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Nancy Gray with her husband, David

## Greetings and Happy Holidays!

It has been an exciting fall at Converse College and I am pleased to have much news to share about developing opportunities for Converse students. Our new Vice President for Academic Affairs, Jeff Barker, and our new Dean of The Petrie School of Music, Joe Hopkins, have already made their presence known at Converse by spearheading several of these efforts.

Dr. Barker is pursuing agreements with colleges and universities abroad, strengthening Converse's connection to the world.

Beginning in spring 2003, Converse students will have new opportunities to study abroad through recent agreements with the University of Iceland and the University of Tunis. Up to two honors students will be selected to receive an honors scholarship to attend the University of Iceland for either a semester or a full year. The scholarship will cover all costs beyond the student's regular Converse tuition and housing. In addition, one Converse faculty member will be invited to teach a specially designed, four-week course at the University of Iceland each year. The University is a wonderful place for research with many materials and courses available in English, and the Icelandic culture is rich in literature, art, music, and science and technology.

Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Jeri King, Chapman Professor of French and Director of International Studies, another agreement allows two Converse students to audit courses and Converse faculty to teach at the University of Tunis in Tunisia. In return, Tunisian students and faculty members will get a taste of the Converse College experience by having the same opportunities here. The University of Tunis offers a unique international flavor as its location juts into the Mediterranean, linking the three continents of Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Also, the arts at Converse continue to grow stronger! Our Chamber Singers and a select group of instrumentalists have been invited to perform at the most prominent cathedrals in England and Scotland this coming summer and will perform additional chamber concerts at other venues during their travels. Converse is seeking funding over the next few months to support these students on their European tour.

The Petrie School of Music is also working with the Greater Spartanburg Philharmonic (GSP) and The Music Foundation of Spartanburg to create exciting new opportunities for Converse music students. Dean Hopkins hopes to enhance the undergraduate program with internships and other opportunities for students to have professional experiences. The Petrie School also hopes to establish new graduate assistantships for string instrumentalists, with the intention of creating a graduate string quartet in residence at Converse.

In keeping with Converse's long-standing tradition of excellence in the arts and in response to substantial interest from current and prospective students, I am pleased to share with you that the Theatre and Dance Department will begin offering a dance minor in fall 2003. Students will be able to learn the fundamentals of the art of dance through courses in its history, as well as principles of dance composition and theory. In addition, students will have expanded opportunities to hone their performance skills on beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels.

As you see, there is much underway at Converse as we wrap up 2002! Many thanks to every alumna and friend who has supported our efforts over the past year. I hope that as you read this and every issue of the *Bulletin*, you take pride in our accomplishments and the growing excellence in our offerings for students!

May you be surrounded with love and joy in this special holiday season, and may the New Year bring you happiness and peace during troubled times in the world around us.

*Nancy Gray*

Nancy Gray  
President



# A Script & a Blank Stage

## Behind the Curtains of a Theatre/Converse Production

By John Bald, Chair of Theatre and Dance

*Editor's Note: In early November, Theatre/Converse staged Alan Ball's heralded Five Women Wearing the Same Dress. Here's the plot: During an ostentatious wedding reception at a Knoxville, TN, estate, five reluctant bridesmaids hide out in an upstairs bedroom. They are: Frances, a painfully sweet but sheltered fundamentalist; Mindy, the cheerful and wise-cracking sister of the groom; Georgeanne, heartbroken over her own failed marriage; Meredith, the bride's rebellious younger sister; and Trisha, whose cynicism about men is tested when she meets Tripp, a bad-boy usher. Cast members included Converse sophomores Lindsey Blunt, Amber Boyer, Kristin Danko, Evie Durant, and Libby Long. Spartanburg resident Keith Turner bravely took the role of the lone male cast member.*

*As with any theatrical production, the roles filled by the mostly unseen crewmembers are just as important as those of the cast. The Bulletin invited John Bald, Chair of Theatre and Dance, to take us on a behind-the-scenes tour of the production of Five Women Wearing the Same Dress.*

*Kristin Danko '05 (center) and Lindsey Blunt '05 (right) work on their blocking schemes.*



*Cast members Libby Long '05 (left) and Lindsey Blunt '05 during early rehearsals.*

One of the fascinations of working in theatre is the constantly reoccurring opportunity to reinvent the wheel. Every play or musical ever written shares common starting points: a script and a bare stage – beyond these, the possibilities are infinite. The fundamental challenge of stage design is to take the familiar Shakespearean adage “All the world’s a stage” and turn it on its head: “All the stage is a world.” As audience members, all that we know and feel about the world of the play – the characters, their circumstances, their environment, and their relation to it-can only come through what we see and hear on the stage. As the needs of one production to the next will differ significantly, so must the fashion in which those needs and demands are met. Thus, every production is quite literally built from the ground – the stage floor, that is – on up.

The process of creating the world of our bridesmaids in *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* began early this summer with

*Technical Director Steven R. Hunt adjusts the light rigging.*



the selection of the play by its director, Mary Nicholson. Once production rights had been obtained, the first task at hand was to read the script. Perhaps such a revelation may seem

like overstating the painfully obvious, but it cannot be ignored that first impressions are the most important and influential. So a read-through of the script in one sitting was in order, reading not for detail as much as for the pleasure of encountering a new script for the first time and allowing the theatre of the mind free reign to create the images of the characters and their environment.



*In addition to performing on stage, Kristin Danko '05 lends a hand with the wiring.*

It is on subsequent reading and rereading of the play that the process of ferreting out the nitty-gritty necessities such as doors, windows, furniture, etc. begins. The repeated reading and study of the play also constitutes a gradual immersion into the world of the play. In this particular playwright, Alan Ball gives the reader a brief description of the play's setting, but it is provided in part as his vision, and as part record of a past production. Ball tells us that the play takes place in the bedroom of an older house in an upscale section of Knoxville, Tennessee; but it is through the study of the characters and their circumstances that the actual appearance of the setting evolves. For example, we learn that the room once belonged to Meredith's all-too-perfect sister Tracy, and that Meredith is

*Evie Durant '05 (left) and Kristin Danko '05 run through their lines as opening night approaches.*







Amber Boyer '05 starring as "Mindy."

none too happy in living in this or any other room in her parent's house. So the room basically reflects the tastes and style of Tracy and her socialite mother rather than those of the free spirited Meredith, although we do see that she has done some minor redecorating of her own, mainly in the style of Laura Ashley with a tweak here and there.

Beyond the aesthetic choices in recreating the world of the play are some very hard-nosed and practical considerations. Among the primary considerations is the budget. In this production, the single most expensive items on the stage are the costumes. As most of the scenery was recycled from last years' productions (except the wallpaper!) we were able to allocate the necessary financial resources towards those stunning gowns.

Other factors are the time and labor available to us. All of the scenery for any Theatre/Converse show is built with the help of

our departmental student assistants and other student volunteers. Because no student is expected to commit to a nine-to-five, forty-hour week working in our shop, we build our shows over a period of



Flynt Kohn '05 inspects the stage lighting.

about five to six weeks- which is about the same time that it takes to audition and rehearse a show. In fact, it is typical that both processes go on simultaneously in separate parts of the campus.



Lindsey Blunt '05 (left) and Amber Boyer '05 applying just the right touch of make-up.

Yet another consideration is the stage itself and its equipment. The Hazel B. Abbott Theatre is a wonderfully intimate space, perfectly suited for the close world of the characters of this play. Our backstage space is very limited, but this is not an impediment of a play such as *Five Women...* as there are no changes of scenery, therefore there is no need to figure out parking space for scenery waiting to go onstage, or for the choreographing of scene changes.

Now to let you in on the Grand Secret of the Theatre – no matter how carefully thought out, elaborate, or well constructed the physical equipage such as scenery, props, and costumes for a play might be, it is, after all, just a collection of stuff; until the audience takes their seats and the actors take the stage. At that moment, the magic of theatre happens right in front of our eyes. Suddenly every aspect of the stage environment is bestowed with a new significance and meaning as the playwright's story begins to unfold before us. The actors and audience join together to create new worlds bounded only by our power to imagine.

We are pleased that following a successful opening night, well over 500 audience members came to our production and shared in the joy and fun of constructing the world and lives of these five singular women and their even more singular "same dress".

Even though our production of *Five Women...* ran Nov. 6-10 at Hazel B. Abbott, it has been entered in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) – a nationwide process that last year involved over 1,200 productions and 200,000 students. The culmination of the KCACTF is a festival at the Kennedy Center for a selected group of college-level productions. The road to Washington, DC, starts by taking each production to a state-level festival, with the possibility of being selected to go to the regional festival, and so on to the national level. This year, our state festival will be held at Coastal Carolina University in November. So in order to participate, we are obliged to pack up every last stitch and take it "on the road" to Conway, SC. All of the scenery was designed and



Julie Cook '05 makes sure the props are all set.

built to come apart, be packed into the back of a 25-foot truck, unloaded and set up at Coastal Carolina in only four hours, and then be repacked, trucked back to Converse and stored in our shop while we await word on whether

we have been passed on to the regional festival. Should this happen, it's back on the truck and we're off to Savanna! 🍷

**Production Staff for *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress***

- Director: Mary Nicholson, *Instructor in Theatre*
- Scenery Design: John Bald, *Chair of Theatre & Dance*
- Lighting Design and Technical Director: Steven R. Hunt, *Associate Professor of Theatre*
- Assistant Technical Director: Sharon Scarborough
- Stage Manager: Flynt Kohn '05
- Assistant Stage Manager: Jennifer Pearson '06
- Properties Mistress: Julie Cook '05
- Costume Mistress: Rebekah Hendrix '05
- Master Electrician: Kim Culbreth '04
- Sound Technician and Program Copy: Meredith Herndon '04
- Graphic Design: Amy Howell
- Box Office Staff: Anna Browning '04, Libby Long '05
- Costumes: Marsha Grimmett, Mary Beth Lofton (Converse II)



Kristin Danko '05 (left) and Evie Durant '05: wearing the same dress.

## 2002-2003 Theatre/Converse Production Schedule

**DECEMBER 5 - 8, 2002**

*Studio Series #1*  
*"Fog"* by Evelyn Neuenburg  
*"Haiku"* by Katherine Snodgrass  
 8:00 PM  
 (2:00 PM on December 8)  
 Laird Studio Theatre

**JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 2, 2003**

*Studio Series #2 (Title TBA)*  
 8:00 PM  
 (2:00 PM on February 2)  
 Laird Studio Theatre

**FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 2, 2003**

*The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate*  
*Towns Women's Guild Dramatic*  
*Society Murder Mystery* by David McGillivray & Walter Zerlin, Jr.  
 8:00 PM  
 (2:00 PM on March 2)  
 Hazel B. Abbott Theatre

**MARCH 15, 2003**

*Daryle Ryce in Concert*  
 8:00 PM  
 Hazel B. Abbott Theatre

**APRIL 25 - 27 & 30, MAY 1 - 3, 2003**

*The Cherry Orchard*  
 by Anton Chekov  
 8:00 PM  
 (2:00 PM on April 27)  
 The Converse College Amphitheatre  
*Rain location: Hazel B. Abbott Theatre*

**MAY 14-17, 2003**

*Studio Series #3 (Title TBA)*  
 8:00 PM  
 Laird Studio Theatre



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*Helen Walker '98*

*(right) Helen Walker with President George Bush*



*"At the end of the day, it is important to remember that we are an essential part of the system: we help elected officials raise money and create relationships with industry groups that will in turn benefit their home district."*

*Patricia Doty '96*

*(left to right) Kirstie Waugh Tucker '96, Helen Walker '97, and Patricia Doty '96 in Washington, DC*

# WASHINGTON INSIDERS

*Washington, D.C. is a powerful symbol not only of our nation but also of democracy and freedom. It is where decisions affecting the lives of each American are made. It is where heads of state gather to discuss treaties, international trade agreements, and crucial security issues.*

*The careers of three young Converse College alumnae provide an intriguing cross-section view of the Washington political scene. Kirstie Waugh Tucker '96 works in the White House Office of Presidential Personnel, Patricia Doty '96 is a political fundraiser for numerous public officials and candidates, and Helen Walker '98 is legislative counsel to Congressman Jeff Miller.*

## A BIRD'S EYE VIEW

During Winter Term of her senior year, Kirstie Waugh Tucker '96 landed a six-week internship with then-Rep. Bob Inglis. She obviously made a strong impression as the internship turned into a job offer a week after her graduation. Then in late 2001, Kirstie received a phone call about an opportunity to work in the Bush administration as Deputy Assistant Director in the Office of Presidential Personnel, and gladly accepted the offer.

"My main responsibility is finding qualified advisers who are willing to serve the administration as a member of a Presidential board or commission," explains Kirstie. She and her colleagues have a fixed appointment with President Bush in the Oval Office every two weeks to discuss candidates for open positions. "We provide him with background information on the candidates, what the open position calls for, and the characteristics of the ideal candidate," she said.

According to Kirstie, finding people

who are interested in serving is not a problem. "There are plenty of applicants for just about every position that becomes available, and when asked, nine out of ten people will jump at the chance to serve," she says. "But before their name even makes it to our meetings with the President, it is up to our office to complete a thorough check on the candidate's qualifications and characteristics. And just because we recommend them does not automatically guarantee an approval from the President. In fact, there have been a few occasions when a candidate has not been approved, even after going through our background checks. So it is important for us to have a list of qualified candidates for each available position."

So what is a meeting with President Bush like? Kirstie remembers their first meeting very vividly. "As we approached the Oval Office, Karen Hughes (White House counselor), Condeleeza Rice (National Security Advisor), and Ari Fleischer (White House Press Secretary) had just

completed a meeting and were on their way out," she recalls. "Then we went in and met with the President and Vice President Cheney. President Bush is very laid back and goes out of his way to make others feel at ease. He wants everyone in the room to participate and seeks their advice. At the same time, he sticks to a tight schedule and constantly glances at a grandfather clock that stands in the back of the room. He does not like falling behind schedule, so we make sure we've done our homework on the candidates and are really prepared for any questions he may have."

The chance to see the inner workings of a presidential administration is a very rare thing, and is a point not lost to Kirstie. "Working in the administration is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I could not pass up," she says. "I've got a bird's eye view of how government works, and to be able to tell my children and grandchildren one day that I worked with the President of the United States is a pretty good perk."

## AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE SYSTEM

Patricia Doty '96 also interned in Washington during the summers after her sophomore and junior years. She was hired in the spring of her senior year to begin her career in Washington as a full time staff member for Mississippi Senator Thad Cochran. She worked on legislative and administrative issues for Senator Cochran for over five years and she has recently left Capitol Hill to work as an outside political fundraiser.

"I work for a 'company' called Winfrey and Company," she says. "I use that term loosely because there are only two of us! We have approximately 10 clients (six incumbents and four candidates who are running in open seat elections) and we also provide consulting services for various political entities that need to raise money. We do higher dollar events and most of the money we raise comes from political action committees (PACS)."

"While we do political fundraising specifically for republican candidates, I

think I should note how essential it is for republicans and democrats alike to raise money to fund campaigns. From the incumbent who doesn't even have an opponent to the challenger who is in the race of his life, they all need funds. They need to be able to create advertisements and buy the time or the space to show them, to have bumper stickers and yard signs printed to give away to supporters, to buy the stamps to send letters to voters encouraging their support, to buy gas so they can visit every nook and cranny of the district, and finally to pay the campaign staff who puts all of it together. Running a campaign is a serious business and it is not party exclusive—both sides raise and spend money as fast as they can to get elected or to help a fellow candidate."

Because each candidate is in need of cash, each day for a fundraiser like Patricia can bring different activities from the last. "There is no typical day for me," she says bluntly. "I might spend one day on the phone working with one client, making calls for an event—be it establishing a venue, menu, etc. or inviting people to

(below) Helen Walker with Elizabeth Dole, (right) Helen with John Ashcroft



(above) Kirstie Tucker meets with President Bush and colleagues in the Oval Office

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attend. I might spend the next day getting information out about a particular client who is coming to town and would like to meet with some lobbyists, and then scheduling those appointments. I might start yet another day at a breakfast fundraiser, check off who is there, who has paid, answer questions, drive the member to his office, go to my office to do the follow-up and get the money in the mail to the campaign, and then go to a lunch event and do all the same things at that event. Often times it's then back to the office to make final preparations or changes for an evening reception and do the same thing again. Those days are long but few. We try not to do too many events in one day but sometimes it just can't be helped."

The events vary from size and industry focus to location and time of day. "Most of the events we do are on the Hill so the client can be close to the Capitol in the event of an unexpected vote or committee meeting. For an industry specific breakfast or luncheon, we'll fax out about 750 invitations to contacts we have within that certain industry. About a week after sending those out we call a more targeted list of about 150 who have helped that particular candidate in the past or even

those who haven't helped yet but probably will because of the member's committee assignment or district and how it might relate to that specific industry. By the time of the event we usually have about 15-25 people who will attend. The events last a little more than an hour because these clients keep very tight schedules while they are in town. There are also events, evening receptions mainly, that are not industry specific. We usually invite about 2,000 and will likely get 50-80 people to attend. Sometimes we'll have a 'special guest' like a committee chairman or a high-ranking official from the administration, but usually the client himself is the draw."

Although she has no desire to run for political office herself, Patricia is quite satisfied with what she is doing now. "At the end of the day, it is important to remember that we are an essential part of the system: we help elected officials raise money and create relationships with industry groups that will in turn benefit their home district," she says.

### IT'S THE BEST THING GOING

Helen Walker '98 is legislative counsel for Florida Congressman Jeff Miller. Her

typical day begins with a heavy dose of the latest news. "I begin every day watching national and local news, skimming the area papers and reading a National Journal publication called *Congress Daily AM*, all of which are good indicators of what will be the focus of the day," she says. "The rest of the day could involve any number of things: meeting with constituents, lobbyists, and special interest groups (with or without the Congressman, depending upon his schedule), attending staff briefings, attending Veterans' Affairs Committee hearings and markups of legislation, fielding calls from constituents, preparing talking points for the Congressman's speaking engagements, working with our press secretary on media advisories pertaining to issues I handle, drafting memos for the Congressman on any number of issues (such as court decisions, current events, co-sponsorship recommendations, etc.), or preparing 'briefing books' for him on upcoming hearings. I also spend a good bit of time researching (legal and non-legal) and communicating with committee and other congressional staffs and federal agencies within the government about their perceptions of bills. I believe there are over 10,000 Capitol Hill staffers, and

I feel as if I meet and work with many, many of them every day."

Making sure that Congressman Miller is aware of the schedule of each vote is a task in itself. "When we are in session, the legislative staff in the office prepares a daily vote card, which gives the Congressman a thumbnail sketch of each vote that will be required of him each day," says Helen. "Throughout the day, we are kept apprised (and in turn keep Rep. Miller apprised) of the voting schedule through E-mails from the Speaker's Office, Majority Whip's Office, and the House Republican Conference. Additionally, a system of bells and lights on all clocks within the Capitol complex keep us all informed of what votes are taking place and how long they will take. This is helpful, as the voting schedule is extremely fluid, and scheduling and working around it also must be a fluid process. For instance, Rep. Miller may get caught in the Capitol with a string of votes, forcing him to miss an office meeting that I am in turn asked to take in his absence.

Every day is so different. Generally, my routine is dictated by whether or not Congress is in session, but anything can happen - and usually does."

Helen also experiences the relationship between lobbyist and representative on a first-hand basis. "Many times lobbyists will lobby on behalf of a large corporation (International Paper), an industry (Florida's beaches), or from within a law firm on any number of different issues," she says. "At any rate, I meet regularly with and speak on the phone almost daily with any number of these types of lobbyists during the appropriations session, which generally lasts from early February to early fall. Lobbyists also sponsor Congressional or staff delegations to site visits. For example, I recently represented the Congressman as his agriculture aide on a four-day staff delegation trip to the Mid-South region of the Cotton Belt, sponsored by Monsanto and the National Cotton Council. A dozen House and Senate staffers made the trip across the Mid-South, touring private and government research, classing and manufacturing facilities; and participated in some good old cotton harvest and ginning in Arkansas! Much of what I saw helped me understand the federal funding that is allocated to research endeavors, but on a more local level, I now have a feel

for the cotton harvest timeline. Florida's first district has recently felt peripheral effects of two tropical systems, and the excessive rain has caused complications with the cotton harvest there. I am now far more educated in my interactions with our farmers."

A long-held hallmark of Converse College is to prepare young women to make a difference in their world, and that is exactly what Helen is doing. "While I am certainly in a politically charged environment, I like to think of myself as a public servant. I hope that I am always able to think of whatever I'm doing in that respect. However, the pace and intensity of Capitol Hill is grueling, with most staffers being under 35, and job security is tenuous. Many people are quick to criticize that which is wrong with our government and nation, but history and the state of other nations in this world evidence one very clear fact: it's the best thing going. I think it can be better, and I hope that opportunities continue to present themselves that will allow me to be involved in ways that are positive, productive, and that give others, here and around the world, hope about what lies ahead." 🍷







# CONQUERING THE Language DIVIDE



*In the city of Rabat, the capital of Morocco, Converse students Casey, Chelsea, and Kristi pose with other participants of the Arabic study program. Other schools represented were the Virginia Military Institute, William and Mary, and the University of Virginia.*

language, no time was wasted in experiencing the culture. “We arrived in Morocco on a Friday, and met our host families that Saturday,” said Casey.

To ensure that the three experienced a different flavor of life in Morocco, each host family differed in economic stature:

Kristi: “My family consisted of a mother, father, and their two-year-old daughter. They are a middle class family and live in an apartment. They are very modern and would have little trouble in adjusting to life in a larger country such as America.”

Chelsea: “I stayed with a 30-year-old single woman and her mother who are considered to be very poor financially. The woman has a job as a ‘go between’ for a realtor and his clients. It is difficult for her to find a higher paying job because she is looked upon differently by the community due to not being married.”

Casey: “The family I stayed with are not rich, but would probably be classified as upper-middle class. They live in a house rather than an apartment. The father is an agricultural engineer for the Department of Agriculture, and the mother is a teacher. They have a 16-year-old son, a 13-year-old daughter, and a 5-year-old son.”

The families took their roles as hosts seriously and seemed to adopt the students as true family members. “Our host families were very protective of us and would constantly

*Kristi takes a camel ride in the Sahara desert.*



*(left to right) Kristi Faris '03, Chelsea Jaccard '03, and Casey Addis '04 stand just outside the city gates of Moulay Idriss, the oldest Arab city in Morocco.*

*A home away from home can be a difficult thing to find. But Casey Addis '04, Kristi Faris '03, and Chelsea Jaccard '03 found such a place this past summer. Granted, they traveled nearly halfway around the world to find it and they did not speak the native language-but they found it.*

The three Converse students were accepted into a study abroad program coordinated by the National Council on US/ Arab Relations in partnership with the Virginia Military Institute, and were sent to Morocco to study Arabic. “We were in Morocco from June until July,” explains Kristi, “and stayed with Moroccan host families in the city of Fez. This was, in essence, an intensive language program.”

Even though none of the three had even the most basic understanding of the Arabic



go out of their way to make sure we were comfortable,” said Casey. “For example, they would sleep on a couch or on the floor so that I would have a bed at night, and they would often accompany me on the way home from a store to ensure my safety. There is no doubt in my mind that if I showed up on their doorstep tomorrow, they would take me in and treat me as their own.”

Each day, the students received four hours of Arabic instruction from Moroccan instructors at the American Language Institute. “We had to start at the absolute basic alphabetical level,” said Chelsea. “We had to learn the Arabic alphabet, learn how to write the letters, then learn how to pronounce the words. Arabic can be especially tricky because many words can begin with the same letters but have different sounds.”

According to Kristi, communication with the host families was at first difficult because of the language barrier. “We tried just about every form of communication including hand gestures,” she said. “There was at least one person in each family who spoke English, and during the first few days we were allowed to speak English. But after that brief period we were required to communicate in Arabic.”



(left to right) Kristi, Casey, and Chelsea strike the familiar Converse fountain pose while standing in the ruins of a bath in Volubilis.

As they ventured out into the city, they found Moroccans who were excited to see these three Americans learning to speak Arabic. “When we walked down a street,” said Chelsea, “and tried to say something in Arabic to a shop owner, you could see their eyes just light up. Most Moroccans speak 3-4 different languages and it excites them so much to hear someone trying to learn their language.”

The setting of the old medina (a medieval city) in Fez clearly made an impression with the Converse students. While the streets may be lined with buildings having nondescript walls, the doors to the buildings would often open into beautifully maintained homes and gardens. “Moroccans really do not care what the outside of their home looks like, they focus instead on the inside,” said Kristi. The width of the city streets also dictates the mode of transportation, with most people traveling by foot, motorcycle, or donkey.

The closeness of the city benefits the convenience of service. “As an economics major, I was truly impressed with the functionality of the medina,” said Casey. “Everything a person needs—schools, mosques, markets, community ovens—is within walking distance. A person could live his entire life with satisfaction and not step a foot outside of the medina.”

Religion plays an integral part in the everyday life for the Moroccan citizen, with calls to worship being announced over town loudspeakers five times throughout the day. “The first time I heard the call to prayer, I just stopped in my tracks,” said Casey. “It’s difficult for me to explain, but it was obvious that everyone felt

# MOROCCO

<b>Location:</b>	Northern Africa, bordering the North Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, between Algeria and Western Sahara
<b>Capital:</b>	Rabat
<b>Population:</b>	30.4 million (2001)
<b>People:</b>	55% Arab, 44% Berber, 0.7% foreigners
<b>Languages:</b>	Arabic (officially) with Berber dialects French (often the language of business, government, and diplomacy)
<b>Religions:</b>	Muslim 98%, Christian 1%, Jewish 1%
<b>Climate:</b>	Mediterranean, becoming more extreme in the interior
<b>Type of Government:</b>	Constitutional Monarchy

*Information obtained from the websites of Canadian International Development Agency and Lonely Planet.*



instantly connected with each other because they were all praying—which is something very personal—and they were all doing it at the same time.”

Even though Islam is the religion of choice for most, they are very accepting of many of the world’s religions. “My host family and many people we met in the streets were very accepting of Christianity and other religions,” said Kristi. “They would say things like ‘Jesus was a good man’ or ‘The Buddhists have some good points.’ It seems as though they were saying that as long as your religion fits you, then it is a good thing.”

Chelsea was particularly impressed with the varying lifestyles. “It is obvious that through the years, the governments of Morocco have done a tremendous job in mixing modern society with traditional Islamic society while including none of the radical fundamentalism,” she said.

Traveling abroad can be both fascinating and intimidating at the same time, especially when one doesn’t speak the native tongue. “When we were preparing for the trip, and even when we landed at the airport,” said Casey, “I was expecting a to see a completely different world than what I’m accustomed to. But after the first few days in Morocco, I finally realized that wherever you go in this world, people are people. We may not speak the same language, we may not eat the same things, and we may not worship the same god . . . but deep down, we share so much.” 🙌



The Arabic study group in an ancient Roman bath.



## Remembrance and Reflection on September 11



ShIPLEY CLAY '03 gives the gift of life for the Piedmont Blood Center.

The Converse College community joined with the nation in a time of remembrance and reflection on the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attack against the United States. The day was filled with events designed to facilitate discussion, meditation, volunteerism, and expression.

- The Converse and Spartanburg communities participated in a blood drive in Blackman Music Hall to benefit the Piedmont Blood Center.

During the day:

- Twichell Auditorium was open for those needing a place of personal prayer and meditation.
- A panel of Converse faculty gathered with a crowd of 200 in Daniel Recital Hall to discuss how the attack affected various aspects of society.

Panelists were **Mayo Mac Boggs**, Professor and Chair of the Art and Design Department; **Dr. Laura Brown**, Professor of English and Director of the Nisbet Honors Program; **Dr. Corrie Norman**, Professor of Religion; **Dr. Madelyn Young**, Chair of the



Converse students join with members of the Spartanburg community in front of Wilson Hall for a candlelight vigil.

- Precisely at 9:11 pm, more than 100 people gathered on the front circle of Wilson Hall for an interfaith candlelight vigil.

Members of the Converse College community expressed their thoughts on an Expression Canvas in the Montgomery Building.



Economics Department; and **Dr. Joe Dunn**, Chair of the History and Politics Department. They explored whether a memorial should be erected or commercial construction should commence at Ground Zero, the importance of symbols such as the twin towers in our lives, the immediate political effects of 9/11 and the possibility of war with Iraq, acceptance of religious beliefs that are different from our own, and how various business sectors are recovering economically.

## Converse Community Explores Ethics

As director of audit for an accounting firm, you discover that a client of yours has found a way of hiding debt. What should you do?

On Nov. 5, nearly 350 Converse students gathered in Twichell Auditorium for the Honor Emphasis Assembly: A Forum on Ethics. During the forum, students were



(left to right) Erin Rich '98, Rhonda Parish, Karen Mitchell, Dr. Charles Gaulden, Karen Kanes Floyd, Dr. Karen DeVore '84, Rev. Meg Barnhouse.

presented with seven different scenarios, each with a different ethical dilemma. A panel comprised of seven professionals, each from a different field, addressed the scenarios and the possible outcomes of each. "Our panel included an accountant, a company chairman, a pastor, a board of directors member, an executive vice president for a large corporation, and a local business woman," said Honor Board Chair, Holly Gilmore '03. "We wanted to ensure that every student could relate to at least one panelist."

Each scenario presented different complications, and there were no clear-cut solutions. "During the forum," said Holly, "we wanted to emphasize the Honor Code by sparking debates among the students themselves. The intent was for the students to imagine themselves in each situation and realize where their obligations would be. Life is filled with difficult situations, and the way you handle them is directly related to your own honor code."

## Converse Breaks Ground for Phifer Science Hall

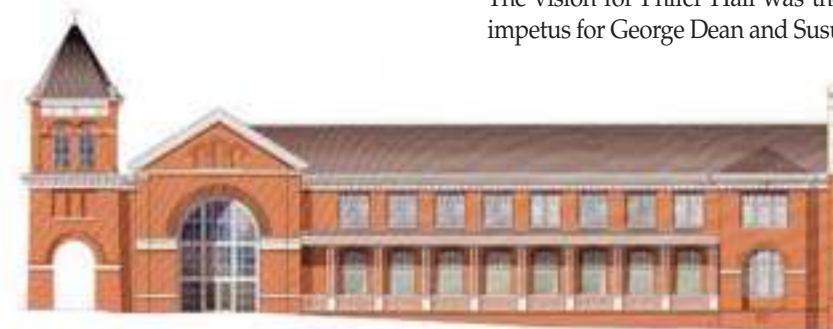


George Dean and Susu Phifer Johnson '65 break ground for Phifer Science Hall.

Following Opening Convocation on September 17, Converse held the groundbreaking ceremony for Phifer Science Hall. Students, faculty and staff, alumnae, and friends gathered on the site of the former Montgomery tennis courts as George Dean and Susu Phifer Johnson '65 lifted their dirt-filled shovels in celebration of the coming construction.

The 36,000-square-foot, three-story facility reflects the school's commitment to preparing women for the ever-changing world of technology and scientific innovation. Housing the natural sciences-biology, chemistry, and biochemistry – the building will be designed for 21st century flexibility, student/faculty research, interdisciplinary teaching, and in-lab lectures. Construction will begin in January and take approximately 16 months.

The vision for Phifer Hall was the impetus for George Dean and Susu



Rendering of Phifer Science Hall

Phifer Johnson '65 to issue The Johnson Challenge in 1998, which eventually netted more than \$45 million and was the first leg of the College's \$75 million capital campaign. "George and I believe that the sciences and technology are central to the future of Converse, and we want her students to have a contemporary building in which to learn and prepare for careers in these fields," said Susu Johnson.

In Dec. 2001, The Kresge Foundation in Troy, Michigan, approved a \$750,000



Dr. Jeff Barker, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Arts and Sciences, speaks on Converse's commitment to the sciences during the groundbreaking ceremony.

challenge grant for construction of Phifer Hall. Under the terms of the challenge, Converse must raise \$2.3 million towards the project by July 1, 2003. The Kresge Foundation grants signify a prestigious stamp of endorsement in an institution. To earn this grant, Converse demonstrated exceptional quality of teaching, scholarly activity, and community outreach.

## Online Campus Tour Wins Award

The Converse College online campus tour ([www.converse.edu](http://www.converse.edu)) has been selected by the awards committee at CampusTours.com as the 4-Star virtual college tour for the month for November. In making their online announcement, CampusTours says, "Converse College has managed to develop a virtual tour that is informative and comprehensive, yet retains a simple and elegant interface. The Campus Tours Awards Committee found this to be an excellent presentation,

well worthy of the Campus Tours 4-Star Virtual Tour Award!"

In developing the Converse tour, Webmaster Julie Clarkson said she wanted to create a tour that offered more than just a campus map. "We wanted a tour that had depth to it," she says. "We spent a great deal of time looking at tours of other schools and thinking about what students - and parents - might want to see in addition to the virtual tour." Tour-

related extras include personal audio vignettes from students, a planner to schedule an actual campus tour, a message from Converse President Nancy Gray, and an alternative way to search the campus map by department.





## Converse Receives NCAA Division II Eligibility



After four years of provisional status, the Converse College All-Stars have received full eligibility in NCAA Division II. The status allows athletes to compete for national titles as individuals (cross country and tennis) and as teams (basketball, soccer, and volleyball). Along with tournament eligibility, Division II status also gives Converse the opportunity to apply for grants and vote on NCAA legislation.

According to Athletic Director and Tennis Coach Margaret Moore, obtaining eligibility was a comprehensive process. "Over the past four years, we attended the NCAA conventions in Orlando, San Diego, San Antonio, and Atlanta," she said. "We completed an institutional self-study that examined all areas of the College - from financial aid to campus life. We also had to make sure that our compliance procedures were in sync with the NCAA."

Coach Moore said Division II is a logical place for the All-Stars. "Our other option was the NAIA, but we felt that the NCAA would bring us more competition and visibility," she said.



## Commitment to Service Learning brings New Opportunities

Community service has long been a hallmark of the Converse experience. Two new programs in the fall of 2002 are providing even more opportunities and encouragement for students to learn through service to others.

The first students were selected for the Bonner Leaders Program this year, which allows them to earn a scholarship while serving in the community and gaining leadership skills. "Bonner Leaders will complete 900 hours of community service over a two-year period," said Kristin Watkins, Assistant Dean of Students for Leadership. "This breaks down to 8-10 hours per week during the academic year and 300 hours over the summer. The students are placed at local agencies such as the Boys and Girls Club or the Children's Shelter, where they work alongside the staff to provide services to Spartanburg residents."



Additionally, the College's first Campus-Wide Day of Service was held on Oct. 19 with nearly 60 students participating. Various local community organizations such as the Spartanburg Children's Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, and the Downtown Rescue Mission benefited from the spirit of volunteerism. "We decided to schedule the Day of Service just before 1889 week so that we could better cultivate the spirit of service to others," says Rhonda Mingo, Director of Residential Life and Community Service Coordinator.



(above) Valerie Brock '03 at the Spartanburg Humane Society

(left) Nicole Giraudin '03 and her two new friends at the Bethlehem Center in Spartanburg.

## CLUBEVENTS

**Converse & Wofford College Travelers in Ubeda, Spain; July 1-9, 2002**

(l to r) 1st Row: Henry Schleicher, John McCutcheon, Tolly Shelton, Bonner Thomason, Barbara Thomason, Anne Riggs, Susan Edwards; 2nd row: Kay Porter, Frank Edwards, Fonde Wertz, Jhon Akers; 3rd row: Joanne McCutcheon, Jane McCutcheon, Martha Thompson, Kim Edwards, Bette Wakefield; 4th row: Melissa Jolly, Del McDuffie, James Riggs, Barbara Edwards; 5th row: Kit Shulman, Sara Thompson, Lynn Parker; Top row: Albert Howard, Sandra Parker, Barrett Shelton.



## Presbyterian College Presents Honorary Degree to Nancy Gray



Ron Allen, Chairman of the Presbyterian College Board of Trustees, presents Nancy Gray with the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

College's visibility as a residential liberal arts college with a nationally recognized school of music, and strengthening the endowment, student recruitment, and retention," said Ron Allen, Chairman of the PC Board of Trustees. "Throughout her professional career she has displayed devoted, effective, and vital work in advancing liberal arts, professional, and seminary education."

Citing her leadership skills as President of Converse College and her commitment to improving higher education, Presbyterian College bestowed the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters upon Nancy Oliver Gray during their opening convocation.

"Nancy Oliver Gray has distinguished herself as an exceptional leader and a visionary as President of Converse College, preserving and improving the historic campus, enhancing the

## Converse Ranks Among Elite Schools



Converse continues to distinguish itself as one of the top educational institutions in the South, as evidenced by the 2003 *US News & World Report* rankings. In the magazine's annual "America's Best Colleges" issue, Converse ranks 13th among Southern colleges and universities and the 5th Best Value in the South.

The rankings reflect the College's continued ability to compete successfully against larger institutions in providing a quality education. "Converse has made

significant progress in academic quality, campus enhancement, and institutional leadership over the last three years," said President Nancy Oliver Gray. "I am pleased our dedication to quality is reflected in the 2003 rankings."

The rankings are founded upon various statistical measures, including student SAT/ACT scores, freshman retention rate, graduation rate, student/faculty ratio, and alumnae support.

## Converse, USCS Collaborate on Music Program

A new partnership between Converse College and the University of South Carolina - Spartanburg may strike just the right chord with music students in the Upstate.

The program, which is a rare example of public/private collaboration in higher education, allows USCS students to take music courses at Converse and private instrumental and voice lessons from Converse faculty. Similarly, Converse students may take courses in the jazz studies program at USCS. Graduate students of the Petrie School of Music will also have the opportunity to teach introductory music courses at USCS and to direct performance groups. USCS offers a concentration in music for students pursuing the Interdisciplinary Studies Degree, and has been innovative in developing a jazz program with courses in history, theory, and improvisation.

One of the most visible aspects of the partnership is the opportunity for students from Converse and USCS to perform together in ensembles on both campuses, including choral groups, orchestras, jazz bands, and gospel choirs.

The program's first student registered this fall. Matias Mariani, a USCS sophomore from Argentina, is pursuing his dream to become an opera singer. "This program is letting me go on with my dream," he said. "I now have the opportunity to improve my musical skills by working with great teachers on two campuses and I have the chance to perform more, too."

The partnership strengthens the programs at both of our institutions by combining our resources. It is a win-win collaboration for both programs.



**Highlands, North Carolina; July 25, 2002**

Jack and Lucy Simpson Kuhne '66 hosted cocktails and dinner at their home in Highlands.

(l to r) Laura Burgess '04, Susie Cole Wean '71, Mary Lib Spillers Hamilton '57, Lucy Simpson Kuhne '66, Bee Smith Maybank '66.



## WHAT CONVERSE ALUMNAE SHOULD KNOW:

# Benefits of a Women's College

Even though there are only 62 women's colleges remaining in the country, the benefits of single gender education are strong. We hope the information in this article will be a helpful and interesting tool to prepare alumnae and friends to talk more effectively with prospective students and those who influence their college decisions.

Women's colleges prepare women for the many roles they will assume in life, by offering an excellent academic education, challenging them to become whatever they want to become and connecting them into a network from which they can benefit for most of their professional and personal lives. These colleges are attended by women who demand the best education in a setting that is the most conducive to their achievement and "real world" success.

Going to a women's college greatly increases the chances that a woman will become a leader in a traditionally male (and hence better paid) field. Academically, professionally, and

*"I've developed wonderful professional and personal friendships in my four years at Converse. Here, students are encouraged to grow as scholars and to speak their opinions intelligently and openly without feeling intimidated or inferior. But most importantly, Converse builds a certain kind of confidence that women need in order to become strong and effective leaders in today's competitive society."*

Kathryn Brackett '03; Spartanburg, SC



Courtenay Mims '04; Edgefield, SC

*"At first I was not interested in a women's college – all my best friends in high school had been guys! Most girls find that they are somewhat surprised to like the all-women atmosphere. For four years my primary environment hasn't focused on men – and it has given me time to focus inward so I can become a more articulate, thoughtful, and prepared person."*



personally, the advantages of women's colleges are hard to match in the co-ed world.

Studies have found that, by attending women's colleges, women:

- Participate more fully in and out of class
- Are more successful in careers; that is, they tend to hold higher positions, are happier, and earn more money
- Constitute more than 20% of women in Congress, and 30% of a *Business Week* list of rising women stars in Corporate America, yet only represent 2% of all female college graduates
- Have more opportunities to hold leadership positions and are able to observe women functioning in top jobs (90% of the presidents and 55% of the faculty are women)
- Report greater satisfaction than their co-ed counterparts with their college experience in almost all measures - academically, developmentally, and personally
- Continue toward doctorates and careers in math, science and engineering in disproportionately large numbers
- Develop measurably higher levels of self-esteem than other achieving women in coeducational institutions
- Score higher on standardized achievement tests
- Are more likely to graduate
- Tend to be more involved in philanthropic activities after college. The Council for Financial Aid to Education reports that a higher proportion of women's college alumnae give to their alma mater (39% vs. 28%) and give a larger amount on average (\$521 vs. \$406) than do alumni/ae at comparable co-ed institutions.



*"Being surrounded by women who have goals similar to mine, I have been able to thrive by sharing experience with people from whom I can learn much. Converse also helps me to design the "balance" that I wish to have in my life. This is a truly important aspect of the Converse experience, as we find ourselves quite involved not only in the classroom but also in campus activities such as student government, cultural events, service organizations, and athletics. Finally, although not "sorority" sisters, my Converse sisters and I hold a unique bond of friendship. I see the true character of my friends - girls growing into unique and capable women."*

Katie Kuersteiner '04; Tomball, TX

## COMMONLY HELD

# Myths about Women's Colleges

**MYTH #1: Women's colleges are elite finishing schools.**

**FACT:** Converse is a contemporary women's college that attracts a diverse student body, representing a variety of socio-economic backgrounds, ages, ethnic and racial identities. A larger percentage of students choose disciplines and careers in traditionally male areas, such as math, the sciences, law and business, so they have, on average, higher salaries than their co-ed counterparts. The strength of women's colleges is their ability to educate women for the multiple roles that they will assume during their lives.

**MYTH #2: Women's colleges are cloisters to protect young women from the real world.**

**FACT:** To the extent that Converse is not the real world, it is extremely beneficial to women who attend, as Linda Wertheimer, host of National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* and Wellesley '65 explains: "If by real life one means the opportunity to be downtrodden, I think that taking a temporary pass on that is fine. However unreal the world of by-women-for-women, women-can-do-whatever-they-want may have been, it certainly gave me and a lot of women with whom I graduated the feeling that the world could be and should be different. A lot of us have spent our lives acting on that."

**MYTH #3: There are many gay women at women's colleges.**

**FACT:** There is no evidence that there is a greater percentage of gay women at Converse or other women's colleges than at co-ed institutions. Moreover, diversity and tolerance are goals of every educational institution, both single-sex and co-ed.

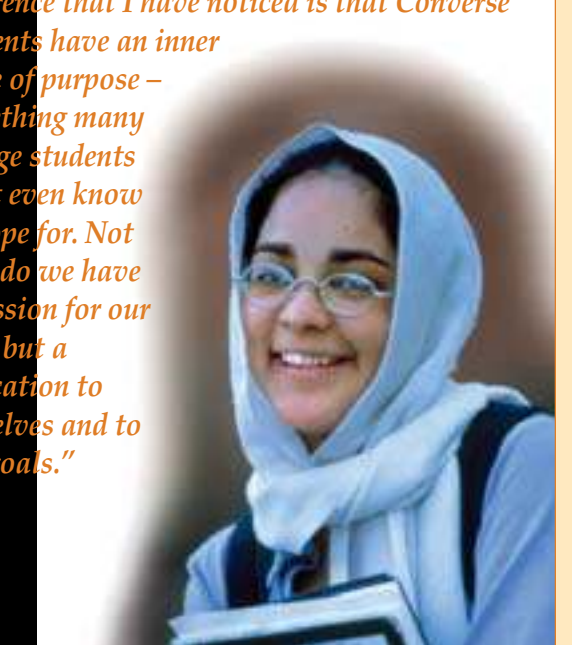
**MYTH #4: Women's colleges are male-free places.**

**FACT:** Converse has cross-registration with Wofford College and offers students many opportunities to interact with men socially if they choose. It is true, though, that because Converse is inhabited by women students it tends to be cleaner, aesthetically more appealing, less vandalized and safer.

*This information was provided by The Women's College Coalition.*

Ashaah Balkhi '04; Saudi Arabia

*"I see a difference between Converse students and their counterparts at co-ed schools. Converse women are more self-assured and less afraid to reach outside of our comfort zones. Yet perhaps the deepest, and often most subtle difference that I have noticed is that Converse students have an inner sense of purpose – something many college students don't even know to hope for. Not only do we have a mission for our lives but a dedication to ourselves and to our goals."*





## Travel with the Alumnae Office

### England's Lake District

April 28 - May 6, 2003  
Double occupancy \$2,395; single \$2,745

England's Lake District blends windswept mountainous terrain with stone-walled pastures to create one of the most picturesque regions in Great Britain. From our campus site in Bowness, which overlooks the shores of Windermere, we will travel to Near Sawrey, where Beatrix Potter found inspiration for many of her famous stories, stroll along the streets of quaint Hawkshead, visit the medieval ruins of Furness Abbey, and discover the history of Cartmel and Grange-over-Sands. We will cruise to the village of Ambleside, see William Wordsworth's homes in Grasmere, and explore England's countryside with an excursion to the Yorkshire Dales. The journey will be completed with a visit to Ravenglass and a serene ride on a narrow gauge railway referred to as "the most beautiful train journey in England." Dr. Jeffrey Willis will accompany the group on this trip.

### Canadian Rockies Train Tour

June 29 - July 7, 2003  
Double occupancy: \$3,099; single: \$3,949; triple: \$3,049  
Includes round trip air from Charlotte, cancellation and waiver insurance, hotel transfers, departure tax, and some meals

Come with us to the heart of the Canadian Rockies, where majestic scenery combines with luxury resort settings for a trip you'll remember forever. You'll tour the beautiful provinces of Alberta and British Columbia, home to such spots as Vancouver, Jasper, Lake Louise, Banff and Calgary, and enjoy a stay in the famed Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, one of Canada's most impressive hotels. Then, it's all aboard for an exhilarating, 2-day train ride to Jasper, through the Rockies, on the legendary "Rocky Mountaineer." Keep your camera poised for photo opportunities at Maligne Canyon, the Icefields Parkway, Athabasca Falls, and Peyto Lake. Weather permitting, enjoy a thrilling coach ride across the Columbia icefields. You'll end your trip in Calgary, home to the world's largest rodeo - the Calgary Stampede.



### Italian Vistas

October 25 - November 6, 2003  
Double occupancy: \$3,499; single: \$4,199; triple: \$3,469  
Includes round trip air from Charlotte, cancellation and waiver insurance, hotel transfers, departure tax, and some meals

The Italian Vistas tour is the perfect way to experience Italy. We will start out in Rome, a city famous for its rich history and incredible art. Featured are visits to the Roman Forum and the Colosseum. The visit to Rome culminates with an awe-inspiring stop in Vatican City. Other tour features include a visit to the ruins of Pompeii, which lay for hundreds of years under ash and lava from Mt. Vesuvius. Guests will visit the romantic Isle of Capri, and the artistically rich city of Florence, home to Michelangelo's *David*. Also included are visits to the Leaning Tower of Pisa; Venice, with its intricate system of canals; and Italy's fashion capital, Milan. The tour culminates with a trip through the Lake District of Italy, crossing into Switzerland for a stop at the resort town of Lugano.

### German Holiday Market: Cruising the Main

November 29 - December 7, 2003  
Information coming soon!

## History of Converse

### A Great Christmas Present for Alumnae!

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 emerged 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.

Order your copy (\$25) via the alumnae section of [www.converse.edu](http://www.converse.edu) or by calling the Alumnae Office at 1-800-584-9098.



## Upcoming Alumnae Events

Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, 2003	Winter Alumnae Board Meeting
Feb. 27, 2003	Birmingham, AL, Luncheon Gillian White Goodrich '68, Hostess
March 6, 2003	Rock Hill, SC, Wine and Cheese Drop-In Harriet Marshall Goode '59, Hostess
March 13, 2003	Winston-Salem, NC, Cocktail Party Jenny Kimbrel Bunn '67, Hostess
March 19, 2003	Norfolk, VA, Luncheon Norfolk Yacht Club
March 26, 2003	Chapel Hill, NC, Brunch Marion Ritchie Johnson '48, Hostess
March 26, 2003	Raleigh, NC, Cocktail Party Julia Jones Daniels '53, Hostess
March 27, 2003	Charleston, SC, Garden Party Patti Moore McGee '57, Hostess
April 3, 2003	Asheville, NC, Luncheon Highland Lake Inn
April 8, 2003	Richmond, VA, Cocktail Party Sally Mason Maynard '59, Hostess
April 10, 2003	Atlanta, GA, Luncheon Mary Helen Garrison Dalton '46, Hostess
April 10, 2003	Atlanta, GA, Converse-Wofford Cocktail Party Deedee Roberts Stafford '70, Hostess
April 24, 2003	Founder's Day and 1000 Thanks Donor Gala
April 25 - 26, 2003	Reunion Weekend
April 28 - May 6, 2003	Alumnae Trip: England's Lake District
May 22, 2003	Senior Candlelight Dinner
May 23, 2003	Hats Off Party for Seniors
May 24, 2003	Commencement
June 29 - July 7, 2003	Alumnae Trip: Canadian Rockies Train Tour

## Converse Students Want to Know Your Ring Stories!

The Converse Class of 2005 plans to kick-off a new tradition this year with a ring ceremony to be held during their Sophomore Celebration Weekend in the spring. They are hopeful that between now and then the Alumnae Office might be able to obtain some interesting and/or

funny stories from Converse alumnae about their Converse College rings.

Please send your stories to the Converse College Alumnae Office, 580 E. Main Street, Spartanburg, SC, 29302; fax: 864-596-9735, e-mail: [melissa.jolly@converse.edu](mailto:melissa.jolly@converse.edu).



Dear Friends,

Happy Holidays! I hope that all of you have had a wonderful fall and are anticipating a special holiday season! It is hard to believe that we are entering the third year of our "new" millennium. Our journey into the future at Converse College is very exciting for all of us involved. On Sept. 16, we dedicated the Sarah Butler Garden, located between Blackman Hall and Milliken Fine Arts Building. On the 17th we welcomed 184 freshman during Opening Convocation, and then broke ground for the new Phifer Science and Technology Hall overlooking our newly sodded and terraced back campus.

Converse College alumnae should be very proud to be a part of this exciting time because we are progressing into the new century with confidence and newfound strength within our Converse community. We, your Alumnae Board, rededicated ourselves to spreading the word as we once again focus on alumnae participation during this holiday season with gifts to Converse. Please know how much EVERY gift means to Converse, big and small, as we strive for 100% participation nationwide. In this season of giving, let me also remind you that your most important gift to us is a student...and what a great gift to her - a tremendous education and wonderful friends for life. Your support now is critical and very much appreciated.

Have a blessed New Year!

*Elise*

Elise Warren,  
Alumnae Association President

## CLUBEVENTS

### Alumnae Board Retreat, Lake Summit, North Carolina; September 14-15, 2002

(l to r) Front Row: Elizabeth Simons, Ann Lanier Jackson '86, Bette Hubbard Wakefield '50, Candy Moore '93, Ginger Crawford Phillips '97, Gelene Duncan Ellsworth '63, Marianne Ellison Bartram '49, Berry Bate '75, Erin Rich '98, Catherine Cranford '96, Jane Manning Hyatt '93, Linda Russell Cranford '69, Laura Chappell Bauknight '87, Grazier Connors Rhea '74, Sandra Sherard Bethea '67, Melissa Daves Jolly '69; Back Row: Elise Warren '75, Marianna MacIntyre Taylor '81, Bobbie Daniel '71, Bet Kenan Hamilton '83, Carroll Sibley Clancy '71, Nancy Bain Cote '79, Claudia Barton Coleman '82, Harriet Messer Goldsmith '69, Mindy Thompson Orman '71, Wallace Davison '89, Polly Hill Woodham '51.



Exhibition of Photography by Frazer Pajak, AIA, Associate Professor of Art, at Brooks & Black Fine Art & Framing, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia; September 19, 2002

(l to r) Gay Simmons Colyer '73, Mary Helen Garrison Dalton '46, President Nancy O. Gray, Frazer Pajak, Jim Dalton, Mary Gossett Dalton King '75, Nancy Dalton Steele '73.



# FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Dr. Joe P. Dunn**, Charles A. Dana Professor of History & Politics, was a Council on International Educational Exchange Faculty Development Seminar participant in Croatia in late May and early June. His "Teaching Islamic and Middle East Politics: The Model Arab League as a Learning Value," is the lead article in the current edition of *The Journal of Political Science*.

**Merilyn Field**, Director of Art Therapy, was a guest speaker at the South Carolina Association of Art Therapists annual conference held in Charleston on September 27 & 28. She presented a workshop on the "Memories in the Making" approach to art therapy with Alzheimer's patients.

A play by **Steve Hunt**, Associate Professor of Theatre, was read at this past summer's Edward Albee Last Frontier Theatre Conference in Valdez, Alaska.

**Dr. Susan Lyle**, Assistant Professor of Voice and Director of Choral Activities, was the mezzo soprano soloist in a performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Long Bay Symphony in Myrtle Beach, S.C. on September 22nd.

Two poems by **Rick Mulkey**, Associate Professor of English, have been accepted for publication: "Thermals" in the *Southern Poetry Review* and "Connecting the Dots" in *Valparaiso Poetry Review*. Both poems are part of his newest manuscript, *Toward Any Darkness*.

**Teresa Prater**, Associate Professor of Studio Art, presented "Book and Paper," a one-person exhibition of charcoal drawings and artist books at the Lipscomb Gallery at the S.C. Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities in Greenville Sept. 25 - Oct. 25. Professor Prater was featured in the "2002 Art of Bookmaking Exhibition" at the Saul Alexander Gallery at the Charleston Library.

**Dr. Karen Carmean**, Charles Dana Professor of English, presented her paper entitled "Polar Boom: What's Behind the Explosion of Antarctic Literature" at the Popular Culture Association of the South meeting in Charlotte, N.C.

**Susan Tekulve**, Assistant Professor of English and Director of the Writing Center, had a short story collection, *Rooms People Live In*, to be selected as one of six finalists in the 2002 S.G. Sharat Chandra Fiction prize with Book Mark Press (University of Missouri-Kansas). She has also published three book reviews in the Sept/Oct issue of *BOOK Magazine*.

**Paul Davis**, Assistant Professor of Music Education and Director of Bands, was named Conductor of the Palmetto Youth Orchestra for the 2002-03 season and as an Artist Development Director for the 2003 International Jazz Educators Association Convention in Toronto.

**Joseph Hopkins**, Dean of the Petrie School of Music, presented two recitals in England and served as master teacher

for the Harlaxton Festival. His recently released CD "The Songs of Richard Faith" was picked up by Leyerle Publications as a companion recording for the three volumes of Faith's songs.

**Dr. Thomas McDaniel**, Senior Vice President and Professor of Education, authored an article entitled "Mainstreaming the Gifted: Historical Perspectives on Excellence and Equity," which appeared in the spring issue of *Roeper Review*.

**Dr. Corrie Norman**, Assistant Professor of Religion, published an article on food at the baroque papal court in *Early Modern Catholicism* (University of Toronto Press). She has also completed essays on food and religion for the *Encyclopedia of Food and Culture*, and an article on teaching religion with food.

**Dr. Scott Robbins**, Assistant Professor of Music Theory, received his ninth consecutive award from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) for his compositional work.

**Dr. Jeffrey Barker**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Professor of Philosophy, presented a paper, "Standards of Care, Equipoise, and Consent from Bangkok to Baltimore," at the 5th annual meeting of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. The presentation dealt with ethical issues in research involving children.

# GRANDDAUGHTER'S CLUB

2002

The Alumnae Office hosted a drop-in on September 5, 2002, to welcome new members of the Granddaughters Club. Freshmen and transfer student granddaughters, along with their mothers and other family members, were greeted by the Alumnae Office staff and Jordan Cain '04, current chairwoman of the Granddaughters Club. Sponsored by the Alumnae Office, the Granddaughters Club is a student organization that works to promote contact between students and alumnae through special events and projects.

- Kathryn Arrants, daughter of Judy Lucktenberg Arrants '79
- Sarah Allston Baker, granddaughter of Sarah Parker Lumpkin '47
- Maggie T. Barragan, great-granddaughter of the late Ruth Lanham Tiller '15
- Demaris Brooks, daughter of Margaret Goettee Brooks '66
- Zan Cain, daughter of Ansley Hassell Boggs '77
- Jessica Carver, daughter of Kimberly Terry Carver '80
- Samantha Caulder, daughter of Alyce Caulder '90 MED
- Kelley Constance, daughter of Shelley Baker '89
- Jennifer Gilstrap, daughter of Sharon Gilstrap '89 MED
- Rebecca Gramling, daughter of Bonnie Gramling '94 MED and granddaughter of Polly Morris Harper '53
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Cocktail Party for Spartanburg Converse College Young Alumnae, September 26, 2002 at the home of Elizabeth Blanchard Joyce '89

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JUNE 1, 2002 - OCTOBER 22, 2002

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## IN MEMORIAM: DR. JAMES WALTER PARKER, 1934-2002

by Robbie Louise Taylor '68

*Editor's Note: Dr. James Parker served as a member of the Converse College Theatre Department faculty from 1957-1970, including a stint as Department Chair.*

Jim Parker often described himself as a dinosaur, especially when he sipped bourbon and branch on the veranda of his beloved 18th century Walnut Hill Plantation in Farmville, VA, where Generals Lee and Grant prepared the terms of surrender to end the Civil War. I wonder if Jim heard weary rebel horses snorting and pulling defiantly against their reigns during the last few months of his life as he bravely battled esophagus cancer...a battle he surrendered on June 1, 2002.

A dinosaur perhaps, but always a rebel and a visionary as he championed women's potentials to compete on any battlefield.

Jim retired from teaching Theatre at Virginia Commonwealth University in 2000. He is survived by his and Robin Parker Quinn's daughter, Sara (Mrs. Delbert) South, of Farmville and by two decades of Converse Women who would like to say: "Jim Parker, you were a class act!"



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 Damaris ADAMS Huff '69, September 14, 2002.  
 Mary Barnwell HOLT '72 MED, May 17, 2002.  
 Elizabeth PENCE '85, August 26, 2002.

## SYMPATHY

To Elizabeth JENNINGS Caughman '30 on the death of her son, James B. Caughman, Jr., June 7, 2002.  
 To Polly LEONARD Jernigan '41 on the death of her husband, Martin L. Jernigan, October 6, 2001.  
 To Dorothy HOE Kirkley '42 on the death of her husband, Lewis Edward Kirkley, August 12, 2002.  
 To Margaret WORKMAN Hudson '44 on the death of her sister, Elizabeth WORKMAN Maxwell '42, May 26, 2002.  
 To Miriam LILES Mathis '47 on the death of her husband, Robert Stanley Mathis, Sr., July 13, 2002.  
 To Caroline RAVENEL McBee '47 on the death of her husband, Roy S. McBee, Sr., June 6, 2002.  
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 To Dorothy COGGIN Shamburger '51 on the death of her husband, John Herbert Shamburger, July 3, 2002.  
 To Mary Frances BARNETT Wiles '52 on the death of her sister, Josephine BARNETT Ligon '43, June 5, 2002.  
 To Jane WINN Pollitzer '53 on the death of her husband, Richard S. Pollitzer, July 7, 2002.  
 To Sarah MANNING Pope '55 on the death of her daughter, Elizabeth Manning Brinson, August 12, 2002.  
 To Libby EVANS Green '56 on the death of her sister, Sara Louise EVANS Godwin '51, September 5, 2002.  
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 To Emilie FOSTER Haskin '58 on the death of her husband, William Benjamin Haskin, April 21, 2002.  
 To Alice HOWARD McClure '58 on the death of her husband, Robert Eugene McClure, February 22, 2002.  
 To Jane TUCKER Pullen '62 on the death of her mother, Louise HARRIS Tucker '29, June 2, 2002.

To Carlisle CAUGHMAN Harvard '63 on the death of her brother, James B. Caughman, Jr., June 7, 2002.  
 To Anna DEAN Johnson '65 on the death of her mother, Merle Shipp Dean, September 13, 2002.  
 To Gretchen MILLER Mooningham '66 on the death of her mother, Jessalyn Bauknight MILLER '56, August 19, 2002.  
 To Terry Elizabeth THOMPSON '67 on the death of her mother, Virginia Jones Thompson, April 15, 2001.  
 To Sarah BERRY Gamble '68 on the death of her father, Joseph Nesbitt Berry, June 16, 2002.  
 To Marilyn C. DOUGLAS '68 on the death of her mother, Katherine Reneau Cox, August 25, 2002.  
 To Sally HARMON Caughman '68 on the death of her brother-in-law, James B. Caughman, Jr., June 7, 2002.  
 To Kathi MAYES DuBose '69 on the death of her mother, Katie BEATY Mayes '41, July 4, 2002.  
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 To Connie MONTAGUE Baldwin '70 on the death of her mother, Hess Jenkins Montague, February 22, 2002.  
 To Frances "Deeder" OWINGS Stone '70 on the death of her father, Francis Preston Owings, September 16, 2002.  
 To Gloria ROBERTS Howell '70 on the death of her mother, Lunett Massey Roberts, September 15, 2002.  
 To Nancy DEMPSTER Kelly '71 on the death of her husband, Brian Kelly, July 2002.  
 To Anne WALKER Swenson '71 on the death of her brother, C. Blake Walker, July 28, 2002.  
 To Jane NEESE Rousey '76 on the death of her father, Robert Ford Neese, July 9, 2002.  
 To Kim TODD Scheffler '78 on the death of her mother, Gladys Todd, July 10, 2002.  
 To Dot CHERRY '80 on the death of her mother, Eunice Smith Cherry, August 26, 2002.  
 To Kimberly TERRY Carver '80 on the death of her father, Cornelius Terry, May 17, 2002.  
 To Dana THOMPSON Bostian '81 on the death of her father, Harry M. Thompson, June 17, 2002.  
 To Julie TODD Pell '87 on the death of her mother, Gladys Todd, July 10, 2002.  
 To Elizabeth SHELTON Roddy '87 on the death of her mother, Dwight Shelton, August 11, 2002.  
 To Kris RAO Haimbach '88 on the death of her brother, Michael Rao, June 12, 2002.  
 To Lynda TRULUCK '88 Ed.S. on the death of her mother, Mary Lucille Willis Truluck, July 16, 2002.  
 To Cathy GOODMAN Doyle '94 on the death of her husband, Thomas McNeal Doyle III, August 2, 2002.  
 To Jamye HORRES '95 on the death of her grandmother, Jeanette MacLeod Horres, August 20, 2002.  
 To Beth FARMER '96 on the death of her grandfather, Chester Edward Keen, June 13, 2002.  
 To Leigh Anne MITCHELL '02 on the death of her grandfather, John Herbert Shamburger, July 3, 2002.

## MARRIAGES

Maria KAIN '79 to Dennis R. Matthews, December 29, 2001.

Suzanne SMITH Williams '79 to David Allan Bare, June 22, 2002.  
 Winnie HOLT '85 to John Lichtner, May 18, 2002.  
 Crystal Sabrina MOSS '89 to Jamie Reginald Scott, June 1, 2002.  
 Shanie Ann TATE '92 to Wayne Louis Vafiadis, May 25, 2002.  
 Charlotte SWINK '93 to Darby Mullen, December 1, 2001.  
 Ashley Harrison DOVER '94 to John Wesley Sorrow III, June 22, 2002.  
 Amy Amanda GILPATRICK '95 to Tony Joel Taylor, June 30, 2002.  
 Chandra Leigh PIERCE '95 to Jason Scott Placer, May 4, 2002.  
 Komilla BHATTY '97 to Rajeeve C. John, August 7, 2002.  
 Katie Neal FORT '97 to Roger Michael Smith, July 13, 2002.  
 Kathryn KENNEDY '97 to Joey Sims, August 31, 2002.  
 Allyson Leigh BENNETT '98 MED to Scott Ivan McDowell, June 15, 2002.  
 Ann Dora Michele DAVIS '98 to Noel Dee Helms, June 1, 2002.  
 Susan PITTMAN '98 to James Eli Parker, July 20, 2002.  
 Olivia Lee THORNTON '98 to Felix Thomas Charney, September 6, 2002.  
 Erin Elizabeth ADDINGTON '99 to Jerry Allen Gaines II, May 25, 2002.  
 Mary Elizabeth AIKEN '99 to David Matthew Chambers, July 13, 2002.  
 Marie Winn FAULKNER '99 to David Cordell Taylor, June 8, 2002.  
 Stacey Danielle KELLEY '99 to Carroll Brooks Bannister, Jr., July 20, 2002.  
 Jennifer LOVETT '99 to Chuck Rackley, June 15, 2002.  
 Anna Avo VOYLES '99 MED to Thomas Russell Hodge, Jr., June 15, 2002.  
 Virginia Anne FLOWERS '00 to Kevin Patrick Munson, May 25, 2002.  
 Kestlyn LUDOVINA '00 to Michael S. Penley, February 2, 2002.  
 Kim Arlette Cheeseboro MERRIMAN '00 MED to Ollie Wooden, June 1, 2002.  
 Erin Elizabeth PATTERSON '00 to Brian Jay Joye, August 10, 2002.  
 Kimberly Rae RING '00 MED to Corey James Helle, June 22, 2002.  
 Lacy Allyson SHOOK '00 to James Franklin White, June 29, 2002.  
 Jordan Slater ALSPAUGH '01 MED to Andreas Holst, June 29, 2002.  
 Kristen Nicole BOTTENFIELD '01 to Cliff Willimon, May 25, 2002.  
 Lauren Coffey BOUCHER '01 MED to Robert Ramsey Smith II, July 20, 2002.  
 Alice McMillan KEITH '01 to Randall Clay Beers, February 16, 2002.  
 Damesha Rachel LINCIN '01 to Stephen Lamond Lindsey, July 20, 2002.  
 Lisa Annette SAIN '01 MMUS to Christopher Chadwick Odom, June 15, 2002.  
 Cori Leigh WILLIAMS '01 to Al Jason Spicer, June 29, 2002.  
 Kelly Alexa FULMER '02 to Matthew William Reams, June 15, 2002.  
 Jamie Elizabeth KOESTER '02 to Christopher Wills, June 27, 2002.  
 Brandi Renae SARRATT '02 to Peter Bradley Spink, June 8, 2002.  
 Brandy Winn SEAWRIGHT '02 to Jonathan Travis Page, June 15, 2002.

## BIRTHS

Annabelle Lynn Salters, November 15, 2000 in St. Petersburg, Russia, adopted March 5, 2002, daughter of Frank "Bo" and Lynn JOHNSON Salters '80.  
 Lillian Marie Cary, June 9, 2002, daughter of Gregory and Carolyn BLANK Cary '83.  
 Taylor Davison Ball, August 26, 2002, daughter of Michael and Palmer DAVISON Ball '84.  
 Beattie Ballentine Ashmore, Jr., August 14, 2002, son of Beattie and Lisa BECKMAN Ashmore '85.  
 Robert Lanier Jackson, March 24, 2002, adopted September 5, 2002, son of Brian and Ann LANIER Jackson '86.  
 Mary Ashton Garrett, May 22, 2002, daughter of Scott and Tami STEVENS Garrett '87.  
 Charlotte Rose Littlejohn, June 25, 2002, daughter of Kenny '92 MED and Alice FULLER Littlejohn '88, '92 MED.  
 Maxwell Joseph Robinson, February 3, 2002, son of Glenn and Elizabeth HYATT Robinson '89.  
 William Light Kinney McNeil, June 26, 2002, son of Dan and Elisabeth KINNEY McNeil '89.  
 Thomas Mastin Hoffman, July 13, 2002, son of Joel and Sarah SEASE Hoffman '89.  
 Eliza Aetheling Martin, July 18, 2002, daughter of Marty and Celanie SMITH Martin '89.  
 Johnston Carter Bauer, July 3, 2002, son of Bill and Margaret BOUKNIGHT Bauer '90.  
 Martha Lea Markel, April 30, 2002, daughter of Todd and Beverly MILSTEAD Markle '90.  
 Thomas Nash Steed, August 28, 2002, son of Durk and Nancy WELCH Steed '90.  
 Jessica Skye Curran, June 23, 2002, daughter of A. Robert and Karen HELMS Curran '91.  
 Emily Elizabeth Schwarzmann, June 4, 2002, daughter of Jim and Dee MARZULLO Schwarzmann '91.  
 Kathleen Elizabeth Swan, June 13, 2002, daughter of Rodney and Marcy HINDES Swan '92.  
 Genevieve Joan Hyla, May 21, 2002, daughter of Bret and Marci MEADOWS Hyla '92.  
 Francis Davis Moise III, August 12, 2002, son of Davis and Amy PRINCE Moise '92.  
 Harrison Alan Hulsey, July 26, 2002, son of Alan and Heather PURDIE Hulsey '92.  
 Thomas Kenneth Faile, August 2, 2002, son of

Kenny and Louisa TINDALL Faile '92.  
 Jeffrey Neal Masser, May 6, 2001, son of Jeff and Rebecca BALDY Masser '93.  
 Abigail Catherine Ellett, August 8, 2002, daughter of Aaron and Cathy IANNAZZONE Ellett '93.  
 Parker Joseph Woods, May 13, 2002, son of Joseph Kevin and Brooke MCNEILL Woods '93.  
 William Ross Bullard, March 9, 2002, son of Mike and Alison POOSER Bullard '93.  
 Louis Charles Sagedy, April 26, 2002, son of Louie and Katherine RUSSELL Sagedy '93.  
 Davis Hamilton Caldwell, July 31, 2002, son of Chris and Elizabeth WATSON Caldwell '93.  
 Katina Patterson Hughes, June 2, 2002, daughter of Greg and Stefanie MELEHES Hughes '95.  
 Scott Parker Burgess, May 31, 2002, son of Richard Allen and Tara MERRITT Burgess '95.  
 Anna Rhodes Davis, January 16, 2002, daughter of Jon and Jennifer SMITH Davis '95.  
 Jackson Anders Cook, August 9, 2002, son of Nathan '97 MED and Jennifer GEORGE Cook '96.  
 Trevor Stafford Mitchell, September 2, 2002, son of Jason and Alison STAFFORD Mitchell '96.  
 James Robert Williams, July 5, 2001, son of Steve and Barbara FOSTER Williams '97.  
 Garrison Christopher Bishop, June 8, 2002, son of Christopher and Shannon GOSNELL Bishop '97.  
 Andrew Cameron Gower, March 1, 2002, son of Scott and Nicole VANNOTE Gower '97.  
 Christian Thomas Fortner, July 18, 2002, son of Christopher and Christina LOCKABY Fortner '98.  
 Judith Grace Boyd, July 11, 2002, daughter of John and Jennifer REESE Boyd '98.  
 Kristoffer Andrew Sellers, May 14, 2002, son of Kristoffer Brandon and Connie REEVES Sellers '98.  
 Erika Michelle Brown, November 10, 2001, daughter of Charles Erik and Le'Keisha HARPER Brown '99.  
 Lauren Elizabeth McCaskill, July 29, 2002, daughter of Scott and Heather LYBRAND McCaskill '99.  
 Samuel Allen Campbell, January 22, 2002, son of Donald and Ashley Rogers CAMPBELL '00.  
 Jaina Catherine Walker, May 23, 2002, daughter of Brian Walker and Jessie STASKA '01.

## ADVANCED DEGREES

Ann WILLIAMS Brinson '72, Master of Divinity,

## IN MEMORIAM:

### HOLLY JOHNSTON RICHARDSON '78



Holly Johnston Richardson '78 died September 30, 2002, after a brave battle against breast cancer. The Summerville, SC, native is survived by her husband, Phil, and two children, Emmett, 12, and Anne, 9, and her parents, Joanne and Coy Johnston of Summerville. Since 1978, Holly served as US Senator

Strom Thurmond's master scheduler. "On Sept. 30, I lost one of my closest friends and staff members," Thurmond said in a statement issued by his office. "She was a member of my extended family in every sense of the word." A memorial service was held for Holly on October 2 in Alexandria, VA.

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## LIFE EVENTS CONTINUED

Wake Forest University, May 2002.

Janet Eileen LANDRUM '82, Master of Education,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Hollye Kay LANNOM Moss '83, Doctor of  
Philosophy in Industrial Management, Clemson  
University, May 2002.

Melinda MURPHY Graham '84, Master of Arts in  
Education, University of South Florida, May  
2001.

Robin BELK Breitenbach '85, Master of Education,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Valarie HARDISON Hammond '85, Master of  
Education, Converse College, July 2002.

Alice ELLIOTT Scoggins '87, Master of Arts in  
Teaching, Converse College, July 2002.

Lisa ANTHONY Hannon '93 MED, Educational  
Specialist, Converse College, July 2002.

Wanda SIMMONS '94 MED, Educational Specialist,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Martha AMMONS Shurbutt '95, Master of  
Education, Converse College, July 2002.

Erica Rae BROADNAX '95, Master of Music,  
Converse College, May 2002.

Brian Keith COUCH '95 MED, Educational  
Specialist, Converse College, July 2002.

Suzanne FRANK Lane '95, Master's in Healthcare  
Administration, St. Francis University, May  
2002.

Karen M. MCCARTER '95, Master of Education,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Cheryl Lynn WOODY '95, Master's in Arab Studies,  
Georgetown University, May 2002.

Amy HAWKINS Truitt '96, Master of Education,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Michelle LEVINE '96, Master of Education,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Christine PULSKAMP '96, Master of Education,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Kenneth Brevard KISER '97 MED, Educational  
Specialist, Converse College, July 2002.

Julie MCARTHUR Fulmer '97, Master of Education,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Julia Caroline NETTLES '97 Master of Education,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Laura EARNHARDT Turner '98, Master of  
Education, Converse College, July 2002.

Melanie Jolley JOHNSON '98, Master of Education,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Lance Alan DIEFENDERFER '99 MED, Educational  
Specialist, Converse College, July 2002.

Patricia HAMILTON Cobourn '99, Master of Arts  
in Teaching, Converse College, July 2002.

Nelwyn LANDRETH '99, Master of Music,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Sabrina LISTER Coan '99, Master of Education,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Bruce Lee MILLS '99 MED, Educational Specialist,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Erin PARRIS Page '99, Master of Education,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Kathryn SCHEUER '99, Master of Arts in Clinical  
Psychology, Western Kentucky University, May  
2002.

Shilin YIN '99, Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy,  
Temple University, January 2002.

Christina Dawn BAKER '00, Master of Science in  
Zoology, Clemson University, May 2002.

Shelley HARDIN '00, Master of Education,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Dawn JOHNSON Mitchell '00, Master of  
Education, Converse College, July 2002.

Natalie KNIGHT '00, Master of Education,  
Converse College, July 2002.

Lynn Ludwig NICHOLS '00, Master of Music,  
Converse College, May 2002.

Emily Adele REEVES Kimpton '00, Master of  
Education, Converse College, July 2002.

Anna Paige KERCHMAR '01, Master of Arts in  
Teaching, Converse College, July 2002.

Kendra Deshun WILLIAMS '01 MED, Educational  
Specialist, Converse College, July 2002.

## CAREER CHANGES

Mary Hope GLASCOCK Rhodes '70, Language  
Arts teacher, Oakbrook Preparatory School,  
Spartanburg, SC.

Trish PERRY Beason '79, Coordinator of Middle  
School Curriculum, ADEPT, Spartanburg School  
District 1, Spartanburg, SC.

Kimberly TERRY Carver '80, Marketing Specialist,  
United States Postal Service.

Hollye Kay LANNOM Moss '83, Assistant  
Professor, Department of Management and  
International Business, Western Carolina  
University, Cullowhee, NC.

Melinda MURPHY Graham '84, Teacher, Lake  
Magdalene Elementary School, Tampa, FL.

Debbie CURRIN Conner '90, Assistant Vice  
President for Community Relations, Coastal  
Carolina University, Conway, SC.

Melissa SANDERS Burns '90, Marketing  
Coordinator, Emily Ray, Inc., Spartanburg, SC.

Lesya UNDERWOOD '90, Special Events Manager,  
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Massachusetts,  
Boston, MA.

Robert HAIR '92, Principal, South Carolina School  
for the Deaf and Blind, Spartanburg, SC.

Kaysi HASDEN Dixon '94, Regional Employment  
Manager, BB&T, Spartanburg, SC.

Angela STEWART Young '94, Retail Services  
Officer, BB & T, Spartanburg, SC.

Amy QUINN Amey '96, Account Supervisor/  
Representative, Schafer Advertising and  
Marketing.

Rachel SEGARS '96, Consultant Services  
Representative, Quiet Places, Spartanburg, SC.

Hadley ROWLAND '97, Associate Quality  
Management Engineer, America Online,  
Dulles, VA.

Holly SMITH Egan '98, Marketing and Public  
Relations Coordinator, Methodist Medical  
Center, Oak Ridge, TN.

Mary Catherine POTTER Mitchell '99, Affiliate  
Director, Easter Seals Spartanburg,  
Spartanburg, SC.

Christina Dawn BAKER '00, Biology Instructor,  
Spartanburg Technical College, Spartanburg, SC.

Shelley HARDIN '00, Special Education Teacher,  
Airport High School, Columbia, SC.

Bryce COPELAND Mazur '01, Chief of Staff,  
FlexCheck Holdings, LLC, Greenville, SC.

Caroline CUTTINO '01, Marketing and Sales  
Associate, Enterprise Technologies, Inc.,  
Charleston, SC.

Ami PRICE Gilbert '01, Accounting Associate,  
Citadel Investment Group, Chicago, IL.

Jessica HUNDLEY '01, Admissions Counselor,  
Converse College, Spartanburg, SC.

Eugenia Leigh SMITH '01, Account Executive,  
Cooper Communications, Murrells Inlet, SC.

Christy LAUGHTER '02, Assistant Women's  
Basketball Coach, Centenary College,  
Shreveport, LA.

Carrie Leigh PAGE '02, Resident Counselor,  
Converse College; Music Instructor, St. Paul the  
Apostle Catholic Church, Spartanburg, SC.

## CLASS OF 1933

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003

Representative:

Mrs. Blanche Dennis Cantey  
420 Joseph Walker Drive  
West Columbia, SC 29169

Golden Club Class Fund Chair:

Mrs. Ann Ratterree Herlong '51

September 2002 Class Participation: 0%

I couldn't get the local newspapers to publish the fact that I'm not steady on my feet. So I went out to lunch at the biggest, most popular country club in town, slid on a slick floor and put all my bones and muscles in a new location! I got all the publicity I so richly deserved, but with daily therapy and Dennis guts I'll be well again soon. The thought I'm sending you today:

Alphabet for the Elderly

A is for adenoids you lost as a child

B is for beauty that drove the boys wild

C is for colds that you caught all the time

D is for those days you were thin as a dime

E is for your ears that deafen and close

F is for feet still with five pairs of toes

G is for the girls like we used to be

H is for heart that hurts often with me

I is for Me who has lived through a lot

J is for joy that comes often or not

K is for kisses that come out of love

L is for loneliness without the above

M is for muscles not still in their prime

N is for nose that gets bigger with time

O is for onward and getting ahead

P is for patience when lying in bed

Q is for quiet that I never could be

R is for rest I never could find

S is for sleep that refreshes your mind

T is for times you spent with your love

U is for those who enjoyed the above

V is for very much given to you

W is for wishes that really came true

The last three won't even rhyme so don't even try

To make any use of x, z and y!

## CLASS OF 1945

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003

Representatives:

Mrs. Margaret Fulton Walker

208 Crest Drive

Mt. Olive, NC 28365, 919-658-2167

Mrs. Dee Jennings Tindal

10 Summit Place

Columbia, SC 29204, 803-256-2916

Mrs. Mary Fabisinski Roberts

1506 NW 36th Way

Gainesville, FL 32605, 352-376-7175

Golden Club Class Fund Chair:

Mrs. Ann Ratterree Herlong '51

September 2002 Class Participation: 6%

Madge Graydon Major sends glowing reports of her four sons-in-law, all of whom are really nice. This summer she enjoyed a week at the beach with all of them and her four daughters and two grandchildren, and then a trip to Saluda and Junaluska, where she had a grand visit with Lalla Nimocks Overby. Did everyone but me

know that Dee Jennings Tindal takes a group to New York every fall for sightseeing, shows, and shopping? She's been doing this for at least 20 years or more. It's a mother-daughter or grandmother-granddaughter thing and may include 20-80 souls. Mary Fab reports that Betty Hackett Smith has a full and happy life in Dayton, OH, where she and her six children and five grandchildren have a big family reunion every July. This lively group includes identical twin boys. Her two daughters live in New York state and her four sons are, respectively, in Dayton, Delaware, Atlanta (working for the Braves), and in art school in Chicago (getting ready for a one-man show in September '03). Betty is taking art lessons, her favorite medium being watercolor. When Mary Fab talked to Martha Mills Anderson, Martha and her husband were at their Sullivan's Island home while renovating their house in town. The island house has been in the family since 1908. Martha walks and plays bridge but is most content as mother and grandmother to three children and seven grandchildren. Mary Fab's happy news is that their son David, a violinist, was wed in August to Tina Larkin, also a violinist. Sounds like beautiful music to me.

## CLASS OF 1946

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2002

Representative:

Mrs. Mary Helen Garrison Dalton

3064 Ridgewood Road NW

Atlanta, GA 30327, 404-355-0434

E-mail: mhdalton7@aol.com

Golden Club Class Fund Chair:

Mrs. Ann Ratterree Herlong '51

September 2002 Class Participation: 2%

Josephine Haley Anderson, who retired from C&S Bank then Fidelity National Bank, is doing well after having both knees replaced. Interested in genealogy she has traced her family back to England in the 1500's. In the process she has joined the DAR, DAC (Daughters of American Colonies), ADCH, War of 1812, Colonial Dames, and many other organizations. If she keeps up with all of this, she is quite busy. Janet Bloom Brooker of Columbia, SC, took her two daughters on a grand trip to Hawaii in the fall. Ann Llewellyn Ditto and her husband still frequent their home at Emerald Isle, NC. Both enjoy playing golf and recently competed in a couples tournament in Waynesville, NC. While there Ann had lunch with Rosa Strait and Lalla Nimocks Overby '45. Carolyn Harwell Dreyer retired from teaching and is now a full time grandmother - seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Sounds as if they might cut into some bridge and golf activities. Nancy Milby Gabhart has just returned from a visit with her daughter in Connecticut who has two internationally adopted girls, ages five and three. Nancy is planning a trip to Savannah with her other daughter from Louisville. Louise Dunlap Howell and husband Bob recently attended an annual reunion of the 106th Infantry Division at Hampton, VA. Nearly all of this division was surrounded and taken prisoners in the Battle of the Bulge. Jane Culcleasure Haynes and husband Fred made

their annual fall trip to the mountains of West Jefferson and Abingdon, VA. Sally Gentry Horton still loves to play bridge. Her grandson was just married at the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston. Penny Bouknight Houghteling is a clinical social worker in private practice. She also enjoys visiting her son in Los Alamos. Elwyn Pratt Hutchinson volunteers regularly at the Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, a part of the Houston, TX, Art Museum. Dorcas Maynor Bucher of Raleigh, NC, attends a number of Duke University functions and enjoys spending time at Wrightsville Beach as well as Morehead Beach. She recently cashed in a Christmas present from her daughter and son-in-law — a hot air balloon ride over Lake Norman near Charlotte. Barbara Harris Randle is enjoying her three great-granddaughters, ages six years, two years, and seven months, plus a great-grandson born in August. Her other interests are genealogy, gardening, study club, church, and bridge and we know moss doesn't grow on a rolling stone! Mary "Pouley" Poulnot Neff has moved into a retirement home in Richmond and loves it. She recently returned from a trip to Maine with family. Dicksie Brown Cribb is doing well after yet another operation on her leg. She was able to attend the Brevard Music Center board meeting in July and attend a concert in Twichell. She also gets in some bridge-playing. Once she gets her prosthesis, we'll never be able to catch her. Jim and I made our July trip to Brevard Music Center for a pops concert with Henry Janiec as guest conductor. We traveled with Jim's older brother and wife to Lowell, MA for an awards ceremony at the American Textile Museum and from there went to Iceland to check it out! It was very interesting and the four of us always have fun together. Please give serious consideration to attending Reunion 2003 in April. I promise you'll have fun and we can have a bang-up party! Let me hear from you!

## CLASS OF 1947

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003

Representatives:

Mrs. James E. (Mary Young) Cousar

4615 Arlon Lane

Jacksonville, FL 32210, 904-387-1793

E-mail: cousarj@bellsouth.net

Mrs. Martha Thompson Vermont

121 Eastwood Circle

Spartanburg, SC 29302, 864-583-2211

Golden Club Class Fund Chair:

Mrs. Ann Ratterree Herlong '51

September 2002 Class Participation: 7%

Margaret Guy Inman writes that she and her husband moved to Rhode Island about two years ago. She lives near her son and his wife and three grandsons and a granddaughter. Marianne Hayworth Post and Mr. Woodrow Pickering, a former music professor at Converse, live in the same retirement facility in Bristol, TN. She showed him the picture of our class at our 55th reunion. Until then, neither knew of this connection. He remembers some of us (he still has the Converse annuals) and fondly remembers his service at Converse. Marianne's son, David, has been with Disney World for over 25 years. Son Lee is a retired



Lt. Col. and lives in Albuquerque, NM. **Barbara "Rich" Richardson Oliver** writes that they are enjoying having three of their seven grandchildren in Williamsburg. Their youngest daughter, a physical therapist, and her husband settled there also after he retired from the Navy. He was on a ship with Parker Lumpkin, son of **Sarah Parker Lumpkin**. Their older daughter, also a physical therapist, lives in Richmond with her two teenagers. Their oldest son is living in Boulder, CO where he has been an elementary school teacher for 20 plus years. Rich said she sees **Jean Kayhoe Pidgeon** every now and then.

### CLASS OF 1949

#### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2003

#### Representative:

Vacant

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#### Golden Club Class Fund Chair:

Mrs. Ann Ratterree Herlong '51

September 2002 Class Participation: 2%

The class of 1949 was represented by five members at the Golden Club Luncheon in April as part of Reunion 2002 weekend: **Lib Harper Hopkins, Marianne Ellison Bartram, Kitty Peeler Carson, Mary Nanney Brady, and Anna Jean Altman McQueen**. As Golden Club Chair Lib presided over the luncheon, introducing and welcoming the class of 1952 as new members of the Golden Club. Marianne was elected to serve in this position for the coming year as Lib rotated off the Alumnae Board. Lib is a retired social worker with three sons and nine "grands" in Pinehurst, Atlanta, and Burlingame, CA-nice places to visit! She and Dr. William B. Hopkins, Jr. of Tampa, FL were married in November 1999 so Lib is back in her hometown. She has been active in church and civic volunteer work. They took a cruise in September sailing from San Francisco. Marianne has enjoyed being back in Spartanburg and traveling with husband Tom. They have visited over 20 countries since their marriage in '95 - a highlight being celebrating the Millennium in Reykavik, Iceland. Kitty and husband Gene live in Union, SC. They have four children and seven grandchildren with the children living in Charlotte, Columbia, Winston-Salem, and Washington, DC. The Washington son was in the Pentagon on 9/11 with the Department of Defense and fortunately escaped unharmed. Kitty is serving on the executive board of the YMCA, Friends of the Library board, vestry of her Episcopal church and the Debutante Society board. Mary lives in Spartanburg and married John Brady, a Spartanburg native, a few years ago. She has two daughters, Leesa Lanham, an orchestra teacher in DeKalb County, GA, and Joy Finch '77, a teacher at Greenville Tech, and two stepsons, John Brady, Jr. of Atlanta and Earl Brady of Greenville, SC. Mary's most fun activity (other than living with her new husband) is teaching line dancing at the Shepherd Center. Anna Jean has also returned to her homeplace in Spartanburg after years

in Canada and Baltimore, MD, where her husband was professor of neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins. Her daughter was married this fall. **Octavia Garlington** is professor emerita at the Medical College of Georgia having retired in 1990 after 31 years on the faculty there. Each year since retirement she has attended pain workshops in the NC mountains and spends two weeks in Arizona. She also enjoys genealogy activities, particularly via the Internet. If anyone is interested in serving as class representative, please contact Bobbie Daniel in the Alumnae Office at 800-584-9098 or E-mail her at [bobbie.daniel@converse.edu](mailto:bobbie.daniel@converse.edu).

### CLASS OF 1953

#### 50th Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2003

#### Representative:

Mrs. Marilyn Mateer Sherrill

114 Briarwood Court

Spartanburg, SC 29302, 864-583-8066

#### Converse Fund Class Chair:

Mrs. Frances Kirkwood Graham

September 2002 Class Participation: 2%

We may have thought the day would never come, but it will be here this April-our 50th Converse reunion! You will be hearing from me about our great plans. **Jane Winn Pollitzer** has my eternal appreciation for agreeing to help me during the Reunion year. We sincerely hope each one of you will join us for the celebration. Whether you graduated or only spent a few years, we have missed you and want to see you. Rooms are reserved at local motels, as you will soon be hearing, and many of you will be staying with friends in Spartanburg. It is two nights now, with lots of time to catch up (we always were a talkative class!). Do come and let's take a walk down memory lane!

### CLASS OF 1954

#### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2004

#### Representative:

Mrs. Bet Shepherd Ancrum

35 Honeysuckle Woods

Lake Wylie, SC 29710, 803-831-0205

E-mail: [bancrum@bellsouth.net](mailto:bancrum@bellsouth.net)

#### Converse Fund Class Chair:

Mrs. Frances Owen McDaniel

September 2002 Class Participation: 2%

**Betsi Rowland Heriot** and Dick were camping with a group in Estes Park, CO, this past summer and discovered that the people in the motor home next to theirs were from Lake Wylie, SC. "Do you know my classmate, Bet Ancrum?" "We sure do; she and Tunk live almost across the street from us!" One thing led to another, and later in the summer the Heriots came to Lake Wylie, where we all had a great visit. Their motor home is huge, and beautifully appointed. They also have plans for building a new house (with no lawn to mow) in the Winston-Salem area. **Mary Joe Erwin Worth** called a day or so later. Mary Joe is still working in real estate, but Tom has retired from his lawn service business and is enjoying time to do volunteer work. Beth's three daughters range in age from six to 14, and

Mollie's two boys are almost four and almost one. **Barbara Hughes Bennett** has been given a jumpstart with a pacemaker, and now feels better than before. She and her two sisters, volunteers with Meals on Wheels, were featured in the Spartanburg newspaper during the summer.

### CLASS OF 1957

#### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2007

#### Representatives:

Mrs. Patsy Cox McMillan

530 Azalea Lane

Florence, SC 29501, 843-669-6094

Mrs. Sylvia Craver Gandy

283 Molasses Lane

Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464, 843-884-4001

#### Converse Fund Class Chair:

Carolyn Fulmer Alexander

Mrs. Jane Powell Crowder

Mrs. Mary Lib Spillers Hamilton

September 2002 Class Participation: 3%

Happy Holidays to all! **Agnes Wallace Williams** sends news that she and husband Jim are active in community organizations, on both local and national levels. They have four grandchildren who hold the #1 spot in their lives: Lillie (9), Grayson (7), Anna (5), and Thomas (3). **Linda Roller Livick** and husband Malcolm are retired in Ft. Defiance, VA. They have 13 grandchildren, ages six to 21 years. Living in Austin, TX, are **Janice Ormand Reinartz** and her husband, Paul. Both are active in church work, Paul is very active in Prison Ministries. Both also volunteer at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. They have seven grandchildren with the oldest being a freshman at University of Texas-Austin. **Margaret Dick Wyman** and husband Bubber have swapped homes with daughter Elizabeth in Columbia. Maggie enjoys golfing and crossword puzzles. **Hazel Peery Cauthen** and husband have moved to Williamsburg, VA. **Carolyn Gleaton Cox** has retired after 25 years in the music department at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC. **Ann Baum Cary** has moved to Outer Banks, NC. She has five grandchildren, ages 13 years to five months. **Electra Chakides Julia** is now living in Virginia Beach, closer to her daughter. **Kitty Blake Pearce** had a relaxing summer at their beach house at Sullivan's Island. **Nan Barron Smith** and husband Watt celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in June with a luncheon at the Church of the Redeemer's Camp Anderson in Orangeburg. **Celia Shuler Ulmer** and her husband Jim along with **Patsy Cox McMillan** and me helped them celebrate. Celia and Jim live in Ellore, SC, where they are involved in the town revitalization efforts. They are working with the town planning commission and helping to establish a museum and cultural center. Patsy is busy with her three grandsons, Will, Carson, and Ross. I am a new grandmother to twin boys, Comann and Fulton, born to my son Lee and his wife Karen, now living in Lynchburg, VA. After many years I heard from **Ruth Gray Wheliss**, living in Thomasville, NC. She has two grandchildren, ages three and six. Let's start 2003 with lots of news so send Christmas cards. We want to hear from everyone.

### CLASS OF 1958

#### 45th Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2003

#### Representatives:

Mrs. Jack (Elaine Finklea) Folline

740 Kilbourne Road

Columbia, SC 29205, 803-254-9503

Mrs. Bud (Nancy Hayes) Wilkerson

2122 Norton Road

Charlotte, NC 28207, 704-376-4776

#### Converse Fund Class Chair:

Mrs. M. Searle Rowland

September 2002 Class Participation: 6%

**Lu Lynn Galt Sexton** and Joel attended a medical seminar in Maine with an August temperature of 92 degrees, almost as hot as Newberry. Doing office work for Joel, Lu Lynn said they are still working as 'pathologists tend not to retire!' Their oldest daughter, Sibyl, lives with her family near Charlotte and made them grandparents with three boys. Lucinda, a decorator living in Charlotte, and Lu Lynn traveled this summer to study flora and fauna in Alaska. Louise is graduating in massage therapy in Colorado, having worked quite enough medical illustrations in New York. After hours Lu Lynn piddles with her collection of daylilies, the majority of which came from her mother's garden a block from Converse. Volunteering to share lilies, Lu Lynn joins me in planning to meet you at our reunion April 25-27 so mark your calendars. **Lynn Peterson Jones** will be there also. She and Fred invited us Follines to their gorgeous home in Sapphire. Scheduled to begin building the next week, when this home became available, they changed their plans. With 12 poplar wood columns as a part of the front porte-cochere, every room inside is just as beautifully mountainous. In retirement Fred utilizes his medical expertise to help hospital administrations, so he and Lynn travel as well as try new mountain skills. Daughter Ruthie '81 is married, has a six years old son and is a pharmaceutical rep in Charleston. Son Gordon completed his doctorate in health administration in Atlanta. Daughter Ashley is married and is a fund-raiser for the Albuquerque Cultural Center. Be certain to read the Life Events section for sympathy to a few of our classmates. **Nancy Hayes Wilkerson** is busy with plans for our 45th reunion in April and details will follow soon! We look forward to seeing you!

### CLASS OF 1959

#### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2004

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#### Converse Fund Class Chair:

Mrs. Sally Mason Maynard

September 2002 Class Participation: 1%

No news means we're a blank in the bulletin so thank you to **Aimee Reese Kornegay** for my surprise package-a copy of *'Pon Top Edisto: Cookin' Twestn the Rivers* published by Trinity Episcopal

Church of Edisto Island (**Helen Oeland Coker's** son, Rev. E. Weyman Camp IV, is rector there.). Aimee co-chaired the cookbook committee. Since her retirement they have resided on Edisto where Capt. Big John charts his deep sea fishing boat "Reesa." In his spare time he is a master builder of custom homes. Their two daughters and one son have blessed them with five grandchildren. **Gayle B. Newcomb** continues to exhibit watercolors in local art shows, most recently the Piccolo/Spoletto "In the Spirit" show at Circular Congregational Church and a 9/11 exhibit, "Handful of Dust". For my husband Buddy's 70th birthday in September, we went to London to celebrate with friends and neighbors from our four years there. Happy Holidays and let us hear from you!

### CLASS OF 1960

#### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2005

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Mrs. Donna Culbertson Fritz

September 2002 Class Participation: 4%

**Butler Freeman Dargan** and husband Perrin (Pep) live in Pawley's Island and are enjoying their nine grandchildren. Daughter Helen and her family also live in Pawleys, son Perrin and his family are in Mt. Pleasant, and daughter Louise and her family are in The Woodlands, TX. Please send me news about you, your travels, and your family; it's a great way to keep up with each other. Stay well and do write!

### CLASS OF 1961

#### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2006

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Vacant

September 2002 Class Participation: 3%

**Lucy Gramling Crowley** is a first-time grandmother of Anna Catherine, born in July to daughter Carlton and her husband. Lucy says that her car will soon go to Atlanta with no guidance. **Martha Brockington Roberts** and Ed are enjoying retirement. "Brock" keeps busy with piano and organ lessons and as a church flower arranger. Both children live nearby in Charleston. Occasionally she sees **Sara Kirkland Purcell** at the gym. **Penny South Kosztołnyik** and Zoltan took a trip to Leeds and York, England in July. Daughter Elizabeth was married in June in the Central Park Conservatory. Daughter Karen's first edited book, *The Bachelor*, by Carly Phillips, made the NY Times best seller list. **Anne Cowan Barber** teaches math at Christ Church Episcopal School and the Governor's School, both in Greenville, SC, and has a two year old granddaughter. She occasionally runs into **Leonette Dedmond Neal**



**Dottie LaFitte Woolston '61**

When Dottie (Hucks) LaFitte Woolston '61 entered the home construction business in the late '70s, she was not on a mission to prove anything or shatter any perceived glass ceilings. "I needed money," she says in her straightforward, matter of fact way of speaking. "I was going through a divorce, had two children, and had a teaching job that was not enabling me to make ends meet."

Her interest in home building was piqued when she decided to try her hand at designing kitchens. "Without sounding chauvinistic," she says, "the kitchens in the spec houses I was looking at were all wrong. The front doors would always hit the steps behind them, and the kitchens themselves were always little more than closets. I thought I could do it better."

When she attended her first meeting of the Columbia (SC) Home Builders Association in 1979, she noted that she was the only woman there. "That did not bother me in the least. I knew that the value of working hard was the only thing I needed to prove myself." Since that day, Dottie has served as the Association's first woman president, a life director of the National Association of Home Builders and the Build PAC trustee for South Carolina. In 1987, she was selected Builder of the Year for SC, and in 1998 was inducted into the SC Housing Hall of Fame.

Today, Dottie is owner and president of LaFitte Custom Homes in Columbia, SC. She builds eight-10 homes per year for high-end clients who know exactly what they want. "Unlike a lot of other construction businesses, we do not build the same house over and over. Everything we do is customized."

Without a point to prove, Dottie has proven nonetheless that gender is no match for a strong will. "My secret to success is simple: do it with a smile and better than anyone else."



and Mary Rutledge '60. **Laura Simpkins Stock** and Ed spent two summer weeks in a rustic cottage on Damariscotta Lake in Maine. The peace was broken only by sounds of wildlife, and there were wild blueberries to gather. They especially enjoyed visiting Campobello Island, FDR's retreat. On a plane trip to Connecticut this spring, **Jeanie McMillin VanWinkle** had a fish cooler leak on her checked luggage. She and her luggage had the pleasure of washing off in a dorm shower! **Alice Haskell Sanders** visited NY for her nephew's graduation from Cornell last May. She enjoyed sightseeing in NYC with children and grands. All three children and their families, including four children, ages 1-5 years, and her sister spent a busy week at the beach in July. Last summer **Betsy Blythe Frazer** and Don traveled to NYC, and to Sheboygan, WI for post-nuptial parties for son Donald and his wife. Returning home through Louisville, they had a wonderful visit with **Noni Miller Lurding** and Don. **LaClaire Williams Laffitte** is retired and enjoying having her family near. Son Charles, wife Lauren, Ashley (12), and Cal (7), live in Beaufort. Daughter Gray, her husband, and Claire (2), live in Hampton. Son Russell and wife Susan live across the street.

## CLASS OF 1962

### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2007

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##### Converse Fund Class Chairs:

Mrs. Marjorie Coddington Cannon  
Mrs. Mareon Chapman Stall  
Mrs. Dixie Crum Stone

September 2002 Class Participation: 2%

**Dada Harley Verner** and her husband Jay continue to live in Newberry, SC, where Jay practices law. They have three sons, Spencer, Harley and Charles. Spencer and his wife, Annetta, who is originally from Germany, live in Charleston, SC. Harley and his wife, Sharon, are both teachers and live in Eustis, FL. Charles and his wife, Nicole, live in Newberry and he practices law with Jay. Driving to our reunion this past April with Dada was **Deas Brunson Penman**. Deas' parents are 93 (her dad) and 89 (her mom) and still live in their home in Camden. Deas has four granddaughters who turned five years old this past spring - two sets of twins! Mary Boykin and Abigail Durham are the daughters of Betts and husband Jeff McGill. Ellen and husband Mike Tucker are the parents of Hannah Mae and Sarah Ellen. One family lives in Charleston and the other is in Austin, TX. Deas' son Jimmy and his wife Ashley live in Charlotte where Jimmy works, leasing space in shopping centers for Edens & Avant. They have a daughter, Marilyn-Deas, named for both grandmothers. Deas continues to teach 8th grade history at Camden Middle School. Last year she was

named "History Teacher of the Year" by the Camden DAR. **Jackie Patrick Davis** has retired from her job as school librarian at Merrywood Elementary School in Greenwood, SC. Husband Robert continues in his business, Environmental DNH. Jackie keeps quite busy taking care of their two years old granddaughter, Julia Jacqueline. Spending a weekend with Jackie and Robert this past June were **Patsy Davis Nates** and her husband Jim. Jim is a former pastor at Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church in Greenwood, and he was invited to come back to Mt. Lebanon to preach. Joining them for dinner one night were **Ann Spears Wilburn Roddey** and husband Bob who also live in Greenwood. As Bob is now retired from Greenwood Mills, they have time to travel. In June they flew, with friends, to London where they spent two days, then enjoyed a 16-day Scandinavian Cruise. They were in Copenhagen the day Denmark was playing England in the World Cup soccer finals and said the fans were truly wild! The Class of 1962 is very proud of our own **Lydia Willard Kellett** as she received the Community Service Award at the Annual Alumnae Luncheon in April. Lydia has been volunteering for quite some time with the Guardian ad Litem program. She and husband Bill, a physician, are continuing to go on mission trips to Africa and the Dominican Republic. Lydia has also been involved with an ongoing project in Greenville since 1995 to revitalize the Pleasant Valley neighborhood. She is presently Chair of the Pleasant Valley Connection Board. In 2000 their Child Development Center was completed and next year the Pleasant Valley Connection Center will open, housing activities for seniors and tutoring for children. Lydia continues to enjoy riding her horses and being close to her children and grandchildren: daughter Nancy, husband Jay and their three children live in Tryon, NC, where Jay works for Lockwood Greene. Son Will, his wife, Kendall and their two children live in Greenville where Will works for 10BEST.COM.

## CLASS OF 1963

### 40th Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2003

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##### Converse Fund Class Chair:

Mrs. Nell Higdon Hudson

September 2002 Class Participation: 2%

**Gelene Duncan Ellsworth** and her husband Carl are the co-presidents of the Naval Academy SC Parents' Association. Carl, Jr. is beginning his third year at the USNA. Their daughter, Ashleigh, finished Wake Forest and is pursuing a master's in religion at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia. Gelene has enjoyed being on the Converse Alumnae Board and also the Chi Omega House Corporation, which is trying to raise funds for a new Chi Omega house at USC. She still takes English visitors on tours of Columbia, but says Americans would rather see Charleston! She reports that the Spartanburg Technical College Foundation and The Music

Foundation of Spartanburg recently staged "A Tribute to **Wallace Eppes Johnson**," establishing a chair and endowment in her name. Marvin Hamlich performed at an event at Memorial Auditorium in honor of Wallace and appeared at numerous parties and receptions held for her over two "glittering" evenings. What an honor and pretty exciting too! **Nancy Brown Davis** has a new grandson. He and his sister, Annie Blair, live next door to Nancy and Harris so babysitting is no problem I'm sure. They spent time at their place in the NC mountains and went to Snowbird Lodge with several couples, including **Linn Austelle Blanchard** and her husband. In August they went to Tuscany with an Orangeburg group. **Rhett Fair Wilson** and Harold led a small church-building mission group in July to Siguatepeque, Honduras. The work was hard but rewarding and the Mayan ruins they saw were fascinating. Harold has just published a new book, *Confederate Industry: Manufacturers and Quartermasters in the Civil War*. Speaking of south of the border, my daughter, her husband and their three boys have been living in Mexico City. Though they went with little Spanish, they now are pretty fluent and Delia is a mean tour guide. If you feel like a jaunt to the largest city in the world with the highest amount of air pollution in the world, let me know. For some reason she never tires of showing friends around and going to the fabulous market towns and resorts. Mexico City is truly a sophisticated and intriguing city. I hope you all are planning to come to our 40th reunion April 25-27, 2003. You'll be receiving more details after the holidays so call your roomies and make plans!

## CLASS OF 1964

### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2004

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##### Converse Fund Class Chair:

Mrs. Righton Hodgkin McCallum

September 2002 Class Participation: 1%

We want to wish all of you a happy holiday season. Please think of Converse when you have something to report and send either of us an E-mail or note. At the time of this writing Anne was in the process of moving into a new house in Spartanburg so please note her new address. Her E-mail address remains the same. **Susan Craig Murphy** had a good time in August vacationing in Montana with her boys and husband John. **Sally Kerr Overcarsh** has been busy with preparations for her church bazaar. She verifies that being a grandmother is "wonderful." The Alumnae Office received news from **Jackie DuBose Black** who lives in Columbia and is in the real estate business. Even though she transferred, she enjoys reading news of former Converse classmates.

## CLASS OF 1965

### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2005

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##### Converse Fund Class Chair:

Mrs. Ginger McKinney Jernigan

September 2002 Class Participation: 2%

*From Roanoke, VA:* For the past 6.5 years, **Alice Gentry Barnette** has owned a small business helping elderly people maintain their independence. Daily errands, banking, grocery shopping, companionship, doctors' appointments-whatever they need-are just a few of the services Alice provides through her business. She also continues as a substitute teacher in high school with the Roanoke County Schools. She writes that her life is full, busy and filled with friends and church, singing in the choir and teaching classes to new members. *From Black Mountain, NC:* During the past year, Daniel and **Ann Kelso Hambright Hewitt** moved from Greenville, NC to this charming village in the western region of the state. All four adult children are well situated in their careers with Ginny practicing law in Palo Alto; William, with BB&T in Winston-Salem; Kirk, with a film editing business in Raleigh; and Richard, with Bank of America in Charlotte. The Hewitts play a lot of golf and tennis, and Ann Kelso writes that she is learning so much through her master gardener work. *From Mount Olive, NC:* I send holiday greetings to each of you and hope that amid the holiday season, you will find a brief moment to think of this writer whose columns have the potential of getting fatter and fatter. So, get out your pens and cards or send me an E-mail; I need a Christmas present!

## CLASS OF 1966

### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2006

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##### Converse Fund Class Chair:

Mrs. Katharyn Aderholdt Portwood

September 2002 Class Participation: 3%

Millie and I hope you had a glorious summer. Millie was in Vermont while I commuted between North Carolina and Florida, always glad to return to the cool mountain air. I e-mailed several of you and was so pleased to hear from **Jane Pitts Autrey**. She spent the last week in May in a villa in Tuscany where her youngest daughter, Dawn, was married to a wonderful young man from Germany, Peter Kimmich. She had 34 people in the villa for a week and only the younger members of Peter's family

spoke English. But the wedding was a fairy tale one on the terrace with the Tuscan hills in the background and dinner and dancing into the wee hours. Jane is still in New Orleans. A true "Quarterite", she rides her bike to work where she is a legal administrator. **Jackie Ellsworth Bourque** was wondering when E-mail would be the way our class would communicate. She reports she and husband Merv still live in Front Royal, VA. Merv just retired from World Airways and now instructs for Atlantic Coast Airlines. They have two daughters and one grandchild. Jackie is a full time volunteer for the Lutheran Church. She helps congregations grow, or in many cases get back on their feet. Jackie is a breast cancer survivor who is actively involved in a breast cancer support group and Relay for Life. We wish her continued good health. She has taken up tennis and as a self-admitted klutz, surprises even herself. Millie and I wish each of you a Happy Holiday season. Please give us the gift of hearing from you.

## CLASS OF 1967

### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2007

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##### Converse Fund Class Chair:

Mrs. Sandra Sherard Bethea

September 2002 Class Participation: 1%

Many thanks again to Bryan and Dicke for being such great class representatives for the last five years. Hopefully you will find the following information about your classmates informative and interesting. **Ann Bennett** is a retired middle school French teacher and is enjoying every minute! **Anne Jones Holloway** and husband Joe spend their time managing their family business, The Culpeper Tennis Center. When not working, you can find them boating on the Rappahannock. **Ann Armour McCoy** continues to teach 2nd grade in Northern Virginia. Both Ann and **Sandra Jones Husted** are eagerly anticipating retirement at the end of this school year. **Brooks Sanders Hamilton** has joined **Marsha Sams Thrift**, **Jenny Kimbrel Bunn**, and **Becky Gould Gibson** in calling Winston-Salem "home." Brooks is a real estate appraiser and she and her husband are actively involved in a variety of church activities. Marsha has continued her love for painting and teaches private classes and does free lance work. When not painting, she can be found scuba diving. Jenny is an active volunteer. The joy of her life is her first grandchild, Charlie. She shares her grandmother role with fellow classmate, **Maggie Myers Morris**. Becky continues to write poetry and is a professor of English at Guilford College. **Sophia Salters Sawyer** and husband love living in Colorado on a real ranch with an assortment of animals. **Cherry Able Goldson** lives in Florida and continues to dabble in a variety of art projects. On their way to the reunion they had lunch with **Suzanne Wallace Casey** in Salisbury. Suzanne

helps her dad and husband run the family motel business. **Betty Webb Jelks** spends her time between Greenville, SC, and Edisto Beach where she and Joe are involved in construction and real estate sales. **Bryan Daley Adair** lives in Chapel Hill and is also active in the real estate business. **Jane Higdon McLendon** lives in Blakely, GA, where she, like Betty, is enjoying the thrills of grandparenting. **Lucia Cleveland Johnson** and new husband are enthusiastic directors of Camp WinShape on the campus of Berry College. They had approximately 1600 campers for the summer sessions. **Nancy McCall Poynor** continues to enjoy traveling, community and church work, and a variety of creative art projects. **Judy Gordon Collier** is an assistant professor of Spanish at Goucher College. In May she celebrated the last of her three children's graduations from Wake Forest University. **Dicke Tredway Sloop's** appointment to the North Carolina Board of Sanitation and Examiners keeps her busy. The board is the regulatory agent for all environmental health specialists. **Clara Irwin Traver** and **Peggy Harnsberger Vetterlein** love up from Atlanta for reunion day. Clara loves her job as middle school assistant principal at The Lovett School. Even after 35 years in education, retirement is not in the picture. Peggy is executive assistant/office manager at Bank of America. Her volunteer work centers around her new marriage and a new grandchild! **Kathryn Robinson Steinemann** is in Atlanta and writes that she spends the majority of her time as an interior designer now that both daughters are in college. **Graham Culler Basto** continues to enjoy life in Richmond with her husband John. **Lee Tabb Lauterbach** lives in Plano, TX, and writes that she spends her time traveling and attending her grandchildren's many activities. **Judy Coe** is retired, but is busier than ever doing volunteer work with the Washington Club in DC. The creative musical talents of **Candy Lowe DeLong** led to her world premier production of the musical, *A Time to Dance*, in Atlanta in 2001. She is also president and CEO of Creative Concepts Advertising, Inc. **Boyd Thome McIver** is a preschool teacher in Virginia Beach. Both of her daughters are now married and live close by. **Martha O'Shields Horton** remains in Spartanburg where she is a retired teacher, but is serving as president of the local Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary educational organization. **Kathleen Kirkwood Quincy** lives in Charlotte. She is a retired counselor in the field of addiction and spends her free time as a volunteer for numerous community outreach programs. Louisa Jordan, daughter of **Suzanne Smith Jordan**, was married in September to **Rosalie Stone Morris's** son. **Sandra Sherard Bethea** serves on the Converse Alumnae Board and also volunteers for numerous church and community activities in Columbia. **Kay Wyatt Cheves** works part time at a stationery shop in Greenville, SC, and enjoys golf and bridge. For those of you who were not at the reunion, please write us so you too can see your name in print!

## CLASS OF 1968

### 35th Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2003

##### Representative:

Ms. Robbie L. Taylor



## Grazier Connors Rhea '74



As Community Development Director for the Catawba Regional Council of Governments, Grazier Rhea is the person who Chester, Lancaster, Union, and York counties turn to in times of need. "In a nutshell," says Grazier, "I work with elected officials, community leaders, water and sewer authorities, private non-profit organizations, and other groups to develop projects to address community needs."

The type of projects that Grazier oversees runs the gamut. She coordinates construction or renovation of senior citizens centers, health departments and Department of Social Service buildings; renovation of historic buildings for affordable housing; and extension of water, sewer, and road infrastructure to potential businesses and industries in order to create jobs

Because she serves so many people, there is no typical day for Grazier. For example, when she spoke with The Bulletin, she had just returned from literally criss-crossing the region. "I began the day in Union meeting with an organization that provides adult day care for elderly and disabled citizens to look at the possibility of constructing a new facility. From there, I went to Buffalo to check on the renovation of a historic building for the location of the senior citizens center. Then, I traveled to Lockhart to meet with S.C. Department of Commerce staff, the mayor and several Lockhart Town Council members to discuss a project to upgrade the water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer facilities in the southern portion of the town. After this meeting, I met with the members of the Engineering Selection Committee for the Lockhart Infrastructure Project to review the engineering proposals and select an engineer for the project."

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**Converse Fund Class Chair:**

Ms. Marianne Stribling

**September 2002 Class Participation:** 3%

I received a great note and picture from **Ada Anderson Snow** of a group that got together for a mini-reunion in Charleston. Seven of them met for lunch and had a wonderful time! A couple of them had not seen each other since graduation. Included in the picture were **Linda Cochran Tyler, Anne Bartlett Walton, Eleanor Weaver Carter, Betsy Burns Johnson, Randy Pollard Gamble, Kitty Shertzer Robinson**, and Ada, who is living in Beaufort, SC, and teaching at Beaufort Academy. She and her husband lived in Westport, MA, for 28 years and finally decided to return south. She says it's great to be in South Carolina again! She has three daughters, all out in the real world, two of whom graduated from Princeton and one from Williams College. **Caroline Cottingham Mitchell** is a hospital volunteer as well as a volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House in Winston-Salem, NC. Her son, Worth, is working in Winston-Salem and daughter Caroline attends UNC at Chapel Hill School of Nursing. Also in Winston-Salem is **Susan Montgomery Riley** whose daughter, Sarah, is also at UNC-Chapel Hill in the PhD program in economics. Her son, Nat, is a programmer of financial services software for CheckFree, an electronic banking firm in Newark, NJ. **Caroline Grimball**, living in Columbia, is the retail manager of the Riverbanks Zoo gift shop. She says the zoo opened a new gorilla and koala exhibit this past year. Thanks to all of you who saw *Barefoot in the Park* in November at Workshop Theatre in Columbia. It's great to be directing plays again—a life time love—the skills for which I learned from Dr. James W. Parker, drama department chairman and mentor, guardian of The Chapel Theatre (now called The Hazel B. Abbott Theatre) second floor Wilson. His death June 1st was a great personal loss to me. Like so many of his students at Converse, we remained life long friends. Thanks to all of you from the various classes who wrote to me about Jim. Please don't forget our reunion scheduled for April 25-27, 2003. You will be receiving more details in the next month or so. It will be good to see everyone again!

### CLASS OF 1969

**Next Reunion**

**Alumnae Weekend, 2004**

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Ms. Ashley Fine Nagle

**September 2002 Class Participation:** 4%

When perusing the list of our class, I found that **Patty Laskas Fleggas** and **Jane Hubbard Anderson** were close by so I gave them a call. Patty lives in Raleigh with her husband and their two children, John (16) and Eleana (12). Patty is quite involved with their activities, but when tax time rolls around, she puts on her CPA hat. She has the best of both worlds. Jane and husband Tom moved to Cary from Dallas, TX, a year or two ago. Jane is retired from computer work, having worked on a Y2K project for a software consulting firm. She is now enjoying gardening and traveling and church work even more. Tom is an attorney and their children are grown. Jane keeps up with a lot of our classmates. When she goes home to Jackson, MS, she sees **Becky Turner** who is a very successful caterer there. Jane also sees **Avreyell Althaus Kessler**, who practices entertainment law with her husband in Jackson and they have two married sons, Will and Avery. Jane has also seen **Martha May Jones** who lives in Ashland, KY, when she and her husband are not following their race horse! They have two grown sons as well. **Linda Russell Cranford** was at home when I called and filled me in on her family news. Daughter Catherine '96 is in Charleston, after working in the Converse admissions office after graduation. Son Davis is a junior at the College of Charleston, after spending half the summer backpacking through Ecuador, Bolivia, and Chile. Linda has served on the Asheboro School Board for 19 years and has five years remaining on this term. She is also a member of the NC School Board Association of which she is treasurer. Linda was a wealth of information. She sees **Betsy Cannon Hughes**, who has just retired and is now volunteering for Hospice and the local hospital. Linda and **Margaret Shore Roark**, who lives in Springfield, OH, went to the beach and caught up. Margaret teaches high school and college Latin and had just returned from a trip to Turkey with her husband. Linda had an E-mail from **Ginny Craver Good** in Charleston. She's the Director of Development for the Trident School there and still finds time for making floor cloths and pottery and designing and making jewelry. Linda said Ginny's son has a band, Five Way Friday, which is coming out with its fourth CD with the assistance of Mark Bryan, of Hootie and the Blowfish fame. I called **Margaret Flye Barringer-Willis** in Raleigh. She is a fabulous chef and caterer and has parlayed that talent into being the Director of the Shepherd's Table. They serve over 300 meals for the homeless every day, and Peggy coordinates all that! She says it's hard, physical work but she's found her niche. She also saves time for the SPCA. She started their annual fund-raiser, The Fur Ball! Peggy wants to know if anyone's heard from **Betty Tignor**, her freshman roommate. I saw **Jackie Noyes** in April at Converse. We heard that **Lizzette Boone Steinbrueck's** class ring had surfaced — at Pearson's Falls! Someone turned it in to the Alumnae Office after all these years. Wonders never cease! While at Converse Jackie and I saw **Elizabeth Lide's** beautiful book/CD at the Alumnae Art Exhibition. Boo Boo and her husband, Paul Kayhart, collaborated on this

wonderful book, *Thorn upon the Rose—Notes from Ireland*. You must see/hear it. She and Paul have a daughter, Emma (6), and live in Atlanta. **Jo Woods Dantzer** retired earlier this year from the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Son, Woods, is a sophomore at Emory University. **Elinor Banks McLaughlin** and husband Henry now have an empty nest, therefore they travel frequently. Younger son, Parker, graduated from college in June in Washington state. My crew is scattered. Son George (16) is a junior at Woodberry Forest School in Virginia. Daughter Lindsay (24) is a ballet dancer and beginning her fifth season with the Carolina Ballet. Last year she performed a solo at the Guggenheim, so you know how proud we were to watch! And Ginna (26) is working for the Alaska Wildlife Alliance in Anchorage. We took the family to see her this summer and were astounded at Alaska's beauty and wildlife. We saw everything but a wolf — humpback whales, grizzly and black bears, moose and caribou. Incredible! Put Alaska on your list. That's all the news from this end, folks. Write Harriet, Ashley, or me to let us know what you're doing.

### CLASS OF 1971

**Next Reunion**

**Alumnae Weekend, 2006**

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**Converse Fund Class Chair:**

Mrs. Betty Arthur Hardaway

**September 2002 Class Participation:** 1%

Thanks for all the notes and e-mails. **Mary Martin Witt** and her husband are the proud parents of four college students this year. Prior to August, they spent lots of time at the beach and then three of the four, including twins, went to Clemson and the fourth one attends Auburn. They had several family gatherings at football weekends. Mary reports **Laura Baumberger Stevens** is as pretty as when we were at Converse—they see each other at church and in bible study. Laura's daughter, Kate, was married recently. **Russell Holliday** and two other family name sakes enjoyed a shopping and theater trip to New York City. Also Russell and her husband traveled to Argentina for duck hunting and then back in early September to meet **Alice Henry Combs** and her husband for SC dove hunting. **Nancy Beers Parsons** wrote she and **Susie Cole Wean** visited at their high school reunion. Nancy and John have been sailing in Maryland and Wisconsin and are celebrating her 30th year with National Geographic Society. I was happy to also hear from Richard and **Harriet Bain Duck**. Harriet has been working on her high school reunion. Franklin, VA, had the same hot and dry summer that I enjoyed in Greensboro, NC. **Mindy Thompson Orman**

heard from **Leila Cottingham Thorne** who is living in Hermosa Beach, CA, and points west. She is taking a break to rethink her next career move. Mindy and Scott now have two children in college: Martha Grace, a senior at Appalachian State and Alice, a sophomore at Sarah Lawrence in NY. Will is in 7th grade at the same prep school Scott attended. Mindy and Scott continue with their photography business in addition to their "day" jobs. She encourages classmates to get involved with Converse and reconnect with other classmates. She has been involved with the Alumnae Board and is impressed with the student body, faculty, and excellence in academics and facilities currently in place. Please write to Dee, Mindy, or Byrd early in 2003 with more news. Let us know if, when and where you want to meet in 2003 for a mini-reunion. TCOY, Byrd

### CLASS OF 1972

**Next Reunion**

**Alumnae Weekend, 2007**

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**Converse Fund Class Chair:**

Mrs. Betty Blanton Lewis

**September 2002 Class Participation:** 2%

I volunteered to serve as a class rep with Jill during our last class reunion. With a daughter at Converse now, I felt I needed to re-connect with classmates. Please let me hear from all of you. I saw **Amanda Dargan Zeitlin** in August on her way from her home in Hastings Hudson, NY, to a family vacation at the South Carolina beaches. She came to my house for a "sleep-over" reunion of our old Girl Scout troop. What fun! **Harriet Gardner Watson** was also in our troop, but unable to attend due to her daughter's graduation festivities in Chapel Hill. Harriet lives in Topsail Beach, NC, and is no longer practicing traditional counseling, but is opening a practice in Illuminated Ways. **Mary Kuhn Hardin** has been living in Darlington for quite some time. Mary works in the library of a local elementary school and is involved in lots of civic activities. Her son, Burgin, recently graduated from Davidson, and her other son, Jonathan, is a senior in high school. I received a newsy E-mail from **Cackie Miller Alley**. She and her husband, Steve, recently moved into a new home in Pleasant Garden, NC. Cackie is an accounting manager for a Greensboro company. She is as funny as ever and keeps in touch with **Nancy Anderson May**. **Linda Perry Allen** sent news that she has been living in New Orleans since 1976 with the exception of a year in New York City. She and husband Bob are parents of four children: Julia (25), Robert Jr. (22), Perry (18), and Celeste (13). Please e-mail me your news and activities. Happy Holidays!

### CLASS OF 1973

**30th Reunion**

**Alumnae Weekend, 2003**

**Representative:**



Vacant

Please send news to Converse College Alumnae Office, 580 East Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302. Election will take place Alumnae Weekend, 2003.

**Converse Fund Class Chair:**

Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor Horres

**September 2002 Class Participation:** 3%

We hope you have marked your calendars for April 25-27, 2003 as that is Reunion Weekend at which time the class of '73 celebrates its 30th reunion! You will be receiving more details after the holidays in order to make your final plans. We look forward to seeing you!

### CLASS OF 1975

**Next Reunion**

**Alumnae Weekend, 2005**

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**Converse Fund Class Chairs:**

Mrs. Melanie Smith Kears

Ms. Elise Warren

**September 2002 Class Participation:** 2%

Hello everyone! I have now inherited the job of class representative from Ruthie, fulfilling a commitment made two years ago when 2002 seemed a long time away! Thank you, Ruthie, for the work you did during your time as our representative. I look forward to catching up on the news of my former classmates and I promise to keep all of you informed if you keep me informed! I hope you will include me on your Christmas card list. Ruthie told me that **Polly Ann Maxwell Cleveland** and her family enjoyed a trip to Italy this summer. Word has it that **Libby McKnight Engler's** son, John, is giving the golfing world a try as a professional. He graduated from Clemson after a successful college career on the golf team. Libby, keep us informed on how he is doing. As for myself, I am still shamelessly happy in Tifton with my new husband of two years. We have one teenager still at home. Thomas (16) is a junior in high school and stays busy with the golf team. Charlie (19) is a freshman at Ole Miss and reports that he loves it and won't be home 'til Christmas! Robert (24) continues to live and work in New York City where he is organist and director of music at St. Mary's Episcopal Church at Times Square. He loves the big city life and appears to be quite happy and earning his own living at the same time! I teach hearing impaired children two days a week as an independent contractor. Husband, Jimmy is in personnel management at our hospital. As you can see, life is good. In order to reach our deadline there was no time to notify anyone as to where to send news but now you know and there are no excuses. I check e-mail frequently and would love to read all about you and share it with everyone else.

### CLASS OF 1976

**Next Reunion**

**Alumnae Weekend, 2006**

**Representative:**

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#### Converse Fund Class Chair:

Mrs. Janny Rawls DeLoache

September 2002 Class Participation: 2%

I can always count on **Margaret Newton Waterstradt** to give me information for the class notes. This is her first year with an "empty nest"! Will is at Western Carolina and Lake began her freshman year at Rhodes College in Memphis. Margaret is substitute teaching at the high school in Gainesville. Bill continues his duties at First Presbyterian Church. Margaret shared an E-mail from **Dabney Hunter McKenzie**. Bricken graduated and is now working on his MBA at Alabama. Hunter graduated, returned to Montgomery and is doing all the finances for a friend of Dabney's who has four children's shops. Taylor is a rising junior at Alabama. In addition to teaching gifted children, Dabney is teaching graduate students at Troy State University in Montgomery. It was good to hear from **Marianne Wynne Ligon**. This was the first summer in 22 years that she hasn't had children in the house. Both Sarah and Stark were off doing their own things. Hubby Stark and Marianne had a great summer. She finished the floors in her house and took a jewelry class stringing pearls and setting stones. This is her 20th year teaching, but hopes to retire when the second generation comes through her class. Have a wonderful holiday season and don't forget to keep in touch. The deadline is mid January for the next class notes. Love bunches, Leah

### CLASS OF 1977

#### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2007

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#### Converse Fund Class Chairs:

Mrs. Pamela Ellis Hall

Mrs. Gail Rawls Jeter

September 2002 Class Participation: 3%

E-mail is definitely the way to go! Thanks for all the responses, and if Converse does not have your correct E-mail address, please get it to the Alumnae Office. Had a note from **Nina Sullivan Williams** in Greenville. Husband David is with Greenville Radiology and Nina is busy with three boys: Baxter (8), Rob (9), and Russ (15). All three attend Christ Church School and are very athletic. Nina is a sustainer with the Jr. League and is leading a Bible Study and in the handbell choir at First Pres. Nina keeps us with **Nancy Nix Jones**, **Julie Killian Garrett**, and **Leslie Scoles Provence**. Leslie's son, Hall, is always on the golf course and her daughter spent a great summer working at the Cloister. She ran into **Sally Mahoney White** in Columbia this summer and they spent some good time comparing daughters. Sally's Lawson was in

Nantucket for the summer. **Wendy Barton Benson** left a great message on my answering machine. She is still in Atlanta and working as a librarian and doing lots of community volunteering. The book club she began, Twelve Oaks Book Club, was featured on "Good Morning America" this summer! Wendy has one daughter, Caroline, in the 4th grade, whose voice coach had three finalists in the recent American Idol show. Also in showbiz is **Becky Koon**, who had a one-woman show in Charlotte in August - this after spending June and July in Indiana doing yet another show. **Pam Ellis Hall** co-authored a textbook, "Essential Laboratory Mathematics" and urged me to put it on my reading list. We'll all be hearing from Pam as she is our new Converse Fund Chair. (Let's be generous.) Pam heard from **Ginny McCommon McKay** in Raleigh who had just returned with husband Rude from a medical mission to Honduras, where he saw an average of 125 patients a day. They took all three children, Dixon (17), Claire (19-a freshman at UGA) and Calloway (22-a senior at Wake Forest) who were quickly pressed into service as pharmacists, vitamin dispensers and Bible School teachers. Another long-lost classmate who appeared on the Internet was **Donna White Willis**, also in the NC Research Triangle area. Donna has opened her own company, Business Artisans, which handles executive-level placements within technology related companies. Donna has two children: Larkin, a sophomore at UNC and captain of her rugby team; and Reynolds, a sophomore at the Ravenscroft School where he plays both basketball and baseball. Donna had heard that **Marjie Dickey Reehling** had married a stockbroker and retired to full-time Jr. League work in Macon. **Susan Hull Dickerson** spent the summer on the go. She, her husband, daughter Anna (13) and son Adair (9) went to the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas and had a wonderful time. Both kids attended camps near Asheville and they have a lake house. So how many miles did you put on the car? Both children attend Woodward Academy and, now that school has started, Susan hopes to take up golf again and some serious relaxing. **Mary Jane Simmons Candler** wrote that just getting her three in school was enough to do her in: Kit in 7th grade; Carolyn in fifth; and Tol in second. **Rhondy Valdes Huff** was kind enough to offer comic relief to Maxcy and me when we moved our daughter into her dorm at the College of Charleston, but we were unable to take her up on it. But she and her brood are happily busy in downtown Charleston. **Pam Craig Meehan** (Pinhead) wrote from Yankee Territory and said things were slow. She and her family vacationed in Canada prior to school's starting. Naturally, I keep up with **Bet Tarrant**. She sees **Betsy Dennis Daniel** frequently as they are both active in the Jr. League sustainers organization as well as the Columbia Garden Club. Betsy has a son at USC and one who is a junior in high school. Both Bet and Betsy served on a committee with **Gail Rawls Jeter** on the sustainer board. Gail works part-time with DHEC. **Robbie Dana Reading** keeps up with **Gill Macmurphy Koenig** at church. Gill has three children, two at USC and one in the 7th grade. Robbie was good enough to call **Kathy Graham Davis** and check on her. Kathy and Chuck have

four children: Michael, a junior at Wofford; James, a high school senior; and Caroline and Kate, who are avid horsewomen. Both Kathy and Chuck are on the Hammond School Advisory Board when he is not at work in his large radiology practice. Bet forwarded an E-mail (see how simple it is to keep in touch?) from **Katherine Graves King**. She has moved to San Francisco where she is a nurse midwife. From her travel schedule this past summer, I'm uncertain if Kat knows where she is right now. She has two sons, Collier in Chattanooga and Ham in Montana. **Susan Fuller Hinrichs** wrote that she and **Clayton Lippincott Peterson** spent a week together at Edisto. They had five children (two sets of twins), four dogs and one husband. They have been making this trek for 12 years now. Susan and Clayton went to Hawaii to see Clayton's sister, Crispin, over Labor Day. **Georgia Jenks Larew** sent news from Dallas, where she works as a litigation specialist with Utica Mutual Insurance. She has three children: Michelle, at the U of North Texas; Devon at Collin Community College, and Cory, a high school sophomore. She and husband Steve live in Wylie, TX, near his job with Raytheon, a defense contractor. Georgia keeps her musical skills alive by giving flute lessons occasionally. **Ansley Hassell Boggs** wrote that she is a Converse alumna, professor, student, wife of a professor, step-mom of an alumna, and mother of two Converse students. I'd say she keeps her Converse connections. Ansley has just accepted a position as Director of Professional Education and NCATE Accreditation. This is a performance-based, five-year process, which applies to all 37 undergrad and graduate programs in education. It was a great surprise to hear from **Caroline Williams Sanders**. Her daughter, Kate, graduated high school in May and has joined her other daughter, Carrie, a junior, at Auburn. Caroline's son, Richard, began high school this fall. Husband Rick is still with Morgan-Stanley. Caroline has tried to see **Carol McGinnis Alexander** in Birmingham but they keep missing each other. **Josie Rudolph Stokes** has three busy daughters: Clare has just accepted a position with the Spartanburg County Foundation; Betsy is a junior at USC, and Sally is a very talented actress and junior in high school. Maxcy and I have had no trouble adjusting to the empty nest and now the dog thinks he's an only child! We're on the road to Charleston frequently and advise all of you to urge your children to attend colleges in the same town. Thanks to all of you who responded to my plea for e-news. Keep it coming! Robbie and I can't write anything without your help.

### CLASS OF 1978

#### 25th Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2003

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#### Converse Fund Class Chairs:

Mrs. Lib Laney Peebles

Mrs. Kay Ferguson Theis

September 2002 Class Participation: 3%

I heard from **Jean Barnes Henson** who is living

in her hometown of New Orleans and working as Controller for a local commercial contractor. Her six foot, 20 year old son is a junior at Savannah College of Art and Design. Jean writes that she has become Project Leader for New Orleans Cares, which is part of the national effort City Cares (www.citycares.org). Jean reports that her chapter performs 12-20 projects per month, covering child care at a battered women's shelter, gardening at City Park, an AIDS hospice, preparing meals at Ronald McDonald House, working at a recycled building materials center, and much more. Jean recommends this volunteer effort to anyone needing to add a new dimension to one's plate. I keep in touch with **Kate Moore Tierney** who is doing a great job of raising William (5) and Mimi (3) while keeping her thriving business, Twigs, going. She had a surprise visit from **Beth Shelburne Fisher** who was passing through Greenville. Beth has a daughter who is a junior at UNC and one still at home. **Lyn Farmer Smeak** has been giving me great samples and advice for skin care. I may need to pour it on with our reunion coming up in April. I had a wonderful spring visit with Lyn. She and John had just become proud owners of a condo at Litchfield Beach. I talked with **Susan Poston Shirley** who was taking a sabbatical from her position with the state to move into a house that she and Don have renovated top to bottom. **Blanche Gramling Weathers** sends lots of news. She hosted **Martha Anderson Bywater** (who flew in from San Diego), **Lib Laney Peebles**, **Jeannie Davis Powell**, **Lee Ullman Hutson**, **Jane Taylor Lassiter**, **Cathy Propst Bourne**, **Julia Webb Davis**, **Kaki Manning Zeigler**, and **Anne Chamblin Draffin** at her lake house for what sounds like a fabulous weekend! She reported that everyone looked beautiful. Lib left daughter, Laney (18 months) with husband Billy for the first time to join the crew. Cathy moved back to Columbia this past summer. Her husband and children picked her up on Sunday and Blanche reports that her children are perfectly beautiful. Jane's daughter, Ann Mills, is 13 and is quite an entrepreneur. She and some friends held a week long camp for little kids with crafts and games, etc. They were quite profitable! Blanche has been busy with her boys and gardening. This school year she is assisting the varsity cheerleader sponsor at Orangeburg Prep. It sounds like this crowd had a great time and is primed for our upcoming reunion. Let's all make plans towards our reunion in April. Who wants to be the new representative!? In the spirit - Lucy.

### CLASS OF 1979

#### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2004

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#### Converse Fund Class Chair:

Mrs. Cecilia France Arthur

September 2002 Class Participation: 3%

Holiday greetings from Camden SC. As you send cards to friends and family during this festive season, please don't forget your class representatives! Hunter and I enjoy your cards and family photos, but we really appreciate your news. So, please include a note or two! **Roberta Graham** of Seattle, WA keeps busy with her job at AT&T Wireless, and volunteering at the county library with "Study Zone" where she assist students with homework. She loves singing in her church choir where she has earned the nickname "Choir Diva Wanna Be". Working hard in her voice lessons, she hopes one day to sing a solo at her church that seats 1200! Roberta has enjoyed the beauty and diversity of the Seattle area for 20 years now making frequent visits to the beaches, Mt. St. Helens Volcano, Canada and lots of other undiscovered places. President Bush encouraged Americans to travel in 2002, and our class heard and obeyed. **Ellerbe Page Halligan** of Spartanburg and her three children, Will (17), Nancy (14), and Mary Collins (9), flew to Colorado over spring break to go skiing with **Katherine Shurley Hargett**, husband Ronnie, and their two daughters, Laurens (18) and Anna Katherine (16) of Rock Hill, SC. In July, Ellerbe and Katherine flew to Seattle with their daughters for three days and then off to Idaho for a wilderness journey. Believe it or not (I was skeptical at first and considered checking with the Guide Group for confirmation!), these girls roughed it on a rafting trip down the Salmon River without a bath, makeup or hot curlers for five days! And, even more surprising, they had a fantastic time getting up close and personal with Mother Nature! Katherine and Laurens also traveled to France last spring to visit with **Julie Brice Benton** of Versailles, France for a week. They had a great time playing tourist and checking out Julie's new home for the next few years. Julie made a quick visit back to the states last summer to spend some time with her family at the beach. **Jeanne Jackson Mize** of Greencreek, NC, flew to Belgium last summer with her oldest son, Joseph (20), for a cousin's wedding. They took a side trip to Dijon, France where they met Julie for two days and toured the wine region. Joseph, a sophomore at VA Tech, is preparing to study viticulture (grape growing) and enology (wine making) after completing his degree in Food Service and Technology. In the meantime, he takes advantage of every opportunity to learn more about the grape business, even helping his parents with their vineyard. When the Mize family wasn't busy in the fields, they were casting their rods in Charleston with **Lea Stallworth Moore** and her family on their deep sea fishing boat. Jeanne and Joe would bring their catch back home to the mountains, and sell some to a local restaurant in their small village that would advertise "fresh Charleston seafood tonight" on their menu! Lea and her daughter, Kingsley, spent two weeks last summer touring Europe but were unable to connect with Julie in Paris. What better excuse to go back, right? In August, Lea drove with her son, Jimmy (18), to Galveston, TX, where he is a freshman in the maritime school division of Texas A&M. With his love of the water and boats, Jimmy has decided to be a Harbor Pilot. I must close now, and finish packing for my trip to Ireland! Please send news - Ceya. From

Hunter: Got a great E-mail from **Lelia Freeman Byars** in Columbia. After 20 years of public school she has retired and is now the on-site director for CHAMPS-Eastminster at her church. This program, modeled after a program in Laurens, SC, identifies promising rising 7th graders and, through a variety of academic enrichment activities and community involvement, follows them through middle and high school with the goal being college. She also spent part of her summer driving down the eastern shore of Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina after depositing her step-son at the US Naval Academy for camp. Another trip was taken to Winston-Salem to witness college roommate **Suzanne Smith's** beautiful wedding. The brother of Trish Auman Atkinson '78 married them with Lelia, Paula Mixon Ress '78, **Suzi Early Via**, and Martha Beach Howard '80 in attendance. Lelia also found time to go on a second mission trip to Mexico and experienced 114 degree weather with 70% humidity. She says Columbia is NOT hot! On top of all this, Lelia's son, Roper, has gone to college leaving her an "empty nester." News from **Jennie Jarrell Hayman** indicates that she is no longer practicing law but is busy with family (husband Wilson and son Will) and volunteer commitments. She recently completed a two year term on the Association of Junior Leagues International Board of Directors and enjoyed frequent travel to New York City. Keep those letters and E-mails coming! P.S. I did spend a few hot summer nights with **Monta Moody Anthony** watching her son, Dunk, play Legion baseball here in Greenwood. We had a fun time catching up, and I learned quite a bit about the game! I also had a wonderful lunch with **Meg Plaster Stoval**. Her daughter, Marcie, is a freshman at PC this year, and by the time you read this Meg has either moved in with her or has adjusted to life without a daughter in the house.

### CLASS OF 1980

#### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2005

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#### Converse Fund Class Chair:

Mrs. Susan Secord Marion

September 2002 Class Participation: 3%

Happy Holidays to all! I received a newsy letter from **Dot Cherry**. She is still living in Gastonia, NC and keeps in touch with several of our classmates including **Linda Cullen Kincheloe** who is living in Charlotte, NC. Dot reports that Linda is happily married and has four grown step-sons. Dot also visits by phone with **Diane Howard Moore** a few times a year. Diane, husband Jim and their two children live in Laurens, SC. Dot says to watch out if you ever go through there.. Jim is the sheriff! **Janit Llewellyn Potter** lives in Richmond, VA where she is a landscape architect for the state and mother of two boys, Forrest and



Christian. **Ann Page Hundley Sensibaugh** is in Plymouth, NC, where her husband, Lee, works for Weyerhaeuser. Her son (also Dot's godson), Lee Jr., is 16, tall and handsome, and is restoring a vintage mustang. **Kim Wilmoth Munch** is in Tampa, FL where she and her husband practice law together. They have four children, the oldest a senior this year. As for Dot, she is the mother of two boys, ages 12 and 9, and is the vice president of Fidelity Associates, a public relations company. She travels a good bit, training and working with sales people. Thanks for the update on so many of our classmates, Dot! I received a nice E-mail from **Susan Brubaker Roquemore**. Sue Bru reports that she is fine and busy with six children and a whiny bassett hound. Their oldest, Sarah (19), is a sophomore at Purdue, studying political science; John (18) is living and working in Idaho; Peter (13) is in the 8th grade; Emily (9) is in the 3rd grade and a competitive soccer player; and Madeline (6) is in the 1st grade and a soccer player too. Finally, there is Courtney (2) who is at the fun stage of "I will do it..It's mine!..etc." Her husband is the senior pastor at Central Presbyterian Church in Lafayette, IN and she is working at a church in the Mom's Morning Out program. She is also active in Women's Ministries and developing children's programs at church. I hope you will take the time to send me a card or letter during this busy season. Love, Sarah

## CLASS OF 1981

### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2006

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#### Converse Fund Class Chair:

Mrs. Kim Waugh Gravlee

September 2002 Class Participation: 3%

I hope everybody had a great summer and fall. **Elaine Baldwin Hunt** reports that her family is doing fine in Rock Hill, SC. They enjoyed working on their tans for two whole weeks this summer. Daughter Casey is now in 3rd grade and "baby" (NOT) Whitney started kindergarten and is already an avid soccer player. **Susan McDonald Davis** talked to **Marianna MacIntyre Taylor** who ran into **Libby Campbell Patterson** at the beach. Libby and Russell are preparing to build a new house in Hilton Head where they've lived for a long time. Marianna also saw Catherine Craig O'Steen '82 at a mutual friend's bat mitzvah. We got a convertible in May and Gary and I have just had the best time driving it to the beach this summer to work on our tans. Hey, work is work, OK? Please keep in touch. Susan and I send warm holiday greetings to all of you. Love, Carla

## CLASS OF 1982

### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2007

#### Representative:

Ms. Kelly Posey

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September 2002 Class Participation: 1%

In response to my E-mail request, I've heard lots of good news from classmates, many with a travel theme. I think **Becki Rand Barnett** wins the prize for living the farthest away. She and her husband, Doug, and their three children live in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Becki has been in West Africa since 1986. **Melissa Jones Fontaine** and her husband, Frank, are moving to Germany next spring. **Caroline Whisnant** has been singing this summer in an opera production of "Turandot" in Bogota, Columbia. **Beth Cunningham Gault** and her family spent a summer vacation in the British Isles. **Catherine Craig O'Steen** has been living in Florence, AL for the past 10 years. Prior to that she taught for four years at an international school in Nagoya, Japan. She's now teaching and being a mom to Frances Jane (6) and Emma (4). It looks to me like Converse women can be found on almost every continent of the world. Other news comes in from **Peggy Merriman Trivelas**, who is a school principal in Aiken. She was sorry to have missed the reunion but that was prom weekend and she needed to wear her "mom" hat. **Julie Holcombe Boggan** wrote that she and her husband, Steve, have moved to Columbia, SC, with their two children, LaBruce (14) and Stephen (12). **Robin Wicks Robinson** had **Jan Faggart Ashley**, **Missy Claytor Parris**, and **Tricia Murray Streett** visit this summer. **Caroline Wyman Edwards** is now teaching chorus in a middle school in Darlington, SC. Her daughter, Hannah, is a senior this year and contemplating majoring in music and pre-med in college. Sounds like Converse would be a good school for her. Thanks to all classmates who have responded to my E-mail request for information. If you have E-mail and have not received a message from me, please send me your address and I'll add you to the list. That's all the room I have for this issue. I wish all of you a happy holiday season and if you send out a Christmas letter, please add me to your list.

## CLASS OF 1983

### 20th Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2003

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September 2002 Class Participation: 1%

This will be the last time **Kim Gilstrap Bell** and I will be passing the baton. Each of us took a year at a time and believe it or not, it's been five years! So I will write these notes and the next ones (deadline January 24, 2003 hint, hint) and then we will have

our 20 year reunion and elect other worthy and willing authors! Can you believe it's been 20 years? It seems just a short time ago that we were moving into Pell and Williams and meeting our new roommates and friends and then we moved out of Cudd and Andrews and graduated! Everyone should begin planning now to attend the 20th reunion, April 25-27, 2003. Plans are underway and it should be a great weekend. More details will follow, but go ahead and line up someone to keep the kids, ask off from work and let's have a big turnout from the Class of 1983. **Tracy Morgan Coleman** writes that she lost her mother in '95 to cancer, and she is now living in her mother's house, which was the same one Morgan lived in when she was at Converse! She asked me to send a special note to **Lise Ritsch** to contact her. Tracy and her sisters opened a commercial day care center in 1999 and have 70 children enrolled. She loves it and uses her art talent to keep them entertained on rainy days! She began showing her stone sculptures three years ago and won third place in the first exhibit. Her work was shown in Belton in September. **Carolyn Blank Cary** is in Carrollton, GA. One of her art pieces was featured in *At Home* magazine in March of this year. I saw **Barbara Lindsay Hines**, **Lauri Wiggins Van Deusen**, and **Kam Montgomery Richardson** this summer. Barbara is teaching 2nd grade and has the younger of her two daughters in her class. Lauri has two daughters as well. She was preparing to move when I saw her in Mt. Pleasant in July. Kam is in Florence and has two children. She is a psychologist at the local hospital, where they call her the "walker" since she goes in early, puts on her tennis shoes and walks the halls for exercise. I hope to hear from all of you soon so that I can have a fabulous last edition before turning over the reins in April. Practice all of your Red Devil cheers and songs. See you in April! All my red devil love, Elizabeth

## CLASS OF 1985

### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2005

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Mrs. Mary Helen Richbourg Earle  
Mrs. Susan Peel Hollingsworth

September 2002 Class Participation: 0%

I heard from **Melissa (Missey) Yergey Daly**. She has completed her Dive Master Certification with Scuba Schools International and should now have her Scuba Instructor rating. She has also achieved the level of Unit Leader with Creative Memories and has scrapbooking customers in New Orleans, Orlando and Charleston. Her husband, Stephen, is an airline pilot with Continental Connection. **Elisabeth Green Church** E-mailed Krisila with news that husband, Brad, formerly president of Wachovia Mortgage Company, has partnered with a former co-worker to start their mortgage

business, Bradford Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem focusing on the residential homes in the Carolinas. They opened in March and things are going really well. Elisabeth is helping on the mortgage loan consultant end of the business and says it has been fun to work hard at something other than the volunteer work at school! Elisabeth said she recently saw **Kelly McElroy White** at the neighborhood playground with Kelly's two children, Bailey and Mary Slade. **Shannon MacNutt Zolar** wrote that she and husband, Marc, are getting ready to move to Jacksonville, NC. Newly wed **Winnie Holt Lichtner** has moved to Denver. Husband John has two small children so the move to Denver was a necessity and she was able to transfer with the IRS. **Nancy Fulton Kearns**, **Cindy Bruce Bryant**, **Julie Layden Carrier**, and **Sally Hall Waggoner** represented our class at Winnie's wedding. Also in attendance were Sheila Brown McLendon '84, Frances Rogers '84, Susan Dukes Webber '70, and Nancy McCall Poyner '67. I always love hearing from someone that I haven't ever heard from or someone that I haven't heard from in years (hint, hint). In that light, I recently received an E-mail from **Tiawana Mayo**. She has just started her 18th year of teaching and things are off to a great start. She is working at Crestwood High School in Sumter, SC, where she teaches trainable mentally disabled pupils between the ages of 14 and 22. This year she has 13 students in her class. All of the students are eager to learn and excited about being in high school. She has recently started working on a degree in Biblical Studies through the University of Minnesota. She did her initial sermon last September and has been busy at her church working with the prison, banner and hospitality ministries. **Treva Thomas Hamlin** E-mailed that **Elizabeth (Buffie) Tronnes Wong** recently came East for a visit and brought her son, Ian. Buffie and husband Tony have recently bought a new house in California and will be doing extensive renovations over the next several months. And now I have some sad news to report. On August 26 we lost one of our dear classmates, **Elizabeth Pence**. Many of you know that she had been sick in recent years with diabetes, but she died unexpectedly of a heart attack. I am so appreciative to Meg Graves Weaver '86 as she E-mailed Krisila and me to let us know. You know the drill by now. Write or E-mail Krisila or me! Send your E-mail address if you haven't already or update it if it has changed so that we can keep you informed.

## CLASS OF 1986

### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2006

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Mrs. Ann Lanier Jackson

September 2002 Class Participation: 2%

**Elizabeth Jones Beal** went to Mountain Brook for her 20th high school reunion. She gave us the following information about classmates in Birmingham: **Catherine Pittman** is doing some wonderful photography. Her husband owns Savage's Bakery—the best bakery in Birmingham. **Kathryn Donald Shook** is in Birmingham with her two children. **Courtney McGahan-Towne** has one daughter and runs a restaurant named Courtney's. **Tina Young Tynes** and her husband have moved back to Birmingham. Elisabeth said it was lots of fun seeing everyone and "catching up". We have a new TV star here in Columbia. Everyone has enjoyed watching **Libby Anne Kepley Inabinet** in a local commercial for Piggly Wiggly grocery stores. **Lisa Tuite Newman**, husband Mitch, and their three children also live in Columbia. **Ann Still Allinson** is in Lilburn, GA, and is Director of Legal Administration for Equifax, Inc. She and husband Robert, an account executive with Black Box Network Services, have two daughters, Katie (9) and Claire (5), both of whom are active in Girl Scouts. Katie, Jennie, and I are anxiously waiting by our computers to hear some news of all of you.

## CLASS OF 1987

### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2007

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Mrs. Martha Lynn Mercer Gaskins

Mrs. Ashley Kilgore Wimmer

September 2002 Class Participation: 5%

Thanks to all of you who sent news! **Christy Davis Stoner** is living in Albemarle, NC and is president and CEO of a regional financial services holding company. Since it's a small company, Christy wears many hats there—sales, underwriting, marketing, compliance, and operations. She is also busy at home with her daughter, Cassidy (8). **Janet Bean** traveled to Slidell, LA to celebrate the fourth of July as well as the 2nd birthday of her sister's triplets. **Andrea Hoover Burden** and her husband are living in Atlanta with their young son. Andrea visited with **Kathy McLean Collins** during a business trip to Atlanta. Kathy lives in Philadelphia with her husband and three daughters, and works for a pharmaceutical company. **Gaylen Alders Reynolds** is living in Richmond, VA. **Terri Minton Lessenberry** had a fun and exciting summer of travel; she took her two year old daughter, Jessi, on not one but two airplane trips to visit family and friends. Terri visited with **Mary Kay Seckinger**, who, with her husband Jon and children Madeline and Baxter, was on a summer "Southern Tour" catching up with friends and family. **Molly Levy Campbell** and her husband made the pilgrimage to Memphis in August in honor of the 25th anniversary of Elvis's death. **Sheila Wilkerson Chatto** keeps in touch with **Allyn Talbot Johnson**. Allyn and her husband have opened a charter

fishing business in the Florida Keys. **Mel Clyburn** is an instructor at the US Secret Service training center; she was particularly busy during the memorial services held in remembrance of September 11. **Ashley Kilgore Wimmer** and her family traveled to Boston for the fourth of July; daughter Collier competed there in the North American Irish Dancing Championships. Ashley is busy with her two children, volunteer work, and her job as a representative for Portrait Brokers of America. **Cindy Kuhlke Cannon's** daughter, Chesley, and Ashley's daughter, Collier, were cabin mates at Camp Greystone this summer and became good friends. **Peggy Hair Alford** and her family spent fall weekend afternoons tailgating with Todd and **Wallis Crum Bond** at the USC games. Wallis and Peggy ran into **Sally McCutcheon Free** at a party in Columbia; Sally is living at the Isle of Palms. **Julie Norville** is director of account management for an insurance company in Atlanta. She recently bought a cabin at Lake Lanier, where she spends her weekends hammering and painting. **Laura Chappell Bauknight** is working part time in the admissions office at Converse. She sees **Anne Longley Smith** who moved to Spartanburg during the summer. Anne is godmother to one of **Nancy Newman Ginn's** children. Nancy is living and teaching in Augusta. **Stacy Abeyta Tucker**, husband Patrick, daughter Madeline (6), and son J.P. (3) have moved to their farm located between Patrick's hometown of Grant and Scottsboro, AL. Stacy and Patrick are continuing their family medicine practice in Scottsboro. I hope your holidays are merry, and I am really looking forward to lots of Christmas cards in my mailbox! Put my address in your books and keep me posted.

## CLASS OF 1988

### 15th Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2003

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Ms. Laura Graham

September 2002 Class Participation: 2%

Season's greetings to the Class of '88! We hope that each of you has a wonderful holiday season, and that 2003 brings much happiness and health. It will also bring one other thing - our 15th class reunion! Make that resolution TODAY to attend and see all your old friends! **Julia Cohen** is alive and kickin' in Los Angeles. She writes that after many travels and adventures, she has landed on the Left Coast and works for Warner Brothers. However, this appears to only be her day job, because she is also working as a stand-up comic! She has performed in L.A. and in New York. **Primrose Green Fisher** is teaching school at



Episcopal Day School in Augusta, GA. She and George have a daughter, Prim, and a son Wren. **Patti Maxwell Snow** and her family moved to Greenville, SC, this summer with her husband Matt's job. Her children, Emily and Mattox, are at Christ Church Episcopal School. **Lynda Branyon Stathakis** is working for Spartanburg School District 1 as the parent educator for at-risk families. She and Terry have two sons, John and Harry. **Catharine Goodwin deLoach** is teaching preschool in Camden, SC where she lives with husband, Dwight, and sons, Henry and Thomas. **Dawn Dehmer Serff** and Brad live in Milledgeville, GA, with their daughters, Ashton and Charlotte. **Karen Sansom McCreight** and Bobby are in Sumter, SC with their three girls, Ann Elizabeth, Cate, and Sarah. **Carter Willard Smith** and husband Louis keep busy in Spartanburg with their two children, Kathleen (8) and Ben (6). Congratulations to **Becky DuBard Grantland**, who was honored with the Katharine Heath Perry Award by the Junior League of Columbia for 2001-2002. The award is named for the founder of the Columbia Junior League. Converse grads swept the awards ceremony in Columbia this year, as Libby Anne Kopley Inabinet '86 and Mary Kenyon Robards Jones '90 were also honored by the JLC. Ever the traveler to exotic destinations, **Ashlin Blanchard Potterfield** and John went to Las Vegas to celebrate her birthday in September. While they were there, they took in a show by none other than Rick Springfield. Ashlin said the show was great and that Las Vegas was a blast. **Kris Rao Haimbach** is living in Moore, SC. She and her husband have two children, daughter Avery and son Anders. Kris stays busy with PTO at Anderson Mill Elementary School and teaching water fitness classes at the local YMCA. Kris sees **Susan Simpson Mullins** and her twins, William and Sarah, on occasion. She also stays in touch with **Darby Reeves, Lynn Blackey Cobb, Beth Adkins Langehans, Ginger Watson Knowles, and Suzie Spears Wilson**, who is currently living in Michigan. **Kristi Klim Holler** writes that she and husband John are settled into a new school year with sons John in 2nd grade, and Hughes in kindergarten. Kristi works part-time for Comporium Group in New Business Development where she does financial and accounting system analysis. If you haven't already done so, please send your E-mail addresses to Linda at thereds@carolina.rr.com so we can communicate with you as we plan for a fun-filled 15th reunion. We look forward to seeing everyone in Spartanburg April 25-27, 2003.

## CLASS OF 1989

### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2004

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Mrs. Savannah Elizabeth Joyce  
September 2002 Class Participation: 4%

Angie and I hope that everyone had a fabulous 2002. Because of computer system crashes, we have lost most of your E-mail addresses. Please send us that address again so we can let you know about deadlines as the next one is in January. Babies! Babies! Be certain to read the Life Events section for news about a number of our classmates. **Chris Hull Manley** sends word that her daughters, Alexandra (2nd grade) and Rachel (kindergarten) are enjoying school. Chris is on the PTO board and is also teaching Spanish in private preschools with kindergartens. She just started this last year and is now teaching eight classes. She saw **Connie Gerald Smith** at Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, SC. **Wendy Wolfenden Miller** E-mailed that she is doing well in San Francisco with her two boys. **Kim Odom Newton** and Robb are doing well in Montgomery and are enjoying their "wild" two years old son, Will. **Angie Williams Cash, Nicky Jent Greenway, Margaret Gordon, and Suzanne Scruggs Lastinger** had their annual girl's getaway trip to Hilton Head in June. Some of you may remember Suzanne's mom, Sue Nell, from the mother's weekends at Converse. Sue Nell is recovering from a bad fall from a horse this past spring. **Beverly Ross Wilhelm** and husband Madison are still in Denver, CO. She is working part time at area hospitals as a neonatal intensive care (NICU) nurse. After many chilly, windy winters, **Judy Bean Slack** has returned to the South! She, Matt, and triplets Parker, Caroline, and Emily moved from Chicago to Slidell, LA this summer. Judy sent me a picture of the children enjoying a day in New Orleans in a triple stroller! I, **Kathryn Chapman McAlpin**, did not have a vacation this summer because our son, Logan (6), made the all-star team in baseball and we lived at the ballpark. At the end of August, Larry and I took the children to a cabin in the mountains where we had a wonderful time hiking, fishing, and riding horses. Please drop us a line to let everyone know how you are doing. There are so many of you from whom we have not heard.

## CLASS OF 1990

### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2005

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Mrs. Sheri Starnes Balcerzak  
Mrs. Lawson Edwards Hough  
September 2002 Class Participation: 2%

Happy Holidays to the Class of 1990! **Tricia Berry Hensley** definitely had an adventurous summer. For starters, Tricia and Bill flew to Vancouver, Canada and took a cruise to Alaska. She then took a business trip to Thailand, where she organized a delegation for a conference to introduce public

deliberation to the relatively new democracy of Thailand. She said, "The country is so beautiful and exotic—and definitely worth the 24 hours travel to get there! We ate delicious food, rode elephants, and saw all the temples we could." In between trips, she managed to visit **Gwynne Brown Goodlett** and family while in Columbia for a wedding. Living at Myrtle Beach makes **Winnie Brown King** popular in the summer. While in town for a wedding, I was able to meet Winnie for lunch and see her new house, which she just finished renovating. During a trip to Columbia, she was able to meet **Mary Kenyon Robards Jones** and **Lawson Edwards Hough** for dinner one night. **Laura Lochan Kirkley** and her family also came for a visit to Myrtle Beach. **Sheri Starnes Balcerzak** and David went to England and Scotland this summer and attended the British Open while there. They also went to San Francisco for sightseeing and a Nascar race. While in California, they met **Rebecca Lesto Shunk** and Rick for a tour and dinner in Chinatown. **Lisa Burks Clark** visited a working ranch in Wyoming for a week. Our usual world traveler, **Lesa Underwood** covered 3,000 miles, 12 states and two countries in eight days as she and her dad traveled from Los Angeles to Boston. She managed to see the world's largest L.L. Bean boot (at least 20 feet high) while in Maine and score "Suite Seats" on the 3rd base line at Fenway Park. As the Special Events Manager for Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Boston, Lesa's job responsibilities include organizing the annual golf tournament and lighting the facade of the Prudential Building during the Christmas holiday (their largest fundraiser). She recently heard from **Claire Bramlett** who had spent some time in Memphis. As part of her responsibilities as marketing coordinator for Emily Ray, Inc., **Melissa Sanders Burns** works with the sales reps on everything from advertising copy to sales meetings. Emily Ray has showrooms in both Atlanta and Dallas, so Melissa is able to do some great shopping at the gift and apparel shows. Be certain to check the Life Events section for more news about our class.

## CLASS OF 1991

### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2006

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Mrs. Maria Macaulay Sellers

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**Melissa Hunt** moved back to Orlando this summer. She is the Client Relations Manager for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in the division of Marketing and Development. She is the top dog of promoting Florida agriculture and products.

## CLASS OF 1992

### Next Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2007

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Mrs. Elaine Anderson McDowall

##### September 2002 Class Participation: 4%

Thanks for all of your great E-mail responses! I received much news for our column and also renewed contact with old friends. If you did not receive an E-mail from me, I did not have your address. **Marie Rogers Patrick**, husband Paul, and children, Hamilton (3) and Savannah (2), will be moving to Due West, SC where Paul will be the chaplain at Erskine College. **Frances Taylor** is living in Santa Fe, NM. **Kelli Gosnell Hardigree**, in addition to mom duties, works as a senior consultant for Mary Kay cosmetics. **Heather Neal Stone** and husband Chris are restoring a 1919 house in Greenville, doing most of the work themselves. She is also working as a psychotherapist and will soon receive her second credentialing as a registered play therapist. Chris just completed his master's in architecture at Clemson and will be working with Heather's father. **Melissa Carlton Salko** is asking for all of our prayers as she and her husband are in the process of adopting a baby girl from China. I was excited to hear from **Polly Greene Haselden** after so long. After teaching high school for nine years, Polly was lured by UNC-Charlotte into teaching special education there. She is also working on her Ph.D. in special education and statistics. **Catharine Williams Frerichs** and husband Brian are living in Columbia. After teaching high school there for several years, Catharine has returned to her high school alma mater, Wilson Hall School, in Sumter where she teaches science and math. **Cokie Hernandez-Velez**, who now has a permanent job with the Dallas (TX) Museum of Art, sent news of **Beth Godsey**, who is in her hometown of Marietta, GA, teaching elementary school. **Allison Nader Johnson** is living in Boston and enjoys teaching yoga and doing some private art and design consulting. **Elizabeth Hughes**, who lives in Orlando, FL, wrote that after years of working for the American Cancer Society and the United Way, her life has taken a different turn. She resigned from her job after her mother passed away and is now a full time volunteer. **Vicki Verbus Gayle** returned to Ohio after graduation where she received her nursing degree, got married, bought a house, and had a baby. Vicki and her family are now living in Richmond, TX. **Nicole Bailey Ferro** is in Houston, TX, where she taught 5th grade talented and gifted classes until last year when her twins, Bailey and Emma, were born. **Natalie Audish Underdown** continues to enjoy her work in the fabric industry. She recently took a trip to Spain! **Gretchen Bishop** sent word that **Akiko Kiyosawa Nakamura** had a baby boy. Gretchen is with the Head Start program in Spartanburg. **Vicki Jones Bishop** is doing great things as a teacher in Spartanburg including co-writing a grant through Spartanburg Arts Partnership to get Converse alumna Daryle Ryce

'75 to perform folk music at her school. **Amanda Reeves Campbell** is busy with her three children, one of whom she is home schooling this fall. **Amy Walker Headley** and her husband are in the process of building a house. She is at home this year with her two daughters, Megan and Caroline. **Anne Hayes Drinkard Pearce** is working at AFLAC where she is in charge of new business and underwriting for their US company. **Beth Davenport Williams** is busy ferrying her three children from school to soccer practice to church choir. Not easy in Atlanta traffic! **Ashton Bozard** is teaching 1st grade at a new elementary school in Columbia. She is recovering well from back surgery for a herniated disk but could still use your prayers. **Traci Dozier**, Ashton's roommate, is teaching kindergarten at Hammond School in Columbia. **Laura Dick Moses** and husband Tom went to Alaska where they backpacked through Denali National Park and camped at the base of Mt. McKinley. They saw black bears, grizzlies, caribou, and moose and did a little sightseeing and salmon fishing. I laughed out loud when I received an E-mail from **Alison Fox Sterling**. Aside from being hilariously funny, she has been quite busy. Now married and a mom, she is still doing some catering in her spare time most recently a little job for 900 people! **Cindy Jerles Brown**, in addition to her mom duties, is busy with her faux finishing business. She recently traveled to Melbourne to take part in an interior design show and is introducing a new business called "Fauxdallions." Keep your eyes and ears open for a dealer near you! **Eleanor LaBorde** is living in Bluffton, SC, using her fine writing talents in her job for the Hilton Head Island Foundation. She let me know that **Brandon Davidson Shives** was named "Best Interior Designer in Columbia" in *Columbia Metropolitan* magazine last year. **Heather Purdie Hulsey** is a sales director for Mary Kay and just won her third car! She enjoys her work because it allows her to have a career and stay at home with the boys. **Paige Pooser Merrill** is an occupational therapist at MUSC in Charleston and co-owns a precious shop for children's and maternity clothes called All About Baby & Mommy, Too. **Elizabeth Lesto Zadig** has had big changes. Her husband is the new rector of an Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, MD so they have moved from Charleston. **Elizabeth Pressley O'Connell** is doing well in Davidson, NC. She teaches Pilates at several locations in Charlotte and sees a lot of **Troy Blanton McCormick, April Leonard Tegeler, and Natalie Audish Underdown**. Check out the Life Events section for even more news about our class. Send E-mail addresses and news to Ashley or me. We love hearing from you, and your classmates enjoy getting your E-mail addresses, too!

## CLASS OF 1993

### 10th Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2003

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Lesa Underwood '90

Just this August, Charleston, SC, native Lesa Underwood had the chance to move back to the east coast. The opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children by granting their wishes made the offer all the sweeter.

"At the time, I was serving as Assistant Director of Special Events at the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles," explains Lesa. "CHLA is indeed a special place and is the largest pediatric emergency medical transport system in the US. Each year 2,000 children from around the world are brought to CHLA because their cases are too complex for other facilities. And while I did love my job, I was a bit homesick for the east coast."

Lesa found a new home in Massachusetts, working as Special Events Manager for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Boston. "We grant wishes to children who are diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses," she says. "The wishes can be just about anything: from going on a special trip to meeting a celebrity...the only limitation is the child's imagination."

As Special Events Manager, it is part of Lesa's responsibility to ensure the money is secured to fund the wishes. "The wishes are financed by the support of individuals, corporations, and foundations. It is so satisfying to me personally to know that at the end of the day, I've helped to bring a bit of excitement to a child's life."



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Ms. Candy Moore  
**September 2002 Class Participation:** 2%

Hello Class of 1993! Thank you to those who had time to respond to my E-mail. **Laura Kennedy** has recently moved from Spartanburg to Greenville and is a technology specialist for Wellford Elementary School in Spartanburg School District 5. **Elizabeth Watson Caldwell** and husband Chris moved this summer from Peachtree City, GA, to Atlanta. She is with Delta as Regional Director of Advertising. **Katrina Upton** received a master's degree in counseling from Clemson and is a clinical therapist in Greenville and lives in Fountain Inn with her partner, **Candace Vickery**. Both are playing in the first all women's professional football league in Greenville. **Beth Kern** reports that she is working with the State Department of Education as a curriculum and instruction facilitator at Sans Souci Intermediate School in Greenville. This year Beth adopted a 13 years old girl named Ruby. **Melissa Williams Fitts** and husband, Dan, have recently moved into a new house in Birmingham, AL. **Laura Faulkner Bettger** is teaching 4th grade in Auburn, AL. She is active in the Junior League in Auburn and is serving this year as the assistant chairman of the ball. **Dawn Norris Brown** is living in the Washington, DC area and has started her own outsource training business that offers training on a variety of subjects to businesses and the government. Dawn also reports that **Lisa Dunson** moved to Opelika, AL this summer to start a new job with the Mises Foundation. **Ashley Hunnicutt Barkocy** is the vice president in charge of operations for Hunnicutt Insurance, working with her dad and her husband Steve. She is active in the Junior League of the Emerald Coast and is currently serving on their board. She recently received the President's Leadership Award for chairing the restoration of a 100 years old hotel in their community. **Laura Kate Jones** is enjoying living in L.A. where she is pursuing her photography career. On Labor Day weekend, she was the second photographer at Sarah Michelle Gellar's wedding in El Careyes, Mexico. Four of her images were published in *People* magazine, two of which were on the cover! Her day job is at Handprint Entertainment in the TV/Lit department. They manage screenwriters and directors, as well as actors and actresses. **Mohana Rao** is living in the United Arab Emirates. She has been back there for about eight years and has worked for Digital Equipment, Compaq Computers, and IBM. She is currently working on a master's degree in marketing. She writes that she would love to host anyone who might like to travel to Dubai. **Trisha Stubblefield** was voted "Teacher of the Year" for 2001-02 at Cottey College, a small private women's college in Missouri where she is an assistant professor of English. She has had an article published this year and presented papers at conferences in Montreal and Albuquerque. **Charlotte Swink Mullen** is the director of marketing and community

relations at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Atlanta. **Amy Sutherland Nesbit**, husband Doug, and their two children, Alison and Daniel are living in Augusta, GA. Doug is a pediatrician and Amy is a PRN pediatric occupational therapist. Amy had news of other Converse friends. **Sutton Brown Stracke** and husband Christian have moved back to Augusta from NYC. **Teri Owen Snopes**, husband Sean, and their two daughters, Celia (3) and Evie (18 mos) live in Charlotte, NC where Sean is in investment banking. **Mitzi Gibbons Smith** lives in Franklin, TN with husband Cliff and their two daughters and works part time as a physical therapist. She writes that **Nancy Rogers Hirschl** and husband Richard are still in Chicago and Nancy is working for Bristol Myers Squibb. **Wendi White Arms** is the music librarian at Converse, teaches voice lessons at the Alia Lawson Pre-College Program and is the Minister of Music at her church in Greer. Wendy, husband Shane, and son, Micah live in Duncan, SC. She reports that her sister-in-law, **Tonya Arms Jackson**, husband Ken, and daughter Madeline (3) live in Lugoff, SC where Ken is a pastor and Tonya teaches 4th grade. Wendi attended Opening Convocation at Converse in September and she said this year's senior class reminded her of us as they processed in with Red Devil horns, etc. The only difference, she writes, is that they were all wearing red Converse sneakers! **Alison Pooser Bullard** is working at Blackbaud in Charleston and she and her family live on Johns Island. **Amy Ellis Workman** and husband Shane moved to Hawaii a few years ago. Shane is an officer in the Coast Guard and flies helicopters and Amy is teaching 1st grade at Schofield Barracks. They love Hawaii, and live on Oahu. They have been able to travel to Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island. Amy writes that **Jodi Floyd** earned her master's degree last year and is now teaching in SC. **Mandy Vaughan** is a speech pathologist in Cherokee County, GA. **Gail Herin Wilson** and husband Mark are starting their fourth and final year in Germany with the US Army. They have enjoyed living and traveling around Europe, but are looking forward to returning to the states (their 10th home in 10 years!) and introducing their boys, William (6) and Michael (4), to some of the things they have missed - Wofford football and sweet iced tea! **Moirra Dirr** is living in Atlanta, and is active with the Junior League and The Atlanta Celtic Festival. She was recently named the top sales agent for July for the residential real estate company where she works. Her company sent her to Cancun in October with the other top agents! **Alicia Johnson Alexander** and husband Doug are living on a lake in Madison, WI. She is selling e-business hosting services to large financial services companies for IBM Global Services. On the side, she is selling artistic rubber stamps and accessories through Stampin' Up. **Lucretia Wolfe Ridings** is teaching three and four year olds at Boiling Springs First Baptist Church Weekday Early Education. **Alison Parvey Wike** is in Greenville, SC where she enjoys writing, publishing, marketing, and distributing children's books. She is also a stay-at-home mom to Abby (4) and Miles (2). I saw **Candy Moore** and **Anne Jeter Lindsay** at Converse in September. Candy is still with Wachovia and actively involved in volunteering at Converse.

She is also in The Junior League in Charlotte. Anne is busy with her two boys, William (3) and Lawrence (2), as well as volunteering at her church with the Christmas Tour of Homes. Anne and Candy, as well as Anne's sister, Frances Jeter Stowe '91, are members of the Converse Board of Visitors. It was great to be back at Converse. It made me excited about our 10th reunion - April 25-27! And, speaking of the Reunion: PLEASE COME! It will be a great weekend of fun and memories! **Jane Manning Hyatt**, who is working her way (rapidly) up the corporate ladder at Prentice Hall Publishing Co., Candy, Anne, and I are planning a good time for the class of '93. However, it will only be a good time for those that attend! Again: PLEASE COME! You will absolutely not regret it! As for me, I am still in Atlanta with husband Richard and our son, Lewis (2). Richard is working in the bar code industry with FineLine Technologies and I am at home with Lewis. The highlight of my year was in May when a friend of mine and I walked in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day/60 Miles Event in Boston, MA. It was truly an amazing experience to walk with 3,000 other women (and a few men) for those who cannot. Together, we raised more than \$6 million that went directly toward breast cancer research. If any of you have considered doing this, just do it. It will change your life! Be certain to read the Life Events section as much is happening with our classmates. See you in April!

## CLASS OF 1994

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**Alumnae Weekend, 2004**  
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Ms. Jada Wood  
**September 2002 Class Participation:** 14%

Greetings classmates! We've heard from lots of you and had the pleasure of seeing many of you. Please do let us know about the exciting things that are happening with you so that we can all celebrate our blessings together as a class! Being back in Spartanburg has blessed me (Angel) with the chance of "bumping into" and catching up with lots of friends and former classmates. While I was in the Super K recently looking for bug spray (with Deet of course), I saw **Julie Dillon**. She is still involved in athletics as a teacher and coach in Spartanburg District 5. I didn't actually see **Maria Ingram Wilson** but read in the *Spartanburg Herald-Journal* a letter that she had written to a local columnist supporting the investment of SC's new lottery funds in private college and university students as well as those attending the state's public colleges. **Bonnie Bailey Webster** and **Mary Hunter Brown Adams**, both Spartanburg High School and Converse alumnae, have reconnected and plan to visit in Mary Hunter's hometown of Atlanta. We hear that **Heather Dillard Pack** is keeping her Converse connection strong now that

her younger sister, Mamie, has followed in her sister's footsteps as a Converse student. **Kathryn Cheves** is home from the foreign mission field and living and working in Spartanburg. She returned to campus this spring when her mother, Kay Wyatt Cheves '67, received an alumnae award. **Dawn Barnard** has returned to calling Greenville home but continues to work with Cherry, Bekaert and Holland in Sparkle City. Our deepest sympathies to **Cathy Goodman Doyle** on the loss of her husband, Macky, in an automobile accident in August. Cathy expressed her sincere thanks to her Converse classmates and friends who have supported her directly or in spirit. Your letters and prayers have given her strength in this difficult time. If you knew Macky, you know how fully he lived his life and loved the people in it, especially Cathy. May his life be an example to us all.

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Ms. Lynn Sari  
**September 2002 Class Participation:** 1%

Happy Holidays to everyone! I know we all had a busy summer and start of the school year. **Shannon Dean Joseph** finished working on a master's degree. **Summer Malone**, **Marie Rhodes Jones**, **Gloria Dickens Ewing**, **Sarah Meeks**, **Harriett Reid**, **Mary Margaret Adams Bannister**, **Murray Thompson Cheves**, and **Kerri Shinn Tankersley** all got together in Greenville for a party. They say it was great to catch-up and see each other. **Anne Harvin Smoak Gavin**, **Stefanie Melehes Hughes**, **Jennifer Smith Davis**, **Whitney Drinkard Warlick**, and **Amanda Pyles Denney** are all busy moms with active little ones! **Ashley Evans Harper** is keeping busy with her new line of children's luggage. **Jamye Horres** has joined her father's dental practice in Charleston. **Ashley McCabe Mowat** just passed her British driving test - watch out! **Cheryl Lynn Woody** has been recalled to active duty in the Air Force and promoted to captain. She is working in the Pentagon as a strategic planner for Europe and the Middle East. Don't forget to check the Life Events section for more information about our classmates. Please keep us posted with all of your news!

## CLASS OF 1996

**Next Reunion**

**Alumnae Weekend, 2006**  
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**September 2002 Class Participation:** 2%

**Aimee Concepcion** is living in Wisconsin where she is employed with an avionics development company and is a volunteer EMT (Emergency Medical Tech). Her upcoming trip to South Korea places her closer to fulfilling her life's goal to visit as many countries as possible as this will make #12! **Jennifer George Cook** and husband, Nate '97 MED, moved to Dayton, OH in June. Nate graduated from Georgia Tech and is working for the Air Force as an aerospace engineer. **Jinny Myers Burford** and husband, Ken, have moved to Roseville, CA where he's a youth pastor for First Presbyterian of Roseville. **Liz Hudnall** is living in Charleston, SC where she is preparing to become a paralegal. **Debbie Gardner Guilfoyle** is a social worker with the Department of Juvenile Justice at the Upstate Evaluation Center in Union, SC. **Elizabeth Skinner** attended a September 11th Remembrance Dinner in Washington, DC with her cousin who works for the Pentagon. **Carrie Hill Coleman** is enjoying her new job with the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce. Her May wedding was followed by a beautiful reception on Converse's front lawn. She probably wins the prize for the most Converse alumnae in attendance! **Heidi Ruehl**, **Amy Shipman Elkins**, **Anna Snow Cheek**, **Elizabeth McClean Brown**, **Page Vaughan Keller**, and **Jennifer Minor Tuckwiller** met in Montreat for Labor Day. Heidi was selected to participate in "The Door Project," an art endeavor for the city of Columbia which transforms old doors from torn down apartment complexes in the inner city, into art and are placed on display downtown to be auctioned. The proceeds refurbish the community from where the doors came. Heidi's is entitled Reflections. Her company, Shades of Light, provided products for the performers' and presenters' gift baskets at the MTV Video Music Awards. **Heather Deifell** is working as the director of an after-school and summer program for at-risk kids for The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club. **Jennifer Stokes** is teaching 4th grade deaf students in Columbia. **Shelli Latham** has moved to Atlanta where she is pursuing a Master's in Divinity at Columbia Theological Seminary. Don't forget to read the Life Events section for info on marriages, births, career changes, etc.

## CLASS OF 1997

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**Alumnae Weekend, 2007**  
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Mrs. Kim Varnadore Bearden  
Mrs. Sarah George Corley  
**September 2002 Class Participation:** 2%

**Hadley Rowland** is pleased to report that after two plus years at AOL as a temp, she is now a full time employee. She will be an Associate Quality Management Engineer with the Shopping Channel Studio in Dulles, VA. **Barbara "Bubba" Gehlmann** is living in Charleston and playing the guitar and singing again. She just finished her third CD and is playing all over Georgia and SC, so be on the lookout for her. **Holly Easler Jones** continues as a 6th grade teacher at Pacolet Middle School. **Donna Pallassino Evans** is attending MUSC in the Adult Nurse Practitioner program. **Kathryn Kennedy Sims** was recently married in Kingstree. **Whitney Orr** drove down from Asheville, **Kathryn Newcomb** flew in from New York, **Cassie Thompson O'Dell** and husband Bobby drove up from Charleston where they have started their own landscaping company, and **Shannon Gosnell Bishop** and husband Chris drove in from Spartanburg with son, Garrison. Fun was had by all at the reception! If we have not heard from you in awhile, please contact Shannon, Gretchen, or myself and let us know how you're doing. Here's to a great 2003!

## CLASS OF 1998

**5th Reunion**  
**Alumnae Weekend, 2003**  
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Mrs. Clayton Kearse Walton  
**September 2002 Class Participation:** 2%

**Kay Liner Little** and husband Spence live in Mt. Pleasant, SC, where Kay continues to work for Sprint PCS. **Susan Pittman Parker** and husband Chip are living in Atlanta after their July wedding. Converse bridesmaids were **Heather Godsey**, **Christy Baldwin**, and **Helen Walker**. Other Converse friends in attendance were **Ann Gerber**, **Erin Rich**, **Shannon Campbell**, **Alison Palmer Johnson**, **Elizabeth Current Hook**, **Alex Gavalas**, **Jessica Konopa Hutto**, **Brooke Champion Farmer**, and **Stephanie Easterday**. Stephanie graduated from chiropractor school and accepted a job in the Chicago area. She took a well-deserved trip to Hawaii after her graduation. Erin has passed the CPA exam. Heather has completed her first year of medical school at East Tennessee State





## Kristin Burris '02 EdS

While working at a youth camp in 1996, Kristin Burris befriended a camper who suffered an abusive childhood. "Even though this girl was only 13-years-old, she had already lived a lifetime filled with abuse," says Kristin. "And on top of that, her father had recently committed suicide." Kristin was so affected by the camper's story that she knew she wanted to devote her life to helping abuse victims.

Kristin enrolled in the Marriage and Family Therapy Degree Program at Converse after completing her undergraduate degree from Wofford College in 1997. Upon graduating in 2002, she was immediately offered the position of Director of Clinical Services at the Sexual Trauma and Counseling Center based in Greenwood, S.C., a position that her peers often wait years to obtain.

According to Kristin, who supervises a staff of five counselors, the agency provides services in four distinct areas to victims in Greenwood, Laurens, and Abbeville counties. "We focus on prevention, intervention, and treatment to sexual trauma victims of all ages, and also run the Child's Place program, in which law enforcement personnel, child protective services, mental health and medical counselors can work together on cases specifically involving children."

A trained forensic interviewer and evaluator, Kristin says the reward for a job well done may not come in an obvious fashion. "Many times, a family member may not be able to come up to us and verbally say 'thanks,' but there are often times when a noticeable change about their personality-perhaps a change in their body language-lets us know we've made a difference."

University and spent the summer in Ecuador studying Spanish and working in a clinic for the indigent. Elizabeth and Alison recently completed the National Board Certification process for teachers. Alison has been honored with the Teacher of the Year Award at Windsor Elementary in Columbia! Jessica, her husband, and their two girls, Wilson and Emily, recently moved to Mt. Pleasant. Brooke and her husband recently moved from Alabama to Tennessee. Helen continues to enjoy life in DC! She recently bumped into George Stephanopolous and Chief Justice Rehnquist. Many thanks to Helen for sharing lots of news about classmates we have missed that were not with us for all four years at Converse. **Kathryn Trawick Hendrix**, husband Jeff, and their young son, Stephen Michael, live in Pensacola, FL. Jeff is in the landscaping business and Kathryn is a math teacher at Gulf Breeze High School (where she and Helen graduated). **Alison Johannson Parrish** completed her nursing degree from the Medical College of Georgia and has also completed a master's degree. Alison and her husband have a two years old son. After living in Manhattan for the last couple of years, **Erinn Cox** has moved to Norfolk, VA. **Jenny Orr** was busy this summer in her youth ministry at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Greensboro, NC taking youth groups to DC, Six Flags, and an Orioles game. **Autumn Gorsuch Cerventez**, her husband, and son, Andrew, have moved from Sumter, SC to Wappingers Falls, NY. **Pagent Presley** spent her summer in Italy teaching English. **Marti Glenn** and I saw Alex Gavalas Labor Day weekend as she was preparing for a trip to New York City to see the US Open and attend baseball games. Marti, **Natalie Spigner**, and I recently helped host an event at Boone Hall Plantation that raised over \$3300 for breast cancer research! We were very pleased with the great show of support! Be certain to review the Life Events section for more news about our classmates. Congratulations to all of you for your many accomplishments and continued dedication to careers and families! I hope everyone has saved the weekend of April 25-27, 2003 for our 5th year reunion! You will be hearing more about all the festivities in the months to come! Please keep in touch and send news to me at any time! I look forward to hearing from each of you!

### CLASS OF 2001

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#### Alumnae Weekend, 2006

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Ms. Bridgett Vergara

**September 2002 Class Participation: 1%**

Happy Holidays, Red Devils! **Ginger Beckmann**

lives in Charleston working in her family's business, using her artistic talents to refinish furniture in her spare time. **Ami Price Gilbert** moved to Chicago to get her master's in finance at DePaul. **Altwan Grate** is stationed in Osan, Korea, and serves as the Assistant Officer in Charge of the 25th Transportation Battalion. **Maryeah Jagar** is studying accounting. **Cassandra Jeffries** is a 2nd year law student at St. Thomas University in Miami, FL, where she is on the Moot Court competition team and a St. Thomas Law Review member candidate. **Janet Johnson** teaches 5th grade at Tigerville Elementary in Greenville County. **Stephanie Livesay** is attending the Appalachian School of Law in Virginia. **Lisa Lo** works at Sunrise Importer & Wholesale, selling furniture, doing sales and customer service. **Melissa Minger** lives in Columbia and is helping develop a statewide non-profit organization called the South Carolina Landowners Association, applying to dental school, and is a part time student. **Autaum Morant** works in Columbia for Wachovia as a Federal Regulation E banker and is pursuing her MBA at Webster University. **Kim Neely** is pursuing her Master's in Opera Performance at the University of Colorado, Boulder. **Jessie Staska** is having fun being a stay at home mom. **Dana Williamson** is in graduate school in speech pathology at University of South Carolina. **Jenny Woodruff** finished a year-long tour with Missoula Children's Theatre and is pursuing a PhD in Musicology at Duke University. **Kristen Woodward** is on track to graduate with her Master's in Mathematical Sciences from Clemson in May '03, and teaches two sections of business calculus. **Laura Massey** and **Stacey Mulligan** continue to traipse around DC. As your class reps we would like to hear from you! We are also considering getting an alumnae group together in the DC area. If you are interested, please contact us! All alumnae are invited, not just 2001 graduates.

### CLASS OF 2002

#### 1st Reunion

#### Alumnae Weekend, 2003

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Ms. Carrie Page

**September 2002 Class Participation: 0%**

Mark your calendars now for our first reunion, which is April 25-27, 2003. You will be getting more detailed information in the next few months. We look forward to seeing everybody again! Put us on your Christmas card list and send your latest news! Happy Holidays!

