Women in the Sacred City

It's a Wonderful Life

The Sally Abney Rose Physical Activity Complex and The Weisiger Center

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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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 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
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 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 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
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.

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.
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
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 de 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 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.
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 McMalin ’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.
The image of students, faculty, and staff crowded around television sets across campus will be forever etched in the minds of those of us at Converse College on September 11, 2001. Scenes of a campus community who watched in silent disbelief as their country fell prey to terrorism like none other before will long be remembered.

Like the rest of the world, Converse needed a way to cope. Converse responded first with prayer services and support groups to help absorb the shock and sort through emotions, and then an academic community with a hunger for knowledge and understanding turned their hearts and minds to education and action.

Students, faculty, and staff gathered in Hazel B. Abbott Theatre on the afternoon of September 11 for a special prayer service — the first of many such formal and informal gatherings. Just two days later, Converse was ready to look the tragedy in the face to find answers to the myriad of tough questions about what was happening and what was to come.

Converse presented a panel discussion on Thursday, September 13 entitled “Terrorism: What, Why, and What’s Next?,” featuring Dr. Joe Dunn, a nationally recognized expert on US-Arab relations and chair of the History and Politics Department; Dr. Byron McCane, Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy; and Dr. Jeff Poelvoorde, Associate Professor of Politics who had recently returned from a trip to Israel. A captivated audience of both Converse and Spartanburg community members overflowed Daniel Recital Hall for the event and gave a standing ovation to the panelists, who were visibly moved by their topic of discussion.

In conjunction with the academic forum, Converse teamed with other area colleges in hosting a blood drive in the lower lobby of Blackman Music Building. The lobby was transformed to accommodate the hundreds who came and waited for hours to donate blood. “It was an awesome sight: people of all walks of life sitting side-by-side, even napping during their long wait, because they wanted so much to do one of the few things they could to help make a difference,” said Ann Merrell, Director of Health Services.

A second forum followed two weeks later on the economic impact of the terrorist attacks. Dr. Woody Hughes, Dr. Ann Pletcher, Mr. Tom Maynard, and Dr. Madelyn Young — all members of the Converse College Economics Department — presented a panel discussion entitled “Terrorism in America: The Economic Aftermath.” Students and community members alike gathered again to learn the implications on our economy that the terrorist attacks and subsequent activities could render.

In an effort to assist in any way they could, Converse students organized events for students on campus and for children at the Spartanburg Children’s Shelter to decorate t-shirts with special messages for NYC firemen. Some patriotic, some poignant, some uplifting — each design was created to communicate support and appreciation while fulfilling a basic need for those working at Ground Zero.

Although the future is uncertain, the Converse campus will continue to be united in support of our country and make every effort to educate and to assist in the War Against Terrorism.
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.

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 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.
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 Warren
President, Converse Alumnae Association
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.

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; 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.

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 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

New Granddaughters Club members were welcomed to Converse on Freshmen Move-In Day, September 6, 2001, with a drop-in hosted by the Alumnae Office. This event provided an opportunity to welcome these newest additions, their mothers, and other family members, as well an opportunity for alumnae mothers to become reacquainted. The Granddaughters Club, sponsored by the Alumnae Office, is a student organization that works to promote contact between students and alumnae through special events and service projects.

New Granddaughters Club members for 2001-2002 include Hillary Barber, daughter of Marilyn Garrison Barber '69; Ann Bomar, granddaughter of Martha Grier Bomar '42 and Elizabeth Hearon Marshall '29; Anna Campbell, daughter of Sandra Campbell '80 M.Ed.; Marian Carroll, daughter of Margaret "Sissy" DeWitt Carroll '72; Evie Durant, daughter of Olive "Lolly" Ballard Durant '76; Mackall Gantt, daughter of Connor Hill Gantt '76; Briana Johnson, granddaughter of Louise G. Mayfield '83 M.Ed.; Jennifer Johnson, daughter of Rebecca Horniak Johnson '74; Chasity Mahaffey, daughter of Rachel Mahaffey '85 M.Ed.; Katie McFarland, daughter of Kim Shytle McFarland '79; Nicole Southgate, daughter of Donna McKinney Southgate '85; Catherine Woodrum, daughter of Cynthia Bates Woodrum '72; and sophomore transfer, Emily Ayers, granddaughter of Annie Rose Taylor Ayers '34.

Welcome to the new members:

Hillary Barber and mother, Marilyn Garrison Barber '69
Ann Bomar and grandmother, Martha Grier Bomar '42
Marian Carroll and mother Margaret "Sissy" DeWitt Carroll '72
Evie Durant and mother, Olive "Lolly" Ballard Durant '76
Mackall Gantt and mother, Conner Hill Gantt '76
Briana Johnson and mother, Cheryl Johnson
Jennifer Johnson and mother, Rebecca Horniak Johnson '74
Chasity Mahaffey and mother, Rachel Mahaffey '85 M.Ed.
Kate McFarland and mother, Kim Shytle McFarland '79
Nicole Southgate and mother, Donna McKinney Southgate '85
Catherine Woodrum, daughter of Cynthia Bates Woodrum '72
Elisabeth Hayes, great-granddaughter of Mary Love Fraleigh Cates '21
Briana Johnson, granddaughter of Louise G. Mayfield '83 M.Ed.
Jennifer Johnson, daughter of Rebecca Horniak Johnson '74
Chasity Mahaffey, daughter of Rachel Mahaffey '85 M.Ed.
Katie McCaskill, daughter of Melita McCaskill '91
Kate McFarland, daughter of Kim Shytle McFarland '79
Nicole Southgate, daughter of Donna McKinney Southgate '85
Shannon Torrence, daughter of Teresa Torrence '90 M.Ed.
Catherine Woodrum, daughter of Cynthia Bates Woodrum '72
Elisabeth Hayes and mother, Glorian Hayes
Anna Campbell and mother, Sandra Campbell '80 M.Ed.
HONOR AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

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CLUB EVENTS

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA
On August 14, 2001 Converse alumnae in Wilmington met at the St. John’s Museum of Art for a reception. Claire Efird ’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 Efird ’85, Jack Wyatt, Mary Calton Fernandez De Castro ’68, Jose Manuel Fernandez De Castro, Marci Meadows Hyla ’92, Bun Wyatt Wyatt ’53.

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 Crawford ’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

(Memorial Gifts continued)

Mrs. Rebecca Ramsaur Pennell ’53
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Converse College Alumnae Events
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January 16
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February 8-15
February 13
February 28
March 2
March 7
March 8
March 14
March 14
March 21
March 23
April 9
April 11
April 26-28
May 23
July 1-9

Evening
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Alumnae Association Board Meeting
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Alumnae Trip
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Luncheon
Senior Candlelight Dinner
Alumnae Trip

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

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

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 Hacker ’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 (1 to r) Jackie Hacker Hayes ’60 and friend, Richard Hollis (’58 Wofford), Peden and Mary Watte 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. (1 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 (1 to r) Adair Dickerson, Gay Simmons Colyer ’73, Mary DeGraw ’02, President Nancy Oliver Gray, Bill Barnet and Susan Hull Dickerson ’77.

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

Photo #5: The Pee Dee event at the home of Dan and Betty Hardaway. (1 to r): Melissa Davies 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).
IN MEMORIAM
Carrie Cathcart Owings ’33, September 17, 2001.
Laura Anderson McFall ’40, August 27, 2001.
Mary Desportes Cuthbert ’40, August 31, 2001.

SYMPATHY
To Mary Hamilton Stevens ’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 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 Eleanor Owing 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 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 Laura Chappell Bauknight ’87 on the death of her stepfather, 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 Lee Reese ’90 on the death of her father, Dr. Norman O. Reese, July 26, 2001.
To G. Dibley 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 Autumn Gorsuch Cervantes ’98 on the death of her mother, Lois Gorsuch, August 26, 2001.

MARRIAGES
LIFE EVENTS

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 Marleo, July 1, 2001.
Donna Marie GAROFALO ’92 to Christopher W. Brown, April 7, 2001.
Amy Elizabeth HEYMANN ’95 to Clifton Wayne Singleton, May 19, 2001.
Katherine Michelle FULMER ’00 to Brandon Allan Saxon, June 23, 2001.
Emily Adele REEVES ’00 to James Patrick Kimpton, June 16, 2001.
Mary Austin TATE ’00 MED to Robert Michael Bolin, June 9, 2001.
Meredith Lynn COLLINS ’01 to Jacob Lindsey Price, July 28, 2001.
Kyla Bryce COPELAND ’01 to Andrew John Mazur, September 1, 2001.
Lauren Marie HOUSTON ’01 to Addison Graves Wilson, Jr., July 14, 2001.

BIRTHS
Timothy William Bond, April 14, 2001, son of Johny 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 DAVIDSON Ball ’84.
Brett Malone Buchanan, May 14, 2001, son of Scott and Carolyn MALONE Buchanan ’84.
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.
Torrence Goldston Mayfield, September 3, 2001, son of Charlie and

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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.
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.
Zachry Davidson Jones, December 14, 2000, son of Bruce and Melissa LANIER Jones ’92.
Bryson Bethia 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.
Dylan Patrick Jones, May 9, 2001, son of Tom and Joy THOMPSON Jones ’94.
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.
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.

ADVANCED DEGREES
Debra Thompson TONEY ’88 MED,
Melissa LANIER Jones ‘92, Masters in Early Childhood Education, Georgia State University, July 2000.  

**CAREER CHANGES**  
Mary REDMOND Hutson, PhD ‘87, Researcher, Kirylab, 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 WYROS DICK ’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.  
Maryeh Lynn JAGER ’01, Paralegal, Harrison, White, Smith, Hayes, and Coggins, Spartanburg, SC.  
Stephanie KIRKLAND ’01, Admissions Counselor, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC.  
Nicole KOCH ’01, Resident Counselor, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC.  
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please visit www.converse.edu for a complete list of events.

JANUARY

5  Basketball vs. Brevard, 2:00 pm, home
11  Vocal Festival with Guest Artist John Wustman, Blackman Music Building, Admission: $35, Registration required
   Petrie School of Music Vocal Auditions, Blackman Music Building
15  Peter Meinke, The Sara Lura Mathews Self Writer-in-Residence, 7:30 pm, Cleveland Hall Alumnae House
19  Petrie School of Music Auditions (all areas), Blackman Music Building
21  Basketball vs. USCS, 7:00 pm, home
25  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
31  Basketball vs. Presbyterian, 7:00 pm, home

FEBRUARY

1-3  Converse Opera Theatre, 8:00 pm, Twichell Auditorium, Admission: $10 adults, $5 students
8  Converse Chorale, 8:00 pm, Daniel Recital Hall, Admission: $5 adults, $2 students
14  Tennis vs. University of Tampa, home
18  Friends of the Petrie School of Music Aulos Ensemble with Julianne Baird, soprano, 8:00 pm, Daniel Recital Hall, Admission: by membership
21  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
22  Converse Wind Ensemble, 8:00 pm, Twichell Auditorium, Admission: $5 adults, $2 students
23  Petrie School of Music Auditions (all areas), Blackman Music Building
28  Transfer to Converse College in a Day!, 12:00 pm, Wilson Hall Lobby

MARCH

1  Faculty Recital Paula Morgan and Douglas Weeks, piano, 8:00 pm, Daniel Recital Hall
9  Countdown to College Campus Preview Day, 10:00 am, Wilson Hall Lobby (attention high school sophomores and juniors)
14  Annual Student Juried Art Exhibition - Opening Reception, 7:00 pm, Milliken Gallery (exhibit continues through April 4)
16-17 Tarpon-Shark Synchronized Swimming Show, 8:00 pm, Montgomery Pool
22  Converse Sinfonietta featuring the 2001 Artist Competition Winners, 8:00 pm, Twichell Auditorium, Admission: $5 adults, $2 students
23  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
25  Friends of the Petrie School of Music: Beaux Arts Trio, 8:00 pm, Daniel Recital Hall, Admission: by membership
26  Pam Durban, Elizabeth Boatwright Coker Visiting Writer, 7:30 pm, Cleveland Hall Alumnae House
28  Transfer to Converse College in a Day!, 12:00 pm, Wilson Hall Lobby
   Tennis vs. Mars Hill, 4:00 pm, home