CBNA Students Rank Fifth in the State in Science... But....

Coe-Brown Northwood Academy juniors took the competitive State Assessment Tests last spring, along with those from more than 80 high schools in New Hampshire, and placed 5th in the state in science, 6th in math, 7th in English and 14th in social studies. The Coe-Brown students’ average over-all scores placed the Academy in the top ten schools in New Hampshire!

But the Academy’s current science classrooms are crowded and lack adequate ventilation. Yet Coe-Brown students placed 5th in the state in science this year! Imagine what they may achieve when they begin classes in a truly modern facility!

For the past 41 years, since the 1961 addition was constructed next to the original building, CBNA students have studied introductory courses in science, health, chemistry, geology, biology, anatomy and physiology, environmental science, zoology, physics and a course entitled The Scientist as Humanist. This astonishing total of 20 different course offerings is taught in two classrooms and four labs that are cramped and almost claustrophobic. These rooms are filled with computers in need of reconditioning, science equipment piled in the corners but which are, nevertheless bright, scrupulously clean and obviously rich with inspired teaching.

In the sixties, Coe-Brown Northwood Academy had graduating classes of fewer than 25 students; now there are 657 students enrolled in four grades. The need for more classes, more space, better facilities is critical.

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This spring, CBNA will break ground for another new building, a three-story science center, that will double current instructional spaces. It will be completed in two stages. Four science classrooms, on the top floor, and four fully furnished laboratories on the main floor will be finished immediately. The lower level, a spacious dining facility, kitchen and outdoor patio, will be completed later, when funding permits. The four laboratories will each have fume hood enclosure systems, a teacher station with sink and base cabinets, six other sinks and counters for student use and four large lab tables. Labs will also each have a wall counter sink connected to an acid waste neutralization tank and an emergency eyewash and emergency shower.

The building will parallel the original building and be constructed between it and the Wiggin Hall. Several of the classrooms will look out over beautiful Harvey Lake. The exterior will blend well with the eclectic architecture of the CBNA campus and be in keeping with Northwood’s classic New England colonial appeal.

Total cost for the state-of-the-art science facility is expected to be under two million dollars for the two lab and classroom floors. To finish, equip and furnish the dining room and kitchen on the ground floor level will cost approximately $500,000 more. Donors will have the opportunity to name classrooms and laboratories, in recognition of their large gifts.
Perhaps you have heard the misnomers that Coe-Brown does not need any charitable support because it has those endowments that have been there for many decades. Let us explain the truth.

It is true that Albert O. Brown of the class of 1874 left the Academy $250,000 in the 1930s. Fidelity controls the principal. Coe-Brown receives only the interest. Today the principal of that trust totals $2.4 million, yielding annual interest of $160,000 that is being used for bond repayment on The David S. Smith Hall, the last building constructed.

Ruby B. Giles ’18 left her estate to Coe-Brown. The Ruby B. Giles Trust of $275,000 is expected to earn $8,000 this year. Coe-Brown can only use the interest, which is dedicated to the music program.

Coe-Brown has been strong and vibrant for 135 years. Since 1961 several major construction projects have been undertaken; the Gerrish Gym was constructed that year. Then in 1982 Wiggin Hall was refurbished to support art and music programs and renovated in 1989. The section supporting the Multi Purpose Room and classrooms was added in 1988, followed by the wing holding the library and several classrooms. The David S. Smith Hall, holding the gymnasium and vocational education classrooms, was dedicated in 2000. Over the past two years the two floors of Soper Hall have been modernized to accommodate world language classrooms.

Since 1961, enrollment and academic course offerings have grown, putting additional pressure on available space. This fall Coe-Brown Northwood Academy opened with 657 students. This number of students increases the need of more classroom space. Plans are underway to build a science classroom building to the east of Wiggin Hall. Construction has been delayed because of the shortage of funding. Construction of the new building has now begun this spring.

The science classrooms are crowded and have inadequate ventilation. The plan for the new building includes eight science classrooms and dining facilities. This science building will be completed in two phases. Initially the upper two levels will be completed as classrooms. The lower level may become the dining facility but will remain unfinished at this time.

Over these years the interest income from the trust funds has been able to support these developments. This is no longer true. Needs are growing faster than the interest income. Of course, the trust funds are directly related to the stock market. For example, the Albert O. Brown Trust lost 20 percent of its value between April, 2002 and September, 2002. That decrease in value directly hurts the income available for capital projects; tuition income cannot be spent on capital projects. The Academy’s trustees—not the town or state—are responsible for the construction and upkeep of the buildings and grounds. Certainly the income from the trust funds has helped with this responsibility.

There are other things that are true of Coe-Brown’s trust funds that might surprise you. First, not all of the money left to Coe-Brown benefits the students while they are students at Coe-Brown. Some trust funds are dedicated only to scholarships.

Over the years, more than 300 acres of wood lots have been left to the Academy. Timber grows very slowly. As timber matures, it is cut and the income is dedicated to specific projects. The proceeds from the last timber harvest were contributed towards the construction of The Robert Bailey Athletic Complex.

This income from trust funds directly benefits Coe-Brown’s academic programs, facilities, and students. Currently, the principal of CBNA’s trust funds totals $2.6 million. However, the amount is short of the needs. Other academies similar to Coe-Brown have endowments in the range of $8 to $12 million. Some are much larger.

To protect the future of Coe-Brown, The Board of Trustees recently supported the establishment of a Development and Alumni Affairs office. The first phase of the project is to launch an awareness campaign to educate Coe-Brown alumni, friends, parents, and businesses concerning the financial needs of the Academy to increase the value of its trusts/endowments. During this next year we will be providing more information on how alumni and friends have begun to help and how you may be able to help as well.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Judy Sanderson, president of the Board of Trustees.
Valedictorian of her class in 1918, Ruby Batchelder was born on January 12, 1901, an auspicious beginning for a woman at the very beginning of the last century, a tiny woman with a huge appetite for life. She was an indomitable and decisive woman who followed a not-so-usual path for that time; she studied the classes traditional at Coe's Northwood Academy during the early part of the last century: English, Latin, ancient history, algebra and geometry, physics and chemistry. However, many of these courses were traditional for the male students; few women of that period would study advanced science and math courses with any seriousness because very few of them would go on to any sort of post-secondary study.

Ruby Batchelder Giles continued her education at Bryant and Stratton Business College in Manchester and became a secretary after she completed that course of study. During her high school years, Ruby, who grew up next to the Edgerly Chapel at East Northwood, had lived with Annie and Arthur Giles, both Class of 1913, and had gotten to know Arthur's brother Leonard well. Ruby and Leonard, Class of 1915, fell in love, married and both went to work in the Giles and Son Country Store in the Narrows.

Her nephew Gerald Giles, who graduated from CBNA in 1947 and who served as a trustee for a number of years, remembers his aunt Ruby with great fondness. "She deserves lots of credit for her hard work in the store. About 1930 my uncle Leonard and I built the house they lived in for years and the barn; both were near the store. At the time my brother and I were living with Leonard and Ruby. David Ford ’57 later bought that property. My grandfather Fred and grandmother Alice lived up above the store on a little hill, so they could watch what was going on. The store had one or two other employees. I remember that Bob Johnson worked in Leonard's and Ruby's store."

Adventurous always, Ruby, along with Gerald's mother Bertha, a nurse and fellow-adventurer, set off on the transcontinental railway for Seattle and the World's Fair in Chicago in the late 1930's. Throughout her married life Ruby would often go by train to Boston or New York for the weekends to attend plays; Leonard didn't want to get the car out for these excursions "because of the gas and all."

She always loved Northwood, but hers was a broader horizon. When her husband died in 1948, Ruby sold the store and began to winter in West Palm Beach, Florida. Amazingly, she drove her own car, by herself, all the way to Florida and back to New Hampshire, even when she was in her 80's. Her closest friends, Frank and Frances Wallace, Roberta Stearns' parents, had her to dinner every Sunday she was in town. Ruby's love of travel was infectious; she and Frances traveled to Europe in the 60's to see Margaret Wallace '61 who was working at the Westminster Hospital in London after graduating from Peter Bent Brigham School of Nursing in Boston.

In addition to her many interests outside of Northwood, New Hampshire, Ruby didn't forget her roots. Her father Arthur Batchelder and her husband Leonard Giles had both served as trustees of the school she had attended, so it was not surprising that Ruby remained close to and involved with her alma mater.

During an interview with Bob Johnson, he spoke of the school's benefactor who insisted that the commercial program at Coe-Brown Northwood be expanded. He quoted the benefactor as saying, "Why should CBNA graduates have to go elsewhere after graduation, as I did, to learn what they could be learning here before they graduate?" He was talking, of course, about Ruby Batchelder Giles. She provided major financial assistance to the school to equip the commercial curriculum in the early 1950's. Her devotion and commitment to her school did not stop there. Her final wish was that her estate's proceeds would endow the music program at the school.

In recognition of her generous endowment, Coe-Brown named the music building in her memory. The Ruby M. Giles Music Building was built in 1955. It was dedicated in Ruby's honor, and she was present at the dedication ceremony. The building was designed to accommodate the growing number of students interested in music, and it has since become a vital part of the school's cultural life.
Ways of Giving to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy

Students like Christie Plummer and Tyler Martin will benefit from your gifts to Annual Giving.

**Cash for Unrestricted Gifts**

Many of the gifts received by Coe-Brown Northwood Academy are in the form of cash, check, or credit card. These gifts are usually for Annual Fund Campaigns. Such contributions entitle you to a federal income tax charitable deduction, if you itemize your return.

**Matching Gifts**

Many companies will match, at no cost to the donor, gifts made by their employees, directors, employees’ spouses and retirees. Please check with your company to learn if it will match your contributions to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy.

**Appreciated Securities**

There are special tax incentives for gifts of appreciated stocks, bonds and other securities because the portion of the fair market value that represents increases in value is usually exempt from capital gains tax. The methods of transfer are quite simple.

**Bequests**

Bequests have been an invaluable source of support for Coe-Brown Northwood Academy over the years. Gifts made by putting CBNA in your will, expressed as a specific dollar amount, specific property, percentage of your estate, or as the residue of your estate, may be fully deducted in determining federal estate taxes and inheritance taxes.

**Other Assets**

Other assets than can be used to make gifts to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy include: appreciated real estate, commercial or residential; art, books or collections that have appreciated in value; life insurance; retirement plan assets.

**Planning Your Gift**

If you would like to discuss making one of these gift methods, please contact Roberta Stearns ’57, at 603-942-5774.
Bob Bailey ’45
His “Toys” Have Helped Transform Our Look!


Boyishly handsome and buoyantly vigorous, earnest, enthusiastic and truly dedicated to his school, Bob Bailey has helped to transform Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. In 1994, with his great huge “toys”, he began to tear apart the high, rocky ridge across from CBNA’s original building. The top was leveled and Bob helped to turn that plateau into a wondrous track, soccer and baseball fields. Near the foot of this mini-mountain is a new outdoor basketball court. This past summer Bob did something about the middle of this hill, as well. Massive equipment moved back and forth, chewing away the steep slope until he had, again, worked his magic; four new tennis courts are now in place. The former chicken range on the hill is a complete, impressive athletic complex. It’s been said, often, that these are Bob’s Fields of Dreams.

When the impressive installation was christened the Robert E. Bailey Athletic Complex, the dedication written by Roberta Stearns ’57, President, Board of Trustees read, in part:

This gentleman looked at a rocky, wooded hill and saw a baseball field. Many of us saw just what was there - boulders, trees, slopes. Certainly we did not see a baseball field. After hours and hours and hours of cutting trees, bulldozing, moving boulders, hauling fill, a baseball field took shape. Then this gentleman realized the need for a soccer field. He continued the process for yet another field, including the track for the expanded athletic program. Only this time the rules changed. When Coe-Brown moved from Class M to Class I, the length of the soccer field needed to be extended. This might seem rather easy, except there was no land. Again, he exhibited his problem-solving skills and explained to the Board of Trustees where this land could come from and he proceeded to move boulders to mold the new field.

Bob, as he is known, has been a member of the Board of Trustees for 17 years. He is a true visionary. He can see what others do not even imagine. More than envisioning, he can make the visions come true.

Bob Bailey makes the difficult seem easy. Perhaps that is because he has a profound work ethic and an incredibly strong belief that if you want something, make it a goal and then if you work toward that clearly defined goal, it will be achieved. He commented, “If you talk about something long enough, it happens. When the post office left, I thought it was a good place for a police station and I talked a lot about that. Leading by example is a good thing. Hard work is a habit, a great one, for me.” This sterling personal philosophy has taken him through tribulations and triumphs and left him with an exceptionally optimistic moral compass.

Bob’s early life was anything but easy. Just three when his father was killed in a sawmill explosion, he and his siblings Bula and Carroll helped his widowed mother, left without insurance, survive. The family kept a cow, had a big garden and raised laying hens. Bob and his brother Carroll worked extra jobs too, cutting ice and haying to earn money and cutting, sawing and stacking wood to heat their home. He attended the first eight grades in the two-room schoolhouse in Northwood Narrows where his teachers were Edna Quimby and Annie Giles. Bob grew up observing that if you wanted something, you worked hard for it and when you could, you lent a helping hand to someone else, observed Joann Bailey, when interviewed about her husband. Bob commented that the Depression was very hard in Northwood but living on a farm the family ate well and enjoyed a high degree of self-sufficiency. What they didn’t raise on their farm they got from Giles’ store and his mother often bartered their butter for other supplies.

He graduated from Coe-Brown in 1945, in a class of 16. He played baseball and enjoyed his classes with the amazing Arlene Johnson. He said she is still amazing, at over 80, and said he heard she had just hiked miles to see some old tupelo trees. Bob also admired Mr. Lester, the Assistant Headmaster and agriculture teacher.

Although WWII was nearly over, he enlisted in the Army, trained at Camp Croft, South Carolina and was part of the Occupation forces in Germany. He said he knew he’d have to go and felt he should. As a member of the Corps of Engineers, he assisted in the cleanup of Berlin that had been heavily bombed by Allied planes.

In 1948 he returned to Northwood to learn the well-drilling trade from master driller Dean Harvey. The next year Bob formed a partnership with Porter Atherton and the AB Well Drilling Company was in business for the next ten years. The following year, 1950, Bob met Joann Weeks and the next ten years were busy ones. He got married, bought his mother’s house and helped her...
build another on the property, fathered five children, got out of
the well-drilling business and established a new one. The oil haul-
ing and general construction businesses kept Bob busy for the
next forty years. In December 1959 he watched as a disastrous
fire nearly destroyed the home he and Joann love.

His community service has extended beyond his involvement
with CBNA. He has been on a number of Town of Northwood boards
or committees since the late 1950's when he became a member of the
town's budget committee. He served as a selectman for thirteen
years and was in that capacity when the addition to the Northwood
Town Hall was built. He has been involved in elementary school
construction projects since the ‘new’ building was constructed in
the early 1960's. He is, perhaps, proudest of all that he has been a
member of Coe-Brown's Board of Trustees for so many years.

At the request of the Board members who were about to
honor him at the dedication of the athletic complex that bears
his name, his wife Joann, wrote lovingly about her husband's
history and character:

Bob has common sense, the ability to envision and knowl-
edge gained from experience and good reasoning about how
to turn a vision into a reality. People say Bob is a "master crafts-
man" with earth moving equipment. There is little doubt of
that. Without formal education, Bob understands surveying
and the other related principles necessary to see a complex of
ball fields on a rocky, wooded hillside…Bob's Field of Dreams.

By the way, Joann is pretty amazing herself! Town Historian
and author of Northwood's history, she is also fearless. Her
photographs of the hillside construction in progress were taken
from a helicopter... which had its door taken off so her pictures
would be unobstructed!

By Carolyn J. Smith
Roberta Wallace Stearns ’57
Dedicated to the Development of CBNA

An esteemed educator, with a Doctor of Philosophy degree, Roberta Stearns is truly dedicated to her alma mater. A CBNA Trustee since 1982 and President of the Board from 1998 to 2001, Roberta traveled the twisting, narrow road between Gorham, Maine, where she lived for many years, to Northwood to faithfully attend countless meetings and contribute her considerable academic expertise to the school she loves.

While an undergraduate, Roberta was extremely active, serving on Student Council her freshman year, then as Vice President of her class for two years, and as Treasurer her junior year. President of the F.H.A. her senior year, as well as Treasurer and Secretary during the four years she participated, and a member of Tri-Hi-Y throughout her high school years, Roberta played volleyball, sang in the Glee Club and was a cheerleader all four years. A Girls’ State Representative her junior year, she received the DAR Good Citizen Award. Roberta even found time to devote to the Chronicle staff her junior and senior years and to act in the Senior Play. Her Chronicle entry neglects to mention she also played softball; there she is in the team picture. Her distinctive posture and bright smile make her easy to spot. Her stated ambition was to become a commercial teacher and she did, but that’s not the whole story.

After graduating from Plymouth State with her Bachelor’s of Education, she completed her Master of Arts degree at Western Michigan University. A scholar, she went on to earn her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland. Along the way she taught at three high schools and four colleges. She later became Vice President and Dean of Casco Bay College and was the academic leader of associate degree and certification programs there from 1985 to 1999, a role she again played when she became the Academic Dean of Andover College in 1999. At Casco Bay College and at Andover College she supervised faculty and department chairs. At Andover she developed an Academic Assistance Center and a Curriculum Committee that upgraded course objectives, academic planning and program assessment. Roberta was also responsible for the College-wide Advisory Committee.

Roberta has extensive consulting experience, has published numerous articles and research findings and has served on the Accrediting Commission of Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS), a most prestigious assignment. She had a number of articles published and was a member of several professional organizations, including The New England Business Educators Association, Maine Vocational Association and Business Education Association of Maine. Roberta served as President of each of these associations. Recipient of many honors, she was Maine’s Business Teacher of the Year and Vocational Teacher of the Year and listed in Who’s Who in American Education. Currently, Roberta is a member of the President’s Council, Plymouth State College.

Despite the rigors of her own academic career, Roberta Wallace Stearns found the time, for the past twenty years, to give countless hours to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. In the Class Will of 1957, she wrote: “I, Roberta Wallace, leave to all the underclassmen my lady-like manners. They come in handy with the teachers.” She had wonderful self-knowledge even then, because Roberta Wallace Stearns epitomizes the ideal of a lady. Still beautifully mannered, always elegantly dressed, with a kind and thoughtful demeanor, Roberta is nevertheless the ultimate professional. Her broad educational experiences have been extremely valuable to CBNA.

Coe-Brown has, in the past, sponsored mini-campaigns to fund initiatives like the renovation and refurbishing of the Ruby...
Ginny spent, literally, hundreds of volunteer hours preparing for the first-ever phonathon on February 16th. This effort is the second formal fund-raising campaign in the school's history; it will focus on funding for the desperately needed new science building. Room naming opportunities will certainly attract major donors who love the school.

Roberta's loyalty and contributions to her school are exceptional. Trustee JB Cullen commented, "I have been very impressed with Roberta Stearns during the time we have served together on the Board. Just seeing the effort she has put into the Development and Alumni Affairs Committee makes me want to work that much harder to make sure her visions become reality. Superlatives don't do Roberta justice; she is an intelligent, hard-working, cooperative and responsible person and she deserves much more recognition for her outstanding service and leadership to the CBNA Board of Trustees."

It is Roberta's commitment to the newly conceived development efforts that will help to build, literally, a better school, that is her greatest achievement and probably her most time-consuming of all the things she has undertaken on behalf of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. Indeed, she has become the volunteer Director of Development. She's even moved back to Northwood to be even closer to the school she loves and serves so remarkably well.

By Carolyn J. Smith
Philanthropy is that which is most noble in the human character.

Won't you please join these classmates and friends in contributing to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy's first ever Annual Fund?

Gifts for the 2002-2003 Annual Fund Campaign must be received by June 30, 2003, the end of the fiscal year.

Annual Fund 2003 is A Bear of a Challenge - please help the new mascot roar with gratitude and appreciation of your gift.

These are the donors who have contributed to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy's first ever Annual Fund as of March 25, 2003.

A complete list will be printed in the Fall 2003 VISIONS Annual Report.
Class of 1937

Charles B. Johnson, Class Agent ‘37, Saguaro Corp, 600 E. Saguaro Dr. #8, Benson, AZ 85602 (503) 586-4591

Class of 1938

Perry Richardson recently presented the Academy and Chesley Memorial Library with signed copies of We Made the Headlines Possible by George N. Havens, First Sergeant, U.S. Army (Ret.). Perry and George Havens served together during World War II and kept in touch over the years. Perry is pictured and mentioned in the book.

Lucille Boodey Hill was favorably impressed by the first edition of "Visions". Enjoyed seeing pictures of Perry Richardson and Helen Marison (‘36). Met with members of Thayer High School 50 year class at graduation (her students in seventh grade). Life is different without her husband Dan (deceased Dec. 2001) but family and friends have been very supportive. Two year old great grandson Conor brightens her days. Last year attended 60th reunion at UNH. Enjoys hearing news from CBNA and glad it is such a good school.

Richard Linnell and brother Robert (‘40) last fall visited with Mrs. Foote - wife of the Headmaster Lewis Foote (1937-1944). Remembers class trip for an overnight to Boston. Sightseeing included Old North Church and the small airport. In the 1930s, the school bus was privately operated - fare 25 cents per day. Inflation would now be $3.00. Using a bicycle saved money. Twenty-two class members - later half of them - went to college, two continued to Doctor's degrees. UNH tuition was $75.00, books $25.00 a semester.

Roland Shaw has had an interesting and fulfilling life, working in Florida, Kentucky, California and Ohio. In 1942, he married a girl from Lima, Ohio, but lost her last year after 60 years of marriage. "She did her thing, I did mine, and we did other things together. Volunteered at a library in every town I stayed in, also attended college in any town we stayed". Visited Canada, Holland, Costa Rica - going to Switzerland in July. Been retired for 21 years; worked, visited, or square danced in most states. Has a greenhouse, experimental orchard, flowering shrubs, etc.

J. Perry Richardson, Class Agent ’38, 13 Bow Lake Rd., Northwood, NH 03261 (603) 942-5455

Class of 1939

Huguette Rowell Wormhood, Class Agent ’39, 33 Christian Ave., #64, Concord, NH 03301 (603) 226-6166; e-mail: hdw@rainbow.mv.com

Class of 1940

Robert Linnell remembers checking the thermometer for at least 20 degrees so he could ride his bicycle three miles to Coe-Brown. Automobile traffic was light, only about a quarter of all families had an automobile. Now, any student riding a bicycle on Route 4 to Coe-Brown wouldn't live to graduate! Many families now have at least two cars.

Polly Tasker Pinkham, Class Agent ’40, 41 Upper Deerfield Rd., Northwood, NH 03261 (603) 942-5412; e-mail: EPolyP@aol.com

Class of 1941

Suzanne Rowell Lester writes, "The new 'Visions' is great. We enjoyed it very much! Blessings!

Suzanne Rowell Lester, Class Agent ’41, 5985 Targee St., Boise, ID 83709 (208) 376-5466
Classes of 1942, and 1943
Class Agents needed.

Class of 1944
All are deceased.

Class of 1945
Robert E. Bailey, Class Agent '45, 246 Catamount Rd., Northwood, NH 03261 (603) 942-8661

Classes of 1946 and 1947
Class Agents needed.

Class of 1948
We were all pleased to read the article about our classmate Bob Carr in the last "Visions". Great article, great magazine! We send our condolences to Bob on the loss of his mother (95 years) in February. Bob wishes his classmates well and says, "See you all at the Alumni Reunion. Remember, it's our 55th!"

George Clark is married and has a son and daughter. He joined the National Guard in January 1947, retiring in 1988. For 35-1/2 years, he was with Federal Civil Service for the Guard. He has been in the Deerfield Fair Association for 55 years; a Director for 35 years. George is also active with the Fire Department, and was Chief for 37 years. He says, "Best of Luck classmates; see you at the Reunion!"

Gordon Fogg is a widower living in Northfield. He has three daughters and four grandchildren. He is retired from the federal government and works part-time for Bank of America driving a delivery van. He still follows the Red Sox and "hopes before he expires they win the World Series!" (Maybe he's planning to live to be 127?)

Gilbert Graves lives in Goleta, CA (near Santa Barbara). He is married and has three sons. He is retired from a large engineering firm and did considerable work for NASA. Gilbert wishes his classmates “good health, long life. If you are ever out this way, I'd love to have you call and visit.” He hopes to be in NH in September, “so possibly we could get together then.”

Romayne (Milligan) Jackson is a widow, has three daughters; Melinda, Laurel and Heidi; four granddaughters, one grandson, three great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter. She lived in Virginia when her husband was in the Navy. Forty-five years ago they returned to Northwood and built their home where Romayne has lived ever since. Romayne should have been a nurse, as she took care of her husband, mother and brother. (Remember Teddy ['50]?) She is amazed at how Northwood has changed.

Arthur Nutter is married and lives in Chichester. He has eight children, fourteen grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren. After graduation, in September 1948 he went into the Army during the Korean War, he was in the Medical Corps in Okinawa for 15 months. The Army loaned him to the Air Force for a year as a medic at Chanute AFB in Illinois. He was discharged from Fort Riley, Kansas, after four years. He is retired from State of NH Highway Department where he worked for 25-1/2 years. He was Patrol Foreman and took care of Ates. 4, 125, 152, 155A and 156 from Durham to Northwood, out of the Lee Headquarters. Arthur remembers "that we had a lot of fun in baseball. We ran the Deerfield Fair Relay and won every year for four years. See you at the Alumni Banquet."

Marion (Mifflin) Williams; "I live in Dover, NH (since 1976). I have three beautiful daughters, I am a widow and a registered nurse. I keep busy with work for the Red Cross Blood Program, volunteer work, and my church. Enough said! Hello, all you 1948 Coe-Brown Alumni, wherever you are!"

Betty (Young) Geers; "I live in Concord, NH. Married George Geers (Class of 1945). We had two sons, George L. Geers and Lawrence (deceased 1990), and two granddaughters. I worked in the Conant School Kindergarten in 1963-1980. (Gordon Fogg's beautiful daughter Tracy was one of my students!) From 1981 to 1986, I was coordinator of a gifted/talented program called 'Opportunities with Learning' (OWL) at Conant School. I have done volunteer work in Cub Scouts, school library and church. Love gardening. Hoping well have a great turnout for the reunion this year. Imagine - 55 years! How did it get so late so early?"

Elizabeth "Betty" Young Geers, Class Agent '48, 19 Northand Ave., Concord, NH 03301 (603) 225-6998

Classes of 1949 and 1950
Class Agents needed.

Class of 1951
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Class of 1952
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50th Reunion

Class of 1953
Class Agent needed.

Class of 1954
Norene (Holmes) Sauls writes, “Hi Ginny - loved the new "Visions"! Recognized so many of the students, as I was school nurse at Northwood Elementary School for 9 years. Also, my granddaughter (Kayla Sauls) is a sophomore at CBNA. Talk with you soon.”

Norene Holmes Sauls, Class Agent '54, PO. Box 955, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576, (843) 651-0768; e-mail: ninasauls@aol.com

Joyce Merrill Creighton '55 presented CBNA with her 1955 painting of Piper's Tavern.

Class of 1955
Joyce Merrill Creighton '55 presented the Academy with a painting of Piper’s Tavern, completed in '55. As part of Joyce’s art project, she entered the painting in the NH Women’s Club annual art contest. She received second prize. Piper’s Tavern was located across from the original building where Alumni Field/Parking Lot is today. In 1825, as described by Franklin Mason, the Tavern was a popular meeting place for the mills and farmers of the town. The Tavern was destroyed by fire in 1874 and rebuilt in 1876. In 1926, the Tavern was again destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1927. The Tavern was finally closed in 1940 due to economic reasons. The building was eventually purchased by the town and is now a public park.

Joyce has been involved in many community activities, including serving on the Historical Society Board and the Art Committee. She has also been a member of the Northwood Historical Society, where she has served as a board member and volunteer. She is a member of the NH Women’s Club and has served as the club’s president. Joyce has been honored by the town of Northwood for her contributions to the community.

Class Agents needed.
Class of 1956, 1957, 1958 and 1959
Class Agents needed.

Class of 1960
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Class of 1961 and 1962
Class Agents needed.

Class of 1963
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Class of 1964
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Class of 1965
Jeri Baker Cornwell: In Memoriam, Jeri died at a young age on August 21, 1999. She was vice president of our junior class and president of our senior class. Jeri belonged to several organizations during her four years at Coe-Brown: Tri-Hi-Y all four years; she was treasurer her junior year and president her senior year. She attended Tri-Hi-Y four years; she was treasurer her junior year and during her four years at Coe-Brown: Tri-Hi-Y all senior class. Jeri belonged to several organizations: Older Girls’ Conference all four years.

She played on different athletic teams: Softball all four years, volleyball her freshman, sophomore and senior years, girls’ basketball her sophomore, junior and senior years, co-captain her junior year.

After graduation, she worked in various places. Before her death, she was employed by New Hampshire Pewter in Wolfeboro and most recently by Granite State News of Wolfeboro where she penned a weekly column as “Mrs. C”. She was a member of the DAR, a descendant of Gen. John Stark. She was a member of the Lake Shore Grange.

She was married to Ralph W. Cornwell for 26 years. She had a son Andrew and two daughters, Jessica and Janis, four step-daughters, Sally, M. Robin, and S. Jennifer, four grandchildren, two aunts, and several cousins. She also left a sister, Janis Baker Zalgenes, Class of 1967. At the time of her death, her father Ernest Baker, Class of 1931, was alive, but we have now lost him, too. By Barbara Holmes Pratt.

Patty Curley Lawrence: Patty and her husband Don live in Pensacola, FL, home of beautiful beaches and the Blue Angels! She works from home in stock investments and Don is a real estate broker in the Gulf Area where “we run our own real estate investment company.” She volunteers at the local domestic violence center and shelter – such a worthwhile cause. Don and Patty have been married for 14 years and each have two children. Between them, they have 9 grandchildren. For all of you cheerleaders from 1962-65, Patty still has her old (and she means old!) CBNA cheerleading uniform - the ones they retired in the 62-63 basketball season. Brings back some great memories! Would like to hear from Coe-Brown Alums. Her address is: The Lawrence, 3008 Knotty Pine Drive, Pensacola, FL 32505 or e-mail: top-page@cox.net.

Barbara Holmes Pratt: Well, not too much from me. I've been out of Coe-Brown for 38 years this June. I married Phil Pratt on September 11, 1971. We have been married for 32 years this September. I have one daughter Gretchen, who is an alumna of Coe-Brown, class of 1990. I have one granddaughter, Danielle H. Colpitt, who is in the second grade at Northwood Elementary School. I live 3/10ths of a mile from where I grew up in Nottingham with my mother, who will be 90 in October.

I will have been working at Rochester Manor two years this June as their transportation coordinator. The rest of my time I take care of Danielle. My husband Phil works at Coe-Brown. Sorry, I don't have e-mail, but you can write to me at: Barbara H. Pratt, P.O. Box 159, Northwood, NH 03261-0159.

Mary Jane Stevens Jensen: Mary Jane has dropped the first part of her name - it is now M. Jane Jensen. M. Jane called and talked about her having two kids. She and her husband have one each. They have three grandchildren. She is married to Wayne A. Jensen, and she works for him. They have their own business. For the winter, they go to Arizona. Her address is: M. Jane Jensen, 34400 - 34th Ave., SE, Driscoll, ND 58532; e-mail: WayneJensen@earthlink.net.

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Class of 1966
Judy Brackett writes to say how much she enjoyed “Visions”. “Coe-Brown has come so far since my years there from 1962-1966. I am so proud for my son Benjamin and me to be alumni of Coe-Brown.” She attended the funeral services for David ein Dahlin ’87 and was “enormously impressed by the testimonies to her life”.

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Alumni Association Officers Secretary, Carolyn Knox O’Neal ’87 and Corresponding Secretary, Alan O’Neal ’86.
In Memoriam

Coe-Brown Northwood Academy has been notified of the passing of these members of the CBNA Family.

James L. Piper '30
Kenneth R. King '34
Dr. George B. Rogers '36
Mary Reese Strachan '36
Audrey Corson Newell '37
Ruth Buzzell Simpson '37
Carroll C. Quimby '39

Beatrice Blais Pivovar '41
Avis Lang Davis '42
Phyllis Scott Johnston '47
Richard T. Holmes '50
Donald Tasker '50
Grace Hodgdon Jock '51
Merton E. Twombly '57

Lawrence “Pudgie” Fife '75
Robert L. Dewitt '76
Robert Kelley '76
James J. Bongiovanni '83
Tony Russell Fife '84
Davideen Ilsley Dahill '87
Kendra Moniz '00

The Alumni Association tries its very best to accurately record the names of alumni and friends who have passed away. Please contact Ginny Rogers at 603-942-5580 about the deaths of alumni and friends of CBNA, especially those which occur outside the local news area.
The Coe-Brown graduate is expected to have a basic knowledge of the fine arts, aesthetically and historically... and indeed they do – actually everyone does! Everywhere in the school hang wonderful pieces of art, matted and framed, on the walls of every floor of the old building, in the hallways of Smith Hall where the big gym is, even in the tunnel under the busy First New Hampshire Turnpike that bisects the campus. At the end of the long hallway near the multi-purpose room, two very large modern geometrics, in bold primary colors, dazzle students and visitors.

And exhibits of student creativity are also painted right on the walls near the Multi-Purpose Room and adjacent to the library. One large wall painting features a charming horse knee-deep in lush green foliage while on the adjacent wall a pretty blond girl lounges against the real window frame, a huge soccer ball painted near her feet. Her tee-shirt sports the CBNA emblem and the viewer can safely assume this is a portrayal of the talented artist, Gretchen Patrick ’98, whose name appears at the wall's base. On the lower level, exotic creatures and birds peer at passers-by and in the library almost grotesque but incredibly interesting papier mache heads of fanciful creatures glare back at the viewer. The creatures were created as part of the zoology course under the guidance of Jean Cumings, science instructor.

The school’s permanent art collection totals 154 pieces donated by student artists who have completed the school's prescribed course of art classes. The collection now includes artwork by eleven 2002 graduates who, when invited to donate one of their two-dimension art works, chose to do so. Black and white photographs were given by Christopher Boucher, Kara Tiede, Holly Gooch, Alecia Stiles, Melissa Demers and Marsha Harrington and Danielle Miles made a gift of her color photograph entitled You've Got To Be Free. Meagan Corlin and Nathan Wyckoff donated their pencil drawings and Sarah Anderson's mixed media work and Evan Freeman's oil painting are now part of the permanent collection. The Class of 2003 serious art students are still deciding what their contributions to the permanent collection will be.

Every December the visual and performing arts at CBNA are showcased in a Winter Arts Festival. An exhibition of the art entries to the New Hampshire Scholastic Art Awards, coordinated by Scott Chaffield, the Visual Arts Department Chair, and teachers Kenneth Haggett and Lynn Sanborn, was mounted in the multi-purpose room that also featured a Winter Solstice horticultural display.

Lindsay Orlowski received a CBNA Gold Key Award for her costume creation that is intricately stitched and sequined; she works primarily with fabrics and textures. She has recently completed gorgeously feathered and flowered purple wings as her entry into the NH Allstate Art Festival sponsored by the Currier Museum of Art. Lindsay is one of just 63 juniors in the state who will parti-
Lindsay Orlowiski '04 created gorgeous purple wings for an All-State Art Festival entry.

cipate in the prestigious festival. Lindsay wrote most eloquently about her art on the application. “The creative process that I go through to translate an idea into a finished product is what compels me to make art. The process is always as interesting to me as physically creating the art. Through this transformation of the idea, I can create art...creating art is the way I choose to express myself visually, supplementing verbal communication. Self-expression is important to me. Art gives me a chance to impact others and evoke reactions through my art.”

Art students participate in one or more of the sixteen categories in the New Hampshire Scholastic Art Award Program competition that include drawing, painting, photography, architecture, video and even product design. Nine CBNA students, who exhibited fourteen pieces of art, received statewide recognition in the New Hampshire Scholastic Art Awards Program and their creations, along with more than six hundred others from around the state were on display in the Bedford Mall in February. Caitlin Davidson, a talented ninth grader, was the only Coe-Brown student to receive a Gold Key Award for her graphic design piece, Four Corners. It will be competing in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards national competition this spring when the piece travels to New York for national judging.

Stephanie Serson, '03 received three Honorable Mention Awards and a Silver Key Award for her Visual Art Portfolio entry. Two of her entries, in primacolor pencil, feature her as a young child with her father with whom she has become “even closer than before. He’s helping me go to college, to Montserrat College of Art. I hope to illustrate magazines and children’s books when I graduate.”

Senior Beth Fougere was accepted for the New Hampshire Institute of Art Intensive Studio Program, a full day of intensive workshop instruction for advanced art students who are considering post secondary study in the arts.

In his 17 years at Coe-Brown Art Department Chair Scott Chatfield has been tireless in his efforts to involve the whole school community in appreciating and valuing art. “Making it visible every day, makes art important. There was really no program when I came to Coe-Brown. The philosophy has changed and ultimately, programs in art have evolved into advanced courses. Students are creating sophisticated pieces, they verbalize through their art and they find their voices.” Scott Chatfield is executive director and a board member of the NH Art Educators’ Association, which administers the state art awards program. He was quoted in the Sunday News as saying that he’s noticed much change in the subject matter and content of student work. “They definitely are more sophisticated in the way they are visualizing their message. It’s not in your face. It’s more intellectual. I also think the craftsmanship is much more reflective of what’s being taught in our school systems today.”

When you visit Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, you immediately notice how very different it is from other high schools you may visit. The art displays delight and surprise you and bear testimony to the school’s commitment to the arts, to the pursuit of personal excellence and to the respect of others and for the efforts of others which so wonderfully permeates the school.
Artwork by Stephanie Serson ’03.

Best in Show was Sticky Business by Carol Fanslau ’03.

Caitlin Davidson ’06 won a Gold Key Award for Four Corners.

Danielle Linquist ’03 and Stephanie Preston ’03 at the winter horticultural exhibit.

Hannah Bailey ’03 created an eye-catching three-dimensional piece, Dragon.
“Assistant Headmaster, Paul Davis, checks one of CBNA’s woodlots in 1985.

in the Freshmen Orientation course, coordinator of the Senior Portfolio Project and other duties as assigned by the Headmaster.

The curriculum is outstanding, the teachers are exceptional, the facility is extremely clean, the publications are truly marvelous, especially the Curriculum Guide, and the Senior Portfolio Project is unique and astonishingly comprehensive.

In his 25 years at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, Paul Davis has seen a lot of changes. He came to CBNA as a young student teacher because his White Mountains Regional High School former vocational teacher was there. When two positions opened that fall, Paul and Bruce Farr began at Coe-Brown. Paul taught forestry, animal husbandry, biology and landscaping. “CBNA had 300 acres of forest. My classes in the woods included kids with chain saws who also manned the portable sawmill. One of my students, Sarah Mooers Ward ’83, now teaches forestry and horticulture at the school.” He seems most proud about that and he should be.

Initially he thought he'd teach for about three years and then that stretched to nine and then to fourteen rewarding years during which he continued teaching courses he loved. By 1987 Paul had completed his Master’s of Occupational Education Degree with specialization in program administration and supervision. He became the Vocational Director of agriculture and biology and Chair of the Department. He served as Project Director for five years, 1987 to 1992, and was responsible for the preparation of federal vocational funding grant applications and for program management, was advisor to the FFA, coordinated programs with appropriate state agencies and with SAU 44 and taught four different subjects. That is an incredible load to carry and complete. Paul did it better than well—he did a great job, quietly, competently and constantly.

Some days I really miss teaching... a lot.” In 1993 he received another advanced degree from the University of New Hampshire, his Master’s of Education Degree in Administration and Supervision and his job description changed. He became the Assistant Headmaster of a large and complex school.

And as his career changed, so did Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. “When I joined the school there were about 130 students and 10 or 11 faculty members. Now there are 657 students and close to 100 faculty and staff on the payroll. The average teacher load is around 70 students in five or six daily classes. We now have three divisional deans and eight curriculum coordinators with whom I work. Despite our growth, there is still a small school feel here. Knowing students’ and parents’ names helps.”

His days are unbelievably busy and critically important to the daily functioning of CBNA. On Friday, November 22, Paul answered the phone at 5:50 AM to hear that the substitute he’d hired the day before for a sick faculty member was herself sick so he was faced with finding a substitute for the substitute. “That’s when you start calling the retirees.” He was interviewed at 7:30 AM that morning and then had six meetings that included coordination of the student planning books for the next year, sessions with the contractor of the new science building, a furniture company and the curriculum coordinators. In the middle of all this he supervised three different lunch times, something he always oversees, dealt with tardy students
and those with missing homework and at the end of the school day he raced to the main office to do lengthy announcements before student dismissal. But his ‘typical’ day was far from over.

He says his greatest challenge is making sure that everything in this large, busy school is covered. “Fall is awful - there is too much to do, but the staff is just terrific. They rarely take sick leave. Somehow, you just know that Paul Davis never takes sick leave. There’s simply too much to do.

He does find time to devote to another of his loves – woodworking. He is finishing Shaker ladderback chairs for the new home he and his wife Karen hope to build on some local acreage. He finds time to serve the community. Paul was on Northwood’s Zoning Board of Adjustment from 1990 to 1993, served on the town’s Conservation Commission for nearly five years and was selected New Hampshire’s Agriculture Teacher of the Year. Paul is quiet but extremely competent, modest but most effective in all that he accomplishes.

“CBNA has survived me!” Really, CBNA has flourished because of Paul Davis’ constancy, care, commitment and coordination of endless details.

By Carolyn J. Smith

A Constant Mainstay
By Sally Aseltine ‘69, Dean of Student Services

Paul Davis has a quiet way about him — always remaining a constant mainstay behind the scene. The students respect him. He has seen CBNA through many phases and changes and, because of his successful grant money applications, he has been responsible for a lot of money and programs being made available to the school. Paul, with Mr. Smith, always seems to find a way to get something done if there is a good reason for doing so.

I respect his opinions. Paul has foresight and vision; he does what needs to be done and, if a change is called for, he is not afraid to try something new. He is certainly a team player and a perfect complement to Mr. Smith; they make a very dynamic team.

Paul is professional in all that he does; he really is a great detail person. Very organized, he deals well with the stress of arranging for substitutes after being called early in the morning by a teacher unable to come to school. This is only one of the many, many details he deals with daily.

Personally, Paul Davis is a true gentleman with a wonderfully dry sense of humor. He is such a pleasure to work with and to know. Although he often works behind the scenes and does not like the limelight, he is truly deserving of any accolades that come his way.
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