncheon at the City Club of Rock Hill on Wednesday, February 13, 2002. The program featured Rock Hill native, Jane McCollum Marion, Converse sophomore, as speaker.

Photo #16: Pictured from l to r: Ann Davidson Marion '47, Dr. Malcolm and Jeannie Marion, Sarah Whitfield Marion, Harriet Marshall Goode '59, Totty Brooks Wilkerson '64, Nancy Steed Powell '58, Joyce Adams Spencer '57, Feeny Dunlap Galloway '51, Wesley Smith Poe '58, Mildred Robards '54, Jane Beasley Moore '54, Betsy Shepherd Ancrum '54, Rose Marie Platt Ellison '50, Ann Ratterree Herlong '51, Lucy Robinson Hemphill '56, Mary Jo Turner Stone '49, Margaret Jackson Bundy '54, Dicksie Mims Ward '56, Grazier Connors Rhea '74, Sally Herlong '81, Susan Secord Marion '80, Lorie Secord, Sherry Anne Blumer Gettys '78, her mother, Katie Blumer and daughter, Charlotte Gettys, Laura O'Neal Mauldin '35, Susan Amos Herron '88, Jane Marion '04, Josh Newton, and Melissa Daves Jolly '69.

ADAPT MEETING
Converse hosted the ADAPT (Alumnae Directors and Association Presidents Together) meeting this year on November 9-11, 2001. Colleges represented: Cedar Crest College, Chatham College, Converse College, Hollins University, Hood College, Mary Baldwin College, Meredith College, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Salem College, Sweet Briar College, Wells College, Wesleyan College, and Wilson College. Member colleges that were not present: Agnes Scott College and Newcomb College.

ASHEVILLE, NC
President Nancy Gray and Melissa Daves Jolly '69 had lunch with alumnae at the Deerfield Retirement Community in Asheville, NC on November 7, 2001.

Photo # 17: Pictured from l to r: Eleanor Gibson Smith '37, President Nancy Gray, Volina Cline Valentine '32, (hostess) Carolyn Byrd Tipton '51, and Ruth Paddison '47.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
The Converse College Alumnae Association Board met on campus for the winter meeting on February 2-3, 2002.

Photo #18: Pictured from l to r: Front row, Berry Bate '75, Betty Arthur Hardaway '71, Jane Manning Hyatt '93, Erin Rich '98, Karen Clarke '70, Catherine Cranford '96, Miriam Creech Brice '86, Carroll Sibley Clancy '71, Elizabeth Simons. 2nd row: Gelene Duncan Ellsworth '63, Mary Helen Richbourg Earle '85, Polly Hill Woodham '51, Mary Alice Ingram Busch '50, Chesnut Clarke Allen '94, Lydia Wood '92, Bet Kenan Hamilton '83, Libby Anne Kepley Inabinet '86, Elise Warren '75. Back row: Mary Frances Morgan '43, Melissa Daves Jolly '69, Sandra Sherrard Bethea '67, Candy Moore '93, Bobbie Daniel '71, and Mindy Thompson Orman '71.

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 _____

Join the Converse Network

Please check areas in which you are interested.

☐ Alumnae Board

☐ Development/ Fundraising

☐ Class Representative

☐ Converse Clubs

☐ Serve on an Alumnae Telephone Committee

☐ Assist Admissions with Student Recruitment

☐ Provide an Internship Opportunity for Current Students

☐ Host Reception for Prospective Students

☐ Attend a College Fair

☐ Call Prospective Students

☐ Provide Contacts with Hiring Personnel

Alumnae Information Update

Please include relevant dates and information in order for your life event to be published. Please type or print all information.

Name (first, maiden, last) _____

Class year _____

Street address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

Home phone _____

Work phone _____

Email _____

Vacation address _____

Street address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

CLASS OF 1930

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2002
Representative:
Mrs. Effie Leland Wilder
CMR97 Presbyterian Home
201 W. 9th North Street
Summerville, SC 29483, 843-873-0657

We received information in the Alumnae Office that Effie Leland Wilder was recognized by Gov. Jim Hodges when he proclaimed August 28, 2001 as Effie Leland Wilder Day in South Carolina in her honor. Effie also celebrated her 92nd birthday on that day. She has authored five novels, the first one at age 85. Her most recent book, Oh, My Goodness!, was released in September. Her other books are now available in paperback.

CLASS OF 1933

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2002
Representative:
Mrs. Blanche Dennis Cantey
420 Joseph Walker Drive
West Columbia, SC 29169

Another of my poems from the book “Be Fay” which is dedicated to my friend Mae Elizabeth Kilgo.

Twas the day after Christmas
And all through the house
Every creature was stirring
Even that mouse.

The stockings were empty and slung to the floor
The presents were scattered from chimney to door.

My wife in her nightie and I in the nude
Were trying to clean the junk left by that dude.

The children pretended
They got the right toys
But we knew it
Didn’t bring any Christmas joys.

So next year this time
We’ll hide under cover
And not mind the fact
That Christmas is over!

CLASS OF 1944

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2002
Representative:
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Clara “Sister” Buchan Creighton’s granddaughter, Kelly Creighton, will graduate

from Converse in May 2002. She serves as co-chair of the Granddaughters Club. Kelly completed an internship related to her major at the Bi-Lo Center in Greenville, SC during winter term. Can you believe “Sister” has four great-grandchildren? They all live in Tampa, FL near Dr. Clara Creighton, their grandmother who has a medical practice in Tampa. Please circle the weekend of April 26-28 as Converse Reunion Weekend. The Golden Club luncheon on Friday, April 26th, will be a happy occasion. Sister and I are hoping that some of our class can get together that weekend in honor of Kelly Creighton’s graduation. Be in touch with Sister or myself if you can join us at a nearby restaurant for dinner on Friday or Saturday night that weekend. Mary Dyches Kenney from Aiken wrote a Christmas note about how much she enjoyed the Converse magazine. In November Celeste Humphreys Morrison enjoyed a tour of Italy with a group from her church. Celeste serves as organist at Memorial United Methodist Church in Charlotte, NC. She recently began a new part time business venture as fashion coordinator for a line of ladies clothing. My favorite gift from Santa this year was a pictorial history of Converse by Dr. Jeffrey Willis. The pictures and comments are arranged by decades. In October I flew to Nashville to see my oldest granddaughter play and sing her role as “Annie” in Annie, Get Your Gun. The theatre departments of Harpeth Hall and Montgomery Bell Academy produced this and Audrey’s parents and I enjoyed two performances. Audrey also sings harmony on David Ball’s new CD, “Amigo”. David’s big hit on this CD is “Riding with Private Malone”. I’m very partial but the CD makes for good listening. Wait until you see the magnificent facilities of The Weisiger Center, which is part of The Sally Abney Rose Physical Activity Complex. We also thank Mary Helen Garrison Dalton ‘46 for the beautiful renovation of Wilson Hall.

CLASS OF 1945

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2002
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Margaret Jarrett Morris sent the cutest pictures of her grandchildren (three girls) at Christmas when they were “almost five, almost three, and almost one.” The youngest,

son Wistar’s baby girl Taylor, was born 1/ 1/ 1 - wasn’t that clever of her? Margaret and Barton spend much of each summer at their place in Linville, NC enjoying mountains, friends, and golf. Betty Chreitzberg Crenshaw writes that her husband, Bryan, retired from the Methodist ministry in 1987, remaining active for several years before developing Alzheimers in the mid 90’s. They are in Greenville, SC but spend summer months at Lake Junaluska. Betty says, “I think we are doing amazingly well.” Mary Fab enjoyed a phone visit with Helen Myatt Ferguson who, after one year at Converse, received her bachelor’s in speech at Northwestern, her master’s at Idaho State, and her PhD at the University of Maryland. Her husband, Herbert, a lawyer, died in 1997. She lives in Sterling, VA where she enjoys reading, writing book reviews, and teaching English to the primarily Hispanic staff at the retirement home. She is blessed with three daughters and three grandsons and has enjoyed lots of overseas travel, including a trip to India with the oldest grandson. It’s good to learn of your whereabouts and doings after all these years, Helen. “I love hearing about all of you,” says Barbara Lee Gurley, though several difficult years in her life have prevented her coming to reunions. She has a daughter in Spartanburg, three sons, and five grandsons, one of whom graduated from Georgia Tech, one at Clemson, and one in his first year at Presbyterian. Her only granddaughter is at Georgia Tech (Paul’s alma mater). Barbara has a beach house at Hilton Head and spends a few weeks there in May and June. Dorothy Foster Powell reports from Houston: “When Gordon died eighteen years ago, my life changed completely. But I have been blessed with four wonderful daughters and their families. All eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren live in Texas.” Dot has had some memorable trips including a revisitation last year of Austria and Germany, 20 years after her first trip to Europe. Margaret McLeod Hunter signs in briefly: “With four children (one Converse graduate) and ten grandchildren in our fold, Sam and I are happy to celebrate 55 years together.” Sue Robbins Murray was in charge of planning her 60th high school reunion in Chester, SC last fall. But then, as Sue puts it, “I’ve always been in charge of the reunion there.”

CLASS OF 1946

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2002
Representative:
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The Alumnae Office sent all of you a letter about the devastating loss of our precious grandson, Dalton Marsh King. He had bipolar disorder (manic-depressive) and ADD and he could not accept the half life and depression that went with it. Bobbie said I could use this space to thank those of you, and there have been so many, who have showered us with loving concern and comforting words. It seems the whole world grieves with us. I try to take comfort that he was a beautiful gift for 20 years. Thanks to each of you for your thoughtfulness; it has been truly remarkable. I have been overwhelmed by your response. Thank you again and again. Love, Mary Helen PS: I have various news items that I am holding until our summer magazine.

CLASS OF 1947

55th Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2002
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For our 55th reunion, the Converse College Class of 1947 will gather on April 26th and 27th. Hopefully your reservations are made and you will be joining us for the festivities! Elizabeth (Speedy) Browning Davis is planning to be with us. She writes that her grandson, Ty, who joined the Navy earlier and is aboard the carrier, USS Kitty Hawk, got an unexpected leave over Christmas. He flew home from Japan, so it was a real treat for all of the family to be together. Sarah Parker Lumpkin and Bob went to Mississippi to see their son, Parker, receive his Navy Captain’s rank. Loris Dean Burnett Clifford sent a marvelous Christmas picture with her good-looking children and grandchildren. They are still in Manchester, MO. Sara Ann Sammons Hawkins who lives in Huntington, WV was so thoughtful to welcome our nephew and his family to that town. She made brownies and took the new family out to dinner. How about that for a Converse connection! Hallie Park Foster retired from teaching 20 years ago and has since been busy with her church, music, and travels. She and husband Edwin attended his 52nd Wofford reunion last year. It was great to hear from Eunice Rice Horton, Jane Woodcock Williams, Mary Ann Graves Barnes, Betty Jane Bramlett, Bob Ragsdale Wylie, Ruth Paddison, Mary Young Cousar, and Adelaide Sox Nichols.

Many of them are making plans to join us. We’ll look for you all!

CLASS OF 1950

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Alumnae Weekend, 2002
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As winter gives way to spring blossoms, we trust this year is going well for each of you. And we expect all are hopeful for the end to terrorism worldwide and pray it will never be experienced again. It is time once more to share news of our classmates and we always welcome some for each newsletter. Reavis Gray Davis and Bette Hubbard Wakefield along with Reavis’ grandson took a trip to Germany, Hungary, Austria, and Slovakia. They really had some great experiences in those great historical areas of Europe. Reavis’ grandson has since become a student at Savannah College of Art and Design. Bette went to the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion Canyon, Las Vegas, and Phoenix in October. The weather was magnificent. She had two other trips cancelled but was able to make these in spite of the NY fiasco. Dot Ormond Grier and Tom took a fabulous cruise last fall. They did not go down the east coast of Africa as planned but went through the Mediterranean. They ended up in Cape Town and then up the African west coast to their final destination of Lisbon. They loved the trip, but after 51 days home looked mighty good! A funny story from Carolyn Duer Pennell: “I have no news other than the entire fire department came to my house during Christmas dinner. When I extinguished some CHEAP candles because they were dripping on my table, such smoke arose and set off the alarm. Being a Converse girl, I didn’t know that my entry code was what I needed to cut off the alarm. Now I know. I had seven fire trucks in my yard and about fifteen policemen. The five year old ran outside, the eleven and nine year olds never stopped eating. The adults acted like idiots.” Let us hear about your trips, grandkids, accomplishments and other good happenings in your lives.

CLASS OF 1951

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2002
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Adrienne Davant Crawford lives in Columbia and her daughters outnumber the boys three to two. Her youngest daughter, Davant, named her youngest daughter Adrian which makes the fifth generation Adrian. Her son Lindsey bought a new house - an exciting year for the family. Ann McCaskill Leonard and Dr. Ray Leonard spend time at Hilton Head. Their daughter, Leslie, works with their dentist son, Walt. Patricia Riley Lanier had a lovely luncheon at her home in Atlanta entertaining four Converse friends. Claire Patrick Evans of Boulder, CO visited relatives last summer at Litchfield Beach. Mary Jane Beers Cooper is enjoying living in Sarasota, FL. Ann Ratteree Herlong attended the wedding of a former pupil in Chicago. Jo Chenault Mattes and Ray spent fourteen days in Italy, traveling all over and loving it more than the time before, and for the past four years have spent three weeks in St. Martin. With six children grown and families of their own, there is time for travel. Josephine “Feeny” Dunlap Galloway and Jimmy spent time in London, England and other favorite places in Europe. Carolyn Byrd Tipton and Johnny’s son, Ned, gave an organ concert at Central Methodist Church in Asheville, NC. Attending the concert were Polly Hill Woodham, Ann Gwathmey Badgett and Jane Taylor Milne. Ned is organist and choirmaster of the American Cathedral in Paris, France. Dr. Malcolm Brown of Bloomington, IN wrote that he taught musicology for 31 years at Indiana University and is now enjoying retirement. Most of his time is spent continuing to do research and publication on Russian music. Yvonne Gilliland Gibson and husband, Henry, spent two wonderful weeks in France. Henry has celebrated his 50th anniversary in the practice of medicine and continues to practice. Priscilla Beard Blosser-Rainey performed in a number of musical concerts during the Christmas season.



Margaret Jackson Bundy '54

Margaret Jackson Bundy '54 has been a champion of public library service for more than twenty years. In February, the South Carolina State Library and the South Carolina State Library Foundation showed their appreciation for Margaret by announcing a scholarship in her honor at the University of South Carolina that will assist students who are interested in a career in public library service.

Margaret's service with the S.C. State Library began in 1992. "Governor Carroll Campbell asked me to serve on the Library's Board," she says. She went on to serve two terms as chairman from 1994-98.

Under her leadership, the Library gained a \$1.5 million appropriation from the General Assembly in funding for the DISCUS program (Digital Information for South Carolina Users). "DISCUS, in essence, is South Carolina's virtual library," says Margaret. "Through this program, all South Carolinians have equitable access to a vast electronic library by using the Internet at participating libraries throughout the state." According to documents released by the State Library, over 3.8 million documents were obtained through DISCUS during the 2000-01 fiscal year.

To this day, Margaret continues her service to the State Library. In March 2001, Governor Jim Hodges reappointed her to the State Library Board, representing the Fifth Congressional District through June 2006.

CLASS OF 1952

50th Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2002
Representative:

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With our 50th class reunion coming up, I want to thank you who are making it happen. Everyone in the class was contacted by Gladys Lamb Barber, Nancy Barr Carson, Margaret Burks Fishkin, Anne Jagger Johnston, Ann Colhoun Martin, Del Dellinger Poovey, Peggy McArthur Robertson, Anne Stevens Clay, Ann Hall Hines, Susie Earnhardt Smith, Polly Day Judy, or Alice Smith Bell. Martha Denny Jeter has been busy working on the interior design of the old Jeter plantation, which is nine miles out of Union. Called Woodland Home, it is listed in the National Trust of Historic Homes. Martha does a lot of needlepoint design and work, makes pillows, does a lot of garden work, and still sings in the church choir. Sally Flanary McClellan has a busy schedule with 12 grandchildren, ages 2 to 19. All are in Nashville along with Sally's four children and their spouses. Sally's hobbies are grandmothering, gardening, and golf. We look forward to seeing you April 26-28 as we celebrate our 50th reunion! What an exciting time!

CLASS OF 1953

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2003

Representative:
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Polly Morris Harper had the big birthday in November and her children hosted a fabulous barn dance and bar-b-q at the Gramling Barn. Polly, Becky Ramsaur Pennell, and I are in the same garden club, so I see Polly at least once a month. Her daughter, Blanche Gramling Weathers '78, Polly, and I attended a mother/daughter luncheon in October minus my daughter, Mindy, who was unable to attend. Martha Grier Bomar '42 and her daughter, Betsy, were also there. Lil Lindsay Sachs was honored by her husband, Bill, and their children with a beautiful seated dinner at the Palmetto Club in Columbia for her big birthday! Becky and I were disappointed we were unable to attend but Laura McLean Taylor and Roy were there to represent her Converse buddies. All of my grandchildren and children gathered at my daughter Jeannie's house in Greenville in September for my birthday celebration. They gave me a

wonderful trip to the Grove Park Inn Spa. It was the best birthday I've ever had! Wishing each of you a happy and healthy 2002! After Sept. 11, if not before, we all know how fortunate we are and must count our blessings every day.

CLASS OF 1954

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2004
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"The bells are ringin'..." and this time they're ringing for Ann Douglass Gibson and John Thomas Nichols, who were married early last summer. John, speaking on behalf of the Class of 1954, you've picked a real winner, and we wish the very best for both of you. The Christmas mail brought news from the faithful, none of whom seem to stay still. Marjory Poulnot Mac Lean was a delegate to the DAR congress in Washington, DC last spring. Tunk and I ran into them, Mildred Roberts Robards and Frank, and Rhetta Morrison Lowndes and Bill at the 50th reunion of The Citadel Class of 1951. Jo Taylor Bomar had emergency gall bladder surgery early in 2001 but it didn't seem to slow her down much. She and Lee were hiking again by April, then her roommate Nancy Sibley Dunn visited them in Tucson, and Jo and Lee came east in June. Becky Beam Chamberlain had health problems early in the year, but then recovered and got herself down to a size 4 for her son's August wedding. The cyber age is coming on fast - Jeanne Foster Clark's Christmas letter came via E-mail this year. She says Shelby is gradually retiring, and they do a great deal of volunteer work. In November, he spent an unforgettable week in NYC as a member of a mission team that went from Spartanburg's Episcopal Church of the Advent to St. Paul's Chapel near Ground Zero. Shelby, our hats are off to you. News from Ann Boney indicates that she sang 2nd Lady in The Magic Flute in December. That makes 51 years singing opera for her! Frances Owen McDaniel continues her work with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. She is also giving private lessons in voice and piano and sings with the Williamsburg Choral Guild.

CLASS OF 1956

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2006
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Thanks to Bettie Jane Woodward Grant and especially, her daughter, "B.K.", we have a most distinctive accomplishment to announce. Bettie Jane's daughter is one of the longtime South Pole workers who has made a major contribution to the U.S. Antarctic Program. Now she has had a geographical feature named after her! The location is in Grant Valley, between Communication Heights and Mount Ash in the Darwin Mountains. A lobe of ice from Hatherton Glacier occupies the mouth of the valley and is named after Bettie Kathryn "B.K." Grant, Information Systems Supervisor at South Pole Station. She made 11 deployments to Antarctica, 1990-2001, the last 10 to South Pole Station where she wintered, 1993. Margaret Combs Holland has moved from Franklin, NC to Signal Mountain, a suburb of Chattanooga, TN. She reports that all five of their families are fine, and she is already teaching piano and substituting as organist in churches. A note also came my way from Mary Oeland Alexander saying that she and Tommy are fine. He's in his 11th year as mayor in Bishopville. They love the "small town stuff". She also wrote about Shirley McMillan Kopituk and husband Richard's store in Latta, SC. The building was Shirley's father's movie theater, but now it's called RJK Frames & Things. It seems that Shirley is covering a coffee counter for customers. There's a piano in case a pianist enters and at times there can be singing. The upstairs holds consignment booths and antiques. Richard regrets having not retired sooner from corporate business. Now he is enjoying the relaxing life of the framing shop and serving as a community volunteer, his latest project being a Veteran's Park which opened Nov. 11. And our 'round the world gal, Sunshine Connor Norwood, reports having had a wonderful trip to Botswana, Zimbabwe, and South Africa this fall. She says watching the animals in that vast, wild landscape is magical and she's grateful her family didn't try to talk her out of going!

CLASS OF 1957

45th Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2002
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This is OUR year! April 26-28 will be our 45th reunion at Converse! I hope your hotel

reservations are made. Mary Lib Spillers Hamilton will host our class cocktail party at her house and we will go down the street for dinner at Cabel Carrington Mitchell's house. What a fun night that will be! Gigi (Elizabeth) Williams Crain sounded wonderful on the telephone. Last year was a year of much change for her. She sold her house and moved into two town homes she had combined and remodeled. She is now with Harry Norman Realty after many years with another agency. She is working hard, but enjoys getting away to her mountain house a night or two every few weeks. Nancy Barron Smith and Watt are great. She continues to work at her church and for Watt in the afternoons. Debbie, son Watt's wife, participated in a 50-mile walk for MS, thanks to the help of the family. They were presented with an award as the MS family of the year! What an accomplishment! This will be my last reporting to you, as we will elect a new representative at our reunion. Thanks to all of you who kept in touch. May God bless you and keep His hand upon you. I'm looking forward to our reunion weekend.

CLASS OF 1958

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2003
Representative:
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Nancy Hayes Wilkerson visited in Columbia and lunched with a number of her Converse buddies that Betty Anne Nelson Richardson and I got together, all of whom had seen part of the group quite often and some of the girls not once in the last 45 years. Those attending included Molly Ariail DeLoache, Molly Sheorn Evans, Daisy Barron Leland, Anne Ferguson Caughman, Madeleine Caughman Ritchie, Mary Elizabeth Belser Arnot, Frances "Shinger" Hasell Laborde, Searle Rowland, and Katherine Ryan Stribling. As a retired teacher Molly Evans tutors reading, so she was the perfect one to suggest books for grandchildren. She and Nancy enjoyed catching up on news from Shiela Shore Lester, who lives in Magalia, CA. Shiela and Lou spent Christmas with their daughter, Nancy, and her husband in Sacramento. Their son, John, and his wife are now living in Paris. Anne Ferguson Caughman moved last fall to Callawassie Island near Beaufort, SC where she and Jack enjoy their island home surrounded by rivers. Ferg said Jack took Navy retirement years ago and three or four more retirements since then. Madeleine Caughman Ritchie is an education consultant since retiring as teacher and principal in 1985. Madeleine enjoys her work because she can travel when it suits and feels

schools have great results from her ideas. She and her brother, Jack, (also Ferg's husband) spent that afternoon with their mother, Libba Jennings Caughman '30. Mary Elizabeth Belser Arnot enjoyed the vichyssoise and shared the recipe for her New Year's soup with peas and collards. Frances "Shinger" Hasell LaBorde was thanked for having eight of us to lunch at her house just after our last Converse reunion. She and Searle Rowland said Gretchen Eskew Hendrix has retired from the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind in Spartanburg. Her position has not yet been filled, so Gretchen is assisting with lesson plans. Molly Evans read in the Episcopal diocesan bulletin a wonderful write-up about Evelyn Chandler Brailsford's husband, Lucien, who works as Spartanburg hospital chaplain.

CLASS OF 1959

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2004
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Jayne Callaham Burton wrote that they flew to London and northern Ireland this past summer. News from Jeanne Poole Ross of Houston, TX indicates she is taking an art course at Rice University and a writing course at the C.J. Jung Center. She is enjoying her retirement from teaching and has traveled to Germany to see her grandchildren. As for me, Buddy and I hiked in Morocco with our Seattle group in May. This fall we flew to France and cycled Burgundy and Beaujolais with the Vermont Bike Touring Co.—beautiful countryside, delicious food, and great wines!

CLASS OF 1960

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2005
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I had a nice long letter from Martha Ann Klugh Bull, known to us as "Mak" but now known as Ann. She lives in Los Gatos, CA with her husband, Chuck, of 40 years. Ann retired from 32 years of teaching and is very involved with the community of Los Gatos. When she isn't volunteering, she enjoys bridge, exercise, golf, and the theatre. Ann has two children,

Sally, a nurse in San Raphael, CA and Charles, Jr., a career Navy Lt., who lives in Washington State and has three children. Jane McCutchen Brown continues to live in Charleston and is still working as Curator of the Waring Historical Library at the Medical University of South Carolina. She has been there since 1987 and plans to stay there for a few more years. Jane is busy at work with publication preparation of Dr. Rawling Pratt-Thomas’ memoirs. She also stays busy with family—three daughters, one son, and five grandchildren, and her mother who is in Columbia. Gail Key Leonard lives in High Point, NC with her husband, Bob, who is with Wood-Armfield, a furniture store in High Point. Gail had a nice visit with Billie Edmondson Hand who now lives in Orlando, FL and was visiting in Asheboro, NC last summer for a month while attending her niece’s wedding. Billie and Gail were able to visit several times and had lots of fun “going back in time”. Gail asked if any of us remember our “big sister” from Converse. Gail’s was Fran Floyd Butler ’58 and they have stayed in touch. Suzanne Butts Ferguson sent news that she was the Distinguished Visiting Honors Professor at the University of Central Florida in the fall of 2001. I have had several visits with my dear friend, Jackie Hackler Hayes. It has been great renewing our friendship. We were at Wofford’s 2001 Homecoming, took a trip to Ocean Drive, SC, and spent some time together with friends and family at Thanksgiving. Jackie is head of Tel-Communications for Richland County School District One and lives in Irmo, SC as do her two sons, John and David. I have seen Carole Jones several times in Columbia and Ocean Drive, SC. She is busy at Hampton Automotive in Columbia and having fun with her three teen-aged grandchildren. I, too, stay busy with my job at Wakefield Buick-Pontiac-GMC, Inc. in Spartanburg, news editor of Sertoma Club and president of my neighborhood association. My husband, Max, is a private contractor for the US Postal Service. My stepdaughter and her husband live here with our granddaughter, Amanda (9), and our grandson, Matthew (3). My stepson is a computer programmer and lives in Phoenix, AZ.

CLASS OF 1961

Next Reunion
 Alumnae Weekend, 2006
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Penny South Kosztolnyik writes from Texas that both her daughters live in NYC. Karen is

a senior editor at Time Warner, and Elizabeth is an actress. Penny and Zoltan visited NYC in October and saw her star in an off-off Broadway production of Sidney Kingsley’s “Dead End.” Penny, who is dealing with skin cancer, asks that you all remember to have any rough patches or non-healing lesions inspected regularly and treated if need be. Please keep her in your prayers. Sylvia Harley Arant writes that she toured Italy last spring and is the grandmother of a little boy. Betty Lake Orr and Dick traveled from Winston-Salem to Sicily last summer with a group of friends from Montreat, NC where Betty’s family has long had a summer house. Betty’s children live in Charlotte. Both daughters are Converse graduates, and son, Charles, is with BB&T insurance. She has five grandchildren. Boo Bargamin Kral was sorry to miss our reunion, but she was helping her daughter, Emilie, who had a baby girl. Boo and Ted took a wonderful Elderhostel trip to the Czech Republic and Austria in October. Boo heard from Nancy McCullough Humphrey, who lives on the gulf coast in Perdido, FL and from Toni Jackson Myers, who has published an inspirational book. Toni lives in Mobile, AL and her husband is a state representative. Lucy Gramling Crowley and Jim live in Hilton Head where she is head of the Lower School at Hilton Head Prep. Daughter Carlton is a consultant with Accenture and lives with her husband in Atlanta. Jeanie McMillin and her husband, Barry VanWinkle, are building a mountaintop retirement home in Townsend, TN. Jeanie is still busy consulting with the NIH and is president of the Graduate School Faculty of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. Her son is a Fellow in Cardiology at MUSC in Charleston, SC. Marietta Williams Gordon teaches in Dalzell near Camden. Catherine, her younger daughter, works in the PCUSA office in Washington. Jo Sibley Shippen writes that Ben is retired and the nest is empty and they have been travelling and enjoying their two grandchildren, ages three and two. Franklyn Noll Skidmore has moved to Sarasota, FL to over an acre of jungle on Siesta Key. She recently presented a concert as a benefit for the Sarasota Opera Guild and an all-French program for the Alliance Francaise. She teaches privately and at the Suzuki School of Music; Rodger is retired. Daughter Chambliss teaches French in Atlanta, and son Andrew is married and lives in Wilmington, NC. Mary Ada Ruff Poole has retired from public school teaching but teaches in the Converse Music School. She still plays violin and viola in five regional orchestras. She is Dean of Students at the Brevard Music Center in the summer and plays in that orchestra also. Husband Gary is the author of several books; the latest is Radio

Comedy Diary. His comedy group, The Merriment Players, is on the radio in the Spartanburg area, and he continues to write and do artwork. Both sons, Jeff and Nick, are married, and Jeff has two daughters. Laura Simpkins Stock welcomed a new granddaughter on Dec. 29, her fourth grandchild. Betsy Blythe Frazer and Don welcome visitors to Chapel Hill, where they live in semi-retirement. Last October they had a wonderful trip to Ireland, where son Bill lives and works as an archaeologist. Their other son, Donald, was married just before Christmas. Daughter Anna has a new job at MIT as an assistant dean in the undergraduate school responsible for implementing the communication requirement. Those youthful attendees in our class reunion picture are Marietta Williams Gordon, Cherie Lewis Linko, Alice Haskell Sanders, Laura Simpkins Stock, Martha Brockington Roberts, Jo Carr Ussery, Noni Miller Lurding, Mary Beirne Kerr Nutt, Betsy Blythe Frazer, Mitzi Schomo Emory, Elsie Whetsell Stevens, and Penny South Kosztolnyik. We had a grand time and missed the rest of you. Many thanks to those that responded to my E-mail plea. Now I expect to hear from the others. No excuses!

CLASS OF 1962

40th Reunion
 Alumnae Weekend, 2002
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I recently had a wonderful phone conversation with one of our “lost” classmates. Barbara Chivers Wittschen and her husband, David, have moved often. He first worked with Naval Intelligence and later went to work with the FBI. They lived in Ohio at the time of his retirement in 1989 and then moved to Murrells Inlet, SC where they lived for eight years. Although they loved being at the beach and near Barbara’s mother in Marion, they decided to move back to North Ridgeville, OH to be near their children and grandchildren. David, Jr. and wife, Mandy, have a daughter Lauren (3) and a son Cameron (9 mos). Lisa and husband, Bill DiCapua, have three children - Kyle (7), McKenna (3), and Kaitlyn (1). Barbara’s mother moved to Ohio in September to be near them. David continues to do contract investigations for the FBI and Barbara enjoys being a grandmother, singing in her church choir and traveling with David. Comer Varnedoe Meadows continues to live in the Ardsley Park section of Savannah, GA. She is pleased that her son, Linton, has recently moved back to Savannah. Comer is quite

involved with her church, enjoys spending time at her house at Tybee Island and does a lot of traveling. Doris Ridgeway Hotaling retired this past fall after 32 years of teaching elementary school music in Maitland, FL as well as teaching at the University of Central Florida for 15 years. Her husband, Ed, will also retire from UCF at the end of this semester after 35 years there. Doris and Bob’s son, Michael, and his wife, Kelly, live nearby as do son, John, and his wife, Charlene, and their children, John (4) and Alexis (18 mos). Doris continues to enjoy playing her cello and also likes to find time for cooking, reading, gardening, sailing and traveling. After having worked with the Ritz-Carlton Hotel company for many years, Cathy Harris Wochner is “loving retirement.” She continues to live in Tempe, AZ and is active in the Tempe Garden Club. Cathy is the chairperson for the club’s spring “Garden Lovers Tour.” She has four granddaughters. The three older girls are studying the Yamaha music method, therefore, Cathy hopes she’ll have a musician to follow her footsteps to Converse! Georgianna Hayes Ballenger is very pleased that both of her children have moved back to Spartanburg. Michael, who had lived in Chicago for three years, is working with Contec, a contamination control company based in Spartanburg. Jennifer has lived in North Carolina, and is now working with Extended Stay America, which is moving their headquarters to Spartanburg. Sarah Adderton Redd and Carter continue to live in Columbia, where they are very active volunteers, especially for Meals on Wheels. Their daughter, Catherine, was married to Andy Chandler in June and one of Catherine’s bridesmaids was Edith Beattie, daughter of Jane Cole Beattie. Our love and best wishes go to Jane, who in May became Mrs. Austin Scott, Jr. Austin is a native of Waco, TX, graduated from Rice University and is a Rear Admiral (ret.) who commanded nuclear submarines. The wedding was attended by classmates Joe Anne Smith Cole and husband Bob, Deas Brunson Penman, Martha Harley (Dada) Verner, and Sarah Adderton Redd. Don’t forget our 40th reunion April 26-28. Hope to see you then.

CLASS OF 1964

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 Alumnae Weekend, 2004
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Babs Humphries Chung has moved from Fort Worth, TX to the Spartanburg area. She is teaching a few piano students and enjoys being close to the Converse events once again. Babs, Joan Foster McKeown, Judy Brown Christopher, and Lucia Moir Williams ’62 got together for dinner this fall when Judy was visiting from Albuquerque, NM. Babs and Judy spent an afternoon on the Converse campus and enjoyed seeing the new buildings. I heard from Susan Craig Murphy that she and John attended a play in which Joan was singing and the class of ’64 was well represented by Paula Black Baker, Ellen Holmes Gramling, and Babs. Anne Mayo Elliott saw Brenda Casey Anthony recently. Brenda’s son, Dean, is an engineer and pianist and daughter, Charlotte, is married to Peter Cooper, entertainment editor of The Tennessean in Nashville. Her second son lives in Rome, GA and is the father of Brenda’s two grandchildren. Anne also reports seeing a picture in the Spartanburg paper of Jackie Fowler George singing at the Shepard’s Center, a seniors’ program sponsored by the Presbyterian Church. Gary Friar Stuckey lives in Charleston where husband Jimmy practices law. One of her daughters lives in Charleston and one in Charlotte. Please note that Anne now has a new E-mail address as given above. Keep the notes coming!

CLASS OF 1965

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 Alumnae Weekend, 2005
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Greetings from Mount Olive! Earl and Missy Keller Hatt designed a colorful Christmas card depicting the charm, history and culture of Oaxaca, Mexico, where they celebrated Christmas. Linda Frank Johnson’s son, Bryant, has been traveling in Asia, and son Ross was graduated from Gettysburg College in May and is working for Met Life. Toler Yates Edwards wrote that her daughter, Catherine, was married in September to Wallace Bruce Sanders. The wedding was held in The Historic Falls Church, Episcopal, in Falls Church, VA. A Wake Forest University graduate, Catherine is a writer and a recipient of the 2001 Phillips Foundation Journalism Fellowship. Celebrating the wedding with the Edwards family were Betty Rose Townsend Sexton and Anne Gordon Dickerson Harrison. Virginia Simpson Whedon writes that she and Parker are continually working on environmental issues. An animal rights activist, Virginia writes to government officials to protect both wild and domestic animals. Parker serves on the

board of the Catawba-Wateree Relicensing Coalition to help ensure that the real running rivers, the wildlife that live in them, and the canoers and kayakers are not left out when Duke Power renews its license for the first time in 50 years. After two years of retirement, Tris Gowen Graybeal decided that she needed more “cerebral” activity so she joined International Shipholding Corp. of New Orleans in a part-time capacity involving the marketing of the corporation’s new steamship service between the U.S. and Mexico.

CLASS OF 1966

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Bea Cochran Schomp wrote to say that she had lived in Dorset Hollow, Dorset, VT for four lovely years. She is now in Wilmington, NC and retired from her work as clinical social worker and director of Crisis Intervention Services. At her daughter’s wedding last year she enjoyed visiting with Pat Chandlee Lowry and Bonnie Davis Bennett. News from Dianne Kennedy McLees indicates her daughter, Margaret, is in her residency at Univ. of Colorado Health Sciences Hospital after her graduation from MUSC in May. We are including a portion of Dr. Stevenson’s letter sent to Katharine Stephens Slemenda after our 35th reunion this past April: “How do I thank you? Let me count the ways! And I do thank you and all those excellent members of the Class of ’66 for inviting me to your dinner and for all the extras—like a Jack Daniel on the rocks! It’s strange how you go through the days and years and be busy about your daily affairs, and then happen on a day where all the old faces and smiles (old as in memories) suddenly appear. It’s a very happy time, and instead of a reunion, it’s a reuniting. What impresses me is how much everyone looks like those days in the early 60’s; you all hold the years so well. Last Saturday evening was a wonderful and lovely time for me, and I do thank all of you for including me. I can only hope there will be more days like that one to come.” Barbara, currently doing design work in northern Florida, and I want to hear from you before our May 10 deadline.

CLASS OF 1967

35th Reunion
 Alumnae Weekend, 2002
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Elvy Talley Bryan wrote a short note to say how much she is looking forward to our 35th reunion in April. Her son, Talley, was married in September in Hunt, TX and is now living in Austin, TX. Elvy is still living in Morganton, NC. In a surprise E-mail from Mildred Campbell Price it was great to be able to connect after so many years. She is retired and states that she is in a travel mode. Hopefully, she will come to the reunion. She keeps up with the class through the bulletin and says she would love to hear from old classmates again. After leaving her job in interior design with an architectural firm in Pensacola Beach, FL, she and husband, Gene, sailed their boat to the Keys. Lynn Kimball Edwards is working on plans for our reunion. She has been nice enough to be our local arrangements person in spite of gaining two daughters-in-law, three grandchildren, and three grand dogs in recent months! Sandra Sherard Bethea sent a wonderful and informative Christmas note. She is busy with activities related to family and church and is working to improve her golf game. Son, Hardin, graduated from USC with a Master's in International Business and he and his wife, Dowell, are living in Orlando, FL. Son, Rob, and his wife, Joy, are enjoying the adventures of raising their two year old son, Ridge. Bob sold his dental practice in October but is still working. The new arrangement gives him more time for going to the beach, travel, golf, church activities, and field trips with Ridge! Barbara Trent Kimbrell is busy with her family and work. Her older son, Gregory, is a sophomore at the College of Charleston and her younger son, Joseph, is busy in high school. Catherine "Kaki" Williams Swann writes that she is still enjoying her ministry at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Norfolk, VA and husband, Bobby, continues to go to work at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Daughter, Mary Peyton, and husband, John, live in Richmond where Mary Peyton is an engineer for the Richmond Public Utilities and John is a Virginia state trooper. Daughter, Winnie (Converse '94), and husband, Chip, have twins (see Births)! Interestingly, the great-grandmothers of the twins are also Converse alumnae—Becky Gwathmey Swann '37 and Billie Goodwin

Williams '43. I received an E-mail from Candi Lowe Long a few months ago in which she included an interesting press release concerning the world premiere of her original musical, A Time To Dance, which she describes as "the biggest venture of my life". Candi first wrote the script for this musical in 1986 and has re-worked the play in response to numerous life experiences of her own. The musical was presented at Ferst Center for the Arts at Georgia Tech in September. Candi has served as president of Women in Film/ Atlanta and currently is vice chairman of Women in Film and Television International. On a more somber note, all of our focus at work has been on bio-terrorism since Sept. 11th. I was already involved with the Wake County Bio-Terrorism Task Force and never realized how much importance my biology and chemistry from Converse would play in my last few years before retirement. I feel very fortunate to have been able to assist in these past few months and am truly thankful for the foundation that Converse gave me in being able to deal with issues that I never imagined I would have to face in my lifetime! This will be my last attempt at a newsletter prior to electing new representatives at the reunion in April. I have enjoyed being in touch and know that Bryan joins with me to thank each of you that have taken your time to give us news and help with this effort. Please mark your calendar and plan to be with us in April. I look forward to seeing you! Dicke

CLASS OF 1968

Next Reunion
 Alumnae Weekend, 2003
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Dear Classmates, I need your E-mail addresses. It's only a year until we return to the campus for our (dare I say) 35 year reunion. Let's plan this thing together - electronically. Tell me what you'd enjoy doing, and we'll do it together. As I'm winding down as your Class Rep., I'm winding up the "theatre thing." I'm currently teaching acting at Columbia College for a couple months while the current adjunct professor recovers from surgery, producing plays at both Workshop Theatre and Town Theatre in Columbia and juggling the real estate business! News from Justina Lasley indicates she is enjoying living on Lake Hartwell after her move from Atlanta. She is working in the field of dreams both nationally and internationally. She works with individuals and groups to help them reach their full potential through insight provided by their

dreams. She was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the International Association for the Study of Dreams. Daughter Lasley is at the Metropolitan Museum in NYC, daughter Rives is teaching in Atlanta and daughter Abigail is studying in Costa Rica. Leigh Horney Giles and Betty Sue Flippin Brown participated in a gala fund-raiser sponsored by the Antiquarian Society, of which both are members, for the reconstruction of the Academy of Music in Lynchburg, VA. Leigh was chairman of the event and Betty Sue was in charge of registration. Nina Campbell, noted interior designer from London, was the featured speaker.

CLASS OF 1969

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 Alumnae Weekend, 2004
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Thanks to so many of you who responded to my pleas for news. Gene Clarkson Brabham was terrific to send news from Columbia. Gene's daughter, Margaret, works at Epworth Children Home's Early Intervention Program with infant handicapped children. Son, Gus, a Wofford graduate and his wife Heather (Converse class of '92) are parents of two boys and live in Columbia where Gus works in the insurance business. Son, Heyward, a Clemson graduate is in commercial real estate in Columbia, and son, Will, a graduate of UVA, is a first year medical student in Charleston. Gene keeps busy with her two grandsons, her treadmill, and community activities. Husband Mickey is still practicing medicine in Columbia. We are all so pleased and proud to have Mary Rainey Belser chairing the Converse Board of Trustees! Mary is also active in Trinity Cathedral and other community activities. Daughter, Callie, is a junior at UVA; son, Duncan, after graduating from Johns Hopkins and working for several years, is in his first year at the Vanderbilt Business School and son, Freeman, a Davidson alumnus, is in his first year at USC Law School. Julia Seabrook Moore is busy as the Admissions Director of Hammond School. Her husband, Woodie, is a principal at Keenan-Colliers Real Estate in Columbia. Daughter, Katie, graduated from

W&L and is working in Jackson Hole, WY. Son, Brook, a Clemson graduate, is a banker in Columbia and son, Henry, also a Clemson graduate, married Amy Eberhardt (Converse '97) in Atlanta in October and is working in Columbia. Patti Fuller Glenn works for the state Board of Psychology, and husband, Jack, owns an insurance business in Columbia. Daughter, Kathryn, is a junior at W&L and son, John, a Citadel graduate, is working in Atlanta. Mary McAngus Getty works in administration at Hammond School. Daughter, Harriet, graduated from Sewanee and works in Atlanta; son, Will, graduated from USC and recently moved to Hawaii where he and wife, Becky, will be working and going to graduate school. Son, Jim, a Wofford and MUSC graduate, and wife, Ashley, and new baby son live in Greenville where he is a family practice resident. Ginny Craver Good is the Director of Development at Trident Academy in Charleston, a k-12 school for bright students with learning differences. Husband, Joe, is the General Counsel at the Medical University of South Carolina. Daughter, Katharine, and husband, Dean Burton, live half the year in Jackson Hole, WY and half the year in Key West, FL. Dean is a captain and fly fishing guide and Katharine is an interior designer, specializing in tile design. Son, Joe, is living in Charleston and is the sales manager for QuickFarm.com. Ginny had back surgery in January and is out of commission for five months. We wish her the best. Bambi Dobbins Martin and husband, Jack, are living in Greenville. Bambi has retired from the Dept. of Social Services and now works part time at two different jobs, a consignment shop and a mortgage company. They also stay busy with children and grandchildren. Nancy Fowler Willis writes that she is still working as a cytotechnologist at a large reference medical facility in the DC area. She spends a lot of time on customer relations and integrating new technology into her section of the lab. In her spare time she is heavily involved with the Girl Scouts, as troop leader as well as a trainer for other Scout leaders and is also in charge of approximately 48 troops in her area. She was recognized as one of the outstanding volunteers for the Nation's Capital Girl Scout Council and was also recognized by her church and the Scouts for the work that she has done in the God and Church program that is run for Girl and Boy Scouts in her church. Her daughter is a senior in high school and is on the college search. Beverly White Spicer is living in Austin, TX and is working on a book to be published by University Press of America. The book is about Islam, the Ka'bah (the Holy Shrine in Mecca that Muslims pray toward five times a day), and potential neurophysiological effects of behavior practices focused on it.

Beverly returned to Converse in October as the Aileen West Lecture Series speaker for the Ideas and Culture Seminar. Jackie Noyes was elected to chair the National Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines which is advisory to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. She is looking forward to the challenge! Ann Barrow Weiler and her husband, Dale, live in Fairview, NC. Ann plans to commute to Spartanburg to work on her art therapy degree and is looking forward to being back at Converse. She has been doing lots of art show related travel with her sculptor husband. Elizabeth Lide and husband, Paul Kayhart, and their daughter, Emma Ming Kayhart (6), live in Atlanta. Elizabeth is a visual artist and graphic designer. Her work is part of the art exhibit at Converse celebrating the opening of the newly renovated Milliken Art Center. Paul is a broadcast engineer for CNN Headline News. Sally Evans Winkler writes, "Carried by prayers and love and tender care of family, friends, and health care professionals, I'm recovering from surgery and chemotherapy following the discovery in March 2001 of the recurrence of colon cancer in the liver. By August, the portion of the liver left from surgery had doubled. Praise God for the liver's regenerative ability!" Husband, Jim, helped her recover, while continuing to build a law practice. Jim's son, Mike, continues to travel the world (Jim was able to join him in New Zealand for a month last summer) and his daughter, Amanda, and her husband, Rick, are living in Marietta, near Atlanta. Sally's son, Chip, is at Yale and son, Jay, will begin Wake Forest this fall. Evelyn Osteen Norman and husband, Bill, are living in Pensacola, FL, where Evelyn is extremely involved with the State Arthritis Foundation, serving as chairman and Bill has a computer services consulting firm. Daughter, Margaret Elaine, is living in Pensacola and daughter, Caroline, is at the Boston Conservatory studying musical theater. Adelaide Capers Johnson and husband, Jim, had a busy year in 2001, as Edward graduated from Wake Forest and Jennie from Furman and Adelaide's parents celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Darlington. Edward and Jennie are both in Nashville, TN where Jennie works in the Vanderbilt Media Services office and Edward is an auditor. Patty O'Herron Norman and husband, Tommy, are in Charlotte. Patty is grandmother of 18 months old, Alex Dewey. Patty continues working on volunteer activities, NC Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, Mint Museum of Art, NC Museum of Art, the Public Library and the local PBS board. Winkie Rhea is in New York and is now in the service sector of the new Times Square Toys "R" Us—the center of the toys' universe! She says she gets to play, have fun, and smile all



Elisabeth Marchant '68

In early March, Elisabeth Marchant '68 was named President and CEO of Leadership Publishing Group, Inc. (LPGI), a virtual publishing empire in Atlanta. LPGI is a company with 23 full-time workers and 40 subcontractors who serve as writers, and artists and photographers.

"We have three publications," says Elisabeth. "Business to Business has a circulation of 50,000 and is geared towards Atlanta's Fortune 1000 executives; Catalyst is written for Atlanta's small-medium business owners and has a circulation of 30,000; and Atlanta Jewish Life, which is printed for the Jewish community in Atlanta (the fastest growing Jewish community in the country), has a circulation of 15,000."

In April, LPGI will launch their fourth publication, Atlanta Woman. "This is a magazine about professional women in the large corporations, entrepreneurs, the arts, education, politics, the health community, and the philanthropic arena. Atlanta Woman is a substantive magazine, and does not feature articles on where to get your nails done or where to find the best hairdresser." Atlanta Woman was already over 65% sold when the first issue rolled out in early April, 2002.

If Elisabeth comes across as being very confident in herself, there is good reason for it. "Since an early age, I worked with my father in his businesses. He always inspired me to go out on a limb and take chances."

day! Also in New York is Gail Wofford who continues to oversee the New York City based Gilbert and Sullivan Players which received a wonderful review in the January issue of New York Magazine. A full schedule of performances can be viewed at www.nygasp.org. Gail appreciated the outpouring of concern from classmates after the events of September 11. Andy and I (Harriet Messer Goldsmith) continue to enjoy life in Greenville. I stay busy in the community working with the Peace Center for the Performing Arts, the Metropolitan Arts Council, and other fun things. I am beginning my second year as Junior Warden of the Vestry of our church, Christ Church Episcopal. Andy remains active in his law practice. The boys are now 24, 28, and 31! Andy and Jeannette live in Greenville where he practices law and Jeannette works with an economic development firm. Walter and wife, Cindy, are living in Charlotte where he works for PaineWebber and Cindy works for A. Hoke. Elliott is single, living in Jacksonville, FL, working for New South Communications. Write, call or E-mail!

CLASS OF 1970

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2005
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Last summer, Ann Joyner Cross, Sue Fan Smith Ferguson, Lynda “Smitty” Smith Swann, and I got together in Winston-Salem for an evening of fun, food, and fond memories. In November, Ann and I had our traditional holiday kick off in Greensboro and were joined by Howard Brown Millican and Pam Holderness Hassenfelt. We toured the manufacturing and retail headquarters of Mack and Mack Clothing Company (my sister’s enterprise) followed by another round of fun, food, and fond memories. Ann’s daughter graduated from Davidson and works in DC while son, Oliver, is a senior at Davidson. Sue Fan’s three sons are grown and by her holiday card all love golf. Smitty’s daughter, Lanier, is press secretary for NC Congressman Walter Jones in Washington, and Parker is a high school senior whose recent claim to fame is singing for the Queen of England in London. Smitty’s life has always been hectic as a whirlwind, and now she has the hurricane to prove it. Smitty and husband, Mike, finally took a trip alone, only to pick up Hurricane Karen going and returning from Bermuda; not exactly the trip they had planned. Howard was in Greenville, SC for a stepson’s wedding and ran into Converse’s own Adelaide Capers Johnson ‘69 at the wedding. Nancy Jane

Stedman Calloway tried, but could not make either gathering. She is busy guiding two daughters and helping her parents move into a retirement community in Winston-Salem. Lynn Hicks Mitchell couldn’t make it either. She has spent the year dealing with the aftermath of a second fire in their house and regrouping from the decision to stay in Martinsville rather than move to Texas. Daughter, Mary Lyons, attends Ole Miss and Laurie attends NC State. I received a letter from Sherri Bowers Dobbs who now lives south of Atlanta and works for the Atlanta-Fulton County Public Library. She is married to the Director Emeritus of Zoo Atlanta, which is good since they share a home with a parrot, two poodles, and an eastern diamondback. She continues to play the piano and has returned to school at Georgia State studying music. Marion Brooke Philpott and husband, Bob, have three grown sons: Cy (28) is in his first year in the UNC MBA program, Brooke (25) works for a Charlotte computer company, and Stephen (23) works in the film industry in Wilmington. Karen Clarke has returned to Tampa after a year in the NC mountains. She confesses that there is nothing like Florida sand in your shoes when that is a part of your past. Thayer Cheatham Willis is enjoying winter sports with her children as Julianne and Clay are on ski race teams. Somehow Thayer has found the time to start writing a book! Patty Downes Johnson is enjoying retirement from teaching, but she says she is just as busy and likes trying new things. She, Caroline Roper Roberts, and Ann Owens got together for a mini-reunion. Susan Dukes Webber reports that life is good and busy in Orangeburg. Son, Chris, is teaching at Limestone College, working on his PhD, and living in Spartanburg; son, Billy, is finishing a fellowship in neuroradiology at Duke. Claire Hailey Hall’s Christmas photo had almost as many dogs as people. She has two and each daughter and husband has one. Both of Claire’s daughters are married, but the nest was full again for the holidays. Perry Hicks Jordan sent me articles on the banner soccer season her daughters are having. Perry is very active with the sports parents organization and the parent teacher organization at her daughters’ school. Please drop me a card and let me include some other classmates in the next issue. We have a challenge in our national and world situation; keeping in touch just seems to help us survive our changing world. Along with sending me some news about yourself, don’t forget to remember Converse in your charitable giving.

CLASS OF 1973

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Alumnae Weekend, 2003
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Greetings from your prodigal class representative! I had a deliciously long and informative letter from Mary Gwathmey Michaux. We send comforting thoughts and prayers to Mary in the passing of her precious dad. I can still see him at every Converse function — always with a great big smile, a warm comforting look in his eyes, and his impish laugh! Mary’s daughter, Megan, is at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Mary and Sue Sheehy Cole have been playing tennis and are even taking lessons. “What a difference 19 years makes on the tennis court.” Mary had quite a 50th birthday weekend — parties, dinners, toasts, a new tennis racket, black balloons in her office and a wheelchair to ride around in for the day. She sums up my own feelings exactly: “Even though I have thinning hair, no memory, menopause, bigger hips, failing eyesight and hearing, I still feel very blessed.” I also had a great E-mail from Louise Bush Watkins. Her son, Rob (18), is planning to go to Texas Tech in Lubbock. Daughter, Clare (11), is in the fifth grade. Louise is still teaching preschool to 4 year olds and has amazed herself by staying with it for seven years and continuing to enjoy it. She turned 50 on July 4th and “really had a great birthday. Neighborhood friends sang a song to the tune of Yankee Doodle Dandy! I definitely am feeling the creaking of aging bones and ligaments”. I hit the 50 mark in November. Truly the grossest age anyone can be. I whined so much about it for nearly a year, that my sweet husband took pity on me (or did it in self-defense to stop the whining!) and soothed the awful event by surprising me with a new car. I came home from work one day, and there it was in the garage with a Happy Birthday balloon tied to the antenna. And, of course, it’s red and a convertible. A friend calls it my mid-life Chrysler! Susan Embry Naylor is an associate professor of music at Reinhardt College in Waleska, GA. She is currently serving as president of the Georgia Music Teachers Association. I appreciate all of the kind notes and comments I get from you guys about my “work” as class rep. Unfortunately, I have to pass the title on to someone else. I accepted a full-time teaching position at WV State College in the fall, but of more concern and of more time consumption, is a diagnosis our precious Nathan received a few months ago. It is not life threatening, but it is lifelong. Doug and

I are spending a lot of time learning about the condition, traveling to take him to specialists, and learning how we can best help Nathan. So, someone step up, take this glorious job! The salary isn’t too hot, but it is such a wonderful opportunity to stay connected with our class. I have truly loved every minute of it and plan to see all of you at our 30th reunion — which is sooner than we think!

CLASS OF 1974

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2004
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I apologize for the lack of news over the past year. I had a major computer crash last Christmas and lost all of my addresses and quite a few “letters” that I had saved for upcoming bulletins. If you sent information but haven’t seen it in print, please try again. Some of what follows may be old news, but it’s all I could reconstruct. This is all the more reason for a renewed effort on all of our parts to communicate! Elizabeth Crenshaw Crum shared photos of daughter, Betsy, at the University of Alabama and daughter, Barton, in first grade. Janie Timmons Levinson sent a photo of her extended family: husband Gary, three stepsons, two daughters-in-law and two granddaughters, all in Charlotte. She has started a garden design business and also volunteers at Wing Haven, a garden and bird sanctuary in Charlotte. Sally Bates McWilliams wrote last winter that son Reece is at Wofford, son Phillips is playing football his senior year in high school, and son Andrew is getting his Eagle Scout. She has been married 21 years to husband Bill, volunteers for several community groups including Children’s Chance, and kayaks. Grazier Connors Rhea wrote last winter that husband, Toy, had left banking after 20 years and opened a party rental business in Rock Hill. Both children, Evelyn and Copeland, are in college. Grazier still works with Catawba Regional Council of Governments. Beth Guess Moody joined some of my family and friends at Nags Head this summer. Several of you have bemoaned recent or upcoming 50th birthday events; at least we are all in the same boat.

CLASS OF 1975

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2005
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I received beautiful Christmas card photographs from Joy Joyner Poe, Menelle Head Weiss, Martha Zachry Lever, Avan Yates Moore, and Polly Ann Maxwell Cleveland. Avan says “country life is grand” and enjoys her new life in Tifton, GA. Polly Ann’s boys are at Clemson and Washington and Lee and daughter, Melonye, is in the 9th grade. Betsy Wiggington wrote that she met Louise Segars Smith in Highlands in June for a few days of fun and relaxation and Carolyn Cathey Brinson joined them for a day. Mimi Richardson Shaughnessy sent news that son, James, is a flight instructor at Florida Institute of Technology and son, Joe, is a sophomore at Oxford College of Emory. Mimi is a busy community volunteer. Alert! Robin Colyer New has a ’75 (BA) class ring that was probably lost at her home at our reunion years ago. The initials appear to be EJD. She would be happy to send it to the owner if you give her a call. Anne Monsen Daniell sends news from Charleston that she is a CPA currently working for her husband, also a CPA. The moving van is on the way to our house as I write this! Please note our new mailing address as well as new E-mail address given above.

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Bonnie Boineau Crawford’s Christmas card was a real classic. None other than the true Tom Selleck appeared on the card with her two daughters, Beverley and Mary. I would love to have seen Bonnie chasing him down the streets of Boston for this picture. Before Christmas they went to New York City. As she put it, “Ground Zero is very emotionally moving and the Memorial Wall will tear your heart out.” How great to talk to May Dowling Peach. She, Tom, and their two boys, ages 12 and 16, stay busy. Doug plays baseball and Daniel is in the magnet program May coordinates at “The Learning Collaborative” at Dent Middle School, Richland School District 2. What a nice surprise to hear from Susan Morris Arial. She has been in York, PA for 17 years and loves it. Will (18) swims and is on the college hunt, Casey (16) plays basketball, and Molly (14) also swims. Hubby Bill is in the steel business. She keeps up with Sally Smith

Cleveland who lives in Knoxville. After four years in Florida Mackey Tarrant is moving back to her beloved South Carolina. After 9/11 she wants to be closer home. She enjoys working for Christy Holliday Douglas’ husband, David. I got a nice E-mail from Caroline Atkins Forster. Her husband, Hans, opened a plant in Guadalajara for a company in North Carolina that makes plastic bags. He lived in Guadalajara for a year and then moved the plant to Juarez, Mexico (right over the border from El Paso, TX). Caroline is still in Rock Hill teaching 1st grade (her 15th year) but hopes to join Hans in Texas next fall. Her oldest son is a senior at The Citadel, the middle son is a junior at The Citadel, and the youngest is a senior in high school. She talked to Betsy Mahoney Sheorn whose son is a freshman at The Citadel. Because of security I no longer get to see Margaret Newton Waterstradt at the Atlanta airport. She always met me during my three-hour layovers on my way to Alabama. Her son, Will, is a KA at Western Carolina University. Daughter, Lake, is a senior in high school and runs on the varsity cross country team. Bill and Margaret are in their 11th year at First Presbyterian Church. Jeannie Nissen King sent a nice Christmas card of her son and two Bedlington terriers. Husband, Wayne, continues to have a thriving pediatric dentistry practice. Davis, a fourth grader, plays the piano and enjoys horseback riding. Jeannie teaches Kindermusik classes and first grade music classes at Porter-Gaud School. She is also the Director of Education for the Charleston Concert Association. My family had a wonderful Christmas in Alabama. I picked up my share of pecans in Mama’s yard. Best crop ever. We went on to Snowshoe Ski Resort in West Virginia for New Years. Had a blast! Keep in touch and get info to me by May 1 for the summer class notes. Love, Leah

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Thanks to everyone who sent holiday greetings. Julia Webb Davis reported many activities and family adventures with her three children, Kathleen (14), Alex (12), and Piper (10). Suzanne Hughes Sullivan sent her artistic card with art by Suzanne and verse by her sister, Liz Hughes ’80. What talent they have and a great looking family photo as well. Laura Dew Smith of

Spartanburg included a picture of her children, Sarah (17), Mills (15), and Parrish (12) and a report of their many activities. Lyn Farmer Smeak is busy with her skin care work for a plastic surgery practice and her children, Jack (13) and Elizabeth (12). I always enjoy hearing from my old roommate, Regina Graham Love, and seeing their family photo, Regina, Shawn, and very large dog! News from Kim Todd Scheffler states that she is an instructor of class piano at Interlochen Arts Academy and is the music and dance departments buyer for the Interlochen Center for the Arts campus store in Interlochen, MI.

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Happy New Year as I write this—Happy Spring as you read it! Let us all hope for peace in 2002. I heard from many of you at Christmas with great pictures of your families, but with little news. Anna Simmons Jones wrote from the DC area. Her daughter, Jessica, will finish high school in June and is busy applying to lots of Virginia schools. Son, Scott, is a high school freshman and loves his freedom! Anna continues her work at a private college and husband, Steve, is a systems engineer. Kim Shytle McFarland’s oldest daughter, Kate, is a freshman at Converse and loves it! I also heard from Ms. Dengler who recently retired from Converse and feels she made exactly the right decision in doing so. However, I know Ms. D. dons her leotard and tights daily and surely skips around her house with her drum, tapping out rhythms all the while—what great memories! I hope you all will stay happy and healthy in 2002. Thanks for keeping in touch. Much love, Hunter

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Before the holidays I was so happy to hear from long lost Tapp Hancock! She sent a newsy E-mail of her busy life in California. She had just returned from living overseas as a Fulbright Scholar, teaching in Southampton, England. She spent the previous two years traveling the world to places like Europe, Morocco, Egypt, Greece, Indonesia, and Malaysia. She also has a patent from the US government for a teaching system of mathematics. I also enjoyed catching up with Betsy Gant Wittenmyer via E-mail. She sent a great picture of her three children: John (13), with his arms protectively around little sisters Margaret (10) and Anna (7). Betsy says she is keeping busy with life’s simple pleasures of soccer, football, wrestling, basketball, piano, guitar, and trombone. At the annual Converse party in Birmingham, it was fun to run into Tracy Moore Pharo. They have a darling baby girl, Katie, 20 months old. Tracy was in charge of the Junior League’s annual Festival of Trees. She enjoys her work at the Children’s Hospital here in Birmingham. Janie Fickling Skinner reports her family is doing well. Her son, Andrew (6) is enjoying the first grade. Allie Patterson Walker sent a cute picture of her twin daughters, Allie and Jane, who turned 16 last year, peeking around the wall at little brother Lawson (11). Allie reports “They have been keeping up with the usual stuff that makes life interesting!” She said her entire family was involved in a serious auto accident but, thank goodness, no one was hurt badly. She said they feel truly blessed and now look at life from a different perspective. I talked to Lee Anne Davidson Williams one snowy day in January. She sent me a wonderful pictorial history book on Converse from the College History Series written by Dr. Jeffrey R. Willis. It is very interesting and has some fascinating pictures. If you want to get one, contact the Alumnae Office. Robin Donner Dillard sent a wonderful picture of her family. She is teaching school in Fountain Inn, SC. Elizabeth Watkins Garcia and husband, Kenny, have lived in South Bend, IN for over five years. They have five children ages 2 – 12 and are home schooling them. Elizabeth teaches private flute lessons and indicates that music is a big part of their family life. Florence Covington Fitzgerald is in Piscataway, NJ with her husband and two children, Eddie (14) and Kelsey (10). My family and I caught up with my college roomie, Vicki Harman Armor, while visiting in Chattanooga, TN. Our daughters, Caroline and Alex, are only two days apart at age 4.

Vicki is home schooling her older child, Hicks (11). She enjoys it and says both are benefiting from the experience. Bill, Maddie (9), Caroline (4), and I had a great year also. The girls are both involved in dance and Caroline takes gymnastics as well. Maddie plays the handbells in our church choir, is in Brownies, and a member of the chess club. I often wondered why the class of 1980 was sometimes not in the class notes. Now I know. We can’t write about you if you don’t write us, so drop me a line before the next deadline of May 10th. Love, Sarah

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 Alumnae Weekend, 2002
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Happy Spring to all! I hope that by now you have all made plans to attend our 20th reunion on April 26 – 28! Dena Stone Benedict, Mimi Ginter Hallman, Nancy Smith Gage, and I have been busy making plans for a fun weekend. Leigh Shelton Cassady writes that she is alive and well in Enterprise, AL with husband, Joe, and children, Calvin (14), playing junior high football and basketball, and Georgia (10), dancing and competing in gymnastics. Leigh reports that they traveled with her parents, Barrett and Tolly Gilmer Shelton ’56, and siblings to the Half Moon Club, Montego Bay, Jamaica to celebrate her dad’s 70th birthday. Leigh also went with husband Joe to Omaha, NE to visit Edith Peebles Crotty and husband, Richard. Edith is an attorney on the Great Plains, and according to Leigh, has made a name for herself as well as a public speaker. Leigh said that one of the highlights of her summer was being a “surprise guest” at the 40th birthday celebration of Bitsy Caproni Dedwyler that was put on by her husband, John, in Columbus, GA. Another surprise guest was Bitsy’s Converse roommate, Susan Jamison Herrington and husband, Steve, of Tuscaloosa, AL. Leigh notes that you will remember that Bitsy and Susan were consistently rewarded with their dorm’s “Good Housekeeping Award” while matriculating in Spartanburg. Helping to organize Bitsy’s passage into her 40’s was across-the-street-neighbor Finnnn Holt Fountain. Julie Adams Burrus was also on hand to toast (and roast) the birthday girl. Leigh also shared that whenever she is in Mobile, AL, she never hesitates to drop in on another great housekeeper, Dolly Crawford Demeranville. Dolly and



husband, Hardy, have a son, Hardy IV (2). Leigh reported that not too long ago she made an unannounced visit to Dolly’s antebellum home in Mobile’s historic district to find Julie Martin Hanes ’81 and Elizabeth Hood Turner ’81 sipping mint juleps in Dolly’s parlor. Julie was in Mobile visiting her Selma, AL classmates while on vacation from her home in Brazil, South America. Leigh also sent an old news footnote: In 1998 when Edith and Richard were married, they chose to exchange vows in the Monroeville (Monroe County), AL courthouse. The courtroom was used in the movie version of “To Kill A Mockingbird” written by Harper Lee, who still lives in Monroeville. It was a small wedding and the pre-nuptials parties took place in Mobile. As matron of honor, Leigh was assigned the task to get the bride to a “beauty parlor” on the big day. After finding a hairdresser that would take her, she then had to find a way to transport her there. Dolly agreed to do the honors and Leigh says she wishes you could have seen Edith’s face when they saw one another! I received a beautiful Christmas card from Robin Wicks Robinson with black and white photos of her two precious children. Robin reports that she enjoyed a mini-reunion last spring at Pawleys Island with Jan Faggart Ashley, Lib Bobo Fields, Missy Claytor Parris, and Tricia Murray Streett and all of their children. Ruth Ballard Suddreth sent a Christmas card and said that she, husband Bob, and family were heading to Atlanta for the Peach Bowl on New Year’s Eve to see UNC play Auburn. I also heard from Anne Richardson Seabrook. She recently went to a Converse function and was once again impressed with President Nancy Gray. I received holiday greetings from Beth Cunningham Gault, Becky Nutter Cassidy, and Kathy Brakmann Daniel and they are planning to attend the reunion. Lamurl Turk Morris also sent greetings and an update of her family’s goings-on. She is continuing to teach and also has piano students on the side as well. She says that John is moving more into administration/ management and cutting back on as much actual labor himself. Hope to see you Reunion Weekend!

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 Janet Patterson Matthews gets the award for notes from the farthest distance. She wrote from Fort Lewis, WA where she lives with her husband and three children, Diana (17) who is entering the University of Florida in the fall, Tim, Jr. (14), and Katie (6). Janet is an elementary school librarian and her husband is a Quartermaster Officer in the army. She celebrated her 40th birthday with a 6.8 magnitude earthquake. That should get the prize for most unusual! Luckily, there were no injuries despite some damage. They hope to remain stationed in Fort Lewis for at least two more years. Our next deadline is May 10th, so send news. Until then, all my red devil love, Kim

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Krisila Newman Foster’s Christmas picture is of Krisila and her daughter Parker in matching mother/ daughter Christmas sweaters. In October Krisila broke her arm in three places and was supposed to be out of school for at least a month, but she could only stay away for a week. I also heard from Kim Durham Kennell. Her husband, Matt, has accepted a position as the new Downtown Director of Columbia, SC. She and the children plan to stay in Roanoke until their house sells. I received an E-mail from Monica Rogers Smith. (See Births) They are trying to sell their house as they have now outgrown it. Monica is still teaching first grade. We can call Marshe Cabbage Somheil Mr. Kotter. Not only is she teaching at Wilson Hall, which is where she went to school, but she is also coaching the JV girls’ basketball team. The funniest card of my Christmas season was Jeanne O’Neill Robinson, her husband Alan, and sons Neal and Walt posing with Strom in his office. It had all of their ages except Strom who is “priceless.” Tem and I took my mother and a friend of hers to Tampa for the Outback Bowl. It was wild going from the balmy temperatures from the game to less than 24 hours later needing a heavy coat. Write or E-mail Krisila or me. Next deadline is May 10.

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I have had some computer problems (thanks to my 2 year old) so, if you sent me an E-mail and your news is not included, please send again. Laura Green Hollowell and husband, Gervais, are living in Spartanburg with their daughters, Leland and Kathleen. Mary Avera Fritche and husband, John, live in Alexandria, VA with their two boys, John, Jr. (7) and Robert (4). Mary is working part-time for the judiciary. Charlotte Gantt Olson and husband, Todd, live in Nashville, TN with their two children, Jonas (3) and Corrina (1). Katie Whitfield White and her husband, Dave, live in Atlanta with their three children, Bennett, Peyton, and Caroline. Lisa Holcombe Shellhaas sent a handsome picture of her son, Gates (5). They live in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Ramona Bowman Grant and husband, Tommy, live in Greenville, SC with their three children—Henry, Hannah, and Rebecca. Sarah Shealy Smith gave us lots of scoop from her recent trip to Pensacola, FL for a long girls’ weekend with Kathryn Donald Shook, Brenda Barron Geier, Tamara Gleason Hanning, and Catherine Pittman. Kathryn is living in Birmingham, AL and has two children – Sellers and Henry. Brenda and her husband live outside New Orleans with their two children, Sarah Bailey and Marshall. Tamara lives in Selma, AL with her husband, John, and son, Bain (13). She has a calling card and note card business that is doing very well. Catherine is pursuing black and white portraiture photography. Sarah is living in Columbia, SC with her husband, Andy, and their two girls, Eliza (8) and Marie (3). She is working on her third degree, an EdS in counseling. Sarah said they all had a great weekend and Tamara sent all of them home with the gift of semi-permanent tattoos they received at the popular nightspot, Florabama. Ann Lanier Jackson E-mailed with lots of news also. She and her husband, Brian, are doing well in Florida. She is still making art quilts and painting fabric. Ann talked with several



Mary Redmond Hutson '87

Since graduating from Converse, Mary Redmond Hutson '87 has been at the forefront of heart development research. A biology major at Converse, Dr. Hutson went on to earn her Ph.D. in cell biology and anatomy from the Medical College of Georgia (MCG). She became a key member of the Kirby Lab, a group of renowned heart researchers led by Dr. Margaret Kirby, then based at MCG. Duke University later recruited the group, and in April 2001, the group relocated to the Durham, N.C. school. "Our team concentrates on heart defects which are among the most common of birth defects," says Dr. Hutson.

The group has made significant contributions towards understanding and finding treatment for persistent truncus arteriosus (PTA). "Normally, there are two blood vessels leaving the heart. The pulmonary artery takes blood to the lungs to be oxygenated and the aorta takes the oxygenated blood to the body. In PTA, there is a single blood vessel that leaves the heart. Children born with this defect are 'blue' because their blood is not properly oxygenated."

Understanding normal heart development may give children the edge needed for a normal life. "The heart," says Dr. Hutson, "is the first organ to actually function in a fetus. Because growth depends upon blood flow, a healthy heart is absolutely critical for development."

classmates as she is now our class fund chair. She reported that Kathy Webster Davis is living in Fort Lauderdale and has three children. Mary Catherine Corlew Sevier and her husband, David, have a little girl Mamie (1). Dawn Cole Mitchell and her husband live in Benton, AR with their three children. Ann and LeNora Chase Styres reminisced about Dr. Newell's French class. She also spoke with Josie Norwood Cox. They talked about the reunion past and how they were looking forward to the party for our 20th. She heard from Dawn Brendle Jackson who is in Arkansas. Ann also spoke with Patti Cheney who lives in Baltimore and is teaching hearing impaired children and coaching field hockey. She received a Christmas card from Lisa Tuite Newman who is living in Columbia, SC with husband, Mitch, and their three children—Quinn, Braxton, and Davis. Jennie and I saw Dinya Floyd at the Clemson-Carolina game. She is living and working in Atlanta. I also saw Rebecca Glenn Long. She and her family are living in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Allyson Archer McGaha is living in Fayetteville, NC where she is a self-employed musician. Husband, Joel, is a Lt. Col. in the Army, stationed at Ft. Bragg and they have three children—Josh (12), Jessica (10), and Jacquelyn (2). Please E-mail us or write us with all your news. Take care and God Bless.

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15th Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2002

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From Adele: Thank you for all the newsy Christmas cards. Mary Kay Seckinger sent a newsletter telling of their move into a new house in Denver this winter. Madeline is going to preschool, while Baxter has learned to walk. MK is involved with the local MOPS chapter where she's in charge of hospitality—so "if the other moms don't feel welcome, it's her fault!" says her husband, Jon. Susi Harrington Potter was inspired to write me on-line recently. She and her husband, Jeff, have lived in the small town of Shelburne Falls, MA since 1996. She was working with her husband in a graphic design business until this winter when she branched out on her own as a jewelry maker. She likes to work with vintage glass, semi-

precious stones and precious metals. Susi has gone back to acting and is part of a local community theatre group. She always listens intently to find any Southerners in the area. Jerry Ann Conner checked in from Newnan, GA where she practices law. To relieve stress, she likes to travel and recently has gone to Graceland, Disney World, and Las Vegas. I got a chance to visit Janet Bean and her sister, Judy Bean Slack '89 when they came to North Carolina for a family reunion. Judy and Matt brought the triplets who were the talk of the town of Valdese. From Catherine: Andrea Lyles Hueble writes from Greenville, SC that she is helping at the Crisis Center and volunteering in her oldest daughter's classroom. Camilla Palmer writes from Mt. Pleasant, SC that she has been taking diving lessons. She has also discovered that diving is an expensive hobby! Anne Longley writes from Auburn, ME about her summer in "La belle Provence" cooking up a storm with all the fresh ingredients from the open-air market in Isle-sur-la-Sorgue. Both Anne and husband are teaching. We look forward to seeing you in Spartanburg at our 15th class reunion. Take a break from your routine and come share some fun with a bunch of girls who knew you when.

'Til then, Adele & Catherine

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The following headline was recently noted in the National Enquirer: "Converse College Class of 1988 Abducted by Aliens!" OK, not really. But we must all have been abducted by someone or something recently, because Becky, Ashlin, and I have received almost no news from our classmates. Therefore, we propose the following resolution (albeit somewhat late to qualify for the new year's variety, but what the heck!): better communication with your class representatives so that we can write witty, insightful columns for the alumnae newsletters! To aid in this resolution, please forward your E-mail addresses to Linda

Layman Redding at thereds@carolina.rr.com and I will keep you all informed of deadlines so that any news you have about you or others can be included. Several other classes are doing this and it seems to work really well. Sydney Jordan Warren and husband, Randy, along with their son, Harry (3), have moved to Charlotte from Atlanta. Carissa Mosteller Burns has been promoted to Global Sales Manager for the Foreign Exchange sales team at Wachovia, which keeps her days full and allows her to earn frequent flyer points when she travels to London to visit some of her team members. Carissa and husband, Brian, are also renovating a beautiful old home in Belmont, NC. Patti Maxwell Snow writes that she is still living in Raleigh, NC with children Emily (10) and Mattox (6). Patti still has her home decorating business and is enjoying it. She also has a glass beaded bracelet business called Bella Bangles, where she makes custom bracelets with your children's names (or not), watches, necklaces, etc. An update from Anne Johnson Paynter states she, husband Stephen and children Sarah (7) and Andrew (4) are now living in Fort Lee, NJ after selling the full line music store they operated for eight years in Stroudsburg, PA. Anne says she will continue her studio work on the weekends which includes demos for music publishing companies and maybe a little free-lance music editing. Stephen works full time as a chorister with the Metropolitan Opera at Lincoln Center. A reminder to everyone: please consider forwarding Linda your E-mail address so that we can all stay in better touch.

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Alumnae Weekend, 2004

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I got an E-mail from Jan Ulmer Bazzle who lives in Ruffin, SC. She is working in Barnwell County at their Career Center as a guidance counselor. She E-mailed the basketball coach at Converse to inquire about an alumnae game before we get too old and out of shape to play. If any old players are interested, E-mail Jan at tigerlady91@yahoo.com so we can get a list together. Margaret Gordon was named Member of the Year for the Spartanburg

Chapter of the South Carolina Medical Management Association. She saw Cammie Truesdale over the holidays. Cammie is working at Wofford as a controller. Sonya Fry Graham writes that she had a white Christmas in Littleton, CO. Her parents and her sister have moved to Littleton as well. She works for her husband's company part time. Emergency Alert Network (www.ean247.com) is the only central system that families can use to track down their loved ones in the event of an emergency and to help police and medical emergency staff contact families directly. Parker Derrick Knapp and husband, Ken, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in September with a trip to New York City. The trip was bittersweet due to the recent tragedies. Rawles Terrell Kelley was stateside recently and E-mailed a picture from her "meet Madeleine" party held in Columbia (see Births). Attendees included Parker Derrick Knapp, Marty Team Garrison, Suzanne Ness Wilson, and Amy Dudley Edwards '88. An E-mail was received from Jill Collins Jolly who lives in Chesnee, SC with husband, Eddie, and daughter, Sally Margaret (see Births). Jill's mother, Claudia Collins, was also in our class. They are both teachers. Claudia is in her 12th year of teaching at Byrnes High School in Duncan, SC and Jill is in her 11th year at Gable Middle School in Roebuck, SC. Susan Williams Lynch and husband, Jay, are in Charlotte. She is teaching a few piano lessons, playing for her children's choir, and raising her children—daughter Margaret, and sons Jim and Will. In September Lisa Wimberly Allen and husband, Dean, began serving as co-pastors of First Baptist Church in Weston, MA which is eight miles west of Boston. Susan Nickles Moore and husband, Mike, are at Fort Gordon in Augusta, GA where she is working as a speech-language pathologist for a company that provides home-based therapy services for early intervention children from birth through 3 years of age. We received an E-mail from Ashley Macfie Goodlett. She, Robert, Liza, and Field are enjoying their farm in Spartanburg and welcome any red devil reunion at the picnic facilities on their property. My roommate, Beverly Ross Wilhelm, and Madison are the proud parents of Ross! (See Births) She says all is well in Denver, CO. Judy Bean Slack, husband Matt and their 18 month old triplets (2 girls, 1 boy) drove 15 hours from Illinois to North Carolina for a family reunion in December. She said the children traveled very well. While in North

Carolina, she saw Adele Penland Boyce '87, her mother, and daughter, Meredith. Judy and family returned to Illinois for Christmas and her sister, Janet Bean '87, was there to enjoy the triplets tearing open their presents. I, Angie Williams Cash, had a huge Christmas season on Ebay. Just before Thanksgiving, I was interviewed for an article on Ebay for Fortune Magazine and the article and picture appear in the January 21, 2002 issue. It is so great to hear from so many of you. Please keep in touch. Kathryn and Angie

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Julie Hennecy "survived" her trip to the Outback. Her note sounded like it was straight out of National Geographic. In addition to snorkling at the Great Barrier Reef, she also managed to meet a couple of local Aussie naval boys. During a trip to San Francisco, I met Rebecca Lesto Shunk and her baby, Amelia, for high tea at the Palace Hotel. Amelia was a huge flirt and had all of the waiters' attention. Rebecca is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine. She and husband, Rick, are taking advantage of living on the West Coast and visited China and went skiing in Banff, Canada. Always the road warrior, Lesa Underwood has been doing her job to boost the economy. She braved the airways and flew to Boston the week after the September 11th attack. Along with Julie Staggs '86, she also visited the Big Apple where they had a big time brunching at the Waldorf-Astoria, having tea at Takashimaya, a Japanese department store on 5th Avenue, and catching a Broadway show with Harry Connick, Jr. Other notes of interest from Lesa—her mom carried the Olympic torch as it passed through Charleston, SC. Her mother's support person was Amy Dudley Edwards '88. Claire Bramlett has finished her MBA at Georgia State University. In her "spare time", she works for Marsh USA Inc.

as an Employee Benefits Consultant and travels a lot. After several years of living in Virginia and Pennsylvania, Pam Moren Conner and family have returned to the Palmetto State. Rick has completed his Masters of Laws in tax at Villanova University in Philadelphia. My little family is also on the move. After several years in Virginia, we have returned to Greenville, SC. We enjoyed our time in the Old Dominion, but it is nice to be back! Following the moving trend, Deidre Park hopes to find some fellow classmates in Tallahassee. She has just started a job as a financial examiner with the Florida Department of Insurance. This past fall Winnie Brown King hosted an alumnae luncheon that was a great success. She said the highlight was a 1924 graduate who, at 94 years old, was delightful. Other “Hostesses with Mostest” are Lisa Burks Clark, Lisa Lyle Fields, and Mary Kenyon Robards Jones who held a lovely luncheon in Columbia for Lawson Edwards Hough (see Births). Mary McDaniel Ridgeway, Claire Bramlett, Caroline West McDowell, Laura Lochen Kirkley, Sheri Starnes Balcerzak, and Meredith Moorhead were in attendance. Sorely missed at the luncheon was Lynn Pettus Finkelstein who is managing a project in Florida for Ernst and Young. Caroline is Director of the Infant Day Care Center at her church in Clemson. It is one of two daycare centers that take care of infants in the Clemson area. Mary Kenyon is working part time for the State Department of Education. Beth Benston Elmore reports that she is still working for Elmore and Elmore with her husband, Gay. Lawson reports that she saw a picture of Beth and Gay in the sports section of the West Virginia Gazette as they have been participating in a husband/ wife tennis team. After many years in the Admissions Office at Converse, Melissa Sanders Burns has decided to try something new. She is the Regional Sales Manager for Emily Ray, Inc., a line of jewelry sold in women’s boutiques and gift shops. And news from some long lost classmates: Nancy Welch Stead and husband, Durk, are living in Richmond. Nancy is working part time for a local author while Durk is working on his Ph.D. at Union Theological Seminary and working full-time as chaplain of the middle school at St. Christopher’s Episcopal School for Boys. Libby Fletcher Duffy is living in Tallahassee and says she is “practicing law by day and doing horsey stuff in her off hours.”

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I heard from Heidi Knedlik Straughn that she began private practice in OB/ GYN in August in Birmingham, AL. She is in practice with five physicians, one of whom is her father-in-law. Melissa Hunt’s Christmas card pictured her in front of Rockefeller Center in NYC in December. She reported a busy fall, but all going well in Tallahassee. Beverly Moore Sessoms reported that at two months old, her son made his theatrical debut in the Columbia City Ballet’s production of Dracula in October. He was on stage for two minutes and was almost bitten, before he was whisked away! She was the proud stage mom! Elizabeth Foster Meek, Beth McCrary Smith, Catherine Warlick Charles and myself gathered our then eight children (see Births) together for a Christmas card photo in December. We had several calls from folks who would have preferred a picture of the moms who were standing in front of the children oohing and clapping and making faces and yelling the children’s names. We even took them out to lunch in public and were complimented by a stranger on their good behavior! Please keep Maria Macaulay Sellars in your prayers as her husband was called to active duty in December and will not return for a year. She can always be found with the most positive attitude and is getting along well. Great reviews came from my father-in-law and his wife, to whom I had sent some homemade biscotti and granola from Jenny Howard’s Red Dog Provisions. She ships anywhere — give her a call. I had a hilarious call from Catherine Ward Gregory in January. She won two tickets to the Super Bowl with all accommodations paid from an Atlanta radio station. The station had her on the air and they were chatting about Converse, Spartanburg, and that her husband, Scott, attended Wofford. It seems the DJ’s wife is from Spartanburg. What a fun plug for Converse over the Atlanta airways! Blessed spring to you all!

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It’s reunion time and we are excited about seeing everyone back at Converse April 26-28! Over the holidays I received my yearly Bourassa family update from Jo-ne Claxton Bourassa. She and husband, Scott, are doing well. Jo-ne presented a session at the National Association of Biology Teachers Conference in Montreal, Ontario, Canada. Catherine Taylor Marsteller, her husband, Steven, and their girls are also doing well. Catherine is teaching kindergarten for autistic children in Gwinnett County and really enjoys her work. Mary Taylor is in first grade at Catherine’s school and Lauren is 20 months old. Catherine indicated Stacy Story is the Reading Specialist at her school. Shannon Stewart-Hill and her husband, Rob, moved into their new home in Winston-Salem last spring. She will have 10 years with Shaner Hotel Group in May. In December I spent a long weekend in Safety Harbour, FL with Nancy Rowe Bennett, her husband, Brett, and their daughter, Maggie Ferris. Brett was a trooper with us giggling and talking at all hours. Please make special plans to join us at Converse for reunion weekend!

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We find ourselves especially grateful for many blessings; our class has also experienced sorrow in this most recent year with the passing of Kinsey Black Jones. She finished her undergraduate studies at USC and via a mutual friend, Kathy Parrish Nelson, I learned that Kinsey had breast cancer that spread to the liver, taking her life in mid-November. Our classmate, Angie Cox Bowers, sang at Kinsey’s service and has recorded a CD that she’s dedicated to Kinsey. The proceeds from the sale of the CD will benefit a breast cancer charity. We do not currently have information on how to get a copy of the CD and support this cause, but for those who are interested or who may know, please e-mail Angel at angel_s_young@yahoo.com. We’ll serve as a converging point and put the right folks in

touch with one another. We are sad to lose our friend Kinsey but grateful that we can partner with Angie in commemorating Kinsey as well as assist in the fight against this dreadful disease. We heard from Tami Frick Covert that she’s now teaching at the elementary school that she attended. Ashley Gross Millinor has turned her most recent professional move into textbook sales into another success; she was recently named “Top Performer” in one of her product areas. Congratulations! Danielle Tanguis is in Water Valley, MS where she is technical support specialist for Green Dragon Creations/ Water Valley Interchange. Drop us news with the tales of your goings on. We want to stay “plugged in” with our Converse classmates.

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Claire Marie Benedict Huff and husband, William, are living in Atlanta after their September wedding. Converse bridesmaids were Jill Rogers McDonald and Kristin Johnson, who is living in Raleigh, NC where she is taking pre-nursing courses at Meredith College. Other '96 classmates in attendance were Katie Depascale Williams and Cary Perkins. Sonja Coyle Akers, Amy Quinn-Amey, Beth Farmer, Carla Malone, and Ryan Revis Stewart met for dinner in Spartanburg before attending Lessons and Carols in December. Camri Klinger Monaghan and husband, Patrick, vacationed in California last summer. They drove Hwy. 1 to Monterey, Carmel and Pebble Beach, had a great time and saw the most breathtaking sunset on their trip. Catherine Cranford, Jenny Williams, and I attended the first annual Team Converse Leadership Conference in September. Many thanks to those who volunteer and work for Converse. The conference was a success because of all of you. Amy Hawkins Truitt is working on her master’s degree in elementary education at Converse. Heather Stead and Alison Stafford are teaching at Social Circle

Elementary School in Social Circle, GA. Ali visits Heather’s kindergarten class once a day to work with small groups of her students. Elizabeth Skinner is the Director of Marketing for Nationtax Online, Inc., a web based ASP that allows businesses to prepare, file and pay Sales and Use taxes online. Jennifer Jones Medlock has “retired” from Milliken and she and husband, Bert, are remodeling their house. Andrea Wyrosdick, Beth Farmer, Carrie Hill, and Lathrop Hart Mosley represented our class well in a skit they performed for 1889 week. Andrea sported that “dorky Pink Panther jumper” she used to wear, Carrie was a good student who “discovered” Wofford, Beth portrayed a Dr. Joe Dunn groupie, and Lathrop acted as a Converse student. Andrea says the students loved it and they had a GREAT time! Heidi Ruehl has finally moved into her house after more than a year of renovating and painting! A new company has been launched from the existing home fragrance companies by her employer, Grace Management, called Shades of Light, a new concept in home decor combining lamps and candles to create what Heidi calls lamp candles. They hit the market nationwide in January. Starr Lockhart is living in Charleston, SC and is enjoying her job as a speech pathologist at MUSC, where she sees inpatient and outpatient pediatric patients. Beth DeLoache Townsend enjoys her job as an Early Interventionist for the Florence County Disabilities and Special Needs Board. She provides service coordination and visits parents whose children have special needs to instruct them how to teach their children. Jennifer George Cook and husband, Nathan, report they have moved closer to Oxford College, where Jennifer is enjoying her work. Nathan expects to graduate with a Masters of Mechanical Engineering in May. Jinny Meyers Burford and husband, Ken, are living in CA. He graduates from seminary school in May. Heather May Stoll is working part-time as the Tape Ministry Coordinator for Westside Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL and is tutoring a local student. Husband, Jeff, was ordained this past July and continues working as Minister of Media at the same church. Debbie Gardner Guilfoyle is working for Associated Marine Institutes at Camp White Pines in Jonesville with adjudicated 12-16 year old boys. Suzy Wells Jones and husband Scott are enjoying life in Greer, SC. Suzy plays viola for a string quartet. Kathryn Fish Tinsley, Alethea DeWeese Cooper, Hannah Roberts, Liz Hudnall, Sarah Strait, and Heather Deifell met in Black Mountain for a mini-reunion in November. Sarah was with us for two years and currently works in

Louisiana as a social worker. Don’t forget to read the Life Events section for info on marriages, births, career changes, etc.

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I hope that this newsletter finds you in good spirits and looking forward to returning to Converse for our 5-year reunion! The weekend of April 26-28 is going to be tons of fun and we can’t wait to get back together with everyone! Please make arrangements to attend this fabulous weekend! Sarah George Corley is teaching Spanish in Charleston and implementing a foreign language program that is sponsored by the government. Ginger Crawford has recently relocated to Spartanburg and is now the Director of the Converse Fund. Let’s all make certain we give to the Converse Fund this year since we are well represented in the Development Office! It will also help us win the “It’s A Class Act” competition at reunion. Kim Varnadoe Bearden is now the VP for Government Relations and General Counsel with the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance. She is enjoying being a lobbyist and a lawyer. Dawne Copeland Bendig, Jennifer Buchanan Kurecka, Andrea Sparks, and Merri Christy Harmon got together over Christmas for a mini-reunion. Jennifer is enjoying life as a stay at home mom. Merri Christy is the Children’s Minister at Summerville First Baptist Church. Andrea is back in Columbia working on a Ph.D. Dawne is an itinerant teacher in Pickens County and is also teaching an undergraduate ASL II class at Southern Wesleyan University. In Dawne’s summer wedding, Merri Christy Harmon was maid of honor, Andrea Sparks was a bridesmaid, Leigh Anne Ward was a greeter, and Melissa Roberts Kirby was the guest book attendant. Jennifer Buchanan Kurecka, Shannon Lancaster Bullard '99, and Lavonda



Frierson were in attendance. Lavonda is currently interning as a physical therapist in an Army hospital in Washington, DC. Catherine Alexander is a supervisor for Monarch Foods in Greenville. She and Dawne are active in the Greenville Growl Booster Club. Meredith Nock Partridge is teaching third grade in the mountains of Grundy, VA. Allison Partridge is teaching in Newberry. Please make sure that you mark your calendars for the reunion weekend and send in a pledge to the Converse Fund! Heather, Amanda, and I are looking forward to seeing everyone!

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Kristi Hines Hagood writes from Augusta where she moved with her husband, Allen, in September. She is working as a government contractor in the environmental department at Fort Gordon. Over Christmas she got together with several Connies: Laura Matthews Pappas, Fran Jordan Sullivan, Emily Smith, Betsy Pringle, Angela Mills, Ginger Benton, and Michelle Harris. They had a wonderful time at Emily’s house in Columbia. Michelle is in Aiken, Ginger in Winston-Salem, Fran is in Columbia, and Laura and her husband, Mike, are living in Glen Burnie, MD. In Charleston you can still find Betsy Pringle along with Alex Gavalas who has just returned to the Harbour Club as Member Relations Director. Surprise, surprise, guess who else has landed in Charleston—Katie Messervy who is teaching with Marti Glenn at Sea Island Academy. Marti wrote of Kay Liner Little’s December wedding in Columbia. Natalie Spigner, Olivia Thornton, Pagent Presley, Betsy Frank, and Marti were in the wedding. Attending Rebecca Whitley’s October wedding in Asheboro, NC were Jennifer Farrar Turner (matron of honor), Shelby Bishop, Erin Rich, Nikki Maples ‘99, and Hadley Rowland ‘97. Becca is the Director of the Carlton Art Gallery in Foscoe, NC near their home in Boone. She is also working on developing a private client base with which to do expressive arts and ecotherapy.

Congratulations to Christy Baldwin who has graduated from nursing school and is working in the neonatal unit at a Florence hospital. Erinn Cox writes from Manhattan where she is working for Hammer Associates selling fine arts supplies in the city and the southeast. Katy Sheppard is moving to San Francisco to pursue a masters in counseling with a specialization in transpersonal psychology, which incorporates yoga, meditation, tai chi, etc. into the healing process. Jennifer Reese Boyd, Alex Gavalas, Brooke Champion Farmer, Shannon Campbell, Erin Rich, Helen Walker, and Ann Gerber met at the beach before the holidays. Helen made the trek from DC where she recently landed a position with Congressman Jeff Miller from Florida’s 1st district. Brooke and Ken are settling into their new life in Tennessee, and Shannon is teaching in Columbia. Jennifer and her husband, John, are still enjoying Atlanta. Ann is now a reading specialist teaching dyslexic students in several different private schools in the Greenville/ Spartanburg area. We have fun bringing you the news but after four years we feel it is time to graduate from this position. Let us know if you are interested in taking over. Happy Spring to you all!

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We enjoyed our mini-reunion in November during 1889 week where we spotted Jessica Eggimann, Angie Ackermann, Dawn Taylor, Junel Doxie, Dana Luttrell Garner, Jessica Condit, Kelly Moore, Angela Abrams, and Amanda Crane. Our little sisters made us proud! Victoria Frady Adams is living in New York City where she has recently begun working in the shows “The Merry Widow” and “The Mikado”. Stephanie Elizondo is living in Greenville, working at Wachovia on Pelham Road. Erin Patterson is finishing her master’s degree at Belmont University, while touring with the group Watermark. Dareth Alexander is teaching 3rd grade at Greenview Elementary School in Greenville. Jane Anne Deaton is a preschool teacher at Grace Weekday School in Charleston. Elizabeth Anne Joyner works as the Program Coordinator for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center at the Central Florida Speech and Hard of Hearing Center. Elizabeth Moore and Caroline Brice were spotted at the Florida vs. South Carolina game and are doing well. Kiley and Susanna are still teaching in Conyers, GA and Kari continues to live in Spartanburg. We would love to hear from you! Keep us posted on all of your news.

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