Behind the Laces; Cassie Alberda

During the beginning of this project, I was told to think about what shapes me as a person. As soon as I picked up my shoe, I knew exactly what I was going to create. Who I am has always been influenced on what I like and what I’m good at. From my interest in Curious George to my love for music, as I grew up, my interests expanded.

The toe of my shoe represents the beginning of my life. I drew a teddy bear, baby rattle, Caillou, and Curious George. I loved all of these things when I was young. As I grew up I began to gain more interests in makeup, peace signs, and bright colors. Art, writing, photography, and playing the flute (and later the piccolo) all made me into the creative, artsy person I am. Now, I have a profound admiration for plants, polaroid pictures, and soft music.

Without these things leading me on through life, I know I would not be the same. I gained friends and lost them by being myself, liking what I like, and not being ashamed to admit it. I have expressed my ideas and creativity in art, music, and writing. These experiences give me something to look back on and remember how I got to where I am today.

Someday I hope to look back at today and reflect on who I have become through these stages in my life. I don’t know what I’ll like or who I’ll have around in ten years. Yet, that’s the fun of it. None of us know. Like the back of my shoe says, what will the future hold?