

ELLSWORTH CONVERTIBLE GROWTH & INCOME FUND INC  
Form N-CSR  
November 29, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number: 811-04656  
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ELLSWORTH CONVERTIBLE GROWTH AND INCOME FUND, INC.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

65 Madison Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960-7308  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Date of fiscal year end: September 30

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2005

ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

ELLSWORTH CONVERTIBLE  
GROWTH AND INCOME FUND

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2005 ANNUAL REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

ELLSWORTH CONVERTIBLE GROWTH AND INCOME FUND, INC. OPERATES AS A CLOSED-END, DIVERSIFIED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND INVESTS PRIMARILY IN CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES, WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF PROVIDING INCOME AND THE POTENTIAL FOR CAPITAL APPRECIATION -- WHICH OBJECTIVES THE FUND CONSIDERS TO BE RELATIVELY EQUAL, OVER THE LONG-TERM, DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE SECURITIES IN WHICH IT INVESTS.

## HIGHLIGHTS

PERFORMANCE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 - WITH DIVIDENDS REINVESTED

	Calendar YTD	1 Year	Cumulative 5 Years	Cumulative 10 Years
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Ellsworth market price (a) .....	(0.28)%	2.45%	14.00%	155.38%
Ellsworth net asset value (b) .....	4.89	10.31	8.73	128.59
Closed-end convertible fund average (b) .....	3.93	11.20	16.47	108.20
S&P 500 Index (a) .....	2.77	12.25	(7.22)	147.47
Russell 2000 Index (a) .....	3.44	18.08	37.15	146.91
Lehman Aggregate Bond Total Return Index (b) ...	1.82	2.80	37.80	88.52

PERFORMANCE DATA REPRESENT PAST RESULTS AND DO NOT REFLECT FUTURE PERFORMANCE.

(a) From Bloomberg L.P. pricing service.

(b) From Lipper, Inc. Closed-End Fund Performance Analysis, dated September 30, 2005.

## QUARTERLY HISTORY OF NAV AND MARKET PRICE

Qtr. Ended	Net Asset Values			Market Prices (AMEX, symbol ECF)		
	High	Low	Close	High	Low	Close
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Dec. 04	\$9.07	\$8.60	\$9.07	\$8.08	\$7.80	\$8.08
Mar. 05	9.02	8.70	8.77	8.11	7.47	7.63
Jun. 05	8.80	8.35	8.79	7.74	7.25	7.74
Sep. 05	9.29	8.82	9.29	7.90	7.57	7.84

## DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTIONS (12 MONTHS)

Record Date	Payment Date	Income	Capital Gains	* Corporate Deduction
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10/28/04	11/24/04	\$0.085	--	13%
2/11/05	2/25/05	0.070	--	22
5/13/05	5/27/05	0.070	--	22
8/16/05	8/30/05	0.070	--	22
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		\$0.295		
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\* Percentage of each ordinary income distribution qualifying for the corporate

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dividend received tax deduction.

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TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS

November 4, 2005

As we approach the end of this most eventful year we find our investment strategy to be heavily influenced by the question "Is inflation back?" The Consumer Price Index (CPI) that had been running at a year over year rate of under 2% in 2003 is now over 4.5% (3Q 2005). Any significant inflation can be a very disruptive phenomenon.

In the 1970's inflation became embedded in our economy. This came about due to stimulative fiscal policy (government spending), loose monetary policy, imposition of substantial regulation and tax policy that included penalties on savings and investment, and higher tax brackets for those who were simply keeping up with price increases (bracket creep). There were also several supply shocks in energy and mining. In that environment investing in manufacturing did not work while investing in hard assets such as metals and oil did.

Our current economy shows some similarities to that of the 1970's: fiscal policy has been stimulative, monetary policy was also stimulative for several years, supply shocks created by national disasters have occurred, a form of bracket creep has returned through a device known as the alternative minimum tax (which includes no adjustment for inflation) and Federal regulations have expanded.

There are also differences: technology has increased productivity, Federal tax rates of 50% to 70% in the 1970's are now 15% to 35% on savings and investment, and globalization has expanded competition which limits price increases by companies.

It is our opinion that a limited form of inflation is returning, which should benefit the owners of hard assets. However, the lower tax rates, productivity gains, tighter monetary policy and the effects of globalization should keep it from becoming embedded.

Of the Fund's major industry exposure, energy continued to contribute positively to performance in its fourth quarter, while exposure to the telecommunications industry has hindered performance. The rise in energy prices has been a direct cause of the strong performance by energy stocks, but has also reduced expectations for growth in other sectors of the economy.

Since the founding of Ellsworth Convertible Growth and Income Fund in 1986, the Fund's strategy has consistently been to use convertible securities as an equity alternative to reduce risk and volatility. This strategy tends to outperform in bear markets and lag in bull markets. For the quarter, nine-month and ten-year periods ended September 30, 2005, Ellsworth's NAV has outperformed the average of the closed-end convertible fund category tracked by Lipper, Inc. and published in the Lipper Closed-End Performance Analysis. However, for the one year and five years ended September 30, 2005, the Fund underperformed the average of the eleven funds in its category. Of these eleven funds, only four, including the Fund, remain unleveraged convertible funds and only five, including the Fund, have more than 65% of their assets in convertible securities. We believe these factors contributed to the difference in performance between Ellsworth and many of the other funds in the group.

Independent director William A. Benton is retiring from service at the end of his term in 2006. He was one of Ellsworth's directors in our founding year of

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1986. His contributions to the Fund have been many. He will be missed.

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TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS (CONTINUED)

Visit our website, [www.ellsworthfund.com](http://www.ellsworthfund.com), for additional information on the Fund. Further, shareholders who wish to obtain a copy of the most recent report on the Fund issued by Standard & Poor's should contact us.

At its October 17, 2005 meeting, the Board of Directors declared a dividend of 9.75 cents (\$0.0975) per share. The dividend consists of undistributed net investment income and will be payable on November 23, 2005 to shareholders of record on October 27, 2005.

The 2006 annual meeting of shareholders will be held at our offices in Morristown, New Jersey on January 13, 2006. Time and location will be included in the proxy statement, scheduled to be mailed to shareholders on November 28, 2005. All shareholders are welcome to attend, we hope to see you there.

/s/ Thomas H. Dinsmore

Thomas H. Dinsmore  
Chairman of the Board

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MAJOR PORTFOLIO CHANGES - BY UNDERLYING COMMON STOCK  
SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

ADDITIONS

Best Buy Co., Inc.

Celanese Corp.

Cephalon, Inc.

Echostar Communications Corp.

FTI Consulting, Inc.

Genworth Financial, Inc.  
(exchangeable from Citigroup Funding, Inc.)

LSI Logic Corp.

Manor Care, Inc.

MetLife, Inc.

Nuveen Investments, Inc.  
(exchangeable from Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. and

REDUCTIONS

Agilent Technologies, Inc.

The Chubb Corp.

Devon Energy Corp.

Global Marine Corp.

Impax Laboratories, Inc.

IKON Office Solutions, Inc.  
(exchangeable from IOS Capital, LLC)

Ivax Corp.

Leucadia National Corp.

Ocwen Financial Corp.

Omnicare, Inc.

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Morgan Stanley, Inc.)	Pegasus Solutions, Inc.
Oil States International, Inc.	Valero Energy Corp.
U.S. Bancorp	Weatherford International, Ltd.

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 LARGEST INVESTMENT HOLDINGS - BY UNDERLYING COMMON STOCK

	Value (Note 1)	% Total Net Assets
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Chesapeake Energy Corp. .... PRODUCES OIL AND NATURAL GAS. THE COMPANY'S OPERATIONS ARE FOCUSED ON DEVELOPMENTAL DRILLING AND PRODUCING PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS IN ONSHORE NATURAL GAS PRODUCING AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.	\$ 4,640,875	4.0%
The Walt Disney Company ..... AN ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY WHICH CONDUCTS OPERATIONS IN MEDIA NETWORKS, STUDIO ENTERTAINMENT, THEME PARKS AND RESORTS, CONSUMER PRODUCTS, AND INTERNET AND DIRECT MARKETING.	3,301,090	2.9
Nuveen Investments, Inc. .... THE COMPANY'S PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES ARE ASSET MANAGEMENT AND RELATED RESEARCH, AND THE DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF INVESTMENT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. NUVEEN PROVIDES ITS SERVICES THROUGH FINANCIAL ADVISORS WHO SERVE THE AFFLUENT AND HIGH NET WORTH MARKET SEGMENTS. (EXCH. FROM MERRILL LYNCH & Co., Inc. and Morgan Stanley, Inc.)	2,717,295	2.4
The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc. .... PROVIDES A BROAD RANGE OF INSURANCE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR THE COMMERCIAL AND CONSUMER MARKETS.	2,406,000	2.1
Genworth Financial, Inc. .... PROVIDES LIFE INSURANCE PRODUCTS, LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE AND MORTGAGE GUARANTEE INSURANCE COVERAGE ON RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS. (EXCH. FROM CITIGROUP FUNDING, INC.)	2,360,475	2.1
The Williams Companies, Inc. .... THE COMPANY EXPLORES, PRODUCES, GATHERS, PROCESSES AND TRANSPORTS NATURAL GAS. WILLIAMS ALSO MANAGES A WHOLESALE POWER BUSINESS.	2,340,000	2.0
Amerada Hess Corp. .... TOGETHER WITH ITS SUBSIDIARIES EXPLORES FOR, PRODUCES, PURCHASES, TRANSPORTS AND SELLS CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS. THE COMPANY ALSO MANUFACTURES, PURCHASES, TRANSPORTS AND MARKETS REFINED PETROLEUM	2,332,600	2.0

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PRODUCTS.

The TJX Companies, Inc. ....	2,309,160	2.0
RETAILS OFF-PRICE APPAREL AND HOME FASHIONS. THE COMPANY CURRENTLY OPERATES T.J. MAXX, MARSHALLS, HOMEGOODS, A.J. WRIGHT, WINNERS AND T.K. MAXX STORES.		
MetLife, Inc. ....	2,263,200	2.0
PROVIDES INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES TO A RANGE OF INDIVIDUAL AND INSTITUTIONAL CUSTOMERS.		
Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold, Inc. ....	2,218,420	1.9
IS INVOLVED IN MINERAL EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT, MINING, AND MILLING OF COPPER, GOLD AND SILVER. THE COMPANY IS ALSO INVOLVED IN SMELTING AND REFINING COPPER CONCENTRATES.		
Total .....	\$26,889,115	23.4%
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MAJOR INDUSTRY EXPOSURE

Banking/Savings & Loan	7.2%
Chemicals	3.4%
Energy	13.7%
Entertainment	4.2%
Financial & Insurance	15.3%
Health Care	5.7%
Pharmaceuticals	11.6%
Retail	6.4%
Technology	8.4%
Telecommunications	6.3%

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 DIVERSIFICATION OF ASSETS

	Cost	Value (Note 1)	% Total Net Assets September 30,	
			2005	2004
Automotive .....	\$ 2,845,190	\$ 2,644,188	2.3%	4.7%
Banking/Savings and Loan .....	8,646,599	8,279,613	7.2	11.0
Chemicals .....	3,943,044	3,890,520	3.4	--
Consumer Goods .....	2,463,795	3,207,263	2.8	3.6
Energy .....	10,369,642	15,757,845	13.7	10.4
Entertainment .....	4,902,842	4,791,715	4.2	4.2
Financial and Insurance .....	17,165,326	17,577,120	15.3	11.1
Foods .....	2,071,514	2,060,800	1.8	1.0
Health Care .....	6,885,292	6,548,522	5.7	4.7
Mining .....	1,961,987	2,218,420	1.9	1.4
Multi-Industry .....	1,593,172	1,438,500	1.3	--
Pharmaceuticals .....	12,562,777	13,286,207	11.6	11.1
Retail .....	7,742,664	7,303,858	6.4	7.9
Technology .....	9,642,922	9,695,225	8.4	7.3
Telecommunications .....	6,497,489	7,196,055	6.3	6.7
Utilities .....	1,500,000	1,927,500	1.7	1.1
Other .....	2,022,193	2,041,250	1.6	8.7
Short-Term Securities .....	4,308,677	4,308,683	3.8	3.8
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b> .....	<b>107,125,125</b>	<b>114,173,284</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>98.7</b>
Other Assets, Net of Liabilities .....	--	650,585	0.6	1.3
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$107,125,125</b>	<b>\$114,823,869</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	SEPTEMBER 30, 2005
<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Investments at value (cost \$107,125,125) (Note 1) .....	\$114,173,284
Cash .....	156,561
Receivable for securities sold .....	2,090,725
Dividends and interest receivable .....	494,204
Other assets .....	32,676
<b>Total assets</b> .....	<b>116,947,450</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Payable for securities purchased .....	1,996,882

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Accrued management fee (Note 2) .....	68,330
Accrued expenses .....	19,935
Other liabilities .....	38,434
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Total liabilities .....	2,123,581
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NET ASSETS .....	\$114,823,869
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NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:	
Undistributed net investment income .....	\$ 747,780
Accumulated net realized loss from investment transactions .....	(2,705,037)
Unrealized appreciation on investments .....	7,048,159
Capital shares (Note 3) .....	123,623
Additional paid-in capital .....	109,609,344
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NET ASSETS .....	\$114,823,869
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Net asset value per share (\$114,823,869 / 12,362,269 outstanding shares) .....	\$ 9.29
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

INVESTMENT INCOME (NOTE 1):

Interest .....	\$ 2,709,465
Dividends .....	2,287,195

Total Income .....	4,996,660
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EXPENSES (NOTE 2):

Management fee .....	785,902
Custodian .....	23,300
Transfer agent .....	22,563
Professional fees .....	154,442
Directors' fees .....	127,175
Reports to shareholders .....	51,762
Treasurer's office .....	25,000
Other .....	96,782

Total Expenses .....	1,286,926
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NET INVESTMENT INCOME .....	3,709,734
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REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS:

Net realized gain from investment transactions .....	1,922,040
Net unrealized appreciation of investments .....	5,219,341

Net gain on investments .....	7,141,381
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NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS .....	\$ 10,851,115
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SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004

	2005	2004
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Change in net assets from operations:		
Net investment income .....	\$ 3,709,734	\$ 3,647,400
Adjustment for change in amortization policy .....	--	(248,111)
Net investment income, as adjusted .....		3,399,289
Net realized gain from investment transactions .....	1,922,040	3,243,708
Adjustment for change in amortization policy .....	--	66,057
Net realized gain from investment transactions, as adjusted ...		3,309,765
Net unrealized appreciation of investments .....	5,219,341	411,096
Adjustment for change in amortization policy .....	--	182,054
Net unrealized appreciation of investments, as adjusted .....		593,150
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations .....	10,851,115	7,302,204
Adjustment for change in amortization policy .....	--	--
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations, as adjusted.....	10,851,115	7,302,204
DIVIDENDS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:		
Net investment income .....	(3,641,418)	(3,681,116)
Capital share transactions (Note 3)		
Value of shares issued on reinvestment of distributions .....	506,725	648,017
Net proceeds from rights offering .....	--	13,037,152
Total capital share transactions .....	506,725	13,685,169
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS .....	7,716,422	17,306,257
Net assets at beginning of year .....	107,107,447	89,801,190
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR .....	\$114,823,869	\$107,107,447
Undistributed net investment income at end of year .....	\$ 747,780	\$ 967,661
Adjustment for change in amortization policy .....		(288,197)
Undistributed net investment income at end of year,		

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as adjusted ..... \$ 679,464  
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 (a) As previously reported.

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 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS - SELECTED DATA FOR A SHARE OF COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING:

	YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,				
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
<b>OPERATING PERFORMANCE:</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of year .....	\$8.71	\$8.58	\$7.81	\$8.67	\$11.8
Net investment income .....	0.29	0.30 (a)	0.32 (a)	0.34 (a)	0.4
Adjustment for change in amortization policy .....	--	(0.02)	(0.01)	--	--
Net investment income, as adjusted .....	0.29	0.28	0.31	0.34	0.4
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) .....	0.59	0.35 (a)	0.75 (a)	(0.76) (a)	(1.8
Adjustment for change in amortization policy .....	--	0.02	0.01	--	--
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss), as adjusted .....	0.59	0.37	0.76	(0.76)	(1.8
Total from investment operations .....	0.88	0.65	1.07	(0.42)	(1.4
<b>LESS DISTRIBUTIONS:</b>					
Dividends from net investment income .....	(0.30)	(0.32)	(0.30)	(0.44)	(0.4
Distributions from realized gains .....	--	--	--	--	(1.3
Total distributions .....	(0.30)	(0.32)	(0.30)	(0.44)	(1.7
<b>CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:</b>					
Effect of rights offering .....	--	(0.20)	--	--	--
Capital share repurchases .....	--	--	--	--	--
Total capital share transactions .....	--	(0.20)	--	--	--
Net asset value, end of year .....	\$9.29	\$8.71	\$8.58	\$7.81	\$8.6

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Market value, end of year .....	\$7.84	\$7.95	\$8.05	\$7.55	\$8.3
Total Net Asset Value Return (%) (b) .....	10.3	5.2	14.0	(5.2)	(13.
Total Investment Return (%) (c) .....	2.5	2.8	10.8	(4.5)	2.
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:					
Net assets, end of year (in thousands) .....	\$114,824	\$107,107	\$89,801	\$81,125	\$88,90
Ratio of expenses to average net assets (%) ....	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets (%) .....	3.4	3.2(d)	3.8(d)	4.0(d)	5.
Portfolio turnover rate (%) .....	82	70	86	89	8

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- (a) As previously reported.
  - (b) Assumes valuation of the Fund's shares, and reinvestment of dividends, at net asset values.
  - (c) Assumes valuation of the Fund's shares at market price and reinvestment of dividends at actual reinvestment price.
  - (d) Ratios for 2004, 2003 and 2002 reflect ratios adjusted for change in amortization policy. Ratios previously reported for 2004, 2003 and 2002 were 3.4%, 3.9% and 3.9%, respectively.

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

Principal Amount		Identified Cost	Value (Note 1)
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	CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES -- 50.8%		
	AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE -- 0.9%		
\$1,000,000	L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. 3% 2035 CODES (Ba3) (Acquired 07/27/05 - 07/28/05) (1,2) .....	\$1,011,255	\$1,026,
	AUTOMOTIVE -- 2.3%		
625,000	CSK Auto Inc. 3.375% 2025 sr. exch. notes (NR) (conv. into CSK Auto Corp. common stock) (Acquired 07/26/05) (2) .....	637,095	593,
4,500,000	Lear Corp. 0% 2022 cv. sr. notes (Ba2) .....	2,208,095	2,050,
		2,845,190	2,644,
	BANKING/SAVINGS AND LOAN -- 2.0%		
1,000,000	The Bear Stearns Companies, Inc. 0.25% 2010 medium-term notes (A1) (exch. for Fifth Third Bancorp common stock) (1) .....	1,152,524	836,
1,500,000	U.S. Bancorp floating rate 2035 cv. sr. deb. (Aa2) (Acquired 08/10/05) (2) .....	1,483,503	1,479,
		2,636,027	2,315,
	CONSUMER GOODS -- 1.6%		
1,375,000	Church & Dwight Co., Inc. 5.25% 2033 cv. sr. deb. (Ba2) .....	1,375,000	1,840,

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	ENERGY -- 2.4%		
750,000	OMI Corp. 2.875% 2024 cv. sr. notes (B+) .....	750,000	691,
1,500,000	Oil States International, Inc. 2.375% 2025 contingent cv. sr. notes (B+) (Acquired 06/16/05) (2) .....	1,485,546	2,011,
		2,235,546	2,703,
	ENTERTAINMENT -- 4.2%		
1,500,000	EchoStar Communications Corp. 5.75% 2008 cv. sub. notes (B2) ...	1,496,303	1,490,
3,250,000	The Walt Disney Company 2.125% 2023 cv. sr. notes (Baa1) .....	3,406,539	3,301,
		4,902,842	4,791,
	FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE -- 1.7%		
1,000,000	FTI Consulting, Inc. 3.75% 2012 cv. sr. sub. notes (Ba3) (Acquired 07/29/05) (2) .....	1,027,541	1,066,
1,000,000	Swiss Re America Holding Corp. 3.25% 2021 euro. sub. cv. bonds (A1) (conv. into Swiss Reinsurance Company common stock) (Acquired 11/15/01 - 12/05/01) (2) .....	1,006,361	925,9
		2,033,902	1,992,
	FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 0.9%		
1,000,000	Euronet Worldwide, Inc. 3.50% 2025 cv. deb. (NR) (Acquired 09/28/05 - 09/29/05) (1,2) .....	1,010,938	1,015,
	HEALTH CARE -- 4.9%		
1,500,000	Community Health Systems, Inc. 4.25% 2008 cv. sub. notes (B3) ..	1,505,570	1,747,
1,750,000	Isolagen, Inc. 3.5% 2024 cv. sub. notes (NR) .....	1,768,669	875,
2,000,000	Manor Care, Inc. 2.125% 2035 cv. sr. notes (Baa3) (Acquired 07/27/05 - 09/20/05) (2) .....	2,044,185	2,050,
500,000	Mentor Corp. 2.75% 2024 cv. sub. notes (NR) .....	573,118	952,
		5,891,542	5,625,
	MULTI-INDUSTRY -- 0.8%		
1,000,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. 1% 2011 medium-term notes (A1) (performance linked to Cendant Corp. common stock) (1) .....	1,031,672	922,

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (CONTINUED)

Principal Amount		Identified Cost	Value (Note 1)
	CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES -- (CONTINUED)		
	PHARMACEUTICALS -- 7.2%		
\$2,000,000	Amgen, Inc. 0% 2032 LYONS (A2) (1) .....	\$ 1,699,432	\$1,599,
550,000	CV Therapeutics, Inc. 3.25% 2013 sr. sub. cv. notes (NR) .....	576,509	653,

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1,500,000	Cephalon, Inc. 2% 2015 cv. sr. sub. notes (B-) .....	1,482,624	1,692,
1,250,000	Encysive Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 2.5% 2012 cv. sr. notes (NR) ....	1,267,117	1,326,
1,000,000	Ivax Corp. 4.5% 2008 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR) .....	1,000,660	1,005,
1,000,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance II, LLC series A 0.5% 2024 cv. sr. deb.(BBB) (exch. for Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. ADR)	1,000,000	1,000,
1,000,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance II, LLC series B 0.25% 2024 cv. sr. deb.(BBB) (exch. for Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. ADR)	1,000,000	1,032,
		8,026,342	8,308,
	RETAIL -- 6.4%		
1,000,000	Amazon.com, Inc. 4.75% 2009 cv. sub. notes (B3) .....	977,500	982,
2,000,000	Best Buy Co., Inc. 2.25% 2022 cv. sub. deb. (Ba1) (1) .....	2,278,507	2,195,
1,250,000	Casual Male Retail Group, Inc. 5% 2024 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR) .	1,292,855	1,135,
1,000,000	Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc. 1.6061% 2024 sr. cv. notes (B) .....	668,889	680,
3,000,000	The TJX Companies, Inc. 0% 2021 LYONs (Baal) .....	2,524,913	2,309,
		7,742,664	7,303,
	TECHNOLOGY -- 8.4%		
1,250,000	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. 4.75% 2022 cv. sr. deb. (B3) (1) ..	1,447,925	1,421,
2,000,000	Citigroup Funding, Inc. 1% 2010 medium-term notes (Aa1) (exch. into cash equivalent of a basket of technology stocks) (1)	2,019,330	1,877,
2,250,000	International Rectifier Corp. 4.25% 2007 cv. sub. notes (B2) ...	2,242,713	2,216,
1,500,000	LSI Logic Corp. 4% 2010 cv. sub. notes (B) .....	1,483,048	1,588,
1,500,000	Sybase, Inc. 1.75% 2025 cv. sub. notes (NR) .....	1,492,164	1,631,
1,000,000	Vishay Intertechnology, Inc. 3.625% 2023 cv. sub. notes (B3) ...	957,742	960,
		9,642,922	9,695,
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 5.4%		
1,000,000	Converse Technology, Inc. 0% 2023 ZYPS (BB-) (3) .....	1,149,375	1,496,
1,000,000	Lucent Technologies, Inc. 2.75% 2023 series A cv. sr. deb. (B1).	1,000,000	1,145,
500,000	Lucent Technologies, Inc. 2.75% 2025 series B cv. sr. deb. (B1).	500,000	599,
1,250,000	Nortel Networks Corp. 4.25% 2008 cv. sr. notes (B3) .....	1,274,444	1,182,
1,500,000	Tekelec, Inc. 2.25% 2008 sr. sub. cv. notes (NR) .....	1,510,670	1,813,
		5,434,489	6,237,
	UTILITIES -- 1.7%		
1,500,000	CMS Energy Corp. 2.875% 2024 cv. sr. notes (B1) .....	1,500,000	1,927,
	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES .....	\$57,320,331	\$58,349,
Shares	CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS -- 23.6%		
	BANKING/SAVINGS AND LOAN -- 5.2%		
40,000	National Australia Bank Ltd. 7.875% exch. capital units (NR) ...	1,038,700	1,640,
20,000	New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 6% BONUSSES units (Baa2) .....	1,306,838	966,
35,000	Sovereign Capital Trust IV 4.375% PIERS (Ba1) (exch. for Sovereign Bancorp, Inc. common stock) (1) .....	1,891,909	1,544,
35,000	Washington Mutual Capital Trust 5.375% PIERS units (Baa1) (exch. for Washington Mutual, Inc. common stock) .....	1,773,125	1,813,
		6,010,572	5,963,
	CHEMICALS -- 1.8%		
80,000	Celanese Corp. 4.25% cv. perp. pfd. (NR) .....	1,931,748	2,112,

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Shares		Identified Cost	Value (Note 1)
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CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS -- CONTINUED			
ENERGY -- 7.9%			
16,500	Chesapeake Energy Corp. 5% cum. cv. pfd. (B) .....	\$ 1,832,500	\$ 2,739,
17,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp. 4.5% cum. cv. pfd. (B) .....	1,794,250	1,901,
10,000	Semco Energy, Inc. 5% series B cv. cum. pfd. (B-) .....	2,025,096	2,061,
20,000	The Williams Companies, Inc. 5.5% 2033 jr. sub. cv. deb. (B-) .	1,015,000	2,340,
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		6,666,846	9,042,
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FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE -- 6.8%			
75,000	Citigroup Funding, Inc. variable rate 2008 exch. notes (Aa1) (exch. for Genworth Financial, Inc. common stock) .....	2,212,500	2,360,
20	Fannie Mae 5.375% non-cumulative cv. pfd. (Aa3) (Acquired 12/29/04 - 01/11/05) (2) .....	2,078,125	1,840,
20,000	Reinsurance Group of America, Inc. 5.75% PIERS (Baa2) .....	1,000,000	1,170,
100,000	The St. Paul Travelers Cos., Inc. 4.5% 2032 cv. jr. sub. notes (Baa1) .....	2,414,175	2,406,
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		7,704,800	7,776,
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MINING -- 1.9%			
2,000	Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold, Inc. 5.5% cv. perp. pfd. (B-) .	1,961,987	2,218,
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		\$24,275,953	\$27,113,
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MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES -- 17.7% (4)			
CHEMICALS -- 1.5%			
40,000	Huntsman Corp. 5% mand. cv. pfd. 02/16/08 (NR) .....	2,011,296	1,778,
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CONSUMER GOODS -- 1.2%			
35,000	Constellation Brands, Inc. dep. shs. representing 5.75% series A mand. cv. pfd. 09/01/06 (B) .....	1,088,795	1,367,
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ENERGY -- 3.5%			
20,000	Amerada Hess Corp. 7% mand. cv. pfd. ACES 12/01/06 (Ba3) .....	1,015,000	2,332,
15,000	Valero Energy Corp. 2% mand. cv. pfd. 07/01/06 (BB) .....	452,250	1,679,
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		1,467,250	4,011,
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FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE -- 6.8%			
25,000	The Chubb Corp. 7% equity units 08/16/06 (A2) (1) .....	742,084	816,
30,000	Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. 6.75% mand. exch. sec. 10/15/07 (Aa3) (exch. for Nuveen Investments, Inc. common stock) .....	1,020,000	1,124,
80,000	MetLife, Inc. 6.375% common equity units 08/15/08 (BBB+) .....	2,084,000	2,263,
42,500	Morgan Stanley, Inc. 5.875% mand. exch. sec. 10/15/08 (Aa3) (exch. for Nuveen Investments, Inc. common stock) .....	1,445,000	1,592,

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40,000	The PMI Group, Inc. 5.875% HITS units 11/15/06 (A1) (1) .....	998,540	988,
45,000	XL Capital, Ltd. 6.5% equity security units 05/15/07 (A2) .....	1,137,000	1,023,
		7,426,624	7,808,
	FOODS -- 1.8%		
40,000	Albertson's, Inc. 7.25% HITS units 05/16/07 (Baa3) (1) .....	1,013,514	1,012,
40,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. 6.25% PIES 10/15/07 (A1) (exch. for General Mills, Inc. common stock) .....	1,058,000	1,048,
		2,071,514	2,060,
	PHARMACEUTICALS -- 2.9%		
20,000	Baxter International, Inc. 7% equity units 02/16/06 (Baal) (1) .....	973,450	1,144,
40,000	Schering-Plough Corp. 6% mand. cv. pfd. 09/14/07 (Baa3) .....	2,050,150	2,169,
		3,023,600	3,313,
	TOTAL MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES (4) .....	\$17,089,079	\$20,339,

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Principal Amount or Shares		Identified Cost	Value (Note 1)
	COMMON STOCKS -- 3.5%		
	HEALTH CARE -- 0.8%		
21,115 shs	LifePoint Hospitals, Inc. (3) .....	\$ 993,750	\$ 923,3
	MULTI-INDUSTRY -- 0.5%		
25,000 shs	Cendant Corp. ....	561,500	516,0
	PHARMACEUTICALS -- 1.4%		
26,300 shs	Johnson & Johnson .....	1,512,835	1,664,2
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 0.8%		
40,000 shs	SBC Communications, Inc. ....	1,063,000	958,8
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS .....	\$ 4,131,085	\$ 4,062,4
	SHORT-TERM SECURITIES -- 3.8%		
	COMMERCIAL PAPER -- 3.8%		
\$4,300,000	American Express Credit Corp. (P1) (3.70% maturing 10/04/05) .....	4,297,790	4,297,7

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11,000	U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS -- 0.0%		
	U.S. Treasury notes 2.25% 04/30/06 (Aaa) (5) .....	10,887	10,8
	TOTAL SHORT-TERM SECURITIES .....	\$ 4,308,677	\$ 4,308,6
	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES -- 50.8% .....	57,320,331	58,349,0
	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS -- 23.6% .....	24,275,953	27,113,2
	TOTAL MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES -- 17.7% .....	17,089,079	20,339,8
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS -- 3.5% .....	4,131,085	4,062,4
	TOTAL SHORT-TERM SECURITIES -- 3.8% .....	4,308,677	4,308,6
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS -- 99.4% .....	\$107,125,125	114,173,2
	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, NET -- 0.6% .....		650,5
	TOTAL NET ASSETS -- 100.0% .....		\$114,823,8

- (1) Contingent payment debt instrument which accrues contingent interest. See Note 1(b).
- (2) Security not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (e.g., the security was purchased in a Rule 144A transaction). The security may be resold only pursuant to an exemption from registration under the 1933 Act, typically to qualified institutional buyers. The Fund generally has no rights to demand registration of these securities. The aggregate market value of these securities at September 30, 2005 was \$12,008,150 which represented 10.5% of the Fund's net assets.
- (3) Non-income producing security.
- (4) These securities are required to be converted on the dates listed; they generally may be converted prior to these dates at the option of the holder.
- (5) Collateral for a letter of credit.

ACES	Automatic Convertible Equity Securities.	LYONS	Liquid Yield Option Notes.
ADR	American Depositary Receipts.	PIES	Premium Income Exchangeable Securiti
BONUSES	Bifurcated Option Note Unit Securities.	PIERS	Preferred Income Equity Redeemable
CODES	Convertible Contingent Debt Securities.	ZYPS	Zero Yield Puttable Securities.
HITS	Hybrid Income Term Security.		

Ratings in parentheses by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's. NR is used whenever a rating is unavailable.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Ellsworth Convertible Growth and Income Fund, Inc. (the "Fund"), established in 1986, is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts



of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements:

(A) SECURITY VALUATION

Investments in securities traded on a national securities exchange are valued at market using the last reported sales price as of the close of regular trading. Unlisted securities traded in the over-the-counter market and listed securities for which no sales were reported, are valued at the mean between closing reported bid and asked prices as of the close of regular trading. Securities for which quotations are not readily available, restricted securities and other assets are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by management with the approval of the Board of Directors. Short-term debt securities with initial maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost.

(B) SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS AND RELATED INVESTMENT INCOME

Security transactions are accounted for on the trade date (date the order to buy or sell is executed) with gain or loss on the sale of securities being determined based upon identified cost. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest income is recorded on the accrual basis, including accretion of discounts and amortization of non-equity premium. For certain securities, known as "contingent payment debt instruments," Federal tax regulations require the Fund to record non-cash, "contingent" interest income in addition to interest income actually received. Contingent interest income amounted to 5 cents per share for the year ended September 30, 2005. In addition, Federal tax regulations require the Fund to reclassify realized gains on contingent payment debt instruments to interest income. At September 30, 2005 there were unrealized gains of approximately 3 cents per share on contingent payment debt instruments.

(C) CHANGES IN METHOD OF ACCOUNTING FOR BOND PREMIUM AND DISCOUNT AMORTIZATION

Effective October 1, 2004, the Fund began amortizing discounts and premiums on all debt securities. Prior to October 1, 2004, the Fund amortized discounts on original issue discount debt securities. The new method of amortization was adopted in accordance with the provisions of the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide, Audits of Investment Companies and the financial highlights and statement of changes in net assets presented herein have been restated to reflect the new method retroactive to October 1, 2001.

The effect of this accounting change is included in the financial highlights for the years ended September 30, 2002, 2003 and 2004, and in the statement of changes in net assets for the year ended September 30, 2004. The cumulative effect of this accounting change had no impact on the total net assets of the Fund or on distributions for tax purposes, but resulted in a \$79,579 increase in the cost of securities held and a corresponding \$79,579 reduction in the net unrealized gains based on the securities held on October 1, 2001. The impact of this change during the twelve months ended September 30, 2005 was to reduce net investment income by \$100,871, increase unrealized gains by \$83,316 and increase realized gains by \$17,555. These changes had no effect on previously reported total net assets or total returns.

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### (D) FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

The Fund's policy is to distribute substantially all of its taxable income within the prescribed time and to otherwise comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies. Therefore, no provision for federal income or excise taxes is believed necessary.

At September 30, 2005, the Fund had a capital loss carryforward of \$3,010,788 available to the extent allowed by tax law to offset future net capital gains, if any. To the extent that the carryforward is used, no capital gains distributions will be made. The carryforward expires in 2011. The Fund utilized net capital loss carryforwards of \$1,904,485 during the year ended September 30, 2005.

### (E) DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

Distributions to shareholders from net investment income are recorded by the Fund on the ex-dividend date. Distributions from capital gains, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date and paid annually. The amount and character of income and capital gains to be distributed are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from generally accepted accounting principles. The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended September 30, 2005 and 2004 were \$3,641,418 and \$3,681,116, respectively, both from ordinary income.

At September 30, 2005 the components of distributable net assets and the federal tax cost were as follows:

Unrealized appreciation	\$ 11,163,962
Unrealized depreciation	(4,199,119)
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Net unrealized appreciation	6,964,843
Undistributed ordinary income	1,136,847
Tax basis capital loss carryforward	(3,010,788)
Cost for federal income tax purposes	\$107,208,441

## 2. MANAGEMENT FEE AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

The management fee is paid to the investment adviser, Davis-Dinsmore Management Company (the "Adviser"). The contract provides for payment of a monthly advisory fee, computed at an annual rate of 0.75 of 1% of the first \$100,000,000 and 0.50 of 1% of the excess over \$100,000,000 of the Fund's net asset value in such month.

The Adviser furnishes investment advice, office equipment and facilities, and pays the salaries of all executive officers of the Fund. The Fund pays all expenses incurred by it and not assumed by the Adviser and in addition will pay the costs and expenses of its Treasurer's office, up to a maximum of \$25,000 per year, incurred in connection with its performance of certain services for the Fund. These services include the valuation of securities owned by the Fund, and the preparation of financial statements and schedules of the Fund's investments for inclusion in certain periodic reports to the Fund's Board of Directors and to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the maintenance of files relating to the foregoing, and rent, personnel costs and other overhead expenses allocable to the aforementioned services.

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### 3. CAPITAL STOCK

At September 30, 2005 there were 12,362,269 shares of \$.01 par value common stock outstanding, (20,000,000 shares authorized). During the years ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, 64,142 shares and 81,307 shares were issued in connection with reinvestment of dividends from net investment income, resulting in an increase in paid-in capital of \$506,725 and \$648,017, respectively.

### 4. PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Purchases and sales of investments, exclusive of corporate short-term notes, aggregated \$85,284,439 and \$85,383,232, respectively, for the year ended September 30, 2005.

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## FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

In accordance with subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for the year ended September 30, 2005, 22.3% of the dividends paid from ordinary income qualified for the dividends received deduction for corporations. Certain dividends paid by the Fund for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 may be subject to a maximum tax rate of 15%, as provided for by the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003. The Fund intends to designate up to a maximum amount of \$810,288 as taxed at a maximum rate of 15%.

Shareholders should not use the above information to prepare their tax returns. Since the Fund's fiscal year is not the calendar year, another notification will be sent with respect to calendar year 2005. Such notification, which will reflect the amount to be used by taxpayers on their federal income tax returns, will be made in conjunction with Form 1099 DIV and will be mailed in January 2006. Shareholders are advised to consult their own tax advisers with respect to the tax consequences of their investment in the Fund.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
ELLSWORTH CONVERTIBLE GROWTH AND INCOME FUND, INC.

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the portfolio of investments of the Ellsworth Convertible Growth and Income Fund, Inc. (the "Fund"), as of September 30, 2005, and the related statement of operations, the statement of changes in net assets, and the financial highlights for the year then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audit. The statement of changes in net assets for the year ended September 30, 2004 and the financial highlights for each of the years ended September 30, 2004, September 30, 2003, September 30, 2002 and September 30, 2001, have been audited by other auditors, whose reports dated October 29, 2004, October 20, 2003, October 14, 2002 and October 13, 2001 express an unqualified opinion.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan

and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of September 30, 2005, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers. Where brokers have not replied to our confirmation requests, we have carried out other appropriate auditing procedures. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of the Ellsworth Convertible Growth and Income Fund, Inc. as of September 30, 2005, the results of its operations, the changes in its net assets, and its financial highlights for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

TAIT, WELLER & BAKER LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
November 4, 2005

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

#### AUTOMATIC DIVIDEND INVESTMENT AND CASH PAYMENT PLAN

The Fund has an Automatic Dividend Investment and Cash Payment Plan (the "Plan"). Any shareholder may elect to join the Plan by sending an application to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, P.O. Box 922, Church Street Station, NY 10269-0560 (the "Plan Agent"). You may also obtain additional information about the Plan by calling the Plan Agent toll free at (800) 937-5449. If your shares are held by a broker or other nominee, you should instruct the nominee to join the Plan on your behalf. Some brokers may require that your shares be taken out of the broker's "street name" and re-registered in your own name. Shareholders should also contact their broker to determine whether shares acquired through participation in the Plan can be transferred to another broker, and thereafter, whether the shareholder can continue to participate in the Plan.

Under the Plan, all dividends and distributions are automatically invested in additional Fund shares. Depending on the circumstances, shares may either be issued by the Fund or acquired through open market purchases at the current market price or net asset value, whichever is lower (but not less than 95% of market price). When the market price is lower, the Plan Agent will combine your dividends with those of other Plan participants and purchase shares in the market, thereby taking advantage of the lower commissions on larger purchases.

There is no other charge for this service.

All dividends and distributions made by the Fund (including capital gain dividends and dividends designated as qualified dividend income, which are eligible for taxation at lower rates) remain taxable to Plan participants, regardless of whether such dividends and distributions are reinvested in additional shares of the Fund through open market purchases or through the issuance of new shares. Plan participants will be treated as receiving the cash used to purchase shares on the open market and, in the case of any dividend or distribution made in the form of newly issued shares, will be treated as receiving an amount equal to the fair market value of such shares as of the reinvestment date. Accordingly, a shareholder may incur a tax liability even though such shareholder has not received a cash distribution with which to pay the tax.

Plan participants may also voluntarily send cash payments of \$100 to \$10,000 per month to the Plan Agent, to be combined with other Plan monies, for purchase of additional Fund shares in the open market. You pay only a bank service charge of \$1.25 per transaction, plus your proportionate share of the brokerage commission. All shares and fractional shares purchased will be held by the Plan Agent in your dividend reinvestment account. You may deposit with the Plan Agent any Ellsworth stock certificates you hold, for a one-time fee of \$7.50.

At any time, a Plan participant may instruct the Plan Agent to liquidate all or any portion of such Plan participant's account. To do so, a Plan participant must deliver written notice to the Plan Agent prior to the record date of any dividend or distribution requesting either liquidation or a stock certificate. The Plan Agent will combine all liquidation requests it receives from Plan participants on a particular day and will then sell shares of the Fund that are subject to liquidation requests in the open market. The amount of proceeds a Plan participant will receive shall be determined by the average sales price per share, after deducting brokerage commissions, of all shares sold by the Plan Agent for all Plan participants who have given the Plan Agent liquidation requests.

The Plan Agent or the Fund may terminate the Plan for any reason at any time by sending written notice addressed to Plan participant's address as shown on the Plan Agent's records. Following the date of termination, the Plan Agent shall send the Plan participant either the proceeds of liquidation, or a stock certificate or certificates for the full shares held by the Plan Agent in the Plan participant's account. Additionally, a check will be sent for the value of any fractional interest in the Plan participant's account based on the market price of the Fund's Common Stock on that date.

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES (CONTINUED)

NOTICE OF PRIVACY POLICY

The Fund has adopted a privacy policy in order to protect the confidentiality of nonpublic personal information that we have about you. We receive personal information, such as your name, address and account balances, when transactions occur in Ellsworth shares registered in your name.

We may disclose this information to companies that perform services for the Fund, such as the Fund's transfer agent or proxy solicitors. These companies may only use this information in connection with the services they provide to the

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Fund, and not for any other purpose. We will not otherwise disclose any nonpublic personal information about our stockholders or former stockholders to anyone else, except as required by law.

Access to nonpublic information about you is restricted to our employees and service providers who need that information in order to provide services to you. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards to guard your nonpublic personal information.

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

In addition to the semi-annual and annual reports that Ellsworth delivers to shareholders and makes available through the Ellsworth public website, the Fund files a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the Fund's first and third fiscal quarters on Form N-Q. Ellsworth does not deliver the schedule for the first and third fiscal quarters to shareholders, however the schedule is posted to the Ellsworth public website, [www.ellsworthfund.com](http://www.ellsworthfund.com). You may obtain the Form N-Q filings by accessing the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may also review and copy them at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at (800) SEC-0330.

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### PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES / PROXY VOTING RECORD

The Fund's policies and procedures with respect to the voting of proxies relating to the Fund's portfolio securities are available without charge, upon request, by calling (973) 631-1177, or at our website at [www.ellsworthfund.com](http://www.ellsworthfund.com). This information is also available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, information on how the Fund voted such proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30, is available without charge at the above sources.

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The Fund is a member of the Closed-End Fund Association (CEFA). Its website address is [www.cefa.com](http://www.cefa.com). CEFA is solely responsible for the content of its website.

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### DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS TO BROKER-DEALERS

From time to time, brokers with whom the Fund's Adviser, Davis-Dinsmore Management Company, has a pre-existing relationship may request that the Adviser disclose Fund portfolio holdings to such broker in advance of the public disclosure of such portfolio holdings. The Adviser may make such disclosure under the following conditions: (i) the specific purpose of the disclosure is to assist the Adviser in identifying potential investment opportunities for the Funds; (ii) prior to the receipt of non-public portfolio holdings, the broker, by means of e-mail or other written communication, shall agree to keep the nonpublic portfolio holdings confidential and not to use the information for the broker's own benefit, except in connection with the above described purpose for which it was disclosed; (iii) the Adviser shall keep written records of its agreement with each broker to which it distributes nonpublic portfolio holdings; and (iv) the Adviser will secure a new agreement with a broker any time the broker directs the nonpublic portfolio holdings to be sent to a new recipient.

ELLSWORTH CONVERTIBLE GROWTH AND INCOME FUND

DIRECTORS

Each director is also a director of Bancroft Convertible Fund, Inc. (Bancroft) (a closed-end management investment company). Davis-Dinsmore Management Company (Davis-Dinsmore) is the Fund's investment adviser and is also the investment adviser to Bancroft. Because of this connection, the Fund and Bancroft make up a Fund Complex. Therefore, each director oversees two investment companies in the Fund Complex.

Personal Information Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years; Other Directorship(s)

INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

Gordon F. Ahalt Retired. Prior to 2001, President of G.F.A. Inc. (a petroleum industry consulting company); Director of Bancroft and CalDive International (a diving service company).  
65 Madison Avenue  
Suite 550  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
Term expires 2007  
Director since 1986  
Age 77

William A. Benton Retired. Prior to 2001, Partner of BE Partners (a small options market maker); Director of Bancroft.  
65 Madison Avenue  
Suite 550  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
Term expires 2006  
Director since 1986  
Age 72

Elizabeth C. Bogan, Ph.D. Senior Lecturer in Economics at Princeton University; Director of Bancroft.  
65 Madison Avenue  
Suite 550  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
Term expires 2007  
Director since 1986  
Age 61

Donald M. Halsted, Jr. Retired Business Executive; Director of Bancroft.  
65 Madison Avenue  
Suite 550  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
Term expires 2008  
Director since 1986  
Age 78

Duncan O. McKee Retired Attorney; Director of Bancroft.

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65 Madison Avenue  
Suite 550  
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Term expires 2008  
Director since 1996  
Age 74

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DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

Personal Information	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years; Other Directorship(s)
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INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

Robert J. McMullan 65 Madison Avenue Suite 550 Morristown, NJ 07960 Term expires 2006 Director since 2004 Age 51	Since 2005, Chief Executive Officer of Control Point Solutions, Inc. (a telecommunications service provider). Prior to 2004, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Conexant Systems, Inc. (a semiconductor manufacturing company); Director of Bancroft and Control Point Solutions, Inc.
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Nicolas W. Platt 65 Madison Avenue Suite 550 Morristown, NJ 07960 Term expires 2007 Director since 1997 Age 52	Since January 2003, President of CNC-US (an international consulting company). Prior to January 2003, Senior Partner of Platt & Rickenbach (a public relations firm). Prior to May 2001, with WPP Group, UK and its public relations subsidiaries, Ogilvy Public Relations, Burson-Marsteller and Robinson Lehr Montgomery; Director of Bancroft.
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INTERESTED DIRECTORS

Thomas H. Dinsmore, C.F.A. (1) 65 Madison Avenue Suite 550 Morristown, NJ 07960 Term expires 2008 Director since 1986 Chairman of the Board since 1996 Age 52	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Fund, Bancroft and Davis-Dinsmore; Director of Bancroft and Davis-Dinsmore.
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Jane D. O'Keefe (1) 65 Madison Avenue Suite 550 Morristown, NJ 07960	President of the Fund, Bancroft and Davis-Dinsmore; Director of Bancroft and Davis-Dinsmore.
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Vice President

MERCEDES A. PIERRE  
Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer

JOSHUA P. LAKE, C.T.P.  
Treasurer and Assistant Secretary

JESSICA K. LAKE  
Assistant Vice President

JOANN VENEZIA  
Assistant Vice President and Assistant Secretary

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Pursuant to Section 23 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, notice is hereby given that the Fund may in the future purchase shares of its own Common Stock from time to time, at such times, and in such amounts, as may be deemed advantageous to the Fund. Nothing herein shall be considered a commitment to purchase such shares.

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## ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

Effective May 15, 2003, the Board of Directors of the Fund has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the Fund's principal executive officer and principal financial officer. See attached Exhibit EX-99.CODE ETH.

## ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Effective November 15, 2004, the Board of Directors determined that Director Robert J. McMullan, who is "independent" as such term is used in Form N-CSR, possesses the attributes required to be considered an audit committee financial expert under applicable federal securities laws.

## ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Set forth in the table below are the aggregate fees billed to the Company by Tait, Weller & Baker LLP ("Tait Weller") for services rendered to the Company during the Company's last fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC") for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004.

Fiscal YE	Audit	Audit-Related	All Other
September 30	Fees	Fees (1)	Tax Fees (4) Fees
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2004	\$34,400	\$ 9,785 (2)	\$2,500	\$0
2005	\$30,000	\$10,000 (3)	\$2,500	\$0

- (1) All Audit-Related Fees were pre-approved by the Company's Audit Committee and no Audit-Related Fees were approved by the Company's Audit Committee pursuant to section 2.01(c)(7)(i)(C) of Regulation S-X, which waives the pre-approval requirement for certain de minimus fees.
- (2) Includes fees billed to the Company by PWC in connection with its review of the Company's Registration Statement on Form N-2 relating to the Company's Rights Offering in fiscal year 2004.
- (3) Includes fees billed to the Company by Tait Weller in connection with the Company's change of accounting practice related to amortization of convertible bond premiums and discounts.
- (4) "Tax Fees" include those fees billed by Tait Weller and PWC in connection with their review of the Company's income tax returns for fiscal years 2005 and 2004, respectively. All Tax Fees were pre-approved by the Company's Audit Committee and no Tax Fees were approved by the Company's Audit Committee pursuant to section 2.01(c)(7)(i)(C) of Regulation S-X, which waives the pre-approval requirement for certain de minimus fees.

### Non-Audit Services

During each of the last two fiscal years ended September 30, 2004 and September 30, 2005, PwC and Tait Weller did not provide any non-audit services to the Company or Davis-Dinsmore or its affiliates or otherwise bill the Company or Davis-Dinsmore or its affiliates for any such non-audit services.

### Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The Audit Committee pre-approves all audit and permissible non-audit services that are proposed to be provided to the Company by its independent auditors before they are provided to the Company. Such pre-approval also includes the proposed fees to be charged by the independent auditors for such services. The Audit Committee may delegate the pre-approval of audit and permissible non-audit services and related fees to one or more members of the Audit Committee who are "independent," as such term is used in Form N-CSR. Any such member's decision to pre-approve audit and/or non-audit services and related fees shall be presented to the full Audit Committee, solely for informational purposes, at their next scheduled meeting.

The Audit Committee also pre-approves non-audit services to be provided by the Company's independent auditors to the Company's investment adviser if the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Company and if the Company's independent auditors are the same as, or affiliated with, the investment adviser's auditors.

### ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

(a) The Fund has a designated Audit Committee in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act:

WILLIAM A. BENTON

ELIZABETH C. BOGAN, PH.D.

DONALD M. HALSTED, JR.

ROBERT J. MCMULLAN

(b) Not applicable.

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule of Investments in securities of unaffiliated issuers is included as part of the report to shareholders, filed under Item 1 of this Form.

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Bancroft Convertible Fund, Inc.  
Ellsworth Convertible Growth and Income Fund, Inc.  
Davis-Dinsmore Management Company  
Proxy Voting Guidelines

(Adopted April 14, 2003)

These proxy voting guidelines have been adopted by the Boards of Directors of Bancroft Convertible Fund, Inc. and Ellsworth Convertible Growth and Income Fund, Inc. (collectively, the "Funds"), as well as by the Board of Directors of Davis-Dinsmore Management Company ("Davis-Dinsmore").

The Boards of Directors of the Funds have delegated to Davis-Dinsmore responsibility for voting proxies received by the Funds in their capacities as shareholders of various companies. The Boards recognize that, due to the nature of the Funds' investments, the Funds do not frequently receive proxies.

Davis-Dinsmore exercises its voting responsibility with the overall goal of maximizing the value of the Funds' investments. The portfolio managers at Davis-Dinsmore oversee the voting policies and decisions for the Funds. In evaluating voting issues, the portfolio managers may consider information from many sources, including management of a company presenting a proposal, shareholder groups, research analysts, and independent proxy research services.

Set forth below are the proxy voting guidelines:

A. Matters Related to the Board of Directors

1. The Funds generally will support the election of nominees recommended by management for election as directors. In determining whether to support a particular nominee, Davis-Dinsmore will consider whether the election of that nominee will cause a company to have less than a majority of independent directors.

2. The Funds generally will support proposals to de-classify boards of directors if fewer than 66 2/3% of the directors are independent, and will generally vote against proposals to classify boards of directors.

3. The Funds generally will withhold a vote in favor of a director who has served on a committee which has approved excessive compensation arrangements or proposed equity-based compensation plans that unduly dilute the ownership interests of stockholders.

B. Matters Related to Independent Auditors

1. The Funds generally will vote in favor of independent accountants approved by the company. Prior to such vote, however, Davis-Dinsmore will take into consideration whether non-audit fees make up more than 50 to 75% of the total fees paid by the company to the independent auditors, and the nature of the non-audit services provided.

C. Corporate Governance Matters

1. As a general rule, the Funds will vote against proposals recommended by management of a company that are being made primarily to implement anti-takeover measures, and will vote in favor of proposals to eliminate policies that are primarily intended to act as anti-takeover measures.

2. Subject to the other provisions of these guidelines, including without limitation provision C.1. above, the Funds generally will vote in accordance with management's recommendations regarding routine matters, including the following:

- a. Fixing number of directors;
- b. Stock splits; and
- c. Change of state of incorporation for specific corporate purposes.

D. Matters Related to Equity-Based Compensation Plans

1. The Fund generally will vote in favor of broad-based stock option plans for executives, employees or directors which would not increase the aggregate number of shares of stock available for grant under all currently active plans to over 10% of the total number of shares outstanding.

2. The Funds generally will vote in favor of employee stock purchase plans and employee stock ownership plans permitting purchase of company stock at 85% or more of fair market value.

E. Contested Matters

1. Contested situations will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the portfolio manager at Davis-Dinsmore principally responsible for the particular portfolio security.

F. Miscellaneous Matters

1. The Funds may in their discretion abstain from voting shares that have been recently sold.

2. The Funds generally will abstain from voting on issues relating to social and/or political responsibility.

3. Proposals that are not covered by the above-stated guidelines will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the portfolio manager at Davis-Dinsmore principally responsible for the particular portfolio security.

G. Material Conflicts of Interest

1. Conflicts of interest may arise from time to time between Davis-Dinsmore and the Funds. Examples of conflicts of interests include:

a. Davis-Dinsmore may manage a pension plan, administer employee benefit plans, or provide services to a company whose management is soliciting proxies;

b. Davis-Dinsmore or its officers or directors may have a business or personal relationship with corporate directors, candidates for directorships, or participants in proxy contests;

c. Davis-Dinsmore may hold a position in a security contrary to

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shareholder interests.

2. If a conflict of interest arises with respect to a proxy voting matter, the portfolio manager will promptly notify the Funds' Audit Committee and counsel for independent directors and the proxies will be voted in accordance with direction received from the Audit Committee.

### ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Not currently applicable to registrant.

### ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

During the period covered by this report, there were no purchases made by or on behalf of the registrant or any "affiliated purchaser," as defined in Rule 10b-18(a)(3) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.10b-18(a)(3)), of shares or other units of any class of the registrant's equity securities that is registered by the registrant pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 781).

### ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the Registrant's board of directors since those procedures were last disclosed in response to the requirements of Item 7(d)(2)(ii)(G) of Schedule 14A (17 CFR 240.14a-101), or this Item 10 of Form N-CSR.

### ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

Conclusions of principal officers concerning controls and procedures

(a) As of September 26, 2005, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the officers of Ellsworth Convertible Growth and Income Fund, Inc. (the "Registrant"), including the Principal Executive Officer ("PEO") and Principal Financial Officer ("PFO"), to assess the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures, as that term is defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act"), as amended. Based on that evaluation, the Registrant's officers, including the PEO and PFO, concluded that, as of September 26, 2005, the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures were reasonably designed so as to ensure: (1) that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant on Form N-CSR is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and (2) that material information relating to the Registrant is made known to the PEO and PFO as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) There have been no changes in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the Registrant's second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

### ITEM 12. EXHIBITS

(a)(1) A code of ethics, effective May 15, 2003, that applies to the Fund's principal executive officer and principal financial officer is attached hereto.

(a)(2) Certifications of the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act

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of 1940 are attached hereto.

(a) (3) There were no written solicitations to purchase securities under Rule 23c-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the period covered by the report.

(b) Certifications of the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, as required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Ellsworth Convertible Growth and Income Fund, Inc.

By: /s/Thomas H. Dinsmore  
Thomas H. Dinsmore  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 29, 2005

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/Thomas H. Dinsmore  
Thomas H. Dinsmore  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 29, 2005

By: /s/Gary I. Levine  
Gary I. Levine  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: November 29, 2005