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“Girls on the Run” founder receives honorary degree at Commencement
DR. DEE DEE WASHINGTON '03
MEd, a 20-year veteran educator, was appointed Associate Superintendent for Academics for Greenville, SC County Schools, July, 2012. Dr. Washington most recently served as principal of Brushy Creek Elementary School, which was named a Red Carpet School and a Palmetto's Finest Finalist School under her leadership. In May 2012, she was named GCS Administrator of the Year.

“The Converse experience was central to helping me to know for sure that I was interested in and prepared for a future career in administration,” said Dr. Washington. “Many of my teachers were also practitioners, practicing or retired school leaders, who shared their experience with us. I was also blessed with professors who provided such specific and supportive feedback that I was able to grow as a scholar and an aspiring school leader.

Converse Art Education program coordinator, DIANNE BAGNAL, has been named 2012 South Carolina Art Educator of the Year. Bagnal has been a member of the faculty at Converse for the past 11 years. She developed both the Master of Education and the Master in the Art of Teaching degrees in art education at Converse. Prior to coming to Converse, she taught art for nearly 30 years in K-12 schools. Bagnal was nominated by longtime colleague and friend, Susanne Floyd Gunter, who directs the graduate art education program at Converse. “Dianne revolutionized the art education coursework at Converse College, developing two masters programs to meet the needs of the flourishing art community in the Upstate. Under her leadership, the number of art education majors has grown significantly. She is preparing teachers to face the real world.”

Looking to the future for the art education field, Bagnal notes, “A large number of art teachers nationwide are approaching retirement age. Those jobs will need to be filled with highly skilled art teachers new to the work force.” Converse’s art education program is critical for South Carolina. “My goal at Converse has been to make the undergraduate program competitive with art education programs throughout the nation.” Bagnal was thrilled to receive accolades for doing a job she has always loved. “Receiving the Art Educator of the Year award is definitely one of the highlights of my career,” she said.

KRISTEN WOODWARD SCHLORHOLTZ '01 completed her first Ironman competition on November 3, 2012, at Panama City Beach, FL. She wears her Valkyries’ swim cap in all competitions underneath whatever cap is required. Swimming is her first love—she swims on a Master Team in Panama City Beach, FL, and when competing in triathlons, the swim is always her best event.

ROBIN WICKS ROBINSON has been elected a District Court Judge of North Carolina, which is the trial court handling approximately 95% of all cases, including criminal (misdemeanors and lower level felonies), civil, family and juvenile courts.

Robinson also serves on the North Carolina Council for Women, appointed by the governor to oversee and administer agencies who address women’s issues and needs and, in particular, to administer displaced homemaker grants from the State. She is also a judge for the Teen Court program, in which teens charged with crimes have an opportunity to divert prosecution through a procedure in which a jury of their peers (teens who volunteer for the program to serve as

Read more about Dianne Bagnal’s award at converse.edu/diannebagnal.
lawyers and jurors in the teen court trials) hears the case and determines their punishment. Robinson was recently awarded the Junior League of Wilmington’s community service award.

**AYAKO ABE-MILLER ’12** was selected in a national competition to create her steel sculpture, Balance and Harmony, for the campus of the new USC School of Medicine in Greenville, SC. The sculpture is the focal point of the first floor of the school. It weighs 1,700-pounds, took seven months to produce and was unveiled November 3, 2012.

The only guideline for the competition was to reflect the school’s mission and vision: Healthcare, Research, and Education. Abe-Miller chose to represent these three aspects with large overlapping rings. She describes the sculpture itself as a symbol of the school’s efforts “to unite these three transformative and interconnected elements in a harmonious balance to achieve its goals of continuous improvement and superior healthcare.”

As a new graduate, Abe-Miller felt she would not have even considered submitting for such a professional job but her professors at Converse constantly taught students to “submit, submit, submit.” She also credits the presentation skills she acquired at Converse as invaluable during the panel judge interviews. “Most importantly, Converse drilled into me that great art should be based on a well considered concept, says Abe-Miller. “I believe that developing my sculpture’s concept from my research of the School’s mission and goals played a large part in my ultimate success.

**SARAH WARRICK ’12, AMY GRACE PEELE ’12, and MELANIE WADDELL ’15** attended the NATO Summit Meeting in Chicago May 19–21, 2012. The three were selected in a competitive application process from among all student participants from the United States and Canada who participate in International Model NATO. They attended panels and lectures by numerous European defense ministers; the foreign ministers of the Croatia, Slovakia, Lithuania, Estonia, and Sweden; the presidents of Romania and Bulgaria; the president of the European Union; the Supreme Allied NATO Commander and the NATO Commander in Afghanistan; and several international security experts from various think tanks. Highlights included meeting NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen and being the only participants who landed a private talk with former United States Secretary of State Madeline Albright.

Warrick worked on the campaign staff of Hayden Rogers for US Congress and plans a career in politics in Washington, DC. Peele received the prestigious Seymour David Lipset Fellowship to pursue a Masters in Public Policy with specialization in national security affairs at George Mason University. Waddell is a theatre major. All three are award-winning delegates at both International Model NATO and in Model Arab League.
CHEF DOUG ALLEN from Converse’s dining services had the honor of participating in Sodexo’s “Global Chef” program in November. He is only the sixth US chef to be invited to this innovative program that facilitates the exchange of executive chefs around the world. Each Global Chef shares authentic international cuisine and traditional cooking techniques with clients, customers, staff and an on-site culinary team.

This opportunity allowed Chef Allen to share his talent and passion for southern cuisine, highlighting the flavors of South Carolina in Finland and Sweden. Over 40 original southern recipes were developed, tested and approved for the program. Sourcing had to be arranged for each dish and recipes were converted to Finnish and the metric system. Menus included favorites such as Southern Fried Chicken, Pulled Pork with Overnight Slaw and Mustard BBQ Sauce, Three Cheese Mac and Cheese with Smoked Ham, Butternut Squash Bisque, Bourbon and Cider Marinated Pork Tenderloin with Wild Mushroom Stone Ground Grits (imported from SC) and a Pimento Cheese and Bacon Burger. Deserts included Pecan Fudge Torte, Peach Cobbler, Banana Pudding and Pecan Pie. Serving 900-1400 customers at each meal, Chef Allen garnered praise from Fredrik T. Strand, President and CEO of Sodexo Nordic for the best southern meal he has ever had!

NORA NASSRI ’08 is writing her PhD dissertation in political science at the University of South Carolina on aspects of religion and political violence. Her research has taken her to Rwanda and Bosnia among other places. Although from Orangeburg, SC, she has extensive family in Syria. Nassri returned to campus in October to speak to students about the Syrian Civil War. She has worked in refugee camps and, under a European Union grant, she spent a summer working in a Syrian NGO completing a study on Syrian Economic Development.

Associate Professor of Studio Art, Printmaking and Photography, ANDREW BLANCHARD was selected by Oxford American magazine as one of the “New Superstars of Southern Art.” Read more about his latest work at converse.edu/southerngood.
KRISTINA LEWIS ’09 completed her master’s in vocal performance at Peabody and is now studying opera at the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia. She appeared as Olga Larina in AVA’s production of Eugene Onegin and will be performing the role of Ulrica in Un Ballo in Maschera in April 2013.

KAYLEE BOALT ’14, a double major in vocal performance and politics, has put her dual studies to the test. In November, she appeared as Hansel in the Converse Opera Theatre’s production of Hansel and Gretel. A short month later, Kaylee traveled to Riyadh, Jeddah, and the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia as part of a selective US student cultural study group sponsored by The Saudi government and the National Council on US-Arab Relations. The students were met with gracious and generous hospitality at every stop of the trip. Boalt returned with a personal mission to conquer what she calls Islamophobia. “Cultures different from our own can be viewed by a lens of prejudice, and even fear,” says Boalt. “To remain dutiful citizens of the world, we must remain open without resentment, especially while perceiving the cultures of the Middle East.”
Surrounding benefactor Marsha H. Gibbs (center left) and Coach Joy Couch (center right) are Converse sports representatives:

**Equestrian**—Sarah Kate Chatel ’14  
**Volleyball**—Anna Williams ’14  
**Golf**—Alex Bruce ’16  
**Swimming**—Jesse Pope ’14  
**Basketball**—Samira Gillcrese ’14  
**Soccer**—Chandler Morrow ’13  
**Lacrosse**—Brianna Hoffman ’13  
**Tennis**—Olivia Self ’13  
**Cross Country**—Casilda Ruiz ’15
I am passionate about women's athletics and I am also a competitor. When I came to Converse six years ago, I saw my role as athletic director to be part mission and part challenge—to grow the athletics program at Converse for the maximum benefit of the students and the College and to do that while winning.

At Converse, we aren’t playing second fiddle to men’s sports. Every athlete on campus has an opportunity to set the standards in women’s athletics because we are the only women’s college in NCAA Division II. The Valkyries compete at a higher level than any other women’s college in the nation!

Since 2006, we’ve grown from five sports to 10 sports and will add Track and Field for fall 2013, with explorations underway to add more sports that are a good fit for the Converse student profile. As we celebrate just our fifth year in the conference, our soccer team participated in the first conference appearance ever for a Converse athletic team, our swim team was ranked in the top 25 for Division II and Converse was ranked 29th in the nation among Division II institutions. We’ve had individual athletes shine at important events such as equestrian Cate Billings ‘15 who performed in the prestigious Cacchione Cup. Our coaches continue to be the cream of the crop such as John Constable earning the 2012 Conference
Carolinas Coach of the Year Award. We are proud of all these achievements (and many more). Let’s face it, the success of our athletes is the measure of our athletic program’s success.

The prize I am most proud of is receiving the Allen Sharp Award for the highest graduation rate in the conference for the third straight year. That’s what Division II athletics is all about—the balance of scholarship with athletics, leadership and service—and why Division II fits so well with the Converse mission. We repeatedly have athletes make All-Conference academic honors. Jessica Mason ’14 and Rhianna Glhosky ’14 also made All-American honors, the first in Converse history.

The dedication our athletes have to their sports is reflected in their studies. Despite the time commitment required for training, you will find that our athletes maintain excellent grades and manage their time for studies as well as, if not better, than non-athletes. This training serves them well after graduation. They understand time commitments and that other people are counting on them. They can work as a team and understand their piece of the pie. Moreover, they understand how their actions directly affect the success of others. I’ve seen this in our students over and over again. Not just in their career choices but also in their continued involvement with service after graduation.

Winning in the academic arena while providing the highest quality athletic experience—that’s a win-win for the students, for Converse and for the community. Our supporters recognize this key connection. The Weisiger Cup and Weisiger Outstanding Scholar-Athlete Scholarship were established by Agnes Binder Weisiger ’63 and her husband Ed Weisiger, Sr. in 2009. The awards are made possible through an endowment to advance Converse’s commitment to science and to build an athletic program that prioritizes academic excellence.

This fall, Jimmy Gibbs and his wife, Converse Trustee Marsha Gibbs, made a $2.5 million gift to help fund construction of the 14,000 square-foot Marsha H. Gibbs Field House and enhancements to the Valkyries playing fields.

This investment from the Gibbs, who are long-time Spartanburg community leaders and Converse supporters, is the lead gift towards the project’s total cost of over $4 million.

“We are excited to be part of this project,” said Marsha Gibbs. “A strong athletics program is a great attractor for young women, and a facility of this quality will

Converse established an Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSAA) affiliated program in 2011. Cate Billings ’15 placed 14th in the 2012 Cacchione Cup. This is the highest level of collegiate riding in which an athlete can compete.

Converse guarantees that students who maintain at least a 3.0 GPA throughout their undergraduate career will qualify for the Weisiger Outstanding Scholar Athlete Scholarship.

Hillary Parkin receives the Weisiger Cup on Founder’s Day 2012. From left to right: Joy Couch, Hilary Parkin ‘12, Glenn Parkin, Agnes Binder Weisiger ’63 and President Betsy Fleming.

Lacrosse is the fastest-growing women’s sport. Converse added it to the roster in 2009 and we are ranked this year as #6 in the conference.
enable Converse students to enjoy a top-level experience in collegiate athletics."

“Converse is breaking the mold for women’s athletics,” said Converse President Betsy Fleming. “The recent growth and success of our athletic programs demanded a reassessment of the investment required to support our progress both now and in the future. Marsha and Jimmy’s excitement about the project is tied to their belief in the value of a higher education, their appreciation of the growing interest from girls in playing competitive sports, and their endorsement of the strong leadership of Joy Couch. This tremendous gift also reflects Marsha’s passion for advancing women and families in our community.”

The Gibbs Field House will include: 5 locker rooms, a weight training facility, indoor/outdoor golf training facilities, indoor golf bays, outdoor chipping/putting green, 8 coaching/administrative offices, an academic support center, a rooftop terrace, a sports information box and a catering facility. Converse anticipates the facility opening in early 2014. Field enhancements, including the installation of a turf field and a new half-size field, are anticipated to occur in the near future.

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The Valkyries soccer team made school history this year by being the first Converse team ever to go to a conference tournament. Coach John Constable (top) also earned the 2012 Conference Carolinas Coach of the Year Award.
The “Festwoche Klassicher Musik” has been held during the last week of September in the Black Forest region of Germany since 1997 and I have participated in many concerts there. Shortly after my performance in 2011, I proposed that the Petrie School of Music arrange a performance tour to Germany for students and faculty for the fall of 2012 so that Converse could experience this beautiful music festival.

Our plans took shape quickly and our travel dates were set—two days for travel and eight days to experience the Black Forest and the Alsace regions of Germany and France.

The Converse Ensembles included: Chamber Singers, a Woodwind Quartet and a String Trio with all performing in a mid-week “All Converse Concert.”

For many in our group, this trip was their first time travelling outside the US. Excitement about our performances was equal to our excitement about experiencing a different country. From new foods to fairytale countryside to exquisite architecture and historical tours, each day was an adventure. During our visit, we stayed with host families in order to learn more about the German people, their rich culture and to hear the language as it is spoken in everyday life. This experience was more fulfilling than we could have hoped for; new friendships were formed between students and their “Host Moms and Dads.” Many of the host families devoted the entire week to spending time with the students!

Rehearsing with the German musicians was a unique opportunity to learn that music is a universal language. Our performance together was emotional as our shared musical passion brought us together as one. “It wasn’t about the notes on the page, it was about creating the musical moment,” remarked Brittany Allison ’13. It’s an experience she says she has brought back with her and incorporated into her music.

Sharing a Passion

Converse students and faculty travel to Germany to experience the transformative and culture-crossing power of music.

by Dr. Susan Lyle

Freiburg Cathedral

The travel group
Highlights of the week-long festival were the two performances of the J.S. Bach concert presented first in the Achern and then in Oppenau. After only three rehearsals, the Bach Consortium, with support from musicians from the Petrie School of Music, performed Bach Cantata Nr. 100 and Cantata Nr. 11. Faculty soloists included Rebecca Turner, Susan Lyle, Keith Jones and Stafford Turner. A special moment of this concert was a stunning performance of the Concerto in D Major for two violins featuring Converse violin professor Sarah Johnson and German violinist Michael Klett.

My hope is to continue to foster the excellent relationship we developed with our friends in Germany and to open new windows of opportunity for many more tours. All who participated came home with an expanded world view, fond memories of exceptional music making and the desire to return again in the future.

Dr. Susan Lyle is Associate Professor of Voice.
How delighted I was when I received an invitation to my first meeting at Converse titled, “Southern Culture.” I had just arrived on campus, newly relocated from northeast Pennsylvania and so very thankful to be back in my home state after a career trajectory that kept taking me north. Pause for a minute to imagine what I guessed this meeting might be about—a primer for this finishing school drop-out? some kind of Converse initiation for new employees? Go ahead and laugh, I certainly did. But, I soon discovered the meeting was to plan promotions for “Okra to Opera: A Southern Culture Conference.”

Led by professors Dr. Anita Rose and Dr. Melissa Walker, “O2O” (as we came to call it), was the product of a 2011 creative collaboration grant designed to be part academic conference and part celebration of southern art, music and food.

The conference was held April 9–14, 2012, on the 50th anniversary of the Converse meeting of the Southern Literary Festival. An arm-long list of over 50 literary scholars, historians,
In 2008, Converse established a grant program open to faculty, staff and students to encourage cross-campus collaborations of creative teaching and learning. The program has awarded a total of 40 grants for a total of $106,000.

**One Day When I Am... Women on Aging**—an original and collaboratively-written performance that will tackle ideas ranging from beauty standards to inter-generational wisdom and humor that women experience at every age. (Melissa Walker and Chandra Owenby Hopkins)

**Good for You Converse!**—a collaboration with Spartanburg’s Partners for Active Living to promote total body well-being activities at Converse. (Sandy Gordin, Molly Duesterhaus, Tammy Stokes, Margaret Moore, Bill Delongis and Jasmine Middlebrooks)

**Miss Representation**—a film screening and discussion about representations of women, power and influence. (Tracy Ksiazak, Amy Cox, Melissa Walker and Suzanne Schuweiler)

**Thom Pain: based on nothing**—one-man show and discussion exploring the questions of life and life’s worth. (Boone Hopkins, Melissa Owens, Kelly Vaneman, Andrew Blanchard, John Bald and Marie LePage)

**Girls’ Day 2013**—a free, annual event where over 400 girls ages 5–12 attend fun activities on campus. (Joy Couch, Regina Schantz and Jennifer Keiner)

**The Second Converse Conference on Popular Culture**—the second interdisciplinary, scholarly conference on popular culture. (Amy Cox and Madelyn Young)

**Mystical Arts of Tibet**—eleven monks from the Tibetan Buddhist community will teach about their views on compassion and world peace. (Jason Loscuito and Richard Higgs)

The only criticism I heard of the week was people wanting more. So, in response to popular demand, Drs. Rose and Walker are planning another “Okra to Opera” in 2014 as part of the College’s 125th anniversary celebration.

The author is Director of Publications for Converse College.
I've always wanted to develop an interior design curriculum to comply with CIDA accreditation standards. When I joined the Converse faculty in 2008, I recognized that Converse had a very good interior design foundation. The dedicated professors, supportive administrators and quality students on this beautiful campus helped make this career goal a reality.

In July 2012, The Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) awarded a six-year accreditation to Converse praising the depth and breadth of our curriculum, specifically lighting design, sustainability, teamwork, multi-disciplinary collaborations, a global outlook and communication. Converse becomes one of only two accredited programs in South Carolina and 178 accredited programs worldwide.

Preparing for accreditation was a four-year process made possible by a generous donation of computers and classroom furnishings. The Betsy M. Campbell Foundation matched funds and in-kind gifts by alumnae Tracy Williamson Dart ’91, Jill Radford Ferrell ’86, Dorothy Newton King ’71, Ann Davidson Marion ’47, Susanne Jones Norwood ’94, Gaile L. Patrick ’91, Lorie and Don Secord, Kathy W. Underwood ’06, along with Campbell Meek & Associates Architects, Inc., Martha and Norman Chapman, Justin A. Converse, and Young Office who has employed many Converse interior design graduates.

Our accreditation team included myself and faculty members Frazer Pajak and Jane Hughes. We developed a demanding and continuous self-study that insured the interior design program improved each year by reviewing what we taught, how we taught it and the success of the students’ learning.

After this rigorous preparation, we were ready to be evaluated by CIDA. The students rallied and developed overview information to prepare for the evaluation. When the seniors presented their mid-semester capstone projects to CIDA, I was proud of the praise they received. The visiting team was clearly impressed and complimented our students on their professionalism.
The students were truly the stars during the accreditation visit. While only current classes participated in the meetings and presentations, the alumnae 2009, 2010 and 2011 were represented in the display of student work. Krista Williams ’10 and Francesca Mayer ’11, who now earned master’s degrees in sustainable interior design and are LEED green associates, helped demonstrate global awareness through their capstone projects based in Jamaica and Peru. Williams is now with Palmetto Interiors in Charleston and Mayer is an interior designer IBRID in Lima, Peru.

Hope Williams ’11, a designer for Alfred Williams in Greenville, SC and Amanda Ripley ’11, a graduate student at the Corcoran College of Art and Design in Washington, DC, had their woven textiles, hand-drawn perspectives, business plans and capstone projects of 27,000 square-foot interiors displayed. Ripley shipped several projects that she used for her application into graduate school for the display.

“The especially wanted my work with Hubbell Lighting to be included. We learned so much at their seminars,” said Ripley. Hubbell Lighting, headquartered in Greenville, SC, offers annual seminars at their Lighting Solutions Center educational facility for the students in our lighting course.

The CIDA team’s evaluation remarks about Converse were exemplary. One CIDA member stated that if he could tweet just one word to describe the students’ writing and speaking skills, it would be “wow.” Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Jeff Barker, reported that the accreditation team’s evaluation was “the best exit interview I’ve attended during my years at Converse.”

Notes of congratulations, including a message from Anna Beatriz Marengo ’12, currently in graduate school at The New York School of Interior Design: “The CIDA accreditation is one of the greatest honors an interior design program can receive. This prestige will forever impact my career as my Converse education will be recognized as a top quality interior design program.”

Ruth Beals is the Owens Associate Professor of Interior Design and is the coordinator of the Interior Design program.
We checked-in with four Converse students and asked how their year was going so far:

FRESHMAN  **Taylor Stevens ’16**  
HOMETOWN  Myrtle Beach, SC  
MAJOR  Undeclared

Freshman move-in day was great because the whole campus helped us. I barely had to carry anything! Unpacking was a little tougher trying to find a place for everything. It’s been exciting coming to Converse but definitely bittersweet. It’s difficult to be away from home.

I’ve enjoyed making my own schedule and developing my own routine. I love that I can just get up and walk to class so I’m actually getting more sleep than in high school!

I am undecided as far as major goes. I keep changing my mind! The professors and the Center for Student Development and Success have encouraged me to explore different options that fit my personality. I’m still trying to figure out my personal style and who I am.

The most memorable event of freshman year has to be Big Sis/Li’l Sis week. I’ve never felt so much love in one place before. I am part of a triplet (my Big has three Littles). Our Big is the BEST. She continues to check up on us even though the week is over and I didn’t expect that. I’ve since learned life-long friendships are formed through Bigs and Littles. I hope I come back to my ten-year reunion and have kept in touch with everyone!

SOPHOMORE **Kayla Duran ’15**  
HOMETOWN  Clover, SC  
MAJOR  Deaf Education

My sophomore year is a little more relaxed than my freshman year. I have learned that it’s okay to have nights where you don’t study. Freshman year I was always studying but this year I have been staying ahead so that I can plan some down time. I’ve learned that college is about knowing when to buckle down and focus on school but also making time for yourself to relax, have fun with friends and make new memories.

I have always wanted to be a teacher and I discovered an even greater passion for working with deaf children here at Converse. The College is located very close to the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind in Spartanburg so we have opportunities for practical experience. I contacted the athletic director at SCSDB letting her know my cheerleading background, major at Converse and my experience using American Sign Language. I offered to help coach the SCSDB cheerleaders. She was thrilled to have a college student come help the team. I have now choreographed two competition routines for the squad. We took 4th place last year at competitions and are pumped for this year!

Converse is helping me realize my career dream of teaching first grade at a public school or SCSDB and interpreting during the summers.
JUNIOR  Sarah Belue ’14  
HOMETOWN  Greer, SC  
MAJOR  Economics, minor in History

The juniors have been so excited this year to become Big Sisters, to continue this Converse tradition and welcome the next class of students. I can’t think of anything to compare to the anticipation because it was just that exciting.

My best advice to my three Littles is what I have learned the most about myself at Converse. As a freshman, I tried to be the perfect “Connie Converse” but I soon realized that Connie Converse is not an individual student. She is the combination of all Converse women: a brilliant student, a determined leader and a compassionate volunteer. We all join together to create this image. I am still figuring out who I am in that mix. It’s a journey in progress!

I have lived both on and now off-campus. As a PEAS (Peers Enhancing Academic Success), I co-founded a commuting student PEAS program to address the different needs and college experience of commuting students.

I also work outside of Converse for the City of Greer Parks and Recreation Department. It has been a great compliment to my education. I am able to transfer my skills between work, economics classes and PEAS. My work and my heart are deeply invested in my hometown. I love my job because it provides me with an opportunity to be involved in my community.

SENIOR  Paris McAllister ’13  
HOMETOWN  Atlanta, GA  
MAJOR  Biochemistry, minor in Philosophy

College will be over soon. It is going to be weird not to be around the friends that I have been living with for four years. This year, I live in the new senior apartments and it’s been a great way to transition from college housing to having a real apartment. This year is also a bit stressful. We all wonder where we will end up after this year.

My friends have been with me through papers, exams, heartaches, tears, laughs—anything you can name. We call our group of 15 “The Gregarious Gracies” and met at a leadership retreat our freshman year. We are all different and have come to Converse from all over the world!

The Gracies rallied around me junior year when I organized “A Ceremony of Stereotypes” a tribute/awareness event for the death of Trayvon Martin. The sisterhood of my friends helping me with that event will be my most cherished memory of Converse.

Through my broad involvement in leadership opportunities at Converse, I’ve discovered a love for volunteer work and will have completed over 1000 volunteer hours by graduation. As a Bonner Leader, I have been to Maui, HA and Gulfport, MS with Habitat for Humanity. These trips have helped me realize I want to be a humanitarian first and a physician second. My goal is to open up clinics in third world countries and specialize in working with children with cleft lip and palate.
**The Welcoming House:**
*The Art of Living Graciously*

by Jane Boatwright Schwab ’77 and Cindy Smith

Ever wonder when you walk into a particular home or room why you feel immediately comfortable? Interior design masters, Jane Schwab and Cindy Smith obviously know the secret and are graciously (as the title implies) sharing that secret in their new book. Each page of the book beckons with luxurious photographs inviting you to come in and stay awhile. The artful interiors of Schwab and Smith carry their signature restful palette and timeless, elegant but eclectic approach to fluent Southern hospitality and family living. The authors generously share their vision and process for eight homes, combining lessons learned from their acclaimed stores and decorating firm, Circa Interiors, with the functional, adaptable needs of each space.

*The Welcoming House* is a dreamscape of comfortable living with a seat at the table for every reader. Acclaimed interior designer, Bunny Williams, said of the book in her foreword that it is “... a book to treasure, to make notes from, and to be inspired by.”

Learn more at Reunion Weekend when the authors will sign copies and give a presentation. See Converse.edu/reunion for more information.

Attend a book tour event near you. See the tour schedule at circainteriors.com.

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**In the Garden of Stone**

by Susan Tekulve, PhD, Associate Professor of English

Set in the coal country valleys and mountains of Virginia and West Virginia, *In the Garden of Stone* is a multi-generational tale about the nature of power and pride, love and loss, and how one family endures estrangement from their land and each other in order to unearth the rich seams of forgiveness.

*In the Garden of Stone*, will be published by Hub City Press of Spartanburg and debut at the South Carolina Book Festival in May 2013 as the winner of the South Carolina Arts Commission 2012 South Carolina First Novel Competition.

“There’s a remarkable sensitivity to the mystery of how place affects human souls, and descriptions of the land are masterful, always interesting and never overdone, integrated seamlessly into the narrative,” said competition judge and novelist Josephine Humphreys. “This is a writer who definitely has what it takes to continue on to more books and make a real contribution to Southern literature.”


For more information and to order the book, visit hubcity.org.
The Naughty Grandmother
by Judy Fessey Bradley '64

“My love for writing came from my time at Converse,” says alumnae Judy Fessey Bradley. “I wrote many short stories while I was there and published several in The Conversationalist. Converse refined my writing talent. I have a poem that I wrote when I was 20 years old and a student at Converse. I can still say that it’s the best poem I’ve ever written!”

The Naughty Grandmother is the charming story of Naughty Nana, a grandmother full of fun and mischief when it comes to spending time with her grandchildren. Bradley has enjoyed fun feedback from writing the book. “A friend told me she’d always been the stiffest grandmother in the world until she read my book. Then she realized that she could have all the fun with her grandchildren and their parents could be the strict ones!”

100% of the book profits benefit the Children’s Hospital at Memorial University Medical Center, Savannah, GA. Proceeds have already provided five portable “media centers” for children who can’t get out of bed. Proceeds have also helped fund “digital clouds” on the hallway ceilings so that children have something happy and calming to look at as they are being moved to surgery.

The book is available online at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com

Camp and combat on the Sinai and Palestine Front
by Edward C. Woodfin, PhD, Associate Professor of History

Dr. Woodfin describes his book as being about regular people in World War I and what their lives were like on the Sinai and Palestine Front—a part of World War I that most people don’t know about, even though hundreds of thousands of British Empire soldiers fought there. “It was one of the biggest wars in the history of the Middle East,” says Woodfin. “But it’s been completely overshadowed by the Western Front.”

Although an academic book, it’s well suited for the general reader. It’s a book of basic human stories amidst thirst and heat and flies and fighting and terror and loss. It illuminates the hardships, variety and complexity of the soldier’s experience in this oft-forgotten but important campaign and explains the causes behind the many faces of this war.

Research for the book took Dr. Woodfin around the world, starting in Britain, then west to Australia and New Zealand (where he spent a year on a Fulbright Post-Graduate Fellowship). Dr. Woodfin then travelled westward again visiting the Sinai in Egypt and doing more research in Scotland. He worked in 16 different archives, reading letters and diaries from hundreds of British Empire soldiers (from England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand).

Browse inside this book at palgrave.com.

The Battles of Kings Mountain and Cowpens: The American Revolution in the Southern Backcountry
by Melissa A. Walker, PhD, George Dean Johnson, Jr. Professor of History

On the 232nd anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens, surrounded by a living history encampment and firing demonstrations, Dr. Melissa Walker read from her latest publication The Battles of Kings Mountain and Cowpens: The American Revolution in the Southern Backcountry. Her audience was a mix of area locals, students, history scholars, Revolutionary War faithfuls, and the simply curious who gathered to hear an important new perspective on the role of the South in the resolution of the fighting. The American South is so identified with the Civil War that people often forget that the key battles from the final years of the American Revolution were fought in Southern states. With careful attention to political, social, and military history, Dr. Walker’s book concentrates on the communities and events not typically covered in books on the Revolutionary War.

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Carlos DuPré Moseley

Carlos DuPré Moseley took piano lessons at Converse as a child. It was at Converse where he heard his first symphony orchestra, his first Verdi Requiem, and his first organ toccata. He often said Converse introduced him to the world of music and instilled in him a passion for music. This passion inspired a celebrated 30-year career as managing director, president and chairman of the board of the New York Philharmonic. Highlights of his career included moving the Philharmonic from Carnegie Hall to the new Lincoln Center in 1962, and overseeing the reconstruction of its home there, Avery Fisher Hall and initiating New York City’s free Concerts in the Park series in 1965. Moseley was named an Honorary Member of The Philharmonic-Symphony Society of New York, Inc. in 2001.
Moseley was instrumental in founding Converse’s Friends of the School of Music Chamber Music Series in 1983 to bring internationally renowned musicians such as Yo Yo Ma, Charles Wadsworth and Marilyn Horne to the College.

In 1970, Converse awarded Moseley an honorary doctorate at the dedication ceremony for Blackman Music Building. After serving on the Converse College Board of Trustees from 1981–1995, Moseley became a Life Trustee. He helped secure support for Converse from numerous foundations, and his personal gifts have impacted the Converse Annual Fund, Mickel Library, Friends of the Petrie School of Music, and the Lawson Academy of the Arts.

In 2004, Converse presented him with the Dexter Edgar Converse Award, the College’s highest honor, and renamed the Friends of the Petrie School of Music Chamber Music Series in his honor. The series celebrates its 30th anniversary season this year. For more information, see converse.edu/moseleyseries.

“He could take an artist, a piece of music, an audience and a starry sky and create a night of magic.”

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There are thousands of educators who hold a Converse College graduate degree and, conceivably, twice as many stories about their remarkable contributions. This is the story about one such teacher, who made it her mission to give children, without a chance, every hope in the world.

In 1980, Phyllis Horne Crain received a Master of Education degree from Converse. She earned a doctorate from the University of South Carolina and quickly went on to become the first female superintendent of schools in North Carolina’s Avery County. In that role, she constructed two new schools, raised funds and completed design work for a third. She reduced by 50 percent the number of children reading below grade level through innovative tutorial programs and doubled the number of graduating seniors entering college. In a career move that would envelop every aspect of her life, Dr. Crain and her family moved to Crossnore, NC in 1999, where she assumed the position of associate director, and later executive director of the Crossnore School.

What she found in that tiny pocket of the world were some of the poorest children in the country. Determined to do for them what others had not, Phyllis Crain and her colleagues paved the way for Crossnore Academy, a residential school for students in grades K-12. Despite an 11-year battle with breast cancer, Phyllis Crain was an indomitable cheerleader for the children of Crossnore. Beyond raising money for bricks and mortar for classrooms and cottages to house the students, Dr. Crain was intent on growing the school’s particular blend of healing care and experiential learning. She made sure the kids of Crossnore had bikes and bird feeders, dogs and cats—the simple things that mean everything in growing up. “Her guiding principle,” said her husband Keith, “was that education was the means to level the playing field and help children rise above their impoverished circumstances.”

Phyllis Horne Crain’s personal memoir, I Choose Life, was published this fall by Crossnore.

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Thank you
See more photos from the concert, including B.o.B. performing in his Converse t-shirt!
converse.edu/gallery/bob-spring-concert
Atlanta, GA native, pop rapper and genre-bending artist B.o.B. (center) headlined the 2012 Spring Concert. B.o.B. treated the audience to performances on multiple instruments, weaving messages of creativity and empowerment through his music.

"I just want to show people that there are endless possibilities of what you can do," he says. "You can be anything you want to be and whatever you do, just love it and it will show."

This year's Spring Concert will take place during Reunion Weekend on Saturday, April 13, 2013. Buy tickets now for platinum-selling singer/songwriter Edwin McCain and opening act the Blue Dogs at converse.edu/reunion.
Betsy, what one thing do you find surprises alumnae most about Converse today?

That’s a great question, Elisabeth. I would be hard pressed to say that there’s just one thing that surprises Converse alumnae about their alma mater today. It’s more akin to observations that are tied to two things: 1) the aspirations, accomplishments and activated voices of our current students; and 2) the beauty and evolution of the Converse campus.

At such special events that draw alumnae back to campus, they seem to find boldness and inspiration in this current generation of Converse students. There’s certainly widespread recognition that the face of the College is changing, that every decade brings new fashions, trends and diversity. But, more importantly, our alumnae are blown away by the Converse students of today—what they want to do in the world and how they plan to make those dreams happen. They also see that those students love Converse for her sisterhood and the relationships with faculty, staff and peers—the same reasons why the alumnae so cherish their Converse.

As for the beauty of the campus, there has been very conscientious attention paid to enhancing this gorgeous physical plant. I welcome the “oohs and aahs” about our new apartment housing The Heath, the technology-savvy renovations of Kuhn Hall, and the plans for renewing Pell and Dexter Halls and for building the new Marsha H. Gibbs Field House. As Board Chair Betsy Crane Griffith ’72 often says, “if you haven’t been here in a while, you need to come home to Converse.”

Alumnae hear lots of buzz about online learning at colleges across the nation and about Converse’s new online degree programs. How does this changing landscape impact Converse?

The online platform is truly revolutionizing teaching and learning. It provides entrée to anyone with a computer, internet access and the strong drive to learn. Converse wants to be a part of this transformation.

We’ve been working in partnership with SC-ETV for a number of years now to provide online professional development programs for educators. So, our experience in this “new” modality enabled us to develop and launch first-rate online
graduate degree programs in February 2012. These have been enthusiastically welcomed by professionals in the field. In addition, since summer 2010 we have been offering summer online undergraduate courses in the liberal arts as a means of introducing faculty to the online environment and fine-tuning pedagogy. Ultimately, Converse is distinguished by the personalized education and mentoring provided to both undergraduate and graduate students—and our online students indicate that this distinction has been striking in their experiences. These strategies lead to strong outcomes. We will always remain committed to those approaches, thus to traditional classroom teaching in addition to developing a selection of learning opportunities through other modes of delivery.

We are expanding our efforts, developing additional courses and degree programs to further meet the needs of our post-traditional (adult) students and to ensure our undergraduate students know how to maximize technology in their research and learning. I expect that a growing number of adults interested in higher education degrees, including alumni, their friends and associates, key constituents and members of the Spartanburg community will look to Converse for online learning opportunities. We must: for as Margaret Mead noted “We are now at a point where we must educate our children in what no one knew yesterday, and prepare our schools for what no one knows yet.”

“**We are NOW at a point where we must educate our children in what no one knew yesterday, and prepare our schools for what no one knows yet.”**

Margaret Mead

**What do you do for fun and relaxation?**

Hmmm, I have lots of interests—most are about satiating my curiosity and love of learning! I read, power walk, practice yoga and bike. I enjoy music and art of all kinds and seek out museums whenever I travel. My siblings are all foodies. So
I've picked up a passion for good food and cool restaurants. My schedule for Converse keeps me running, but when I do vacation—it usually involves exploration, exercise and sleep! Cycling, scuba diving, snow skiing and hanging out at the beach with my family are my most preferred activities.

If you could invite one WOMAN in history to join CONVERSE students for dinner in Gee, who would it be?

Martha Graham! My mother took me to see the Martha Graham Dance Company when I was very young. That performance is vividly etched in my memory. It was the first time I saw modern dance and relished the dancer's grace and fluidity, strength and vulnerability. As I mature, the more I appreciate Martha Graham's story—how her passion for a new kind of dance transformed the role of art in the United States.

But, do I have to limit my answer to just one woman?

Well then, in light of this year's SGA theme Embrace the Revolution and my own appreciation for bold, creative, courageous trailblazers, I would also ask Helen Frankenthaler for boundary-breaking abstract art-making in a field dominated by men. I'd invite Elizabeth I. She inherited a mess left by the void of her father's reign and transformed England into a global power. How about Marian Anderson, whose bronze likeness stands outside of Twichell Auditorium. She had such a stunning voice and used her talent to advance appreciation for African American performers and advocate for civil rights. I would add, Gloria Steinem, for her ability to amplify action around social justice; Hillary Clinton, as a product of a women's college and the consummate champion for women worldwide; Martina Navratilova, for her spirit of determination; and Sandra Day O'Connor for her courage in being the first female on our nation's highest court. After reading the briefing about Executive Chef Doug Allen on page 8, I'm sure our conversation and our meal would be amazing!

President Fleming's dream dinner in Gee would include (clockwise from top) Martha Graham, Helen Frankenthaler, Elizabeth I, Marian Anderson, Gloria Steinem, Hillary Clinton, Martina Navratilova and Sandra Day O'Connor.

What do you see as Converse's greatest challenge in evolving to meet the needs of today's students?

I see three:
1) access and affordability for those students who would most benefit from a Converse education
2) exceptional outcomes, including the continuous improvement of our already-strong 4-year graduation rates as well as job and graduate school placements
3) real relevance in the face of the dramatic changes that are taking place in higher education and the ever-changing demands of students, professions and workplaces.

The kind of institution that will thrive in this world of global connectivity must be nimble and responsive to weather the volatility in the marketplace. Fortunately, Converse has a long and proud history of innovation and adaptability. We must now adopt an entrepreneurial spirit to actively enhance and adjust the best of Converse for our success in the future.

To submit questions for the next issue's Q and A between President Fleming and the new Alumnae Association President, Amy Tibbals Morales '86, please email Carrie Coleman, Director of Alumnae and Donor Relations at carrie.coleman@converse.edu.

Betsy, we've heard you are a collector of fine shoes. Which pair of your shoes has gotten the most attention from Converse students?

Yes, I am a shoe junkie! I'm not sure that there is one pair of shoes that the students like best, but they do love to take notice. And, I enjoy that. However, I did NOT wear my best shoes to run in the High-Heel Hundred race!

Guess who's coming to dinner . . .
Elisabeth Kinney McNiel '89 is a doer with a driving ambition to make inroads as the president of the Converse College Alumnae Association. If you ask her family about her two year tenure on the job, they’ll tell you that she has been doing the driving alright, and burning up the roads between Bennettsville and Spartanburg!

Hardly daunted by the three-hour trek (each way), Elisabeth’s been making the trip between the two towns for more than 20 years, so coming back to campus, she says, is coming home. A 1989 Converse alumna, who was born and raised in Bennettsville, SC, Elisabeth comes from a Wofford-Converse family. “All the males in my father’s family attended Wofford, and all of the female members, dating back to 1896, attended Converse. Because it was such a transformative experience for my relatives, I was sure it would be for me, as well.”

Now at the helm of the Kinney family business, Elisabeth is the comptroller for the Marlboro Herald-Advocate, the local newspaper in Bennettsville since 1931. “I majored in Business at Converse, prepared to go home and work alongside my father. Converse confirmed my leadership skills, and provided me with tremendous opportunities to serve. It was at Converse that I was able to fully identify who I was and who I wanted to be.”

Elisabeth McNiel now sees herself as a walking advocate for her alma mater and a working ambassador for its future. “As Converse approaches its 125th anniversary in 2014, it’s important to me that our alumnae are actively engaged in this enterprise in such a way that we maintain the Founder’s Ideal for another 125 years. Converse women are educated in such a manner that they are able to go out and change the world. It’s amazing to me that, on one city block, we do that.”

“We’ve done a good bit of work to align the mission of the Alumnae Board with the mission of the College,” says Elisabeth. “We’ve promoted alumnae networking and greater engagement with our graduates.” The President and the Board of Trustees have responded to the growing energy and excitement among alumnae. Elisabeth notes that keeping up the momentum is critical. “Converse is doing great things and her graduates need to be a part of it all. So many people look at Converse and think it’s a small college. We’re not small at all when you consider the success of Converse women, at all different levels, across the nation and around the world.”

In April of 2013, Elisabeth will pass the President’s gavel to Amy Tibbals Morales ’86.

Sally Jeter Hammond ’81 is Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing.
The Mae Elizabeth Kilgo Spirit of Converse Award is given to an alumna who, by her constant and loyal service to Converse College, has kept the College visible to other alumnae and her community.

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The Distinguished Alumna Award is given to those alumnae who merit special recognition for their loyalty to Converse, outstanding achievement in their fields, and service to their communities.

The Young Alumna Award is given to an alumna (within 15 years of graduation) who embodies the qualities of character and achievement that Converse alumnae hold as their ideal.

The Star Award is given in recognition of an alumna who actively and admirably serves Converse in the area of student recruitment.

The Converse 100 Award, first presented during the College’s Centennial Celebration, is given to an alumna who clearly embodies the qualities of character and achievement that Converse alumnae hold as their ideal.
2013–2014
Alumnae Association Board Slate

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1950’S DECADE REPRESENTATIVES
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EMILY KERR Stay ’63, Novelty, OH
Planning a Gift to Converse

by Dianne Ansley

Bequest

One of the simplest—and most overlooked—ways to make sure your legacy to Converse lives on after your death is a bequest to the College, typically made through a will or trust. You can change the provisions in your will or revocable trust, including how much to donate and to whom, any time before your death, giving you maximum flexibility. Mary Lib Spillers Hamilton ’57 is making a bequest to her alma mater in her will. “My four years at Converse—the education I received, the friends I made and the fun I had—meant so much to me that I wanted to give back so that other young women could have as good of an association with the College as I have had.”

Charitable lead trust

Commander Edwin Malloy, Jr. (1917-2005) served on Converse College’s planned giving advisory committee during the 1970s. His family ties to Converse include his mother, Margaret Adger Manning Malloy, Class of 1907, and his grandfather, William Sinkler Manning, one of Converse College’s founders.

Commander Malloy provided for Converse and surviving family members through a testamentary charitable lead annuity trust. During the fifteen-year term of the trust, the College receives a fixed percentage of the trust’s initial value. At the end of fifteen years, the remaining assets, including any appreciation in the assets, pass to designated heirs. Because the heirs will not receive their gift for fifteen years, the taxable value of that gift is reduced in his estate and the already reduced taxable value of the gift is further offset by a deduction for the present value of the payments being made to the College. In honor of the Malloy and Manning families’ connections to Converse, the distributions received by the College from the trust are added to the Malloy Family Endowed Scholarship to support generations of Converse students.

Retirement-plan assets

When Dr. Jeff Willis, Andrew Helmus Distinguished Professor Emeritus, was approaching retirement from the classroom and considering beneficiaries of his estate, Converse College was high on his list of philanthropic interests. “I have been at Converse for a major portion of my life, enjoying teaching and my association with students, alumnae and faculty colleagues. I have an enormous loyalty to and affection for Converse and want to help attract students of the highest academic standards to the College.”

Dr. Willis chose to name Converse a beneficiary of his retirement-plan assets. Neither he nor his estate will owe income taxes on the amount designated for Converse. Because the College does not pay income taxes on contributions, the distribution will avoid being taxed as income. The full amount of the distribution will be used to establish the Jeffrey R. Willis Endowed Scholarship.

Life insurance

President Betsy Fleming’s love of Converse began long before she became the College’s ninth president in 2005. She spent many hours dancing in Montgomery and Twichell as a student of our pre-college program. Her mother, Lib Burnett Fleming ’65, also instilled in President Fleming appreciation for the broad community benefit of the education and advancement of women and particularly the role that her alma mater played in providing women such access. Believing in the future of Converse, President Fleming designated the College as a life insurance beneficiary. “It was incredibly easy to make such a gift of lasting benefit,” she says. “I signed the beneficiary designation form naming Converse College as beneficiary and filed the signed form with the insurance company. At my death, Converse will submit a claim with the insurance company and receive the proceeds of the policy.”

For more information on making a planned gift, contact Dianne Ansley, Director of Gift Planning at dianne.ansley@converse.edu or 864.577.2088.

Edwin Malloy, Jr.
Your Class Notes

Send your news to the Class Representative(s) listed with your class. If your class has no representative listed, send news to:

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Or, visit us on Facebook—Converse College Alumnae Association

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Class Representatives are volunteers elected by their class and are responsible for the accuracy of their class notes.

Many classes have established class year Facebook pages. Look for the Facebook icon by your class year.

1930
IN MEMORIAM
LALLAGE BLANTON Jones,
July 28, 2012

1931
IN MEMORIAM
HARRIET BREEDEN Fairfield,
August 15, 2011

1934
IN MEMORIAM
ELIZABETH BURKE Jennings,
October 9, 2012
EVELYN ADAMS Corell,
December 22, 2012

1935
IN MEMORIAM
BESSIE MCCRARY Bowie,
March 23, 2012
ALICE FRANCES “DAUGHTY” MCKELLAR Lawrence Granade,
January 21, 2013

1936
IN MEMORIAM
BLANCHE CULVERN Sullivan,
June 29, 2012
FRANCES FIELDS Holliday,
July 15, 2012
ALENE RUDISILL Martin,
June 25, 2012

SYMPATHY
LOUISA LANHAM Spell ’37,
August 2, 2012, sister of MARGARET M. LANHAM

1937
IN MEMORIAM
SUSAN GIBBES Woodward Robinson,
March 17, 2012
KATHERINE “BECKY” GUTHMEY Swann,
November 19, 2012
LOUISE JORDAN Earle,
June 21, 2012
LOUISA LANHAM Spell,
August 2, 2012
MARY HIPP WILLSON McCutchen,
May 7, 2012

1938
IN MEMORIAM
MILDRED ELLIOTT Berl,
January 5, 2012
BERTHA EZELL McArthur,
May 14, 2010
NANCY HART Gilliam,
April 30, 2012
LOUISA LYLES Searson,
August 20, 2012
KATRINA MCCALL Flowers,
March 10, 2012
ROSALIE RICHARDSON Johnson,
September 22, 2011

1939
IN MEMORIAM
FRANCES BURTON Horner Powers,
July 31, 2012
ADELA HOLMES Stoney,
February 11, 2012
ETHEL MCLAURIN Rogers,
September 13, 2011

SYMPATHY
Louise Jordan Earle ’37, June 21, 2012, sister of SALLY JORDAN Meriwether

1940
IN MEMORIAM
FLORENCE ARMOUR Claytor,
December 13, 2012
GENE BOYLE Brading,
April 6, 2012
DOROTHY HOLLAND Snyder,
October 17, 2012
JEAN CECIL McAdams,
August 1, 2012
JEANNETTE PROPST Ellison,
July 18, 2012

1941
IN MEMORIAM
GERTRUDE BULL Terrell,
December 7, 2012
MARGARET BURGWYN Cooley,
December 27, 2012
BERTE DEAN CARTER Howell,
April 2012
MARIE OSTEEN Robinson,
March 14, 2012
JEAN SIMPSON Sharp,
July 5, 2012

1942
IN MEMORIAM
ELLEN BELL Lane,
August 4, 2012
LIL BOULWARE Jordan,
June 5, 2012
MARGARET CASTLEMAN Manley,
December 6, 2012
ANNE CRADDICK Hammerstrom,
April 4, 2012
FRANCES EDWARDS Hughes,
May 28, 2012
FLORIDE MCBEE Barksdale,
September 1, 2012
ELIZABETH NEWTON Lott,
September 8, 2012
PATTY TRIPP Planck,
October 27, 2012

1943
CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
Barbara Brown Lee
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IN MEMORIAM
MARTHA EFIRD Edwards,
September 10, 2012
DOROTHY FRANCE Newcomer,
December 8, 2012
ORA GIBSON League,
February 29, 2012
ELEANOR TOOLE Going,
January 18, 2013
SAMMY WORLEY Longino,
August 4, 2012

SYMPATHY
Mary Ellen Suit, January 19, 2013, sister of SARAH SUITT Miller

1944
IN MEMORIAM
NANCY CROSSWELL Houser,
November 8, 2010
BETTY JANE EVERETT Moore,
October 26, 2012
LUCILLE HOLLAND Latimer,
March 19, 2011
VIRGINIA MANNING Moses,
June 7, 2012
MARY KENT SEIGNIOUS Kelley Freeman, August 26, 2012

SYMPATHY
Myers Hampton Hicks, November 2012, husband of EDITH MCEACHERN Hicks
IN MEMORIAM
MARGARET FULTON Walker, October 4, 2012
MADGE GRAYDON Major, September 30, 2012
FRANCES MARSHALL Christian, July 29, 2011

SYMPATHY
Louisa Lylesearson’38, August 20, 2012, sister of SUSANNE LYLES Reaves

IN MEMORIAM
1945
HELEN BLOUNT Collins, September 20, 2012
ELIZABETH CLEVELAND Watson, July 22, 2012
JOHNIE DOYLE Hale, November 22, 2012
ANN MCCANDLISH Carroll, May 28, 2012
JOAN SCHLAUDT Wheeler, September 14, 2012
ANNE SHEPHERD McKee, January 24, 2012

IN MEMORIAM
1946
FRANCES MARSHALL
MADGE GRAYDON Major
DOROTHY COX

SYMPATHY
Robert Glenmore Sharp, January 26, 2013, husband of MAY BYNUM Sharp
Rufus Roberts Hambright, February 22, 2012, husband of JEAN LOVE Hambright
SYLVIA MAKEPEACE Craven ’51, June 7, 2012, sister of NANCY MAKEPEACE Paty

IN MEMORIAM
1947
ELIZABETH ANDERSON Scudder, June 19, 2012
BETTY MURPHY Gudmundson, December 12, 2012

IN MEMORIAM
1948
65th Reunion: April 12–13, 2013

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CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
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IN MEMORIAM
DOROTHY COX Holmes, August 28, 2012
MARY NETTLES Lentz, January 10, 2013
ELINOR RAGSDALE Wylie, October 5, 2012

SYMPATHY
J. Givens Young, March 26, 2012, brother of MARY YOUNG Cousar
Frank A. Lyles, November 21, 2012, husband of FLORINE FRANCE Lyles

IN MEMORIAM
1949
HELEN BLOUNT Collins, September 20, 2012
ELIZABETH CLEVELAND Watson, July 22, 2012
JOHNIE DOYLE Hale, November 22, 2012
ANN MCCANDLISH Carroll, May 28, 2012
JOAN SCHLAUDT Wheeler, September 14, 2012
ANNE SHEPHERD McKee, January 24, 2012

IN MEMORIAM
1950
ANNE DOAR Stowe, August 24, 2012
FRANCES EASLER Moore, September 18, 2012
KATHRYN MAREE MCCURRY, September 25, 2012

SYMPATHY
Walter David Bryant, June 27, 2012, husband of BLANCHE HARRISON Bryant

IN MEMORIAM
1951
DOROTHY COGGIN Shamburger, May 15, 2012
ADRIENNE DAVANT Crawford, August 14, 2012
SYLVIA MAKEPEACE Craven, June 7, 2012

CAROLYN “SISIE” SNOW McAlister was inducted into the National Shaggers Association in November 2012.

IN MEMORIAM
1952
DORIS KIMBRELL Wilson, May 10, 2012
VIRGINIA VANCLEVE Cassell, January 17, 2012

IN MEMORIAM
1953
60th Reunion: April 12–13, 2013

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
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Spartanburg, SC 29302
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CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
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Peggie Price Walter
616 Wotan Road
Columbia, SC 29229-3350
803.419.0986

SYMPATHY
Earl Hackney Russell, Jr., May 6, 2012, husband of MARY AIKEN Russell
KELLY JANE FELMET Long ‘91
MED, March 10, 2012, daughter of JANE BOLDING Crook

CAROLYN BYERS Brockwell
continues to sub as church
organist and/or choir director. Founder’s Day 2012 at Converse was a gala event with great alumnae speakers followed by lunch on the lawn. A special event of the afternoon was hearing Joyce Carol Oates speak about her career as an author and hosting a book signing. BETTIE JANE WOODWARD Grant reports on a delightful summer visit with ANNE GIGNILLIAT Clark at her home on the Isle of Palms. They had a lunch visit one day with MARGARET RICHARDS Breeden (Mopey) in Charleston, SC. The three of them were Dexter residents as freshmen. ANN HUGHES Karegeannes enjoyed a visit with TOLLY GILMER Shelton and her husband Barrett during the Thousand Thanks celebration in September 2012 at Converse. They had been traveling on the east coast and had visited ELLEN MCLAUGHLIN Rose at her home in Westport, CT, prior to coming to Converse. A great collage of family photos arrived just before Christmas in Ann’s mailbox from SUNSHINE CONNOR Norwood. There were great photos of her extended family including two of Sunshine in Maastricht, Austria, and Barcelona, Spain. PEGILIE PRICE Walter’s Christmas with her family was a series of visits by children and grandchildren at their house in Columbia, SC, over several days.

1957

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES
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IN MEMORIAM
ANN BAUM Cary, March 11, 2012
TAPP LATTA Hancock, March 18, 2012
NANCY MOORE Plonk, December 13, 2011

SYMPATHY
Harry Shingler Shuler, Jr., May 14, 2012, brother of CELIA SHULER Ulmer

We celebrated our 50th reunion with great enthusiasm at our class dinner at the Piedmont Club. On hand were CAROLYN FULMER Alexander, HARRIET MAHAFFY Butler, JANE POWELL Crowder, SARA HAYNIE Font, MARY LIB SPILLERS Hamilton, JANE GAULT Johnson, JULIE HENDERSON Oates (with husband Monty), MARGUERITE GIGNILLIAT Old, PEGGY BRADY Thrailkill and AGNES WALLACE Williams (with husband Jim). MARY JO MILLWOOD Nicholson attended the morning events. Honors received at the Alumnae Awards Luncheon included “It’s a Class Act” award for the class with the highest percentage of classmatres contributing to the Converse Annual Fund. Our class also won this award at our 50th class reunion! Carolyn played dual pianos at the Alumnae Recital with her long-time Converse music teacher Joy Nanney Finch ’77. Mary Lib and Agnes currently serve on the Alumnae Board as Golden Club Representative and 1950s Decade Representative respectfully. Prior to our reunion dinner, classmates traded family news and reminisced about the “olden days” over cocktails hosted by Marguerite. Of course, it was decided, as so well put by Jane Crowder, that we still are “by heaven, the best that will ever be.” Agnes was a past moderator of the Foot Hills Presbytery in Greenville, SC and also named one of the “Women Making History” in Greenville. Congratulations to PATTI MOORE McGee who was named a 2012 Honorary Member by the Garden Club of America. Congratulations to Carolyn Alexander on the birth of her grandson, Clifford Sidney Halstead, Jr., born August 15. JOAN BARBER Falkner’s grandson, Joseph is an entrepreneur, starting his own business, “Carolina Pines,” selling 100% cotton, handmade bow ties all over NC. After open-heart surgery, involving five arteries, MARGARET DICK Wyman is back on the golf course and learning the “new” bridge rules with Ann Carol Price ’61.

1958

55th Reunion: April 12–13, 2013

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES
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IN MEMORIAM
MARY BELSER Arnott, May 13, 2012

SYMPATHY
Jack Smyser Folline, March 23, 2012, husband of ELAINE FINKLEA Folline
Fred Hollis Reardon, August 28, 2012, husband of SALLY HICKS Reardon

KATHERINE RYAN Stribling walks with BETTY ANNE NELSON Richardson, when Katherine and husband Cherry are in Columbia, SC, Betty Anne’s daughters Anne Richardson Seabrook ’82 and Deans Richards Fawcett ’85 have both been very attentive to Betty Anne since Don’s death followed by a health concern. ANN WARD Houck has their house for sale in Florence, SC; she and Billy have renovated the beach house, even with an elevator! DAISY BARRON Leland had emergency surgery on March 19 and spent 16 days in the hospital. She received lots of TLC from her surgeon, family, nurses, church friends and her Ashley Hall, Columbia and Converse friends. One visitor was preacher Dagnell Free, who is the son-in-law of Sallie Murphy McCutchen ’59. Dagnell is married to Sallie McCutchen Free ’87. Mother Sallie and Daisy have something in common which they wish they didn’t have. They both have bronchiectasis, which is a chronic lung disease. ANNE FERGUSON Caughman (Ferg) joined Daisy’s family for Christmas Dinner at the home of Daisy’s daughter Libby Leland Puckette ’86. ELAINE FINKLEA Folline’s two daughters Lanie Folline Epping ’81 and Emily Folline Mikell ’84 are now running the family optical business. FRANCES SHINGER HASILL LaBorde’s granddaughter made her debut in Columbia, SC during December. Shinger and another grandmother gave a luncheon for both granddaughters at the Palmetto Club. Attending the luncheon were Elaine Folline, Betty Anne Richardson, and Margaret Dick Wyman ’57. ALICE HOWARD McClure took her family to Clemson last year so they could rub Howard’s Rock and run down the hill. A friend was able to open the stadium to make this happen and brought along the Clemson Tiger mascot. CAROLINE TAYLOR Reddick is still playing the organ at the First United Methodist Church in Lake Wales, FL. Caroline also plays tennis each day. MARY JANE MAY Woodward had her second knee replaced. Mary Jane also saw GENE GOLEY Pruitt earlier and Gene looks almost exactly like she did at Converse!
1959

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
Harriet “Sister” Marshall Goode
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IN MEMORIAM
ANN LEDBETTER Chamblee,
September 21, 2012
BARBARA SHORE Hudgens,
September 20, 2012

SYMPATHY
Julia Dargan Bradshaw ’88,
February 28, 2012, daughter of
JULIA BREWER Bradshaw
Joseph Beaman Brewer, Jr.,
December 17, 2012, brother of
JULIA BREWER Bradshaw
J. Gary Maynard, Jr., May 8, 2012,
husband of ROSANN FERGUSON Hooks

ROSA NN FERGUSON Hooks reports that her trip to China
was an eye-opening experience
where she did the customary
touristy things, and ate pig’s
ear on her birthday! Her trip in September to Sweden, Norway
and Estonia was great. Rosann
got to San Diego in October with
her daughter and her family
here to help celebrate the 50th
birthday of her other daughter
who lives in South Dakota. GAYLE
NEWCOMB takes weekly piano
lessons, and meets monthly with
“The Music Café.” She’s currently
playing pieces by Scarlatti and
Diabelli. Gayle’s paintings are
included in a gallery exhibition,
but she said painting is taking a
back seat right now while she’s
involved with a design project on
her property. SALLIE MURPHEY
McCutch en reports things are
going well in Columbia, SC, and
husband Ted is steadily getting
better. ANGELA MCKINNON
Hammond has had her kitchen
remodeled, which she said was
a long and arduous project, but
the result was well worth the
effort. JANE TORKINGTON White
enjoys traveling to see friends even
though she’s still recovering from
serious illness. JAYNE CALLAHAM
Burton reports that husband Tom,
is recovering nicely, almost back to
full strength. MARIGENE PLAYER
Simmons and TAG SIDDALL
Johnson got together at DeBordieu
in the spring. MARGARET (PEACY)
CAMPBELL MacDonald is the
incoming board chairman of Trident Academy, Charleston,
SC. CAROLYN SWAIN Rice and
husband George went to Trinidad
for their grandson’s wedding!
DAWN HILL Elliott and her
husband Don have a collection of
August Cook paintings, including
a portrait of Dawn that Mr. Cook
painted when she sat for the art
studio. SISTER GOODE is still
painting and very pleased to have
had a solo show in the Miliken
Gallery at Converse in November.

1960

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
Donna Culbertson Fritz
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SYMPATHY
Mary Louise McLurkin Stokes,
June 6, 2012, mother of FREDA
STOKES Summers

Bennett Lyon Helms, December
31, 2011, husband of JEAN
YARBOROUGH Helms

CAROLE JONES’ grandson, Dustin
Johnson, continues his success on
the PGA Tour; he is one of the top
golfers on tour. FRANCES “FRAN”
EVANS Read, who lived on
Wadmalaw Island for years, now
resides with her husband Peter at
the Bishop Gadsden Retirement
Community. Fran’s daughter
Frances and Daisy Barron Leland’s
(‘58) daughter Libby (‘86) married
brothers and now they live next
doors to each other on Johns
Island. JANE MCCUTCHECH Brown
lives on James Island nearby and
has visited with Daisy by phone.

1961

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SYMPATHY
LOUISE JORDAN Earle ’37, June
21, 2012, mother of LOUISE
EARLE Oxner

Harold Alfred Simms III, June 9,
2012, partner of LOUISE JORDAN Oxner

IN MEMORIAM
JANE MCCUTCHECH Brown,
September 20, 2012

W. James Cook
May 21, 2012

JOYCE WICKS Leman
May 29, 2012

Harry attended 50th Reunion and
tennis tourney, May 2012.

SYMPATHY
Mary Louise McLurkin Stokes,
June 6, 2012

Bennett Lyon Helms, December
31, 2011

CAROLE JONES’ grandson, Dustin
Johnson, continues his success on
the PGA Tour; he is one of the top
golfers on tour.

FRANCES “FRAN” EVANS Read,
who lived on Wadmalaw Island for
years, now resides with her husband
Peter at the Bishop Gadsden
Retirement Community. Fran’s daughter
Frances and Daisy Barron Leland’s (‘58)
daughter Libby (‘86) married brothers
and now they live next door to each other
on Johns Island.

JANE MCCUTCHECH Brown lives
on James Island nearby and has visited
with Daisy by phone.

1962

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ANN GRESSETTE Noll,
April 28, 2012

SYMPATHY
Jane McGowan Nisbet, May
14, 2012, sister of MARIAN
MCGOWAN Nisbet

Many thanks to DIXIE CRUM Stone as class representative for the
last 50 years and to Converse for making our Golden Reunion
Were you TAPPed?

by Carrie Hill Coleman ’96

When soliciting funds for organizations, the old adage is “people give to people.” Last year’s success for the Converse Annual Fund was certainly no exception. While we could have relied on a glossy mail piece, we kept coming back to the notion that the best way to increase our alumnae giving participation would be to coordinate a peer-to-peer campaign, with alumnae volunteers calling their classmates. Hence the development of T.A.P.P.—“Touching Alumnae Peer-to-Peer”—a day-long event held on campus last June for alumnae to call members of their class to encourage them to give to Converse. With almost 20 alumnae calling on campus and many more calling from home, we wound up with a total of 63 volunteers representing over 30 classes reaching out to their fellow alumnae last June. The rest, as they say, is history. At the end of the fiscal year, Converse was able to raise alumnae giving participation from 23% (2010/2011) to 26% (2011/2012), bringing in almost 300 additional alumnae gifts as compared to the year before. Thanks to the amazing efforts of our Class Fund Chairs, Alumnae Board members, members of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors, the College was able to garner an additional $30,000 for the Annual Fund from the Trustees through the ONE Challenge. Every gift given by an alumna, regardless of the amount, truly made a difference and helped Converse increase alumnae participation for the first time in seven years.

ONE gift. ONE fund. ONE Challenge. ONE BIG THANK YOU!!

“Medals” celebrated our successes.

Want to be a part of TAPP for this fiscal year? Email carrie.coleman@converse.edu.

TAPP On-Campus: (left to right from top) Kimberly Smith ’06, Nancy Smith Gage ’82, Emily Collins, Maggie Lawter ’13, Brooke Rowell ’13, Elizabeth Simons, Shannon Gosnell Bishop ’97, Melissa Daves Johnson ’69, Ann Mayo Elliott ’64, Henri Odell Humphreys ’60, Caroline Watts Morris ’64, Skippy Herbert Hale ’48, Marian MacIntyre ’81, Agnes Wallace Williams ’57, Carrie Hill Coleman ’96, Emily Harbin ’99, Kelly Orner ’08, Melissa Heatherly Brannen ’03, Susan Miskelly ’97 and Sally Jeter Hammond ’81
such a great event! MAREON CHAPMAN Stall overheard a 2012 student say, “I hope we look and act that young when we’re golden girls.” LYDIA WILLARD Kellett’s favorite thing about reunion was seeing WINKIE GIDDENS Greer again. CLAUDIA MCCOLLOUGH, MICHAEL HOLT Crawford and cohorts regaled us during our class dinner. JO ANNE SMITH Cole sang and DOTTIE HENDERSON Wise’s husband played our class song. PATSY DAVIS Bates and Jim, KAY DUPRE Boggs, SARAH MAULDIN Blackmon and ANN SPEARS WILBURN Roddey dined on china that actually belonged to WILBURN Roddey and Sandy rafted through about reunion was seeing favorite thing WILLARD Kellett’s in Greenville, SC. Cascades retirement complex into an apartment in the beautiful SPARKMAN Townsend of Women’s Clubs in SC. distinguished herself in the field JOLENE WILLARD Bryant husband Larry in Alexandria, VA. French horn player, is living with PICKENS Alexander for their 50th anniversary. MARIAN MCGOWAN Nisbet cruised the Danube in September 2012. We are traveling, loving our grandchildren, enjoying retirement, and getting ready to attend our 50th Reunion! ANNE FLINTOM McLeod and Mac visited England and Scotland, staying on the grounds of Dunvegan Castle, the home of Clan McLeod on the Isle of Skye. GIBBIE SCOTT Walters entertains her family in the north Georgia mountains. CECIL LEWIS Caldwell and KAY WALL Bieberdorf met at Lake George, NY, this summer, celebrating the birth of Kay’s twin granddaughters. LISH EARLY Willey’s travels found her seated near Clint Eastwood at his restaurant in Carmel, CA. BETTY MOORE Henderson spent Easter in Costa Rica. EMILY KERR Stay enjoyed quilt shows and classes in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin, and North Carolina. BARBARA BROWNE Langhorne spent a week in Savannah, where she saw HENRIETTA MCNEAL Smith. NANCY THAYER Jennings toured France recently; Harold and RHETTA FAIR Wilson toured Budapest and Prague. In between trips to Atlanta and India, AGNES BINDER Weisiger had lunch with ELLEN ROSE Barnette. PENNY ROBERTS Rose is playing the organ for a church in Black Mountain, NC. MARY WIN CORCORAN Watson wonders how we could possibly be having a 50th reunion when we’re all still twenty-one! Nonetheless, Lish, Rhetta, BETTY REYNOLDS Oare, DORRIS CALLICOTT Douglass, SALLIE HUCKEL Baker, JUDY WAINER Ponce (from Mexico!), NELL HIGDON Hudson, NANCY BROWN Davis, GELENE DUNCAN Ellsworth, SUDIE DAVIS Andersen, HATTIE LIDDON Andersen (from Denmark!) and (just maybe) JANE GIBSON Brown are among those who have April 12–13, 2013, on their calendars. Call your roommates and buddies and make plans to attend together!

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1964 Next Reunion: 2014
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IN MEMORIAM
NANCY RAND McInnis Waddill,
May 26, 2012
J. ROSS ALBERT, MMus,
December 14, 2012

SYMPATHY
Benjamin Robinson Pickens, Jr.,
April 22, 2012, brother of
LAURA PICKENS Wagner

MALINDA WILLARD interviewed a student doing a paper on the role of women in area churches. Malinda says we need to pass on our memories of Converse to the younger generation, especially our memories of Miss Mary Wilson Gee. JUNE MCINTOSH Uhler and husband Burnham visited with four of their six grandchildren in New York in June. See a review of
the book The Naughty Grandmother by JUDY FESSEY Bradley on page 23. All proceeds go to Children’s Hospital in Savannah, GA. PAT CROW Bartee visited with MARGARET FLOWERS SMITH Lowery and HELEN CABELL Moffat, both of whom live in Jackson, MS. ELLEN BRYANT Voigt wrote: I’m thinking it would be very nice (and appropriate) for you to mention the death of Tom Landess in January as so many of us had him for freshman English. Who can forget him sitting on his desk, singing “Love, O Love, O Careless Love” and strumming along on his ukulele? I SARAH wanted to add that Tom Landess was a gentleman and a gentle man. “I will forever remember his classes and his great sense of humor.”

1965

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IN MEMORIAM

CAROL ANNE STACY Harley, December 31, 2012

SYMPATHY

MARY HIPP WILLSON McCutchen
37, May 7, 2012, mother of AILA JESS MCCUTCHEN

Parker Whedon, March 16, 2012, husband of VIRGINIA SIMPSON Whedon

Susu Phifer Johnson and George Dean’s daughter Susanna Presnell Johnson was married in May at the Church of the Advent in Spartanburg to Timothy Michael Shannon. The reception, dinner and dancing, was held on the Quad at Converse. In attendance were ANN TRAMMELL Holmes, MISSY WILLIAMSON Anderson and KATHY COHEN Willard. Susanna and Tim are NYC residents. Congratulations are also in order to Susanna for completing her Master’s at NYU the week of the wedding! BETTY BYERS Mastley writes she, BIBBA WALKER Thomas, CHARLENE SEIGLER Wells and JUDY WELLER Starr got together in Myrtle Beach at ROSEMARY NEWTON Young’s condo. It was the first time they had seen Judy in 48 years! Judy owns and runs a winery in Paso Robles, CA and also brought along some of her fine wine. Bibba lives in North Carolina on a hunting and fishing “farm.” Rosemary is running Bass-Smith Funeral Home in Hickory, NC. MARION RIVERS Cato had a wonderful visit with TRIS GOWEN Graybeal and Jim while they were visiting Charleston, SC this spring. Marion was at the Wyoming ranch for the summer. She and Wayland hosted nine Converse ladies for a travel/ study Western history course the last of May. Dr. Edward Woodfin taught classes and organized field trips to battlefields, Indian reservations and museums in their part of northern Wyoming. The Cato’s wanted to offer the experience of a working cattle ranch, including branding, which has been in existence since the last of the Indian wars in the late 1800s. ANNE COFFEY had a wonderful lunch with CRAIG HARRIS McDaniel in Blowing Rock, NC this past summer.

1966

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IN MEMORIAM

CYNTHIA WHITE Dixon, MMus,
December 24, 2011

SYMPATHY

Nancy Baker Brown, August 25, 2012, mother of ROBBIE BROWN Gray

Joe Butler Pearce, December 12, 2012, husband of JO LYNNE LAMBERT Pearce

Catherine Witschen Sears, July 21, 2011, mother of CATHERINE BARRARS Towers

J. Givens Young, March 26, 2012, father of MARIAN YOUNG Howard

MEG HINES Fisher retired as a Carlisle Consultant after 21 years. Her husband, Ellis, is enjoying his full-time pedagogical practice in Gastonia, NC. Meg visited with KATHY INGRAM Lyon in High Point, NC. Kathryn and her family were on their way to the beach. ANN SIENKNECHT Humberst and Rick celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. They spend their travel time visiting children in Nashville, Chicago and San Diego. Ann visited with KITTY OLDHAM Young in July.

JACKIE ELLSWORTH Bourque is a volunteer with the Lutheran Church and is president of the United Way Board of Front Royal, VA. Jackie goes back to Beaufort, SC to see her mother (a healthy 88 years old) and sisters. EDITH HAMILTON Kuhne is still painting and shows her art at the Addison/ Ripley Gallery in Washington, DC. She has a large installation at the German Marshall Fund. Her husband John is doing educational consulting, which has taken them to Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern countries.

HALLETT JONES Worrell has retired from teaching and moved permanently to Murrells Inlet, SC since losing her husband Pat in 2009. Her children live nearby. CAROL GEYER Furtwangler is busy editing. She won the John H. Bennett, Jr. Competition sponsored by the Poetry Society of South Carolina and will be published in their yearbook in September. She completed her fifteenth year as coordinator of the Piccolo Spoleto Sundown Poetry Series held annually in Charleston, SC. PAULA RUSSELL Vaughn is moving to an active 55+ community, Anthem Ranch, in Broomfield, CO, to be nearer two of her children. She has a consulting business. LUCY FITZGERALD Steele and Rusty are retired in Richmond, VA after 16 Moves. She is overwhelmed with volunteer work but loves everything with which she is involved.

1967

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IN MEMORIAM

CHAMIN WALKER Meadows,
December 24, 2011

SYMPATHY

Eugenia Turrentine Aiken, August 24, 2012, mother of SYDNOR AIKEN Money

Wilbur Lee Carter, Jr., July 20, 2012, father of JUDY M. CARTER

Myers Hampton Hicks, November 2012, father of RACHEL HICKS Crosby

Frances Fields Holliday ’36, July 15, 2012, mother of BETTY HOLLIDAY McLeod

Lewis G. Holland, Sr., October 5, 2011, husband of KAY ROBINSON Holland

If you were not at our 45th reunion, you were greatly missed. Those of us who attended were small in number, but we all had a wonderful time. Our 50th will be here before you know it. Start making your plans to be there! JUDY GORDON Collier had a great visit with CONNIE CAREFOOT Durrence, and later that same week, Connie got together with NANCY NEWSOME Lande. Judy also ran into NANCY MCCALL Poyner when she and THEO NEWSOME Greene attended the Birmingham Symphony. ANN ARMOUR McCoy is enjoying retirement and traveling. She plans to visit ZAZA HUMPHRIES Meade during a visit to Sacramento, CA. SANDRA SHERARD Bethea and Bob welcomed their fifth grandchild New Year’s Eve. They are now living in DeBordieu and say the welcome mat is always out. A note from JANE WITHERSPOON Hope states she and hubby are retired and enjoying life. Their two sons each have two sons. CLARA IRWIN Traver has retired after 46 ½ years, mostly at The Lovett School. She is working on a comprehensive history of the
school and is also writing a book. She has moved back into the house of her childhood. Her dad built it in 1937, and her daughter, Dorothy, renovated it in 2003. KAKI WILLIAMS Swann is Rector of an Episcopal parish in Virginia. Her mother, father, grandmother, grandfather and other relatives are all buried in one of the graveyards of one of those churches, built in 1706. Her grandfather also served as rector of the same parish. Her husband, Bob, is retired. Thanks to all who helped with news for this publication and also a great big thank you for those who helped with the Class Fund.

1968

45th Reunion: April 12–13, 2013

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IN MEMORIAM
KATHERINE MERRELL Glenn,
September 5, 2012
THOMAS CECIL Smith, MMus,
July 23, 2012

SYMPATHY
Lucius Gartrell Milam III,
November 14, 2011, husband of
BROWARD BENNETT Milam3
Thorne Scott Foster, January 12,
2012, husband of DENNIS
CANTY Foster
JEANNETTE PROPST Ellison
‘40, July 18, 2012, mother of
CAROLYN ELLISON Lyles
Harry Caldwell Johnson, Jr., April
28, 2012, father of PAMELA
JOHNSON Drummond
VIRGINIA MAXWELL MANNING
Moses ‘44, June 7, 2012, mother of
VIRGINIA M. MOSES

CAROL EARLY Graham made the acquaintance of Melinda Maudlin
Whitelaw ‘62. Melinda attended a concert in Vista, CA where Carol was playing piano/organ. Converse was mentioned in the program notes, and Melinda, a voice major now, had a musical friend in her new hometown. Small world!!

KITY SHERTZER Robinson,
executive director of the Historic Charleston Foundation, presented the keynote address and received an honorary degree during the Art Institute of Charleston’s Commencement in June. VICKI ZOUCK Waite retired in June, and she and Steve have moved to Island Park, ID.

1969

Next Reunion: 2014

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IN MEMORIAM
PAULA JEAN Wise,
January 21, 2012
SUSAN JANE Collins Hardaway,
November 18, 2012

SYMPATHY
VIRGINIA MAXWELL Manning
Moses ‘44, June 7, 2012, mother of
MARJORIE MOSES Schwab
James Elliott Messer, December
8, 2012, brother of HARRIET
MESSER Goldsmith

Please make a resolution to connect with Converse and your friends by sending some news to us and by making a donation to the annual fund! NANCY FOWLER Willis and hubby, Clay, cruised in Alaska to celebrate turning 65. Nancy works at Quest Diagnostics in anatomic pathology. BETH STRINGFELLOW Spann and retired husband, Henry, have two daughters, Elizabeth, a writer of mysteries, and Mary Ligon. Beth has a new email, b ethspann5@gmail.com. LINDA RUSSELL Cranford’s husband, Sam, is a real estate appraiser while Linda works with United Way and serves on the Board of Directors of The National School Boards Association. Daughter, Catherine ‘96, and family live in Charleston, SC while son, Davis, moved to New Orleans, LA in June. She ran into GINNY CRAVER Good there at the Mother’s Day buffet lunch. CATHY MANCEK Tisdale has a new granddaughter named Bailey, born on June 21 in Montgomery, AL to daughter, Pamela and

husband, Brad. ANITA PARKER Zeigler has two new grandbabies with a grand total of four now. She is involved with Bible study groups. CATHY RILEY Howle has three granddongs, who are cute, but nothing else in the works. CISSY SMITH traveled to South Africa last August with sister Janice, and brother-in-law, Michael, traveling through Kruger National Park, Capetown, Zimbabwe, and Victoria Falls as well as Botswana; she recommends this trip to all! She traveled to Cuba with her church group in February and enjoyed seeing places her parents traveled on their honeymoon in 1939.

1970

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SYMPATHY
Danny Earl Allen, September
7, 2012, husband of GAIL
HUGHES Allen
ALEINE RUDISILL Martin ‘36,
June 25, 2012, mother of
ANN MARTIN Ridley
Elizabeth Carter Ayres, August 26,
2012, mother of KAY AYRES
POWELL, MAT
J. Givens Young, March 26, 2012,
father of BETH YOUNG Gilbert

It was great to hear from SHERRI BOWERS; she lives in Georgia and visited Converse in the fall, saying it looks beautiful. MARION BROOKE Carson is enjoying a new chapter with new husband Charlie; they travel and visit grandchildren. JAN RORBECK Dees and husband David spent a month in Alaska fishing and hiking. CLAIRE HAILEY Hall and Scott spend as much time as possible with their five grandchildren. PATTY DOWNES Johnson got together with ANN OWENS and CAROLINE ROPER Roberts in DC while with Steve on a business trip there; all three are doing great. PERRY HICKS Jordan and family spent the holidays in France. EILEEN NOLAN Rampy spent the holidays in Costa Rica. SUSAN DUKES Webber’s youngest
son got married in October. THAYER CHEATHAM Willis recently wrote and published a book in connection with her business; its title is *Beyond Gold: True Wealth for Inheritors*, and it has received good reviews. Smack saw BARBARA HOLMAN Stith in the spring; had not seen her in years. ANN JOYNER Cross, NANCY JANE STEDMAN Calloway, LYNDA SMITH “Smitty” Swann and Smack got together for dinner in November; Ann is enjoying her first grandbaby; Smitty leads a company by week and relaxes in Blowing Rock, NC on weekends while keeping up with one daughter in Vancouver and one daughter in DC. HOWARD BROWN Millican continues her interesting world travels; she took Smack to the airport for flight to NH for the wedding of LYNNIE HICKS Mitchell’s youngest daughter in December; Lynnie was an elegant and gracious mother-of-the-bride. As for me, I (Smack) am still teaching, and the challenges continue to increase.

1971
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IN MEMORIAM
CONSTANCE BRATTON Grine,
May 5, 2012

SYMPATHY
Anna Elizabeth Watson, June 20, 2011, daughter of HARriet GARDNER Watson
True Wealth for Inheritors business; its title is "Beyond Gold: True Wealth for Inheritors," and it has received good reviews. Smack saw BARBARA HOLMAN Stith in the spring; had not seen her in years.

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and husband Billy Bowman married in June 2012 and live in both Vicksburg, MS and Greenwood, MS. BETTY ALLEN WYATT Graham lives in Winston-Salem, NC with her husband Conrad. Their son, Conrad, Jr., works with Wells Fargo Securities in Winston-Salem, NC and their son, Hunter, works for Legacy Development in Charlotte, NC.

BECCA BOHANANN McKinney has an interior design business in Raleigh, NC. ELIZABETH WOOTEN WELLING lives in Columbia, SC. SALLY WILLIAMS Thompson lives in Saddle River, NJ with husband Steve and is celebrating the recent birth of their second grandchild, John Rhys. He joins his sister, Alexis. FLORENCE TWITY is on the flower committee and the bereavement committee at the Church of the Advent in Spartanburg. BETSY CRANE Griffith is our Chair of the Board of Trustees at Converse. Betsy and her husband John have a son, Hunt, who started Johns Hopkins in engineering in the fall as well as John III, who married this fall. JILL RUSHFORTH Coker is the Vice President of the Music Club of Greenville and is actively preparing for the national convention to be held in 2013 in Greenville. SARAH BROWN Stewart is an Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration in Mississippi.
1973

40th Reunion: April 12–13, 2013

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JOSEPHINE LIPPARD Earl, MAT, May 18, 2012
ELIZABETH THOMAS Street, January 11, 2013
MARY BAILEY VANCE Suito, August 12, 2012

SYMPATHY
GENE BOYLE Brading ’40, April 6, 2012
MILDRED ELLIOTT Berl
Mary 28, 2012
LUCY MEADORS Frank
Katherine Coate Russell, November 17, 2011

1974

Next Reunion: 2014

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SYMPATHY
Mildred Elliott Berl 38, January 5, 2012, mother of JANET BERL Burman
SUSAN COLLINS Hardaway 69, November 18, 2012, sister of ELLEN COLLINS White
Dorothy Sterne Horton, mother of AMANDA HORTON Dorman
SARAH HUGHES LINEBERRY ’81 MEd, April 25, 2012, mother of JAMES BENJAMIN LINEBERRY, MEd
J. Givens Young, March 26, 2012, father of MARY YOUNG Swink

1975

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SYMPATHY
Thomas Cook Bingham III, August 4, 2012, father of LAURA BINGHAM Ritch
ELIZABETH NEWTON Lott ’42, September 8, 2012, mother of KATHRYN LOTT Garrick
Charlotte Allen Meadors, January 6, 2012, mother of LUCY MEADORS Frank
Katherine Coate Russell, November 17, 2011, mother of SANDY RUSSELL Hartnett

LIBBY KNIGHT Borders had the pleasure of spending a week at Ponte Vedra, FL with GINA McGINNIS Long, LILLIAN MONTGOMERY Lawrence, NANCY ORDERS Smith and LOUISE MALLOY Bonner! You can imagine...MUCH chatter! They also very much enjoyed seeing DEBORAH DRENNON Gervin, who lives in the area. Deborah’s email address is debgervin@aol.com. AVAN YATES Moore stayed overnight with Libby on her way to Charlotte and it’s always great to see her! We continue to welcome grandbabies! Nancy Smith’s daughter, Lindsey, had Jackson Orders Henson on March 13, 2012 and FRAN BARR Strickland’s daughter, Erin ‘03, had John Benjamin McCutcheon IV on April 20, 2012!

1976

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IN MEMORIAM
MARGARET ALLEN Tyson,
March 22, 2012
GAIL DUFFIE Stebbins,
June 14, 2012

SYMPATHY
Robert Glenmore Sharp, January 26, 2013, father of ELISE SHARP Moore
MARGARET FULTON Walker ’45, October 4, 2012, mother of ANN FULTON WALKER

Hello Class of 1976. The Converse magazine is online! By logging into the Converse website, you can read the past magazines. A big thank you to HAIDEE CLARK Stith for helping on the Alumnae Board as secretary. MACKAY TARRANT is a Senior Zoning Analyst with the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Columbia Planning and Development Services. LIZ GORDON Martin stayed busy at home with a wedding in December. She is the ICU charge nurse at Providence Hospital. I’ll bet most of you have tweaked the heck out of your education and doing something wonderful, yet different. Share. Be a Facebook friend: Converse1976. It was recently created from an idea of Claire, Lisa and Liz that we shared last year at Reunion. Our hope is for an easier way to connect, share and reminisce. The page is in its infancy. Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated. Go Pink Panthers.

REUNION2012
Class of 1977
CLASS DINNER

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The Class of 1977 turned out in record numbers for our 35th reunion! It was heart-warming to see classmates who had not come back to Converse in many years. JANE BOATWRIGHT Schwab planned and hosted our class dinner at the cabin on campus Saturday evening. (Read a review of Jane’s new book, The Welcoming House, on page 22.) JEAN PARKS Bunch assisted with planning and shared her famous cheese straws. AMY GIBSON Montague prepared delicious desserts. SUSAN KIRBY Roe gave a moving vocal performance at the alumnae recital. Susan is Associate Professor of voice at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, GA. GAIL RAWLS Jeter received the Converse 100 Award. Gail is a Brownfields Specialist with CTC Public Benefit Corporation in Columbia, SC.

KATHERINE GRAVES KING-
CONVERSE.EDU

Goodrich is a certified nurse-midwife with Kaiser Permanente in California. CLAYTON LIPPINCOTT Harvey was recently featured in an episode of “My Ride Rules” on Speedvision. MARGUERITE CALLAHAN is a Nurse Practitioner and Adjunct Faculty Member at the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing and frequently travels to Haiti. LAURIE SULLIVAN Cannon is a master gardener and active in the Columbia Garden Club.

ROSEMARY LITTLEJOHN Kirby and husband Marshall are happily retired from 31 years of service in the SC public school system. NANCY NIX Jones is a consultant with Cartesian Consulting, Inc. in Atlanta, GA. SUSAN BECKHAM Zurenda teaches English at Spartanburg High School.

Congratulations to DONNA KAISER Croft on being named the 2012 South Carolina Council for the Social Studies Middle School Teacher of the Year. Donna teaches at Cariio Middle School in Mount Pleasant, SC. She has done an outstanding job as our class rep and was instrumental in bringing us together for our memorable reunion weekend.

PAM ELLIS Hall is our new class representative and LUCY HUDSON Stembridge has graciously agreed to continue as co-rep.

1978

35th Reunion: April 12–13, 2013

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IN MEMORIAM

ELAINE BURNS Eilenberg MEd, September 11, 2012

SYMPATHY

Dorothy Sterne Horton, July 8, 2012, mother of AMANDA HORTON Dorman
Howard K. Olive, October 27, 2012, father of KAREN N. OLIVE
Curtis Howard Dickerson, October 5, 2012, father of SARENA DICKERSON Burch

CHRISTI RIDEOUTTE Dunn and husband John run the family’s commercial construction business in Lyford Cay in the Bahamas. SANDRA SHEAROUSE Morelli is employed by Capital Group Private Client Services in Atlanta, GA and is responsible for managing its southeast region. KAKI MANNING Zeigler’s son, Sandford was married in Savannah, GA, March 2012.

JULIE ARMSTRONG writes she is now a grandmother to granddaughter, MaryClarke.

ANNE BOGGESS Saint’s youngest daughter, Sarah Riley pledged KD at Clemson. Anne went for initiation since she was a KD at Alabama. Anne and husband, Michael, went for Parents’ Weekend and met for dinner with PERRY TISON Wilson and her son, Caid, who is a sophomore there. Anne and Michael’s oldest daughter, Molly, studied in Rome fall semester. DEIDRE PEROT Lightsey retired in 2009 from investment banking with Wachovia Securities and is enjoying “horsing around” full-time on the farm with her husband Frank, dogs, horses and chickens. She is the trail committee chairman for the NC Horse Council and an officer in the Back Country Horsemen of NC. While JEANNIE DAVIS Powell and Hartley were in San Diego, CA, they attended MARTHA ANDERSON’S church where she is an Episcopal priest and Martha was preaching that Sunday. Jeannie was really impressed with Martha’s preaching. LEE ULLMAN Hutson spent the first weekend in November with MARIAN POTTS Foster at her condo at the King and Prince in St. Simons, GA.

BARBARA DUFFY Feemster was supposed to join them, but couldn’t because Barbara and Dwight were hosting their children and friends at the Rock’n Roll Marathon that weekend in Savannah, GA.

1979

Next Reunion: 2014

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Thanks to NANCY BAIN Coté and SARAH MERCER Chatel for gathering money and news. HANNAH STEWART-Gambino and MILDRED RAGIS Roche represented ‘79 at Founders’ Day as featured speaker and Unsung Hero, respectively! MARNIE LAW George, JANE MURRAY Massey, AUSTON CHERRY and KENT WALTERS Pryor reunited recently in Montgomery, AL. JAN COLE Daulton (Dallas), PAULA WATKINS Jacks and JAIMIE NELLIGAN Hardin (Atlanta) each report milestone anniversaries and successful children. KATHERINE FRAGASS! Erickson is busy in New York. RACHEL STANLEY MacBain stays in touch with LEESA LAND Ray in Decatur, AL and BETSY MCGHEE Johnston in Fort Mill, SC, close to SUSAN JONES, who was spotted in Charlotte, NC last year! SUZANNE SMITH Bare, a dean at Salem College keeps up with LELIA FREEMAN Byars and SUZI EARLY Via. JAMIE MCGILL Kormmeier lives in Chicago, IL and is quite a weaver, while VERA LYNN KELLUM Sheets loves teaching music in south Alabama! GEORGIA MILLER teaches worldwide and in Birmingham, AL, focusing on English language learners. She invites anyone close to visit at Montreat when she is there.

HUNTER MCLINTOCK Bell never changes, in Greenwood, SC working, volunteering and caring for others. PAM KOERNER Neely and husband are in Roebuck, SC, busy working and empty nesting!

ANNE CUSHMAN Prettyman is setting world records in triathlon events! Nancy Coté and MARGARET HORNE Darr had FUN seeing ROBIN BROWNLEE Giddings at a Sumter wedding! Margaret’s daughter called one evening, “Mom, did you know JEAN ARTHUR Hungerpiller at Converse? I think she was younger than you!” So Jean and Margaret caught up at a wedding where both of their daughters were in the wedding party!
LYNN HARRISON Johnston ’66, with her husband, son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter at the Alumnae Day at the Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, SC.

The adorable daughters Alexandra (now 8) and Catherine Elizabeth (now 5) of JULIE TANNER-Leake ’93

MELISSIA HEATHERLY Brannen ’03, and her family also enjoyed Alumnae Day at the zoo.

MANDY MULLINAX Ohler ’03, ’05 MEd, a science teacher at Gaffney High School, SC, wore her Red All-Stars, pearls and Converse College Alumna t-shirt for college application day at her school.

A. W. Leland and DAISY BARRON Leland ’58 with ANNE FERGUSON Caughman ’58
Class of 1981 enjoys time together at Pawley’s Island at the home of Jane Rinehart Crosby. Left to right: JANE RINEHART Crosby, RUTHIE JONES Soliday, SUSAN MCDONALD Davis, GAY PARKS Dilz, ANN MOORMAN Price, CAROL UPCHURCH Campbell, MARIANNA MACINTYRE, JULIE MARTIN Hanes, LIBBY CAMPBELL Patterson

Class of 1986

You can submit photos for the Converse Family Album through your class representative, send them to the Office of Alumnae and Donor Relations or email photos to nancy.gage@converse.edu. Please include caption information. Digital photos should be 300 dpi.

Jeremy Watford and NICOLE DUMOUCHEL Watford ’10 (above) and with Converse friends, SAMI HOVEYDA ’12, NORA NASSARI ’08 and ELIZABETH POWELL ’10
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IN MEMORIAM

PHYLLIS HORNE CRAIN, MEd, July 18, 2012

SYMPATHY
Lucy Harper Grier, July 8, 2012, mother of MARY GRIER Wheless
Neva Langley Fickling, November 18, 2012, mother of JANE DRU FICKLING Skinner
Tapp Latta Hancock ’57, March 18, 2012, mother of TAPP HANCOCK
Jane Jordan Kimball, January 6, 2012, mother of ALISON KIMBALL

Are you on Facebook? Check out our class page. It’s a great way to communicate with your Class of 1980 friends! LAURA SHEARIN is living in Flagstaff, AZ and working for Grand Canyon National Park, helping to oversee commercial operations (think: hotels, mule rides, river running). LIZZ TOPP Klammer received the Texas Medical Association’s middle school Science Teacher of the Year for 2012 award! TERRY GARDNER is enjoying her career of travel journalist, writing for the travel sections of the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, and Dallas Morning News. Visit her website www.terrytravels.com for travel tips and resources. ANN MARION Lorenz was recently named Great Ambassador for University Hospital in Augusta, GA for her work in the OT and Speech department! She and hubby Bob celebrated their 25th anniversary with a trip to Europe this fall. Ann shared that SUSAN SECORD Marion and family had a great time in England visiting with daughter Laura, a Wofford student, who spent last spring semester in London. MARGARET CRAIG Schafer has co-authored a book for caregivers of infants and toddlers that was published last year! Margaret heard from FANNIE KLEITCHES Kotsianas lives in Knoxville, TN with hubby Jim and is a curriculum coach with Knox County Schools. HOLLY HOLSTEIN Caprell is busy as Executive Director of Greenville County Youth Orchestras. This summer she was the Musical Director for the show “Beehive” at Centre Stage in Greenville, SC.

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IN MEMORIAM

KATHERINE ELENA DOBBINS
MEd, March 24, 2012

SARAH HUGHES Lineberry
MEd, April 25, 2012

SYMPATHY

J. Ross Albert, ’64, MMus, December 14, 2012, father of CATHY ALBERT Terrell, MMus
Jack Smyser Folline, March 23, 2012, father of LANNIE FOLLINE Epling

Isola Sherrerd Hartness, December 14, 2012, mother of SHERRERD HARTNESS

Anna Jean Sharpe Moorman, March 14, 2012, mother of ANN MOORMAN Price
Reid Terrill Johnson, March 4, 2012, husband of NANCY STUCKEY Johnson

Did you know that MARIANNA MACINTYRE is one of the newest Converse employees? Stop by Wilson Hall to see Marianna when on campus. Hope everyone followed SALLY JETER Hammond on her biking adventure in Africa—awesome! A big group of red devil sisters got together on Mother’s Day weekend—compliments of The Inn in Manchester, VT, with JULIE MARTIN Hanes and husband Frank. Those in attendance included Marianna MacIntyre, Sally Hammond, CORNELIA CHRISTIAN, ANN MOORMAN Price, JANE RINEHART Crosby, AMY WARREN Beaty, SUSAN MCDONALD Davis, MERRY CARMICHAEL Trask, CLAUDIA SIMPSON Hapak (both skinny minis—run for miles and miles), CAROL UPCURCH Campbell, SALLY HERLONG and LIBBY CAMPBELL Patterson. Keep up with DANA THOMPSON Bostian and KIM CARTER Johnson on Facebook. NANCY HORNE Vetter’s daughter is an event planner in Atlanta, GA. KIM WAUGH Gravlee’s daughter married this past March. Kim and Marianna are proud to announce they were able to stay up with friends to ring in 2013 in Sparkle City. MARY LELLA POSTON was spotted at the Wildflower Bakery in Saluda, NC getting ready to celebrate her birthday. GLENN SUMMERAL sends howdys from California and says her company is matching her red devil pledge. KAY GRAY sends her hellos from Columbia, SC. Thanks girls for stepping up and giving! LEIGHANN LITTLEJOHN lives in Columbia, SC and will visit Converse soon, we hope! BETH IRWIN lives in Florida and has been a Captain in the Army (wow)! Big hoorah to Sally and Marianna for reaching the most alumnae in the 2012 TAPP campaign! Let’s get those donations in to Converse, Red Devils!

1982

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Frank Darrow Peebles, Jr., March 10, 2012, father of EDITH PEEBLES
Ann Ingram Whisnant, November 9, 2012, mother of CAROLINE WHISNANT

Great 30th reunion weekend! Involved in planning the weekend were: NANCY SMITH Gage (alumnae information coordinator) and BECKY NUTTER Cassidy and HOLLY BEACH Hussey (class reps). PHYLLIS PERRIN Harris, executive for Wal-mart Stores Inc., spoke at the Founder’s Day convocation and CAROLINE WHISNANT from Wiesbaden Germany performed at the Alumnae Recital. Caroline returned to campus in January 2013 for a recital and a master’s class. TONI GUZZI Erdman is staying busy as business administrator of their dental practice in Deltona, FL, with her three handsome sons, and with her studies for a master’s degree in pastoral studies. MIMI GINTER Hallman left Bank of America after over 20 years to care for her daughters, Anna and Katy (who recently graduated from high school in Greenville, SC with DENA STONE Benedict’s son), CONNIE PEASE Happell, a minister in Overland Park, KS, is excited to reconnect with the south since her son Eric is now a freshman at Davidson College. EMELINE THOMASSON Loughlin writes from Newman, GA where she is married to her “sandbox
is a senior in high school, so is in the throws of college visits etc. ALCIA CREMINS COLEMAN is a Librarian at Liberty Elementary School in Centreville, VA. Everyone should have received a notice about reunion in April. PLEASE try to arrange your schedules now so that we can have a large group there. Remember that we have a Facebook page for the Converse Class of 1983, so you can post info there as well.

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SYMPATHY
Jack Smyser Folline, March 23, 2012, father of EMILY FOLLINE Mikell

This is how the Class of 1984 celebrated their milestone 50th birthdays: KIM WHITE O’Quinn’s son, daughter-in-law and parents threw a catered party for her with a DJ who played wonderful 80s music complete with 150 friends including MARY MILLING Alexander, LOU SPRINGS Smith, LAURA CAMPBELL Brown and JAN COTTER Jenkins. JODY COLE danced and sang in Africa with 21 US friends and four South African friends. MINDY MOORE Barker is grateful to be 50, healthy and blessed in so many ways. JULIE ANN BAGGS Boardman’s husband and friends put on a fabulous soiree complete with Veuve Clicquot and great music. CARA LYNN DESERN Cannon’s husband Chris flew their three children and eight high school friends to Cumberland Island, Greece for a surprise birthday bash.

LYNN GULLY Orlando’s husband surprised her with a trip to Napa with friends and many private wine tastings. Lou Springs Smith had lots of friends to help her celebrate. RENEE RANKIN Jones participated in Art Lessons. LISA HOWARD Morris celebrated on Anna Maria Island with CAROLYN MALONE Buchanan and SUSAN ELDERS Alders (she also dined with JENNIFER COHENOUR Harrison).

ALLISON OWENS Stanland celebrated happiness and independence on her 50th; ALLISON SUTTON Fuqua had a 50th Bash/Pig Pickin’/Pool Party. Her husband Randy is one week older than her so they both had the big 50th. They had the David Dyer and the Crooked Smile Band from Raleigh, NC to perform while all were dancing the night away.

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IN MEMORIAM
LESLEY MARIE SAPP,
November 28, 2011

SYMPATHY
MADGE GRAYDON Major ’45,
September 30, 2012, mother of VANDY MAJOR McFaddin

Betty Glenn Rowland, April 11, 2012, mother of LEANNE ROWLAND O’Donnell

HAPPY SMITH Mason’s middle son Elliott and her husband, Mike were on college campus tours this summer as well as football camps at Wofford, Furman, Harvard and Yale. We would love to have him in Sparkle City! LICI HALFIDE Baird and husband, Tom, are busy with their band, Baird Souls. They perform all around MA as well as on the beach in Rhode Island.

CELLY PADGETT Kahn’s daughter, Celly Marshall, is a senior at Converse and welcomes any 85ers who want to tour the new apartments on campus. She is living there this year. The Class of 1985 now has three members on the Board of Trustees at Converse: ELLEN LANFORD Asherman, DEADRA JEFFERSON and now JAYNE REUBEN. Congratulations to Jayne! Jayne Reuben and Janice Morrison Wilkins ’86 enjoyed breakfast at the Farmer’s Table in Spartanburg with FLORIA THOMAS Washington, her husband Howard, and children Malcolm and Kamilah who were in town for a short visit that included a tour of the Converse campus. Florida just completed her first year in seminary. KRISILA NEWMAN Foster retired after 27 years of teaching in Spartanburg School District Two (26 of those years at Boiling Springs Junior High School). However, after only two months of retirement, she joined the faculty at her daughter, Parker’s school, Spartanburg Christian Academy.

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Allan Cheney II, March 15, 2012, father of PATRICIA L. CHENEY
George Evans Mitchell, May 22, 2012, father of HELEN E. MITCHELL
Judge James C. Paine, March 7, 2010, father of JO ELLEN PAINE

DEBBIE MCCORY Pannell teaches fifth grade at a magnet school in the Bay Area, CA. Last February, ELIZABETH
Thanks to LYNN DYER Smith for planning such a great reunion weekend! ANNE TRENNING, KAREN WACKER Hampton and RUTHIE MCCORMACK McDaniel performed beautifully in the alumnae recital. KENDA HOLT Ruselyan (Florence, AL) is an advisor at the University of North Alabama. STEPHENIE SYER Gwaltney (Huntsville, AL) works at a drug store, and is an advocate for a gluten-free lifestyle. Dr. MARY REDMOND Hutson is a professor at Duke. RACHEL HEAN Dobson’s (Macon, GA) stepdaughter got married in Italy. REBEKAH JENNINGS Murphy, SHERRI MOSS Board, JULIE NORVILLE, VALERIE RODMAN Hoss, TERESA AGNAGN Maino and CLARKSON PARRENT Bowling live in the Atlanta, GA area. ELIZABETH FINLAY Ving’s and NANCY DAVENPORT’s children attend the same school in Charleston, SC. ELIZABETH SHELTON Roddy will live in Kenya for the next few years. BETH WOODS Sessums (Tampa, FL) teaches kindergarten. ALLYN TALBOT Johnson (Tryon, NC) works at an art gallery. LAURA CALK (Aspen, CO) is a hotel concierge. KATHRYN SCHILLING-Oakes (Knoxville, TN) works as an artist. DAWN PRIDGEN teaches and coaches at Lexington (SC) Middle School. BECKY SEEGER Eller moved to Ohio this summer. ANDREA HOOVER Burden’s family has moved to Cumming, GA. LETTE O’SEILL (Hilton Head Island, SC) is an ordained minister. JOY DAVIS and Ron Blakley married on June 20, 2012. MOLLY LEVY Campbell is a Guidance Counselor for Aiken County Schools in Aiken, SC. Congratulations to HOLLY MANLY Gosnell on earning her MAT at Converse in July 2012.

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IN MEMORIAM

JULIA DARGAN BRADSHAW, February 28, 2012

LINDA LAYMAN Redding’s husband Dave sent Linda, ASHLIN BLANCHARD Potterfield, GINNY AGEE Speirs and BECKY DUBARD Grantland to Las Vegas last year for her birthday. They had a grand time: delicious meals, good wine and nonstop conversation and laughter. This year, he sent Linda and Ashlin to PARIS! This spring, CINDY HUME Kirschner spoke at Converse at a math and science symposium. She was invited by her former math and science professors. Becky DuBard Grantland was able to spend the day with Cindy. It was their first face-to-face visit since Becky’s wedding reception in 1993! What a blessing to have Converse friends with whom we can always pick up where we left off! They sat on a bench near their old dorms and talked about friends and kids. Cindy’s oldest is looking at colleges, and her youngest just turned three! In May, Becky had lunch with LATAN CHAMBERS Cox in Columbia, SC. Becky is taking computer classes to update her technology skills. Congratulations to CATHERINE REEVES JONES, MEd and Fredrick Flynn Stork, Jr. on their wedding on March 9, 2012. Congratulations to JOHN ERIC RATTERRE, MEd for earning his EdS at Converse in July 2012. Connect with classmates on Facebook by joining the group “Converse College Class of 1988.”

Our old group recently “migrated” to a new group, so you may need to re-join if you have been away for awhile.

1989

Next Reunion: 2014

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SYMPATHY

Jeanne McMahon Turner, May 26, 2012, mother of AMANDA B. TURNER

ELISABETH KINNEY McNiel’s daughter Margaret Jane attended Camp SeaFarer with the daughters of ELIZABETH MCKEE Huber and BARTLETT SPENCER Bassett and Elisabeth’s son Light attended Camp Sea Gull with the sons of Mary McDaniel Ridgeway ’90. Elisabeth is current President of the Alumnae Association, which she is thoroughly enjoying! MARGARET BOYD Franklin completed yet another cross-country drive, this time leaving Alaska behind and moving to Kansas. KIM JACKSON Cameron visited Las Vegas with ELIZABETH HYATT Robinson, but they wouldn’t tell us anything else.... RAWLES TERRELL Kelly checked...
Hawaii off her bucket list this summer, reading Unbroken while at Pearl Harbor, wow. **SHAY MONTGOMERY Greene** enjoyed a very special June weekend in Topsail Island, NC, for which **MARTY TEAM Garrison** sent some lovely flowers from a bunch of devils. Congratulations to **JOY JOHNSON** on her marriage to Demetri Dascalakis on December 19, 2011 and to **SHAY MONTGOMERY** and Jeff Greene on their wedding on June 16, 2012. Joy Dascalakis is learning Greek. **ANGELA WEATHERED** Halstead and Clifford welcomed Clifford Sydney Halstead, Jr. on August 15, 2012. Marty Team Garrison is the Owner of Paisley and Paper in Greenville, SC. Go ahead and mark your calendars for April 2014...it’s our 25th Reunion! See you all there!

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IN MEMORIAM
CRYSTAL BELL Selvaggio, December 26, 2012

SYMPATHY
ELIZABETH NEWTON Lott ’42, September 8, 2012, grandmother of CONNIE POPE Thackston and CANDICE SHEPPARD

Frank Benjamin Robards, Jr., December 4, 2012, father of MARY KENYON ROBARDS Jones

CATHY ANDERSON Henry and MIRIAM DRENNAN had a wonderful visit in Nashville, TN when Cathy took her daughter Natalie to basketball camp in June. **DEBORAH STANFORD HARRIS** and family are in Raleigh, NC where Deborah is Manager of Bankruptcy/Compliance Attorney Billing at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. **CAROLINE WEST McDowell** is teaching at Clemson Elementary in a multi-age class of second and third graders. LESA UNDERWOOD, our traveler, has been touring Haarlem, Netherlands and Paris! Lesa has joined Empire Sports Management as Event Program Manager. **DEBBIE CURRIN Conner** enjoyed a visit at the beach with WINNIE BROWN King and SHERI STARNES Balcerzak. Debbie has a new job at CCU as the Vice President of Student Affairs. Her daughter went on her first international mission trip to Kenya for two weeks. **AMY BOYCE Louthan** and husband Keith are in Wilmington, NC, where he is a pastor at Wrightsville Beach Baptist Church. **ROSEMARY GLAZE Sullivan** is an English teacher at Mary Hare Secondary School and College in Newbury, Berkshire, England.

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KELLY JANE FELMET Long, MEd, March 10, 2012
DOROTHY ANN HORTON, MEd, September 21, 2012

SYMPATHY
William Jackson DeBrule, June 22, 2011, father of ELIZABETH DEBRULE Wilkinson
J. Givens Young, March 26, 2012, grandfather of JENNY HOWARD

Congratulations to Lee and TINA FULLER Abbott on the birth of their son Charles Abbott on March 26, 2012.

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SYMPATHY
ELIZABETH NEWTON Lott ’42, September 8, 2012, grandmother of GINNY LOTT

DEBORAH LYNN is Deputy Director of the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, MD. PAULA SAVIANO Gaskins completed her EdS at Converse in July 2012. Steve and LYN MATTHEWS Rehn celebrated their 20th anniversary in November in Scotland. Their family lives in Germany. Her daughter, Carson has applied and been accepted to Converse. **SUSANNAH GRAMLING Hubbell** had a private wine tasting in October in Sonoma, CA, with the maker of Perception and Melissa Kelly wines by Mark Ray. Mark had his wife, MISSY TOWE Ray met them with their two precious boys. And yes, Melissa Kelly is Missy. **ELIZABETH LESTO Zadig** went on a mission trip to the Ukraine with her church, St. Michaels. PAIGE POOSER Merrill is an occupational therapist at MUSC and mom to her three children. MARCY SWAN has her own interior design company in Columbia, SC. CINDY JERLES Brown and Doug lead a marriage ministry at their church in Orlando, FL, called Celebrate Marriage. **MELISSA CARLTON Salko** and her family welcomed their fourth child in June, 2012. Their son, Callan Austin Salko, was a week shy of his third birthday when they arrived home from China, welcomed by siblings Natalie (10), Neeleigh (10) and Aaron (6). Mary Grace Ani Elemgren had twin boys March 23, 2012, Matthew David and Edward Joseph. **KHRIS NIN-ARCIOLA**, husband Dan and son Lucas moved to Holmdel, NJ, just in time for Superstorm Sandy! Their house is fine, but lost trees and had no electricity for 10 days. Kris works for Cigna Healthcare. MARCI MEADOWS Hyla and family moved to JAPAN! She would love to see anyone who wanted to brave the trip! JENNIFER RAE PLIZZA Gravely has written a romance novel: The Knight of the Dead. **KELLI GONSELL Hardigree** teaches kindergarten at Pine Street Elementary School in Spartanburg, SC. Join us on FaceBook at Converse Class of 1992 to share your news.

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Louise Jordan Earle ’37, June 21, 2012, grandmother of REBECCA EARLE Talbert
Charles Fisk Hyatt, September 4, 2012, father of JANE MANNING HYATT
Ralph Louis Iannazzone, Sr., May 28, 2012, father of CATHY IANNAZZONE Ellett

Join us on Facebook to keep up with our class’ reunion plans. KATHERINE RUSSELL Sagedy married Mike Selvy on May 5, 2012. CANDY MOORE is a graduate of Leadership of Atlanta and a graduate of The Links, Inc. Scott Hawkins Leadership Institute. CATHY IANNAZZONE Ellett is currently serving on the Board of Visitors and her oldest children swim at Converse every day. Cathy ran into SUSAN KITCHENS McMah and Candy Moore at the Peach Bowl in Atlanta. JULIE MCCOLLOUGH Delaney earned her MEd in administration and supervision from Converse in July, 2012. BETH STRICKLAND has completed two marathons and competed in her third this January, 2013! KRISTEN KEIDEL Frericks and her family have moved to Ft. Collins, CO. SHANNON PERDUE Atwell has been appointed the Director of Head Start for Community Action of SouthEast West Virginia! CANDACE NICHOL moved to Charlottesville, VA and works with Stryker Orthopedics as a foot & ankle specialist. But, her biggest news is that she found our beloved VIRGINIA BROWN! Hope Virginia will make it to our reunion this year! JULIE TANNER-Leake, after 11 years of marriage, two children, seven moves, six different duty stations and three deployments, has settled in Southern Maryland with her family following her husband’s retirement from the US Navy. TRISHA STUBBLEFIELD received the Cotette College Class of 1960 Excellence in Education Award in May 2012. Trisha has taught English and Women’s Studies at Cotette since 2001 and she has recruited several of their associate degree students for Converse!

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Benjamin Robinson Pickens, Jr., April 22, 2012, husband of DIANE VERMILLION PICKENS, MMus

Bill and SARAH RUEFF Ryan welcomed daughter Gabrielle Ann Ryan on June 18, 2012. MELODY MOORE BRADLEY and PATRICIA ELLISON FARMER completed their Master’s in education at Converse in July 2012.

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IN MEMORIAM
DEBRA THRIFT THOMAS, MEd, June 7, 2012

KELLY WUZZARDO is very busy with work but finds being Director of Education and Outreach Initiatives at the Shubert Theater extremely rewarding. She is also involved with the arts magnet high school next door to the theater where she is managing their arts spaces for rentals, providing tech support, and teaching students about about technical theater through internships and mentoring. JOY GRIGG Garner’s family opened a new business on Main Street in Spartanburg called Twisty’s Yogurt and Smoothies, a frozen yogurt and smoothie shop. It is located next door to their other store, Garner’s Natural Foods. Thanks to all our Converse classmates who have come out to support their business. Joy also visited with MICHELE BURNS Fowler and MEGAN BAXLEY Monk; they had a fun day at Harmon field in Tryon, SC and enjoyed a picnic with their children. Congratulations on the arrival of Ellison Elizabeth Getz on July 21, 2011, daughter of Keith and LAURA BENNETT Getz! Josh and PAGE SPILLANE Fowler welcomed son William Jeffrey Fowler on September 5, 2012 in Knoxville, TN.

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Congratulations to KELLI LYNN HARRIS (MEd) and Christopher Martin Mesardjian on their wedding on November 5, 2011. Congratulations to CATHY M. WARD for earning her master’s in education at Converse in July 2012.

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SYMPATHY
Harry Caldwell Johnson, Jr., April 28, 2012, grandfather of PERRIN SPIGENER Marchionne

The Class of 1997 was well represented at our 15th Reunion, where a good time was had by all! Kudos to SHANNON GOSNELL Bishop, CATHERINE ALEXANDER Girard and JENNIFER COGGINS Reese for planning our class dinner and serving as our class reps the last five years! KRISTIN BRADSHAW is the Director of the Academic Center of Excellence and Assistant Professor of Liberal Arts at Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland, OR; her first book Apologies is forthcoming from Burning Deck Press. As chairperson for the Spina Bifida Association of Central Florida, NICOLE VAN NOTE Gower is busy planning the second-annual WALK-N-ROLL fundraiser. After having two sons, Nicole and Scott adopted two daughters with Spina Bifida from China, so this cause is near and dear to their hearts. MELISA FEUERHANH Woof is taking the internet by storm selling infant hats. Dr. CAREN USHER is an Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of First-Year Experience at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, VA. JULIA WITTSCHEN-Price
Big Sis Li’l Sis Heroes


The Office of Alumnae and Donor Relations sent an email blast to all alumnae in our database with updated email addresses (only about 40% of our alumnae) asking for a gift of $50 to cover the cost of sponsoring one little sister. Over 30 alumnae responded to the Juniors’ plea for help, with some alumnae offering to sponsor up to four new students! Every Junior who wanted to have a little sister was able to adopt one and many who didn’t think they would be able to afford to participate in this special week were able to receive a little sister! THANK YOU!

One of Converse’s most beloved traditions, Big Sis/Li’l Sis week, takes place over a span of four days. After much anticipation, Juniors find out who their “littles” will be and busily plan baskets of goodies, secret messages and sisterly pampering. Freshmen devour their daily treats hoping for some small clue of who their Big Sis could be.

The Class of 2014 was no different than the “Bigs” who came before them—with one exception. These upperclass students were welcoming the second largest class of new students in over 10 years! This growth in students meant that Juniors would need to adopt three or four little sisters in order to make sure each Freshman had a Big Sister. One of the Junior class officers, Lindsay Smith, had a brilliant idea—ask alumnae if they could sponsor a student in order to ease the financial burden of this tradition. “We might only get a few responses” she said. “But any little bit could help.”

Would you like to sponsor a student for BigSis/Li’l Sis 2013? Email carrie.coleman@converse.edu.
and behavior disturbances. KATY KRUEGER Corbin started a business called Liquid Wisdom selling tea and promoting healthy ways of consuming, eating, drinking and living in Spartanburg; “like” her on Facebook and follow on Twitter @liquidwiz. Speaking of healthy living, ANGEL GAINEY Eicher is looking amazing after her 75-pound weight loss! She credits Weight Watchers and Zumba. 75-pound weight loss! She credits


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SYMPATHY
Kathryn Elliot Patterson Williams, May 28, 2012, sister of ERIN PATTERSON Joye
Elizabeth Carter Ayres, August 26, 2012, grandmother of MILLIE POWELL Eggers

SARAH LUMPKIN Wyatt completed her MSW at East Tennessee State University. JUNEL DOXIE completed the Tough Mudder in Georgia in February and is preparing for future races. KILEY RIKARD returned from a trip to Romania, where she swears she left a piece of her heart. TASHA PANGE Forsee is relocating to Savannah, GA from Watchfield, England, where they have lived for the last year. KERRI TUCKER Powell’s youngest son, Tucker Marion, was born April 22, 2012, joining big brother, Jack. KELLY MOORE returned from a wonderful choir trip to Italy, singing in Rome, Florence and Venice! KATY BEMIS moved back to New England after being in San Antonio. ASHLEY ROGERS Atchley traveled to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage to Israel with their church. ANNE GORDON JENKINSON and John Thomas Thompson were married on October 20, 2012. SHELLEY ELIZABETH HARDIN married Christopher Lee Hundley on September 23, 2011; Shelley is owner of SASS Consignment Boutique in Winston-Salem, NC. Chad and ANNALEISE HELM Jones welcomed son Henry Paul Jones on June 17, 2011. Congratulations to Keith and SUSANNA KNIGHT Roberts on the birth of their daughter Millie Byrd Roberts on December 31, 2012.

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IN MEMORIAM
BRANDI SARRATT Cobb, May 15, 2012, grandmother of Leigh Anne Mitchell Terry

JAMIE KOESTER Wills, ELIZABETH OSWALT, KERRI OLSON and VIRGINIA REDMAN Comer attended MELINDA REDMAN Cody’s Baby Fiesta on April 29, 2012, at Monterrey’s Mexican Restaurant with Anita Redman. Melinda and Christopher welcomed daughter, Brennan Ray Cody on July 6, 2012. ALYSON GEERY Flores and family reside in Mexico City. MARLEE BECKHAM Marsh and her family moved to Columbia, SC, where Marlee is the assistant professor of biology at Columbia College. LAUREN WHITE accepted a position in risk management with Extended Stay Hotels Corporation located in Charlotte, NC. MICHELLE HEAPS Wietbrock married Matthew Wietbrock in January 2010 and

REUNION 2012
Class of 2002

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New members of the Granddaughter’s Club are new students who have a family member who is a Converse alumna/us.

Please welcome:
Courtney Bramlett (right) with mother JILL SEARCY Bramlett ’90 MEd and father Martin Craig Bramlett ’82 MEd, ’98 EdS

Anna Robinson; mother HELEN WILLIAMS Robinson ’78
Lauren Brewer; mother SHARON HEATHERLY Brewer ’06 MEd
Chelsea Sharpe; mother ROBIN THOMASSON ’07 MAT

welcomed son, Jack Matthew Wietbrock on March 30, 2011; they reside in West Lafayette, IN. BRANDIS CUTLER married Robert W. Smith on April 28, 2012 and moved to Chattanooga, TN. Connie in attendance were:
Don’t forget to checkout our ConverseClassOf2002 YouTube Channel and our Facebook Group Converse College Class of 2002 for updates!

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Next Reunion: 2014

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Sympathy
J. Givens Young, March 26, 2012, grandfather of HUNTER MARIE GILBERT

EDNA KATE INGOLD is living in Australia and traveling for the next year. FRANCES CATE and Lawrence Patrick Luckey married on April 21, 2012. Frances is in her fourth year of pathology at Vanderbilt. REBECCA POSTON Creel graduated from SC BAR’s Leadership Academy and the South Texas College of Law, Houston Family Court Trial Institute. ERIN POSTON Stone started nursing school in 2012, in homage to the memory of her husband and his three-year battle with cancer. EMILY GAUDIER graduated from the New England Law School in Boston, MA. KELLY DANIELS Lewis is a licensed professional counselor. JENNIE ZEHR teaches gifted and talented students in Charleston County, SC schools. CASEY ADDIS is a Foreign Service Officer for the US State Department in Geneva, Switzerland. LAURA BURGESS Martin completed her MME from the University of Georgia in August 2012, and is the NICU Ambassador Director for the Graham’s Foundation in Smyrna, GA. KATE CARR is Operations Manager for Anthropologie, in Atlanta, GA. JANE MARION Wilson is the Director of Admissions and Development for the Westminster Catawba Christian School in Rock Hill, SC. CLAIRE FISHER Woodard completed her MEd from Milligan College in December 2010. Congratulations to AMANDA CARTWRIGHT Conschafter on the birth of Hugh Cartwright Conschafter and to RAE SCHULTZ Barnes on the birth of Ellen Arbie Barnes. JESSICA RENEE SIMMONS and Richard David Jordan married on April 7, 2012. Lance and DANIELLE MARTIN Anders welcomed son Eben Martin Anders on October 18, 2011. Blake and JEANANNE PATE Maynard welcomed daughter Anne Pate Sadie Maynard on April 3, 2012. TIFFANY SIMONS Duncan and Darrell welcomed daughter Ysa in May 2012! HUNTER MARIE GILBERT married Daniel Dubose Ray on November 11, 2011. Congratulations to MYRA GREEN Taylor on the birth of twin daughters Lexi Ann and Lily Dale on August 17, 2012!
2005

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MARY BETH BROWN Earp is helping open a new class for high school aged students with moderate to severe autism and other handicaps at Cox Mill High School. She will work with the Marching Band and direct the Miss Cox Mill High School Pageant. ASHLEY PIATT received her MS in special education May 2012. ELIZABETH WALKER earned her real estate license and is working for Coldwell Banker Caine in Greenville, SC. AMANDA BURGESS George is the Academic Associate for the Department of Dance at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, GA. HEATHER ELIZABETH CALVERT and KIMBERLY SMITH received their Master’s in education from Converse in July 2012. RAYMOND RAYNARD RUSSELL and TAMMY NICOLO SINGLETON received their EdS degrees from Converse in July 2012. JONATHAN MCGIBONY DUVALL received his MEd from Converse in July 2012. BRELAN RIDDELE Montgomery served as Matron of Honor at MALLORY BECKETT Daniel’s wedding to Stephen Daniel on April 21, 2012. JENNIFER WAHL Settle, Elizabeth Provence McMillian ’07 MMus and Ridgley Beckett ’10 served as bridesmaids. ELIZABETH MAYES Hyatt read scripture, and MOLLY STOEHR Moyer served as a program attendant. During a honeymoon to Greece, Mallory and her husband met up with Sarah Walter DeMeola ’08 and her husband in Santorini. Mallory and her husband have moved to Baltimore, MD. RIONNE LEE RIDGEWAY and Michael Jason Howell married on March 3, 2012. Stuart and COURTNEY CLARK Kay welcomed daughter Olivia Reese Kay on March 19, 2012. Will and Brelan Riddle Montgomery welcomed son William James Montgomery, Jr. on July 10, 2012. Jon and BROOKE TIMMS Humphries welcomed daughter Ezri Humphries on August 4, 2012.

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SYMPATHY

George Richard Atherton, July 24, 2012, grandfather of JESSICA ATHERTON ’07

KAY SHERER Steele and her husband are living in Roanoke, VA where she works as a nurse. JESSICA CALLAHAN Sellers works as an Accountant in Corporate Finance for Michelin North America, in Greenville, SC. DEIDRE TINDAL is pursuing her Master’s in healthcare administration at MUSC. STINSON WOODWARD FERGUSON works with Haysworth, Sinkler, Boyd PA in Greenville, SC as a second year associate in the Financial Services Litigation, Business Litigation, and Environmental Law practice groups. LAUREN MAXWELL works for the SC Governor’s School as a Program Coordinator in Outreach and Enrollment. SARAH TODD works as an account executive and healthcare specialist with Levine Calvano in New York City, NY. CARLA KANTARA graduated with a PhD in cancer biology from the University of Texas Medical Branch. Carla is working on a postdoctoral fellowship and also works as a consultant for Chrysalis BioTherapeutics in Houston, TX. KATE MCCORMICK, who plays with the Memphis Symphony occasionally, met and played with Yo Yo Ma in November 2012! SUMMER KASEL Keever received her MA degree from the Savannah College of Art and Design in June 2012. MARY CAROLYN DEBRUHL Frith and husband Clay welcomed son Reed Thomas Frith on March 30, 2012. Ryan and AMY LINK Forgay welcomed daughter Ellie Grace Forgay on December 29, 2011. GRACE WEPNER Ludike and her husband, Tim welcomed their second son, Liam Timothy on June 5, 2012. Grace continues to play the harp professionally, while teaching private harp lessons and performing with the North Carolina Harp Ensemble.

2008

5th Reunion: April 12–13, 2013

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SHANNON PETROSKI McKenzie passed the NCIDQ exam for interior designers. LIZ KING Cooksey completed her MEd degree from Lesley University in June 2012 and is teaching and coaching volleyball at Byrnes High School. LINDSAY WALLER McKenzie passed her nursing home administrator board exams and is dually licensed in the state of SC as an Assisted Living and Nursing Home Administrator. JOSLYN EMMEL is a violist with the Carolina Pops Orchestra in Greer, SC. SARAH CAPPELMANN completed her AuD degree from East Tennessee State University in May 2012 and is the district audiologist for Richland School District Two in Columbia, SC. DESIREE GOMEZ is a sixth grade science teacher at Boiling Springs Middle School in SC. BELDA THOMAS received her PharmD degree from Wingate University in May 2012 and is a Pharmacist at Walgreen’s in Greenville, SC. PARRISH ATKINSON received her PharmD degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in May 2012. JULIE BRIGHT completed her MACC degree

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Next Reunion: 2014

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IN MEMORIAM
CASONYA LAKIA Boyce, MEd, March 22, 2012

BETSY RUPPERT Selover lives in Wapakoneta, OH and teaches art, coaching cross-country and track at Indian Lake Middle School. CARAH RANDALL works at Folline Vision Center. MARIAN BRYCE HANNA graduated with a Master’s of language and literacy and teaches second grade at Nursery Road Elementary School in Irmo, SC. RACHEL HARMON Robles has an internship with a publishing company in Asheville, NC as an Editorial Assistant. SADIE BARLOW teaches Spanish and graduated with a MEd from Virginia Tech. KELLY PANNOCCHIA is a paralegal for Talley Law Firm in Spartanburg, SC. JESSICA LOONEY works in residence life at Merrimack College. EOWYN MORROW married Jared Meralagano on June 16, 2012. HEATHER VICTORIA Price married Jacob Holowach on August 11, 2012. Sean and JULIE SEILS Ogren welcomed daughter Maple Beverly Ogren on September 22, 2012. SADIE BARLOW received her MEd degree from Virginia Tech in June 2012. SERENA DAWN Cox and TAYLOR HART completed their MEd degrees from Converse in July 2012. KATHERINE KLAMMER Bradberry received her MEd in psychology from Clemson University in May 2012. JESSICA REN Loving completed her MMFT degree from Converse in July 2012. ALEXANDRA MOORE received her MAT degree from the University of West Florida in May 2012. CHRISTINE WALKER Proctor completed her EdS degree from Converse in July 2012. REBECCA RAWLS received her MFA degree from Wichita State University in 2012. ELIZABETH DAWN Walsh received her MEd degree from Converse in July 2012. DANIELA BURROWS married in October 2012. MARYBeth SANDERS completed her master’s in sacred music from Perkins School of Theology-Southern Methodist in May 2012 and married Bradley Wilson on October 13, 2012.

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REBECCA WILSON

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MORGAN ANDERSON moved to Atlanta, GA to teach secondary Spanish with Teach for America. ANNA OWENS is in Northern Ireland as a young adult volunteer through the Presbyterian Church (USA). RACHEL DAUGHTERY is in Beijing, China, teaching second grade. KARISSA TERRY and COLLIN EMMEL graduated with BSN degrees from Emory University and the University of SC, respectively. KRISTA WILLIAMS completed her MFA from SCAD and is an Interior Designer at Palmetto Interiors in Charleston, SC. KAITLYN PRICE received her MS degree from Syracuse University. CAROLINE BURNETT works for Staubli Corporation. MIRIAM JACKSON is the voice teacher for First Baptist North Spartanburg’s school SCA. ASHLEY SHEARS, BRITNI COX, MELISSA RHOADES, BRIE VON HAUSEN, ASHLEY GRIGSBY and MICHELE TATE graduated from Converse with a master’s degree. Ashley Shears is employed at Byrnes Freshman Academy as a science teacher. Ashley Grigsby has a beautiful daughter, Myla. Michele Tate works as a Residential Life Coordinator at the SC Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities in Greenville, SC. GWEN STEMBRIDGE works for Young Audiences coordinating ArtWorks in Cleveland, OH. MARY ENGLISH is the Family Recruitment Coordinator for Habitat for Humanity in Charlotte, NC. GINA MCBRIDE moved to Atlanta, GA, to work in a family business, CTRAM Entertainment. MARISA COLEMAN married Benjamin Griswold on April 28, 2012. Marisa Griswold is Lead Therapist at Project Hope Foundation. CARRIE JACKSON and Riccardo Saxo were married on September 29, 2012. NICOLE DUMOUCHEL married Jeremy Watford on June 16, 2012. CRISTIN FEDINA married Adam Wood on May 25, 2012. AMANDA STILLINGER and Justin Knauff married on May 20, 2012. Congratulations to Amanda and Justin on the birth of their son Jackson! KASIE STARNES married Adam Auten on August 12, 2012. ANNA LOCKAMY married Allan Randall on December 15, 2012. CHRISTINE RAMSEY completed her MEd from Winthrop University.

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SYMPATHY
Margaret Allen Tyson ’76, March 22, 2012, mother of ELIZABETH MORAN TYSIN

RACHEL LAUREN BEASLEY married Michael Craig Rhodes on December 18, 2010. ZAREEN KHAN received her master’s in public affairs from the University of Texas at Austin in June 2012 and is a data integration specialist with Southwest Key Programs in Austin, TX. APRIL LYNN TIMMS completed her master’s in education from Converse in July 2012. HEATHER NICOLE NEFF and Rick Loveday were married in April 2012.

2012

1st Reunion: April 12–13, 2013

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ANNA BURNS, MIYA EVANS-WALKER, and ASHLEIGH TAYLOR MADILL are admission counselors at Converse. VALERIE THOMS is the volleyball coach at Mauldin High School in Mauldin, SC. Congratulations to CAROLINE ROBBINS and Peter Bruce Wilson on their June 9, 2012 wedding. Congratulations to JOYCE JIN, who has been accepted to the Royal Academy of Music in London. Make plans now to attend our FIRST reunion on April 12–13, 2013!

100% of the Class of 2012 history and politics majors were accepted to graduate school or secured notable employment within three months of graduation.
WANTED

Before Roxie and before Richard, there was Modine. Help us build our archives of her story!

MODINE

Considered possibly armless and dangerously knowledgable about student activities from the mid-1960s to the mid-1970s.

If you have any information about this student mascot, please contact cindy.smith@converse.edu or call 864.596.9705.

No questions asked; all information, photos and late-night stories are confidential... until the next issue....
EDWIN McCAIN

April 13, 2013
8:00 pm

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