ELLSWORTH CONVERTIBLE GROWTH & INCOME FUND INC

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QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number: 811-04656

ELLSWORTH CONVERTIBLE GROWTH AND INCOME FUND, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

65 Madison Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960-7308

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Thomas H. Dinsmore Ellsworth Convertible Growth and Income Fund, Inc. 65 Madison Avenue Morristown, New Jersey 07960-7308 (Name and address of agent for service)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 973-631-1177

Date of fiscal year end: September 30

Date of reporting period: December 31, 2004

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2004 (UNAUDITED)

Principal Amount (Note 1 CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES -- 55.0% AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE -- 1.3% \$1,500,000 The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. 1% 2009 exch. equity-linked notes (Aa3) (exch. for General Dynamics Corp. common stock) (1)...... \$ 1,499,2

AUTOMOTIVE -- 2.7%

Value

1,000,000 3,500,000 250,000	American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc. 2% 2024 cv. sr. notes (Baa3) (1)	909,4 1,806,8 346,5
		3,062,8
2,077,000	BANKING/SAVINGS AND LOAN 2.9% The Bear Stearns Companies, Inc. 0.25% 2010 medium-term notes (A1) (exch. for Fifth Third Bancorp common stock) (1)	1,923,1 1,332,8
		3,256,0
1,875,000	CONSUMER GOODS 2.2% Church & Dwight Co., Inc. 5.25% 2033 cv. sr. deb. (Ba2)	2,454,0
1,500,000 500,000	DATA-PROCESSING SERVICES 1.8% Pegasus Solutions, Inc. 3.875% 2023 cv. sr. notes (NR) Per-Se Technologies, Inc. 3.25% 2024 cv. sub. deb. (B-)	1,423,4
	(Acquired 06/24/04 - 06/25/04; Cost \$508,125) (2)	580,4
		2,003,9
1,500,000	ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES 1.2% Graftech International Ltd. 1.625% 2024 cv. sr. deb (B2)	1,383,7
1,500,000 3,000,000 1,500,000 750,000	ENERGY 6.1% CMS Energy Corp. 2.875% 2024 cv. sr. notes (B1)	1,505,6 1,681,9 1,589,8 731,2 1,286,1
		 6,794,8
1,250,000 2,000,000	ENTERTAINMENT 3.0% Citadel Broadcasting Corp. 1.875% 2011 cv. sub. notes (NR) The Walt Disney Company 2.125% 2023 cv. sr. notes (Baal)	1,130,4 2,225,5 3,356,0
2,000,000	FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE 3.1% Leucadia National Corp. 3.75% 2014 cv. sr. sub. notes (Ba3) Swiss Re America Holding Corp. 3.25% 2021 euro. sub. cv. bonds (Aa1) (conv. into Swiss Reinsurance Company common stock) (Acquired 11/15/01 - 12/05/01; Cost \$1,007,875) (2)	2,477,5 971,2
	(megatica 11/15/01 12/05/01, 6056 91,007,075) (2)	3,448,7
		3,448,/
1,500,000 1,000,000	HEALTH CARE 4.6% Community Health Systems, Inc. 4.25% 2008 cv. sub. notes (B3) Isolagen, Inc. 3.5% 2024 cv. sub. notes (NR)	1,559,0
1,000,000 1,125,000	(Acquired 10/29/04 - 11/01/04; Cost \$1,020,000) (2)	1,138,7 1,003,7 1,441,4
		5,142,9

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2004 (CONTINUED)

Amount		(Note 1
	CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES (CONTINUED)	
\$1,000,000	HOTEL SERVICES 1.1%	¢ 1 200 6
\$1,000,000	Four Seasons Hotels, Inc. 1.875% 2024 cv. sr. notes (Baa3)	\$ 1,290,0
1,000,000	METALS 0.9% Ryerson Tull, Inc. 3.5% 2024 cv. sr. notes (NR) (Acquired 11/05/04 - 12/09/04; Cost \$1,020,000) (2)	1,043,1
	MULTI-INDUSTRY 0.9%	
1,000,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. 1% 2011 medium-term notes (A) (performance linked to Cendant Corp. common stock) (1)	1,002,5
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT 1.4%	
1,500,000	IOS Capital, LLC 5% 2007 cv. sub. notes (Ba3)	
	(exch. for IKON Office Solutions, Inc. common stock)	1 524 6
	(Acquired 05/08/02 - 06/02/03; Cost \$1,498,125) (2)	1,534,0
	PHARMACEUTICALS 5.9%	1 400 0
2,000,000	Amgen, Inc. 0% 2032 LYONs (A2) (1)	1,489,2
1,500,000	Impax Laboratories, Inc. 1.25% 2024 cv. sr. sub. deb. (NR)	1,364,8 498,7
500,000 1,250,000	Ivax Corp. 4.5% 2008 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR)	•
1,000,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance II, LLC series A 0.5% 2024 cv. sr. deb. (BBB) (exch. for ADR representing Teva Pharmaceutical Industries	1,203,3
1,000,000	Ltd. common stock) Teva Pharmaceutical Finance II, LLC series B 0.25% 2024 cv. sr. deb.	1,005,9
1,000,000	(BBB) (exch. for ADR representing Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.	
	common stock)	1,019,1
		6,581,3
	RETAIL 5.7%	
1,250,000	Casual Male Retail Group, Inc. 5% 2024 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR)	1,125,0
750,000	Charming Shoppes, Inc. 4.75% 2012 sr. cv. notes (B2)	902,3
1,000,000 125,000	Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc. 1.6061% 2024 sr. cv. notes (B)	773 , 1
123,000	(Acquired 12/09/04; Cost \$125,306) (1,2)	136,0
1,350,000	Saks, Inc. 2% 2024 cv. sr. notes (Ba3)	1,335,6
2,400,000	The TJX Companies, Inc. 0% 2021 LYONs (Baal)	2,116,5
		6,388,6
	TECHNOLOGY 4.4%	
1,000,000	Conexant Systems, Inc. 5.25% 2006 cv. sub. notes (NR)	981,2
2,379,000	Hewlett-Packard Co., Inc. 0% 2017 LYONs (Baa1)	1,356,0
2,000,000 625,000	International Rectifier Corp. 4.25% 2007 cv. sub. notes (B2)	1,990,0
	(Acquired 12/02/04; Cost \$648,099) (1,2)	604,6

Value

TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 5.8%

1,500,000 1,000,000 500,000 1,250,000	TELECOMMUNICATIONS 5.8% Comverse Technology, Inc. 0% 2023 ZYPS (BB-) (3) Lucent Technologies, Inc. 2.75% 2023 series A cv. sr. deb. (B2) Lucent Technologies, Inc. 2.75% 2025 series B cv. sr. deb. (B2) Nortel Networks Corp. 4.25% 2008 cv. sr. notes (B3)	2,215,7 1,374,7 729,4 1,220,3
750 , 000	Tekelec, Inc. 2.25% 2008 sr. sub. cv. notes (NR)	959 , 1
		6,499,3
	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES	\$61,674,5
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PORTFOLIO OF	INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2004 (CONTINUED)	W-1
Shares		Value (Note 1
	CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS 19.4%	
	AUTOMOTIVE 1.2%	
50,000	General Motors Corp. 6.25% 2033 series C cv. sr. deb. (Baa2)	\$ 1,333,0
17,500	BANKING/SAVINGS AND LOAN 6.6% Commerce Capital Trust II 5.95% cv. trust pfd. (Baa1) (exch. for Commerce Bancorp, Inc. common stock)	1,116,7
40,000	National Australia Bank Ltd. 7.875% exch. capital units (NR)	1,514,0
20,000	New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 6% BONUSES units (Baa2)	1,135,7
35,000	Sovereign Capital Trust IV 4.375% PIERS (Bal) (exch. for Sovereign Bancorp, Inc. common stock) (1)	1,717,2
35,000	Washington Mutual Capital Trust PIERS units (Baal) (exch. for Washington Mutual, Inc. common stock)	
		7,444,7
	ENERGY 2.5%	
1,000 20,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp. 4.125% cum. cv. pfd. (NR)	1,165,6 1,680,8
20,000	The williams companies, the. 3.3% 2033 jr. sub. ev. deb. (b /	
		2,846,5
	ENTERTAINMENT 2.3%	
22,500	Emmis Communications Corp. 6.25% series A cum. cv. pfd. (Caal)	1,040,6
1,500	Radio One, Inc. 6.5% HIGH TIDES (B3)	1,518,5
		2,559,1
	FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE 3.7%	
10	Fannie Mae 5.375% non-cumulative cv. pfd. (Aa3)	1,057,5
20,000	Reinsurance Group of America, Inc. 5.75% PIERS (Baa2)	1,230,0
80,000	The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc. 4.5% 2032 cv. jr. sub. notes (Baal)	1,839,2

4,931,9

		4,126,
28,000	HEALTH CARE 1.4% Omnicare Capital Trust I 4% PIERS (Ba3) (exch. for Omnicare, Inc. common stock) (1)	1,544,
2,000	MINING 1.7% Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold, Inc. 5.5% cv. perpetual pfd. (B-)	1,958,
	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS	\$21,812,
	MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES 18.6% (4)	
50,000	CONSUMER GOODS 1.7% Constellation Brands, Inc. dep. shs. representing 5.75% series A mand. cv. pfd. (B)	
30,000 30,000	ENERGY 3.2% Amerada Hess Corp. 7% mand. cv. pfd. ACES (Ba3)	
		3,576,9
27,800 72,000 40,000 45,000	FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE 5.4% Capital One Financial Corp. 6.25% Upper DECS (Baa3) (1) The Chubb Corp. 7% equity units (A2) (1) Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. 7% equity security units (NR) (1). XL Capital, Ltd. 6.5% equity security units (A2)	1,569,(2,160,(1,209,(1,136,
		6,074,

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2004 (CONTINUED)

Principal Amount or Shares		Value (Note 1
	MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES (CONTINUED) (4)	
	FOODS 1.4%	
40,000 shs 20,000 shs	Albertson's, Inc. 7.25% HITS units (Baa2) (1)	\$ 1,021,2
·	(exch. for General Mills, Inc. common stock)	542,5
		1,563,7
	PHARMACEUTICALS 3.1%	
31,500 shs	Baxter International, Inc. 7% equity units (Baal) (1)	1,786,6
30,000 shs	Schering-Plough Corp. 6% mand. cv. pfd. (Baa3)	1,683,0

3,469,68

	TECHNOLOGY 2.8%	
105,550 shs	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. 7.5% mand. exch. notes (Aa3)	
,	(exch. for EMC Corp. common stock)	1,582,7
36,395 shs	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. 5.625% mand. exch. notes (Aa3) (exch. for Intel Corp. common stock)	860 , 2
\$1,100,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. 6% 2005 YEELDS (A) (performance linked to LSI Logic Corp. common stock)	676 , 5
		 3 , 119 , 5
45,000 shs	UTILITIES 1.0% DTE Energy Co. 8.75% equity security units (BBB) (1)	1 172 1
45,000 SHS	DIE Emergy Co. 6.73% equity security units (BBB) (1)	1,1/3,1
	TOTAL MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES (4)	\$20,858,7
	COMMON STOCKS 4.3%	
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19,171 shs	AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE 0.9% Northrop Grumman Corp	1,042,1
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39,945 shs	ENERGY 0.6% Chesapeake Energy Corp	658 , 6
	DUADMA ODVIDICATION 1 FO	
26,300 shs	PHARMACEUTICALS 1.5% Johnson & Johnson	1,668,9
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS 1.3%	
40,000 shs	SBC Communications, Inc	1,030,8
20,000 shs	UTStarcom, Inc. (3)	443,0
		1,473,8
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	\$ 4,843,6
	SHORT-TERM SECURITIES 2.4%	
	COMMERCIAL PAPER 2.4%	
2,700,000	American Express Credit Corp. (P1)	
	(2.1% maturing 01/04/05)	2,699,2
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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2004 (CONTINUED)

Principal Amount	-	Value (Note 1
	SHORT-TERM SECURITIES (CONTINUED)	
\$11,000	U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS 0.0% U.S. Treasury notes 1.625% 04/30/05 (Aaa) (5)	10,9

TOTAL SHORT-TERM SECURITIES	2,710,1
TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES 55.0%	61,674,5
TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS 19.5%	21,812,9
TOTAL MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES 18.6%	20,858,7
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS 4.3%	4,843,6
TOTAL SHORT-TERM SECURITIES 2.4%	2,710,1
TOTAL INVESTMENTS 99.8%	111,900,1
OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, NET 0.2%	261,2
TOTAL NET ASSETS 100.0%	\$112,161,3

- (1) Contingent payment debt instrument. See Note 1(b) below.
- (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 such securities. The aggregate market value of these unregistered securities at December 31, 2004 was \$8,073,025, which represented 7.2% of the Fund's net assets.
- (3) Non-income producing security.
- (4) Mandatory convertible. See Note 1(e) below.
- (5) Collateral for a letter of credit.

ACES Automatic Convertible Equity Securities.

ADR American Depositary Receipts.

BONUSES Bifurcated Option Note Unit Securities.

DECS Debt Exchangeable for Common Stock.

HIGH TIDES Remarketable Term Income Deferrable Equity Securities.

HITS Hybrid Income Term Securities.
LYONs Liquid Yield Option Notes.

PIES Premium Income Exchangeable Securities.

PIERS Preferred Income Equity Redeemable Securities.
YEELDS Yield Enhanced Equity Linked Debt Securities.

ZYPS Zero Yield Puttable Securities.

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 (unaudited)

1. Significant Accounting Policies Ellsworth Convertible Growth and Income

Ellsworth Convertible Growth and Income Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), 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 original 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 exdividend 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 1 cent per share for the quarter ended December 31, 2004. In addition, Federal tax regulations require the Fund to reclassify realized gains on contingent payment debt instruments to interest income. At December 31, 2004 there were unrealized losses of approximately 0.5 cents per share on contingent payment debt instruments.

(c) 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, 2004, the Fund had a capital loss carryforward of \$4,915,273 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 \$2,804,454 during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004.

(d) 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 fiscal years ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 were \$3,681,116 and \$3,143,201, respectively, both from ordinary income.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

(e) Market Risk

It is the Fund's policy to invest at least 80% of its assets in convertible securities. Although convertible securities do derive part of their value from that of the securities into which they are convertible, they are not considered derivative financial instruments. However, certain of the Fund's investments include features which render them more sensitive to price changes of their underlying securities. Thus they expose the Fund to greater downside risk than

traditional convertible securities, but generally less than that of the underlying common stock. The market value of those securities was \$20,858,766 at December 31, 2004, representing 18.6% of net assets.

ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

Conclusions of principal officers concerning controls and procedures

- (a) The Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective as of February 15, 2005, based on the evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the Act (and 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.15d-15(b)).
- (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 last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Separate certifications of the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer of the Registrant, as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities 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: February 28, 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: February 28, 2005

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

Date: February 28, 2005