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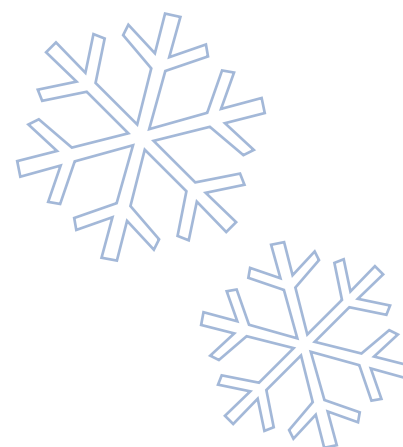


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CORRECTION: The quote from Wayne J. Holman in the letter of Elise Warren, President, Converse Alumnae Association, should read, "The only way to combat the tendency toward mediocrity that exists in almost every facet of the national scene is to strive for excellence."

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It's a Wonderful Life



In the 1946 film classic *It's a Wonderful Life*, George Bailey (Jimmy Stewart) is at a crossroads in his life. Standing alone on a bridge, a despondent George states "I suppose it'd been better if I'd never been born at all." A guardian angel is dispatched to George's side and grants his wish: a chance to see what the world would have been like without George Bailey.

In one of the most eye-opening dream sequences ever filmed, George sees firsthand how vastly different the lives of others would have been had he not been born. Without even the subtlest of actions on his behalf, the lives of those around him would have been completely different from what he has known.

For 112 years, Converse College has impacted the world by shaping the lives

of women – challenging the way they think about themselves, their world, and their roles in it. But what if there had been no Converse College? Would the lives of Converse alumnae be vastly different than they are now? Would the lives of those around the alumnae be recognizable without the Converse touch? For just a moment, let's stand in the shoes of George Bailey on that bridge and wonder aloud: "What if there were no Converse College?"



The very spirit of Converse College was instilled in Mary Wilson Gee (class of 1893). A native of Union County, S.C., Miss

Gee entered Converse as a member of the very first class. Three years later, she was awarded her B.A. degree, graduating as president of the first class to receive Converse diplomas. But unlike most graduates, Miss Gee did not leave the campus grounds to make her mark on the world. In fact, Converse College became her home for the next 70 years. She used virtually every day of every year to touch the lives of those around her through the College. During her tenure, she would be named Professor of Latin and appointed to the post of Dean of Students.

During her time as Dean, the students were known as “her girls,” and they could not imagine Converse without her. How could they? What girl could fail to remember caroling on a frosty night just before Christmas with Miss Gee leading the way to every faculty home and then to her own warm room with hot chocolate and cookies? Or the custom of birthday cakes for every girl during the college year, even if some birthdays normally fell in June, July, or August?

Many Converse alumnae owe to Miss Gee their happy memories of studying abroad. Before World War I, she took parties of students on tours throughout Europe. Realizing that most of the girls who traveled with her would probably not return to Europe, she did all she could to ensure the ventures were

helpful and enjoyable backgrounds for their futures.

Miss Gee is perhaps best remembered for her good works in doing for others. After World War I, 60 boys and girls were to be sent from Europe to the U.S. to be educated. Miss

Gee undertook the responsibility of two of these students—Serbian girls—and financed their education at Converse. She not only helped them financially, but she also taught them to speak English and saw to it they were clothed and well cared for.

At her memorial service in 1963, one speaker said, “Through all the years I’ve known her, she never changed much in appearance, seeming to wear the same clothes. She was far more conscious of the more intrinsic values of life—integrity, scholarship, Christian ethics, and classical reasoning.” One cannot begin to count the number of people influenced, directly or indirectly, by Miss Gee through Converse College. Miss Gee not only fostered tradition, she became one.



Julia Mood Peterkin (class of 1897) took her life observations and turned them into a Pulitzer Prize winning book. In



Mary Wilson Gee (left and below) entered Converse College as a member of the very first class. After receiving her degree, Miss Gee spent the next 70 years of her life serving the College in various capacities, including Professor of Latin and Dean of Students. One cannot begin to count the number of people influenced, directly or indirectly, by Miss Gee through Converse College.



1929, her novel, *Scarlet Sister Mary*, was awarded the prize for its realistic and warm portrayal of plantation life among the Gullah people. To this day, she is the only South Carolinian to have received the award.

Julia was only 16 when she received her B.A. degree from Converse. Because she was so young, her father insisted that she remain for another year to earn her Master of Arts. She later taught in a small, one-room schoolhouse in Fort Motte, S.C. While in Fort Motte, she married William Peterkin, young owner of the Lang Syne Plantation. As the mistress of the plantation, she was advisor, doctor, and caretaker for the 450 Gullah workers who plowed the land.

Over time, Julia learned the Gullah ways and language. She began to write short stories with characters based on the Gullahs she met on the plantation. For her day, Julia presented a radically

different portrayal of Southern blacks that brought a realistic, sympathetic, and truthful rendering of the time in literature. However, her work received surprisingly limited recognition and was not considered proper reading in her home state.

History has a way of righting the wrongs of yesteryear. In 1994, Julia Peterkin was inducted into the South Carolina Hall of Fame, and Converse College established the Julia Peterkin Award in an effort to introduce students to strong writers from across the country. To this day, the award has brought talented visiting writers to the College campus to influence and inspire Converse students.

(below and right) Julia Mood Peterkin received the Pulitzer Prize for her 1929 novel, *Scarlet Sister Mary*. To this day, she is the only South Carolinian to receive the award.



hundreds of friendships with Converse graduates. In 1985, the Spirit of Converse alumnae award was renamed the Mae Elizabeth Kilgo Spirit Award.

“Not only has Converse played a vital role in my life,” Mae said in 1982, “but it has *been* my life. My



Mae Elizabeth Kilgo '36 enrolled at Converse in 1932. After graduating, she left for a career in merchandising and marketing in New York City. In 1949 she returned to Converse at the request of Edward Gwathmey, then President of the College, to serve as executive secretary to the Alumnae Association. This move would turn into a partnership that greatly benefited the Converse College family. During her 32 years of service to Converse, Mae developed the College's alumnae magazine, helped establish the career and job placement program, and helped launch the Converse College Alumnae Fund.

For many alumnae, Mae Kilgo was their direct line of contact with the College. She maintained and cultivated

Converse friends have been my lifelong friends. I have been in their weddings, visited their homes, and am godmother to some of their children.”

Who can know the number of daughters of friends who have enrolled at Converse because of Mae Kilgo? These same daughters have come to Converse, shared in the experience of the College, and gone forth into the world all the better for it.



When Ellen Bryant Voigt '64 came to Converse, her dream was to become a high school band director. After taking a few English

courses, however, she ventured down a different path that would lead her to fame as one of the nation's most talented poets. “I came to Converse because of the School of Music, and had not even written my first poem,” says Ellen. “The faculty members of the English department ignited that spark.”

Now Ellen is set to publish her sixth novel, *Shadow of Heaven*, in January. She has also taught at prestigious institutions throughout the country, and has been named Poet Laureate for



(above) Ellen Bryant Voigt '64 dreamed of becoming a high school band director. But her time at Converse ignited a passion for poetry.

the state of Vermont where she currently lives with her family. Millions of people have been touched and educated through her poetry.



For Carol Connor '72, the annual London Term sponsored by Converse was a turning point in her life. "Up until that trip, I had lived a very sheltered life," says Connor. "The chance to move around and study in such a big city really gave me a sense of true independence. Ever since that experience, I knew there were no boundaries in my life."

That sense of independence would serve as the foundation for a brilliant law career that included her election as Family Court Judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit in 1984. She served in that capacity until being the first woman in South Carolina to be elected as a Circuit Court Judge in 1988. In 1993, she became the first woman to sit on the South Carolina Court of Appeals where she currently serves. Judge Connor has, in turn, actively served as a role model for current students as an Alumna in Residence for the Office of Career Services and as Commencement speaker on two occasions.



After Melanie Clyburn '87 graduated from Converse, she literally saw the world. "I went to Converse on a two-year Army



When Melanie Clyburn '87 graduated from Converse, she embarked on a journey that led her around the world. (left) She is pictured training with the Marine Corps at their base in Quantico. (below) Melanie rides a motorcycle while serving with the Peace Corps in Liberia.

ROTC scholarship," says Melanie. "But two weeks before I graduated, there was a massive reduction in funds for the military so they told me I was no longer required to serve in the Army. I had no idea what to do or where to go."

Melanie signed with the Peace Corps and served for nearly two years in Liberia. "I helped with rural development, which means I served as a sort of liaison between the village and the appropriate authorities. Whatever they needed, whether it was digging wells or securing finances for a project, I helped."

After the Peace Corps, Melanie joined the Marine Corps, climbing to the rank of captain. "I was assigned to the intelligence area, mainly analyzing the military preparedness of enemy forces."

Melanie currently serves as a trainer for the U.S. Secret Service in the Washington, D.C. area, specializing in investigation techniques. She is also a regular member of advance scouting teams for dignitary visits, and accompanied former President and Mrs. Clinton abroad. As an art major at Converse, she learned to view the world through different eyes, noticing details



that others would miss. That skill is now invaluable to Melanie as a member of the Secret Service. "Going to Converse was a blessing in many ways," she said. "It opened windows of opportunity that I would not have otherwise had."

It's difficult to say what the lives of Miss Gee, Julia Peterkin, Mae Kilgo, Ellen Bryant Voigt, Carol Connor, and Melanie Clyburn would be like had they not experienced their years at Converse. But judging from the variety of paths their lives have taken, it is obvious that Converse provides the opportunity for a wonderful and truly rich life.

Around the world, there are women who love Converse. If you stop to imagine a world without Converse, to imagine the lives of these amazing women without her influence and the lives of women from generations to come without the opportunity to live and learn within her gates, you realize what a wonderful world this one really is.



Women in the Sacred City

Editor's Note: During the summer break, 21 Converse College students and 4 Converse professors took part in a study-travel program in Rome. The following is a first-hand account of the trip written by Heather Barclay '03.

For many of my fellow students, the Women in the Sacred City study-travel experience represented their first opportunity to study religion or travel outside the country. For me, it was the culmination of more than a year of research with Dr. Corrie Norman, Associate Professor of Religion, who developed the study-travel program. It was interesting to see the incredible diversity within our group of travelers. We

learned almost as much from each other as we did from the professors and scholars.

Before the actual trip, each of us was assigned a site project to research. As part of our research, some students performed and gave presentations on Italian women and sacred music. For example, one student lectured about the Vestal Virgins in the ruins of their temple, another gave a walking tour of the history of courtesans and the Church, and another talked about the possibility of the existence of a woman Pope. For many of us, this research grew from mere course work to a true passion and sincere interest that we enjoyed both inside and outside the classroom.

While in Rome, we met one of two women who serve on the Italian Parliament; attended conferences to hear women working in government agencies talk about their involvement in combating world hunger and empowering women; and learned about art, architecture, religion, music, and history from Roman scholars who discussed their most recent research in the fields we were studying.

We spent a significant amount of time with the Sisters of Zion, a



(left) Professor Susan Tekulve, Heather Barclay '03, and Dr. Madelyn Young in front of St. Peter's Cathedral.



congregation of women who work to promote Jewish-Christian relations within the Church and community. We had a very meaningful prayer/discussion time with them, and even joined voices in song. Sister Margaret, a woman we all became close to, took us on a tour of the Jewish ghetto and synagogue and taught us about the effects of the Holocaust on the Jewish people in Rome.

For me, the most exciting part of the trip was the opportunity to visit the convent of Sta. Francesca Romana, the 15th century saint who was the subject of my site project. She lived in Rome during the Great Schism, a time of widespread famine and plague (which killed one of her children). Amidst this chaos she founded a non-cloistered religious community, the Oblates of the Tor dé Specchi. Earlier in the year I wrote and asked permission to meet the Oblates since the convent is not open to the public, and they responded to my letter by inviting me into their home. Two wonderfully friendly English monks guided me through the fascinating place, which did not seem to have changed much at all since Sta. Francesca lived there as a lay sister. It was indescribably thrilling for me to have had the opportunity to explore the art, space, and life of a saint I had been researching for a year with people who are experts on the subject. We saw the frescos of Sta. Francesca's life, which I had used as visuals



(left) Converse College students gather on the porch of a trattoria in Satta Lucia. (below) One of many magnificent churches visited by Converse students.

in more than one class discussion on 15th century religious women, and because we were required to learn the Italian language during our course work I could actually read many of the inscriptions myself. The experience not only made her biography come alive for me, but also gave me a sense of the daily activities of women living during this time period.

Overall, the Women in the Sacred City study-travel experience surpassed my wildest expectations. There is no possible way that I can adequately express the meaning the program had for me. Rome became a way of living—a spiritual discovery of my passion for life, beauty, and learning that had previously gone unrecognized. Not only did I have the chance to conduct graduate level research with some of the finest scholars I have ever met, but I learned how to kick off my shoes and run laughing through the Piazza Navona in a rain storm instead of hiding inside a doorway waiting for it to pass. I discovered how to gallop on a horse while riding through the countryside with Italian friends. I wandered through massive cathedrals whose domes would shower me in light and darkness, reading the Latin inscriptions in hopes of discovering another piece of the puzzle to pull my research together. And even though I am often the type of person who tries to fill every moment of my day in a vain attempt to be productive, I learned in Italy how important it is to take time slowly, breathe in my surroundings, and dig deeper into conversations with the people around me



whom I spend time with every day but often don't really know at all.

Rome was, without a doubt, the most meaningful and life-changing experience I have ever had. The many things I learned will help me to appreciate the delicate and overpowering wonders of life for as long as I live.



(above) Kristen Cheeseman '02, Kim Neely '02, Suzanne Byrum '04, and Ericka Tyner '02 standing at the Ostia Antica. (far right) The Villa D'este



CONVERSE ANNOUNCES THE OPENING AND DEDICATION OF
**THE SALLY ABNEY ROSE
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
COMPLEX**
AND THE WEISIGER CENTER

Members of the All-Stars present Agnes Binder Weisiger '63 and her husband, Ed, with a signed jersey to express their appreciation for The Weisiger Center.



Dedication of The Sally Abney Rose Physical Activity Complex and The Weisiger Center took place following Opening Convocation on September 18.



President Nancy Gray presents a commemorative plaque to Julia Jones Daniels '53 at the formal dedication of "Dot's Gym." The practice gymnasium was given in memory of Dorothy Jones Powell '56.



The ribbon-cutting ceremony (from left): Converse All-Star Christine McMakin '04, Ed Weisiger, Agnes Weisiger, President Nancy Oliver Gray, Carlette Fulp Holmes '86 (granddaughter of Sally Abney Rose), Carl Edwards (Executive Director of the Abney Foundation), and Converse All-Star Melissa Bunce '04.



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Responding to September 11





Converse Professor Recognized for Book on Southern History

Dr. Melissa A. Walker, Assistant Professor of History and Politics, has been awarded the Willie Lee Rose Prize by the Southern Association for Women Historians (SAWH) for the best book on Southern history authored by a woman. She received the prize for her book, *All We Knew Was to Farm: Rural Women in the Upcountry South, 1919-1941*.

"Dr. Walker's book was chosen because it is so eloquently written and well researched," said Daina L. Ramey, chair of the Rose Prize Committee. For the award, the committee reviewed 23 books with topics that included family, regional, ethnic, protest, gender, economic, and cultural histories of the South.

In her book, Dr. Walker describes the impact on women's lives brought by the economic changes of a twenty-year agricultural depression and New Deal responses that pushed rural families off the land to make way for larger corporations.

(left) Dr. Melissa Walker (right) Susu Johnson '65, wearing her "Pink Panther" beads presented by the senior class, takes the podium after receiving her honorary degree.

Converse Awards Honorary Doctor of Laws to Susan "Susu" Phifer Johnson '65

During the 2001-2002 Opening Convocation, Converse College awarded the Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree to an extraordinary community-service leader and faithful alumna.

"During my time as president of Converse, I have often found myself in awe of the dedication that alumnae have for this college," said President Nancy Oliver Gray. "No one has impressed me more with their support, their vision, and their willingness to do whatever it takes to ensure that Converse remains a special place for young women than Susu Johnson – and the students of Converse feel the same way."

In the fall of 1998, Susu and her husband, George, issued a \$15 million challenge to Converse to raise an additional \$30 million by February of 1999. Converse successfully met and exceeded this challenge. Although the challenge was awe-inspiring in itself, Susu was just as willing to provide leadership as a driving force behind the success of the initiative as she was to provide the financial resources that made it possible.

Susu has served as a class representative,



provided scholarship funding for Converse students, and been a constant volunteer and supporter for countless other events and projects. She currently is co-chairman of *The Campaign for Converse: Building for the Future*.

Even more important than Susu's never-ending support of Converse is the example she has set for Converse students as a woman who makes a difference in our society. She helped carve a path for women leaders everywhere in driving the United Way of the Piedmont to surpass its first \$3 million mark as its first woman campaign chairperson. She has maintained a special interest and commitment to organizations that support women and children, such as Girl Scouts, Planned Parenthood, the Mecklenburg Commission on the Status of Women, the Safe Homes Network, the Spartanburg Women's Political Caucus, and the Junior League. She has also shared her talents with the community as a member of the Spartanburg City Council, the Spartanburg Music Foundation Board of Directors, the Advisory Board for NCNB, and as a founding leader of the Daniel Morgan Society.

Petrie School Begins Year with New Degree Program, New Performance Endowment

Learning the Business of Music

It's an exciting year for the Petrie School of Music. Students enrolled in the first introductory courses for a new music business concentration within the Bachelor of Arts in music degree. "This new program will exert great influence on the arts world and serve as an excellent student recruitment tool for Converse when our graduates go on to become arts administrators," said Lynn Stalnaker, Interim Dean of the Petrie School.

The new degree offers students a more specialized and focused preparation for their career than a double major in music and business by featuring courses such as an Introduction to Music Business, a nine-term music business seminar, and a music business internship. In addition to taking a core of general business courses, students also take business courses emphasizing music-related issues such as copyright laws. Students choose one of four

possible areas for their concentration: marketing, music technology, international business, or an area of the student's own design.

The Elizabeth Jennings Caughman '36 Performance Endowment

The Petrie School has new funding to provide opportunities for students to interact with world-renowned musicians such as Marilyn Horne, the Beaux Arts Trio, or Charles Wadsworth. The new \$50,000 performance endowment was established in honor of Elizabeth Jennings Caughman '36, by her six children.

Interaction with musicians of such high caliber provides Converse students with invaluable preparation for their future careers as professional musicians. Not only are students able to see live performances by the musicians, but they are also often able to perform with them and be coached by them.

There are many areas of opportunity for alumnae and friends of the College to establish endowments. As one component of *The Campaign for Converse*, endowments provide a critical foundation that produces permanent income for the program of a donor's choice. If you would like to learn more about making a lasting impact on Converse through the establishment of a program endowment, please contact Scott Rawles, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, at (864) 596-9018.

(below) The Caughman family with President Nancy Gray at a dinner in honor of Elizabeth Jennings Caughman '36.





Alumnae NEWS

Holiday greetings to all of you! I realize that this holiday season will be more reflective for many of us after the events of September 11th which shook the very foundation of our wonderful nation. I hope this article finds you well.

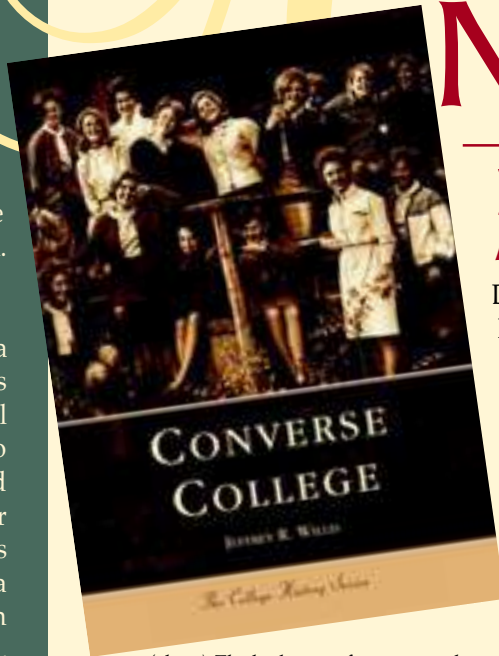
Nationwide we, as alumnae, have had a *very* busy fall with 26 events held in cities across the southeast . . . 28 more events will follow through next spring. Please plan to participate in your local activities and renew your ties to Converse College. Our alumnae office created two new events this fall: the first annual "Team Converse," a leadership conference for volunteers in development, career services, athletics, and recruitment; and a hospitality tent for Converse-Wofford couples who attended Wofford Homecoming. Our alumnae, who number over 12,000 nationwide are an *active, enthusiastic, and involved* group of women. Get to know them better!

During this holiday season, consider what you have received at Converse College: a *great* liberal arts education that prepared all of us for future challenges as well as many lifelong friendships to be cherished. This is the season of giving, so please remember the greatest "gift" you can give Converse — a student! Did you know that recent statistics show that 25% of our alumnae referrals turn into admitted students? One of our top priorities is to seek your recommendations for future students. You, in turn, are giving a young lady the "gift" of a lifetime . . . an investment in her future. Your support is critical and greatly appreciated!

Happy holidays and have a blessed New Year.

Elise

Elise Warren
President, Converse Alumnae Association



(above) The book cover features members of Crescent from the class of 1969, including Mary Belser, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Adelaide Johnson, Coordinator of Recruitment Volunteers for the Alumnae Office.

Hot Off the Press! A Pictorial History of Converse

Dr. Jeffrey Willis, Andrew Helmus Distinguished Professor of History, has compiled a pictorial history of Converse College that is sure to become a treasured keepsake for alumnae for years to come. The book is arranged in chronological order and features vintage photographs that portray how both the campus and the students have evolved over the past 112 years.

Wilson Hall is seen as it appeared before the fire of 1892 and as it reemerged afterwards. Photographs through the years of students and faculty - some even taken by students themselves - provide a window into the world of

Converse. Dr. Willis draws from his 35-year career at Converse in combining informative text with many previously unseen photographs.

Proceeds from the book benefit the Converse Alumnae Association. Order your copy by submitting the form below.



(clockwise from far right) Sample photographs from the book include students from the 1930s, the May Pole celebration from 1982, and members of Omega Delta sorority, which was a part of Converse from the late 1890s to the 1930s.



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Is Converse on Your Bumper?

If you don't have a Converse College pewter license tag (right) to sport on your vehicle, 'tis the season to snag this stocking-stuffer for yourself and your Converse friends! To order, call 1-800-584-9098 for the Converse Campus Bookstore. Tags are \$28 each, which covers tax, shipping, and handling. Please allow 10 days for UPS delivery.



Team Converse

Alumnae and Friends become Ambassadors for Converse

Traveling from as far away as Washington, D.C., Texas, Florida, and Alabama, seventy-five alumnae and friends of Converse came to campus on September 14 to prepare for a new level of volunteerism. A one-day leadership conference prepared them to take on their new roles as members of

"Team Converse", a group that will serve as ambassadors for Converse. Coordinated by the offices of Admissions, Alumnae, Athletics, Career Services, Development, and the Petrie School of Music, members of Team Converse were armed with a thorough understanding of the College's current programs, new initiatives, needs, and opportunities for volunteerism.

establishing an internship for a current student; making a special gift to support a program or scholarship of interest; hosting, planning, or attending an alumnae event; or serving as a club chair or class representative. It also entails encouraging other alumnae and friends to become more actively involved. Team Converse fills a critical need for the College: it establishes a network of trained volunteers throughout the nation to help expand Converse's reach to a national level.



(above) Team Converse participants break into groups to attend informational sessions as part of their training.

Being a strong ambassador for Converse can take shape in many forms: referring a prospective student to the admissions office or bringing her along for a campus visit;

A second Team Converse session will be held next fall. If you would like to join this leadership group, contact the Alumnae Office at (864) 596-9055.

Save the Date! Reunion is April 26-28, 2002

Converse is doing something a little different this year...we're inviting ALL classes to come back to Converse for Reunion on April 26-28, 2002. If your class year ends in a two or seven, this is your year for a special reunion. However, many activities are being planned and there is much new to see on campus so all alumnae are invited to join together in the festivities.

Information is coming soon to the Converse website (www.converse.edu); or contact Elizabeth Simons, Associate Director of Alumnae, by email at elizabeth.simons@converse.edu or by phone at (864) 596-9058.

A New Tradition to Welcome Freshmen:

The First Annual Alumnae "Mugging"

On freshman move-in day, September 6, 2001, the Alumnae Office sponsored its first annual "Mugging" to welcome incoming freshmen to Converse. As the freshmen and their parents entered the dining room for lunch, Melissa



Sarah Peavler '05 (left) and Danica Lance '05 (right) with their mugs.

Daves Jolly '69, Elizabeth Simons, Bobbie Daniel '71, and Adelaide Capers Johnson '69 from the Alumnae Office and local alumnae Marianna McIntrye Taylor '81, Erin Rich '98, Cathy Iannazzone Ellett '93, and Susan Peel Hollingsworth '85 greeted freshmen and their parents. Each student was given a white coffee mug inscribed with "Alumna in Training" in purple. Inside each mug was a note with the following message: "You'll be a student at Converse only a few short years, but you'll be an alumna for the rest of your life! Welcome to Converse College from the Alumnae Office and the Converse Club of Spartanburg."

GRANDDAUGHTERS CLUB



WELCOME
TO THE
NEW MEMBERS



HONOR AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

HONOR GIFTS

Gifts were made to Converse College in honor of the following individuals (June 1, 2001 to September 30, 2001):

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ANDERSON '36
David and Georgia Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Chapman, Jr.
Mrs. Nancy Sibley Dunn '54
Ms. Christine Everson
Gary and Dolores Pringle
Miss Corrye B. Shores
Mr. and Mrs. Oliver A. Tucker
Ms. Sue Wood

MIN MURRAY HASELDEN
CHEVES '68
Mrs. Beaufort McCuen Olechovsky '36

BETTY ANN KELLEY CORBETT
'55
Mrs. Karen Corbett Cheatham '81

TENNESSEE CALHOUN
CRAWFORD '23
Mrs. Martha Williams DeCaro '70

BETTY BURGDORF CURETON
'58
Mrs. Elizabeth Knight McClary '85
Mrs. Kelly McElroy White '85

FRED AND PATRICIA DENGLER
Renda Dengler

KATHRYN LEMMON DIBBLE '38
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy W. Bouch
(Margaret McDonald '78)
Mr. John Carmichael
Mrs. Anne Monsen Daniell '75
Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Edgar
Ms. Ann Lourdes Hagan
Mr. and Mrs. W. James Kitchens
(Sara Judy '55)
Mrs. Virginia Hodges Lee '41

Mrs. Margaret Campbell
MacDonald '59
Mrs. Harriett Bull Wilder '43

HEYWARD FORT
Mrs. Lynne F. Blackman

ANDREW S. HOWARD
Dr. and Mrs. John A. Byars
Dr. Suzanne Smith

NANCY HARPER JAMES '33
Mrs. Nan Johnston

WADE HAMPTON MACINTYRE,
JR.
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Cromer

ELAINE WILLIAMS MARKS '52
Mr. Sandy Abrams
Mrs. Dwight F. Patterson, Jr.

SARAH LITTLE MCALISTER '41
Miss Janice "Smack" Mack '70

MALCOM P. MCLEAN
Ms. Mary Karen Clarke '70

MARTHA HAMILTON MORGAN
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Alexander, Jr.
(Ann Foster '60)
Gus and Betty Lou Allen
Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Allen
Mrs. Frances Amidon
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Baker
(Paula Black '64)
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jurg Balmer
(Lucia Mullen '67)
Mrs. Brenda L. Billings
Mrs. Sarah A. M. Boggs '70
Mrs. Martha Grier Bomar '42

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Browne III
Butler, Means, Evins & Browne, P.A.
Mrs. Sarah S. Butler
Dr. and Mrs. John A. Byars
Mrs. Nancy Sibley Dunn '54
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Erickson
(Florence Truberg '70)
Jennifer and Stephen Futrell
Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. F.
Habisreutinger
Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Hall
Ms. Mary Lib Spillers Hamilton '57
Mrs. Joann K. Hammett
Ozmer L. Henry, Jr. M.D.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Hicklin, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. Paul F. Holcomb and
Family
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hollis
(Max Barnard '51)
Dr. Woodrow W. Hughes, Jr.
Stewart and Ann Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. George Dean Johnson, Jr.
(Susu Phifer '65)
Mrs. Shirley Shepherd Johnston '46
Mr. E. Clifton Lancaster
Mrs. Alia Ross Lawson
Dean Joe Ann Lever
Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Lowry
Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Lyles
(Florine France '47)
Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel F.
Magruder
Mrs. Ann C. Davidson Marion '47
Mrs. T. Sam Means, Jr.
The Modern Literature Book Club
Col. and Mrs. John W. Moses
(Virginia Manning '44)
Mrs. Mary S. New
Mrs. Sandra Speare Parker '62
Mr. Ernest Gibbes Patton
Mrs. Carolyn Duer Pennell '50



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Mrs. Rebecca Ramsaur Pennell '53
Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Perrin
The Piedmont Club
Mr. Andrew N. Poliakoff
Dr. and Mrs. Alfred O. Schmitz
Dr. Rosa Shand

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Stall, Jr.
(Mareon Chapman '62)
Mrs. Lou Bomar Thomson '39
The Thursday Study Club
Rev. and Mrs. Leslie C. Tucker, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. William Russell Tyler
(Linda Cochran '68)

Mrs. Anne Jackson Vandiver '39
Mrs. Anne M. Wallace
Mrs. Eleanor Stanley White
Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Whitlock
Dr. Jeffrey R. Willis

DR. ELFORD C. MORGAN
Mrs. Ann C. Davidson Marion '47

LESLIE ANN MUZZY '90
Mrs. Winnie Brown King '90

LAURA NANCE MCCAUGHRIN
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DOROTHY ANN JONES POWELL '56
Ms. Janine M. Bilodeau
Mr. and Mrs. W. Douglas Powell

ANNIE LOUISE SHULER '35
Mr. and Mrs. James L. Bagwell III
Jan and Shelley Blumenthal
Mr. and Mrs. Louie H. Cody
Ms. Bernice B. Deal
Mrs. Virginia L. Fiery
Doris and Earl Gresham
Les and Betty Grimm
Dr. James G. Harrison, Jr.
Mrs. Virginia E. McCusker
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Ms. Anna S. Perkins
Mr. W. Scott Rawles
Ms. Ellen Shuler
Wade and Pam Shuler
John and Anne Shuler

DONALD HARLAND STUBBS
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stacy Wilson
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ALICE ADELIA SUITER
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Clark Jones
Jack and Ruth Pentec
Dr. and Mrs. Alfred O. Schmitz

HENRY YEILDING
Ms. Sara Elizabeth Benchoff '79



WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

On August 14, 2001 Converse alumnae in Wilmington met at the St. John's Museum of Art for a reception. Claire Efid '85 planned the event.

Photo # 1: Alumnae in Wilmington at the St. John's Museum of Art. (seated l to r): Julia Jones Daniels '53, Hannah Pearlstine '24, Penny Hicks. (standing): Josh Newton, Executive Director of Development; Melissa Daves Jolly '69, Director of Alumnae; Ramsay Lea Gorham '73, Frank Daniels, Robin Wicks Robinson '82, Julie Wood, Claire Efid '85, Jack Wyatt, Mary Calton Fernandez De Castro '68, Jose Manuel Fernandez De Castro, Marci Meadows Hyla '92, Bun Wyatt Wyatt '53.

Photo #2: Alumnae at the Wilmington, NC event. (l to r): Ramsay Lea Gorham '73, Hannah Pearlstine '24, Penny Hicks (cousin of Perry Hicks Jordan '70), and Lynn Hicks Mitchell '70).

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION BOARD RETREAT

The Converse College Alumnae Association

Board met at Lake Summit for their fall retreat on September 14-16, 2001.

Photo #3: Board members and staff at the home of Valerie and Bill Barnet. (kneeling l to r): Berry Bate '75, Dicksie Brown Cribb '46, Linda Whitnel Crimm '66, Erin Rich '98. (1st row): Elise Warren '75, president of the Alumnae Association; Mary Frances Morgan '43, Mary Helen Richbourg Earle '85, Lib Harper Hopkins '49, Lynn Chambers '79, Linda Russell Cranford '69, Jane Manning Hyatt '93, Nancy Bain Cote '79, Palmer Davison Ball '84, Sandra Sherard Bethea '67, Elizabeth Simons, Associate Director of Alumnae. (back row): Melissa Daves Jolly '69, Director of Alumnae; Bobbie Daniel '71, Alumnae Information Director; Betty Arthur Hardaway '71, Mindy Thompson Orman '71, Candy Moore '93, Libby Anne Kepley Inabinet '86, Catherine Cranford '96, Carroll Sibley Clancy '71, Wallace Davison '89.

GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Alumnae in the Greenville area met at the Poinsett Club for a reception on September 27, 2001. Alumnae heard from President Nancy

Coming Soon to a City Near You!

Converse College Alumnae Events January-July, 2002 (Tentative Dates)



Beaufort/Hilton Head/Savannah	January 16	Evening
Orangeburg, SC	January 17	Luncheon
Naples, FL	January 20	Luncheon
Tampa, FL	January 21	Evening
Orlando, FL	January 22	Luncheon
Jacksonville, FL	January 22	Evening
Augusta/Aiken, SC	January 31	Luncheon
Spartanburg, SC	February 2-3	Alumnae Association Board Meeting
Anderson, SC	February 7	Luncheon
Greenwood, SC	February 7	Evening
Switzerland	February 8-15	Alumnae Trip
Rock Hill, SC	February 13	Luncheon
Union, SC	February 28	Luncheon
Norfolk, VA	March 2	Luncheon
Chattanooga, TN	March 7	Evening
Knoxville, TN	March 8	Luncheon
Greensboro, NC	March 14	Luncheon
Raleigh, NC	March 14	Evening
Dallas, TX	March 21	Evening
Santa Fe, NM	March 23	Luncheon
Charleston, SC	April 9	Luncheon
Asheville, NC	April 11	Luncheon
Spartanburg, SC	April 26-28	Reunion Weekend
Spartanburg, SC	May 23	Senior Candlelight Dinner
Spain	July 1-9	Alumnae Trip

Oliver Gray, Bill Barnet, chairman of the Campaign for Converse; and Converse sophomore, Danielle Davis.

Photo #4: Converse reception at the Poinsett Club in Greenville.

FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Dan and Betty Arthur Hardaway hosted a cocktail reception for Converse alumnae in Florence on Tuesday, October 2, 2001.

Photo #5: The Pee Dee event at the home of Dan and Betty Hardaway. (l to r): Melissa Daves Jolly '69, Director of Alumnae; Dan Hardaway, Betty Hardaway '71, President Nancy Oliver Gray, Mary Alice Ingram Busch '50, Sherry and Larry Cunningham (parents of sophomore twins, Erin and Rebecca Poston).

MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA

Winnie Brown King '90 hosted a Converse luncheon in her home on Wednesday, October 3, 2001.

Photo #6: Converse alumnae at the home of Winnie Brown King. (clockwise from front): Catherine Via '29, Gertrude Cooke Kittrell '37, Mary Emily Platt Jackson '42, Jo Bridger Hackler '40, Eleanor West Stalvey '56, Marion Cathcart Waters '56.

CONVERSE-WOFFORD COUPLES HOSPITALITY TENT

According to our records, we have 633 Converse-Wofford couples. On Saturday, October 6, the Converse College Alumnae Office hosted a Converse-Wofford Hospitality tent on the Wofford campus during Wofford Homecoming weekend. This event was an opportunity for our alumnae who have this special connection to see each other. In spite of the rain, 45 alumnae, spouses, and friends attended.

Photo #7: Converse-Wofford couples (l to r) Jackie Hackler Hayes '60 and friend, Richard Hollis ('58 Wofford), Peden and Mary Waite Hamrick McLeod '62.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Converse alumnae in Atlanta met at the home of Adair and Susan Hull Dickerson '77 on Thursday, October 4, 2001. Susan welcomed everyone and afterwards alumnae heard from President Nancy Oliver Gray, Bill Barnet, chairman of the Campaign for Converse; and Mary DeGraw '02, president of the Converse College Student Government Association.

Photo #8: Converse alumnae at the home of Susan Dickerson. (l to r): Elise Warren '75, President of the Alumnae Association; Vickey Key Wile '74, Gay Simmons Colyer '73, Mary DeGraw '02, President Nancy Oliver Gray, and Susan Hull Dickerson '77.

Photo #9: Atlanta Campaign Kick-off event from (l to r) Adair Dickerson, Gay Simmons Colyer '73, Mary DeGraw '02, President Nancy Oliver Gray, Bill Barnet and Susan Hull Dickerson '77

IN MEMORIAM

Martha Hamilton Morgan, Honorary Alumna, July 16, 2001.
 Mary Sue CUDD '27, June 26, 2001.
 Pauline BERRY McLean '29, September 3, 2001.
 Caroline BLANTON Bland '29, July 15, 2001.
 Nell WHITMIRE Bell '29, August 17, 2001.
 Dot COTTRELL Culler '31, May 22, 2001.
 Josephine "Phenie" JOSEPHS Bonner '31, July 20, 2001.
 Carrie CATHCART Owings '33, September 17, 2001.
 Betty-Alden TAYLOR Sanborne '33, December 15, 2000.
 Mary SHULER Sibrans '34, July 19, 2001.
 Elizabeth WALLACE Ritchie '34, June 27, 2001.
 Annie Louise SHULER '35, July 10, 2001.
 Blanche CHAPMAN Anderson '36, June 6, 2001.
 Lillian ROGERS Timberlake '36, May 3, 2001.
 Everill IVEY Hallman '38, July 12, 2001.
 Kathryn LEMMON Dibble '38, September 24, 2001.
 Margaret MOSS Nichols '39, June 8, 2001.
 Laura ANDERSON McFall '40, August 27, 2001.
 Mary DESPORTES Cuthbert '40, August 31, 2001.
 Sarah Little "Sally" MCALISTER '41, June 27, 2001.
 Allene NEELY Bennett '47, May 30, 2001.
 Betty ROWE Earls '47, July 11, 2001.
 Elaine WILLIAMS Marks '52, July 7, 2001.
 Mary WILMETH Rinehart '54, September 23, 2001.
 Mary CREECH Wearn '57, June 2001.
 Susan FARLEY '66, September 15, 2001.
 Guynell Murph JONES '70 MAT, June 21, 2001.
 Virginia Lee Miller DILLON '83, June 12, 2001.
 Barbara SUDER Olsheski '91, July 21, 2001.
 Jennifer Lynn NODINE '00, July 9, 2001.

SYMPATHY

To Mary HAMILTON Stephens '29 on the death of her sister, Martha Hamilton Morgan, July 16, 2001.
 To Perrin CUDD Eidson '32 on the death of her sister, Mary Sue CUDD '27,

June 26, 2001.

To Sally ABNEY Rose '37 on the death of her grandson, Hayden Abney Fulp, August 4, 2001.
 To Nancy CHAPMAN Hunt '40 on the death of her sister, Blanche CHAPMAN Anderson '36, June 6, 2001.
 To Virginia HODGES Lee '41 on the death of her sister, Elizabeth Anderson Andrews, June 20, 2001.
 To Martha WALLACE Nelson '51 on the death of her sister, Elizabeth WALLACE Ritchie '34, June 27, 2001.
 To Polly DAY Judy '52 on the death of her mother, Rosalie Powell Day, February 2001.
 To Joyce DAY Sundling '53 on the death of her mother, Rosalie Powell Day, February 2001.
 To Dixie CRUM Stone '62 on the death of her father, Marion Crum, August 7, 2001.
 To Margaret CHARLES Stubbs '63 on the death of her husband, Donald H. Stubbs, July 15, 2001.
 To Nancy Love DANIEL Mottern '65 on the death of her mother, Margaret Snow Daniel, July 26, 2001.
 To Graham CULLER Basto '67 on the death of her stepmother, Dot COTTRELL Culler '31, May 22, 2001.
 To Eleanor OWINGS Burke '69 on the death of her mother, Carrie CATHCART Owings '33, September 17, 2001.
 To Francis "Deeder" OWINGS Stone '70 on the death of her mother, Carrie CATHCART Owings '33, September 17, 2001.
 To Mary BURNS '71 on the death of her father, Moultrie Burns, July 18, 2001.
 To Ruth "Sissy" SMITHYMAN Baker '71 on the death of her father, Harold Stephen Smithyman, July 2, 2001.
 To Patti SNIVELY Herndon '73 on the death of her husband, Phillip Lee Herndon, May 7, 2001.
 To Georgianna GRAHAM '74 on the death of her father, Robert E. Graham, Sr., July 18, 2001.
 To Margaret RINEHART Smith '79 on the death of her mother, Mary WILMETH Rinehart '54, September 23, 2001.
 To Mary GRAHAM Jenkins '80 on the death of her father, Robert E. Graham, Sr., July 18, 2001.

To Jane RINEHART Crosby '81 on the death of her mother, Mary WILMETH Rinehart '54, September 23, 2001.
 To Donna McKinney SOUTHGATE '85 on the death of her husband, Richard Southgate, July 26, 2001.
 To Laura CHAPPELL Bauknight '87 on the death of her step-father, Lewis Heyward Fort, May 14, 2001.
 To Mary Kay SECKINGER '87 on the death of her mother, Mary Ann Seckinger, May 27, 2001.
 To Latan CHAMBERS Cox '88 on the death of her father, Paul Jones Chambers III, August 23, 2001.
 To Cile CHAPPELL Wildrick '89 on the death of her step-father, Lewis Heyward Fort, May 14, 2001.
 To Lee REESE '90 on the death of her father, Dr. Norman O. Reese, July 26, 2001.
 To Molly CHAPPELL McPhail '91 on the death of her step-father, Lewis Heyward Fort, May 14, 2001.
 To Melissa SURRETT Hammond '91 on the death of her grandmother, Eleanor Still Boyd, May 24, 2001.
 To Lindy MATHIS Myers '92 on the death of her father, Edward W. "E.W." Mathis, Jr., June 8, 2001.
 To G. Dibble BOYLE Parker '94 on the death of her grandmother, Kathryn LEMMON Dibble '38, September 24, 2001.
 To Susan Vann HAYNES '96 on the death of her father, Harry Joe Vann (Brig. Gen. retired), June 8, 2001.
 To Sarah GEORGE Corley '97 on the death of her father, Alan George, March 14, 2001.
 To Autumn GORSUCH Cervantez '98 on the death of her mother, Lois Gorsuch, August 26, 2001.
 To Martha "Molly" Morgan FISHER '99 on the death of her grandmother, Martha Hamilton Morgan, July 16, 2001.
 To Kari KILLEN '00 on the death of her grandmother, Ruth Killen, June 21, 2001.

MARRIAGES

Ann DOUGLASS Gibson '54 to John Thomas Nichols, May 20, 2001.
 Elise NEIL '83 to Jeffrey Clark Bengston, May 5, 2001.

Molly LEVY '87 to Paul Campbell, February 26, 2001.
 Stephanie DASHLER '89 to James Gary Archer, July 14, 2001.
 Kathryn Mary DENEEN '89 to George Michael Marfeo, July 1, 2001.
 Elizabeth Dale MCCOLLOUGH '91 to John Kenneth Culbreth III, August 4, 2001.
 Donna Marie GAROFALO '92 to Christopher W. Brown, April 7, 2001.
 Julia Maria TANNER '93 to Lt. Robert Timothy Leake, September 8, 2001.
 Likeisha Shetere FERNANDERS '94, '99 MED to Deon Zimbalist Kelly, June 16, 2001.
 Catherine Paige GOODMAN '94, '96 MED to Thomas McNeal Doyle III, June 16, 2001.
 Amy Elizabeth HEYMANN '95 to Clifton Wayne Singleton, May 19, 2001.
 Tina Denise GARDNER '96 to Paul Vincent White III, May 19, 2001.
 Holly Lee NASH '96 to Phillip William Glover, July 21, 2001.
 Ryan REVIS '96 to Darrell Keith Stewart, Jr., May 26, 2001.
 Anna Elizabeth Burnette to James Edward SEEGARS III '96 MED, June 23, 2001.
 Kirstie Louise WAUGH '96 to James Romney Tucker, Jr., June 2, 2001.
 Jennifer Dawne COPELAND '97 to David Carl Bendig, June 2, 2001.
 Shelley Vanessa JONES '97 to Steve Kender V, June 23, 2001.
 Sarah Lynn MONTGOMERY '97 to Wesley Hoke McSwain, June 16, 2001.
 Leanne Day BLACK '98 MED to Devon Randall Broome, July 21, 2001.
 Kristen Joy PRUITT '98, '00 MED to Barry Lyndon Taylor II, July 21, 2001.
 Cassandra Paige DILLARD '99 MED to John Andrew Bogan, July 21, 2001.
 Kara Marie Hadden to Tony Gene GILLESPIE '99 MED, July 21, 2001.
 Carrie Elisabeth LANCASTER '99 MED to Stephen Latta Law, May 26, 2001.
 Melanie Nicole LOVE '99 MED to Ronald Dee Nance, March 24, 2001.
 Allison Leigh MARTIN '99 to Andrew Norman Cook, July 14, 2001.
 Kellie Elizabeth MCCRAW '99, to Christopher Van Parrish, July 14, 2001.
 Kristy Lynne STEEN '99 to Leonard Eugene Eubanks, June 30, 2001.

Melinda Anne ALLEN '00 to John A. Moore, Jr., July 28, 2001.
 Katherine Michelle FULMER '00 to Brandon Allan Saxon, June 23, 2001.
 Rebecca Lynn HICKS '00 to Randell Heath Jones, May 19, 2001.
 Dawn Tennille JOHNSON '00 to Gregory Scott Mitchell, May 26, 2001.
 Emily Adele REEVES '00 to James Patrick Kimpton, June 16, 2001.
 Mary Austin TATE '00 MED to Robert Michael Bolin, June 9, 2001.
 Jennifer Nicole CADDELL '01 to Jeffery Thomas McKinney, June 23, 2001.
 Meredith Lynn COLLINS '01 to Jacob Lindsey Price, July 28, 2001.
 Kyla Bryce COPELAND '01 to Andrew John Mazur, September 1, 2001.
 Jacqueline Kay DELONG '01 to Keith Jones, June 30, 2001.
 Jamelia Gay FRICK '01 to Robert Alexander Stacy, June 2, 2001.
 Pamela Renee HOLLIDAY '01 to William Douglas Moore, June 2, 2001.
 Lauren Marie HOUSTON '01 to Addison Graves Wilson, Jr., July 14, 2001.

BIRTHS

Timothy William Bond, April 14, 2001, son of Johnny and Betsy REPPETO Bond '79.
 James Dennison Collins Cotty, August 18, 2001, son of David and Kim COLLINS Cotty '82.
 Ann Dobson Ball, July 7, 2001, daughter of Michael and Palmer DAVISON Ball '84.
 Brett Malone Buchanan, May 14, 2001, son of Scott and Carolyn MALONE Buchanan '84.
 William Armin Smith, May 5, 2001, son of Craig and Lynn DYE Smith '87.
 Elizabeth Riley Eldridge, July 17, 2001, daughter of David and Catherine FRICK Eldridge '87.
 Olivia Steadman Hueble, February 20, 2001, daughter of Bill and Andrea LYLES Hueble '87.
 Michael Alexander Ford, April 11, 2001, son of Tim and Susan SANDERS Ford '87.
 Nathaniel Julian Wilson, July 24, 2001, son of Scott and Suzanne SPEARS Wilson '88.
 Torrence Goldston Mayfield, September 3, 2001, son of Charlie and

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 City _____
 State _____ Zip code _____
 Home phone _____
 Work phone _____
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 Street address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip code _____

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Name (first, maiden, last)

Class year

Spouse's full name

Date of marriage

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Class year

Father's name

Daughter's/Son's name (first, middle, last)

Birth date

Career Change

Title

Company

Street address

City State

Zip code Work phone

Advanced Degree

Degree earned

Date awarded

College/University

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Name of deceased (first, maiden, last)

Class year Date of death

Place of death

Surviving relative

Address of surviving relative

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- Shea HANNER Mayfield '89.
Joanna Marie Barbier, February 27, 2001, daughter of Jean-Pierre and Jackie BRYANT Barbier '90.
Harrison Maguire, May 10, 2001, son of Patrick and Kelly HARRISON Maguire '90, '91 MED.
Zoe Elizabeth Beach, March 16, 2001, daughter of Jeff and Karen THOMPSON Beach '90.
Caren Marie Bowers, July 9, 2001, daughter of David and Margaret ALBRIGHT Bowers '91.
Nancy Stewart Cornelius, July 9, 2001, daughter of Perry and Polly BUTLER Cornelius '91.
Jackson Elliott Sessoms, August 28, 2001, son of Martin and Beverly MOORE Sessoms '91.
Scout Madeline Hammond, August 2, 2001, daughter of Brian and Melissa SURRETT Hammond '91.
Leah Renee Pruitt, July 13, 2000, daughter of Mark Allen and Teresa BROOM Pruitt '92.
Kathleen Elizabeth Brantley, July 26, 2001, daughter of Ben and Ashley BURNSIDE Brantley '92.
Taylor Courtney Moses, November 26, 2000, daughter of Tom and Laura DICK Moses '92.
Jonathan Wesley Brown, May 30, 2001, son of Doug and Cindy JERLES Brown '92.
Zachry Davidson Jones, December 14, 2000, son of Bruce and Melissa LANIER Jones '92.
Christian Banks Zadig, March 21, 2001, son of Alfred and Elizabeth LESTO Zadig '92.
Kingsland Wadick Bland, Jr., January 4, 2001, son of Kingsland and Rebie MAYS Bland '92.
Olivia Jane Harmon, July 21, 2001, daughter of Scott and Leslie MORTON Harmon '92.
Charles Nelson Plettner, February 16, 2001, son of Patrick and Karen PREACHER Plettner '92.
Bryson Bethea Campbell, August 17, 2001, son of David and Amanda REAVES Campbell '92.
Samuel Sumpter Clarke, January 11, 2001, son of Edward and Andrea RIGG Clarke '92.
Charlotte Elizabeth Little, January 18, 2001, daughter of Ned and Ashley THOMAS Little '92.
Walker Ryan Rhue and Cooper Matthew Rhue, July 4, 2001, twin sons of Matt and Holly DINKINS Rhue '94.
Dylan Patrick Jones, May 9, 2001, son of Tom and Joy THOMPSON Jones '94.
William Landis Mooney, August 23, 2001, son of Matt and Amy BARNES Mooney '95.
Mary-Clark Cavendish, March 1, 2001, daughter of Kent and Allison CLARK Cavendish '95, '98 MED.
Wade Hampton Bryant III, April 26, 2001, son of Wade and Ray PIPER Bryant '95.
William Benjamin Uyak, February 4, 2001, son of Jeff and Letitia BURNETT Uyak '96.
Mary Elizabeth Kurecka, August 27, 2001, daughter of Michael and Jennifer BUCHANAN Kurecka '97.
Caroline Elizabeth Reese, April 2, 2001, daughter of Glenn and Jennifer COGGINS Reese '97.
Caroline Elizabeth Dorn, June 29, 2001, daughter of Lee and Alice MILLER Dorn '98.
James McTeer Bunton III, July 10, 2001, son of Jamie and Jennifer ROBBINS Bunton '98.
Carson Caroline Swink, July 19, 2001, daughter of Corey and Paige PYE Swink '00.

ADVANCED DEGREES

- Lynn BRADY Alexander '80, Master of Education, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
Kathy Edwards BELL '82 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
Cecelia Hood ENGLISH '85 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
Helen MITCHELL '86 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
Marlene Lida STEPHENS '86, Master of Education, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
Melanie Johnston COOK '87 M.Mus., Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
Sharon Dianne SIMMONS '87 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
Debra Thompson TONEY '88 MED,

- Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Janet HARMON Mason '89 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Shirley Greer WILLIMON '89, '90 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Rebecca DUBY Boyd '91, Master of Education, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Pamela HUMPHRIES Merritt '92 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Melissa LANIER Jones '92, Masters in Early Childhood Education, Georgia State University, July 2000.
- J.F. Dalton LUCAS, Jr. '92 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Laura Barrow KENNEDY '93, Master of Education, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Patricia STUBBLEFIELD '93, Doctor of Philosophy in Literature, University of South Carolina, May 2001.
- Melissa CASTON Richie '94, Master of Education, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Martha WHITE Waters '94, Master of Education, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Shawn RUDD Wooten '95, '98 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Letitia BURNETT Uyak '96, Master's in Art, Lesley University, May 2001.
- Karen Sewell DAVIS '96, Master of Education, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Clyde Eugene JOHANNES '96 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Robert Keith NIX '96 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Connley Britt SKEEN '96 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Jennifer Dawne COPELAND '97, Master in Reading, Clemson University, December 2000.
- Pamela Lizette FOSTER '97 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Leslie Anne HEMBREE '97, Master of Education, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Fran Adams MCMORRIS '97 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Shannon SMITH Darby '97, Master of Education, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Marc Gardner ZACHARY '97 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Shannon CAMPBELL '98, Master of Education, Columbia College, June 2001.
- Sandra Nance GRIER '98 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Michael GRIMMER '98 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
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- Shannon MORGAN Pace '98, Master of Education, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Connie REEVES Sellars '98, Master of Education, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Melissa "Molly" BROWN '99, Master of Business Administration, Wake Forest University, May 2001.
- Windy DILL Hodge '99, Master of Education, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Martha Morgan FISHER '99, Master of Education, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Gary Wayne JACKSON '99 MED, Educational Specialist, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Kelli MCCRAW Parrish '99, Master of Education, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- Sarah POWER Love '99, Master of Education, Converse College, July 28, 2001.
- CAREER CHANGES**
- Mary REDMOND Hutson, PhD '87, Researcher, Kirbylab, Neonatology Perinatal Research Institute, Department of Pediatrics, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC.
- Melissa Anne HUNT '91, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Tallahassee, FL.
- Elizabeth A. STRICKLAND '93, Minister of Youth and Young Adults, Christ Episcopal Church, Waukegan, IL.
- Patricia E. STUBBLEFIELD, PhD '93, Assistant Professor of English, Cottey College, Nevada, MO.
- Carol BRAMBLETT Pritchard '95, Visitor Services, Kaminski House Museum, Georgetown, SC.
- Stephanie CROFTON, PhD '96, Assistant Professor of Economics, High Point University, High Point, NC.
- Lathrop HART Mosley '96, Assistant Director of Admissions Operations, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC.
- Andrea WYROSDICK '96, Assistant Dean of Students for Student Activities and Judicial Programs, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC.
- Kerry EASLER '97, Software Technician, QS/1 Data Systems, Spartanburg, SC.
- Melissa "Molly" BROWN '99, Associate, Global Corporate Investment Bank Portfolio Management Group, Bank of America Securities, Charlotte, NC.
- Michelle FULMER Saxon '00, Corporate Development Assistant, Palmetto Hospital Trust Services, Columbia, SC.
- Judy MEINZER '00 MMus, Director of Music, First United Methodist Church, Hendersonville, NC.
- Andrea BOLTZ '01, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, Chevy Chase United Methodist Church, Chevy Chase, MD.
- Heather HENSON '01, Resident Counselor, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC.
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JANUARY

- Basketball vs. Brevard, 2:00 pm, home
- Vocal Festival with Guest Artist John Wustman, Blackman Music Building, Admission: \$35, Registration required

Petrie School of Music Vocal Auditions, Blackman Music Building
- Peter Meinke, The Sara Lura Mathews Self Writer-in-Residence, 7:30 pm, Cleveland Hall Alumnae House
- Petrie School of Music Auditions (all areas), Blackman Music Building
- Basketball vs. USCS, 7:00 pm, home
- Guest Artist Recital Marilyn Neely, piano, 8:00 pm, Daniel Recital Hall
- 25-26 Piano Clinic with Marilyn Neely, Blackman Music Building, Admission: \$35, Registration required
- Basketball vs. Presbyterian, 7:00 pm, home

FEBRUARY

- Converse Opera Theatre, 8:00 pm, Twichell Auditorium, Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 students

- Converse Chorale, 8:00 pm, Daniel Recital Hall, Admission: \$5 adults, \$2 students
- Tennis vs. University of Tampa, home
- Friends of the Petrie School of Music Aulos Ensemble with Julianne Baird, soprano, 8:00 pm, Daniel Recital Hall, Admission: by membership
- Recent Works by Judy Jones - Opening Reception, 7:00 pm, Milliken Art Gallery

Basketball vs. Benedict, Converse College Classic, 6:00 pm, home

Tennis vs. Anderson, home
- 21-22 Women in Music Symposium, Blackman Music Building
- Converse Wind Ensemble, 8:00 pm, Twichell Auditorium, Admission: \$5 adults, \$2 students
- Junior Jumpstart Campus Preview Day, 4:00 pm, Wilson Hall Lobby (prospective students from the class of 2003 are invited for an overnight program)
- Annual Student Juried Art Exhibition - Opening Reception, 7:00 pm, Milliken Gallery (exhibit continues through April 4)
- 14-16 Tarpon-Shark Synchronized Swimming Show, 8:00 pm, Montgomery Pool
- Converse Sinfonietta featuring the 2001 Artist Competition Winners, 8:00 pm, Twichell Auditorium, Admission: \$5 adults, \$2 students
- Petrie School of Music Auditions (all areas), Blackman Music Building

Spring Spectacular Campus Preview, 10:00 am, Wilson Hall Lobby (special program to honor admitted students and their families for high school accomplishments and Converse honors)

Daryle Ryce In Concert, 8:00 pm, Hazel B. Abbott Theatre, Admission: \$10.00 (benefit for the Hayward Ellis Theatre Scholarship)

Petrie School of Music Auditions (all areas), Blackman Music Building
- Friends of the Petrie School of Music: Beaux Arts Trio, 8:00 pm, Daniel Recital Hall, Admission: by membership
- Pam Durban, Elizabeth Boatwright Coker Visiting Writer, 7:30 pm, Cleveland Hall Alumnae House
- Transfer to Converse College in a Day!, 12:00 pm, Wilson Hall Lobby

Tennis vs. Mars Hill, 4:00 pm, home

MARCH

- Faculty Recital Paula Morgan and Douglas Weeks, piano, 8:00 pm, Daniel Recital Hall
- Countdown to College Campus Preview Day, 10:00 am, Wilson Hall Lobby (attention high school sophomores and juniors)