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*Headmaster David Smith and Roberta Stearns, Chair of the Board of Trustees Development Committee, are shown congratulating each other on the success of CBNA’s first ever Annual Giving Campaign in 2002-2003.*

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*In early August, Coe-Brown’s new science and math building was well on its way toward completion. The New England colonial style blends well with the rest of the school’s architecture and complements the stately Victorian that is the school’s original structure.*
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friends of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy.
The 2003 graduation was the event of the year. It was an ending, a time of celebration - and celebrate they did - before, after and in between.

Before the ceremony, there was the usual nervous running around by the graduating seniors. The girls were checking out their mortarboards, their white robes, hair, corsages, and how each other looked, while the boys, dressed in red robes, were laughing, hassling with their mortarboards and often seeking help with their boutonnieres of red carnations from a classmate, girlfriend or mother. During all this there was hand-holding, hugging, a few tears and an occasional kiss. All the while parents, relatives and friends were arriving, greeting each other and looking for their favorite seniors. Then, at some unobtrusive signal, all the seniors left for their meeting areas.

The guests rose to their feet as Pomp and Circumstance began, played by the CBNA band with Bruce M. McCormick directing. The two marshals, Alissa DeTrude ’04 and Christopher J. Howe ’04, led the seniors with precision into the gymnasium.

Jessica Ambrose, class president, welcomed the guests and the sea of red and white robes. The valedictory address was delivered by Alexis T. Smith, and Christie R. Plummer gave the salutatory address, followed by Coe-Brown’s chorus’ beautiful music featuring Amy Coulombe, soloist. Amy also sang a solo near the end of the program. The chorus was directed by David P. Deardoff.

More than 30 local community groups, organizations and individuals gave more than 135 scholarships to the graduates. Headmaster David Smith congratulated the class of 2003, and sincerely thanked their parents, relatives, and the supporters of CBNA for their part in assisting in the education of these graduates.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the diplomas by Judith Sanderson, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, assisted by Trustees James S. Colburn and Jim Grant, along with Headmaster Smith and Assistant Paul Davis. Upon receiving their diplomas, many students handed the Headmaster either a gummy bear or a small plastic Indian, which jokingly referred to the changing of the CBNA mascot from a Comanche to a Bear.

After the ceremony, the marshals led the graduates outdoors to form a receiving line. Again there was the gaiety of the pre-ceremony, but it was now mixed with relief and tears. The seniors’ tears were happy and sad and the excited parents were teary-eyed because they were so proud of their sons and daughters. The celebration marked an end and a beginning—let the journey begin. 
**Valedictorian Alexis Smith**, or Ali as she is known to all, is the daughter of Randy Smith and Debbie Hendrix-Smith of Strafford. Ali is a National Merit Commended Scholar who attained High Honors for four years at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. A member of National Honor Society, National French Honor Society, CBNA Math Team and SADD her junior and senior years, Ali was Vice President of NHS in twelfth grade. She received the Comanche awards in grades 9, 10 and 11.

She earned a 6th place scoring on the Grand Concours National French Exam her junior year and received year-end Academic Excellence Awards: math, grade 9, 10, 11; science, and Third Place in the Science Fair, grade 9; English and French, grades 9 and 11; Exceptional Achievement in Physical Education, grade 10. At Commencement, Ali was awarded the Dean’s Achievement Scholarship, American Association of University Women’s Scholarship, George N. Cate Scholarship and the Student Council Leadership Scholarship.

Her activities at CBNA included swimming, two years working with Special Olympics, a year of kick-boxing classes and two years of yoga classes. Named a USA Swimming-Scholastic All-American her senior year, Ali was the New Hampshire High School State Swimming Champion in the 100 yard butterfly and runner-up in the 100 yard breast stroke her senior year. For all four years of her high school years Ali was involved with competitive swimming with the Seacoast Swimming Association and her senior year she also participated with the CBNA Swim Team. A lifeguard for the city of Dover, New Hampshire for three years, Ali chose, for her senior project, to organize and sponsor a Swim-A-Thon for the Dover Mighty Seals Special Olympics Swim Team.

At Commencement, where she delivered the Valedictory, she retold the story of a trip to Boston she and a close friend had made and how taking a wrong turn, west on the Mass Pike all the way to Albany, rather than east, resulted in her reflections about life in general. “I learned two important lessons that night… aside from the fact that I should never be allowed to be the navigator. First, everything in life does not always go as smoothly as we’d like it to. After our little adventure on the Mass Pike, I am entirely convinced that a situation is what you make of it. In life, there will be many situations that are out of your control, but if you try to see the positive, try to make the most of them, there is nothing that you cannot overcome.

Secondly, this graduation is a rite of passage for us. It marks the transition into becoming more independent and having to accept more responsibility…. It is okay to stray from the path on some of your journeys to adulthood and, in fact, I highly recommend it. Make the most of situations that are beyond your control and, most importantly have fun. Who knows, maybe you’ll even get some great stories out of it.”

Ali will be attending Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, where she will pursue a degree in business and marketing as a member of the Emory Scholar Program. She will continue to swim competitively as a member of Emory University’s nationally ranked swim team.

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**Christie Plummer**, daughter of Donald and Carolyn Plummer of Strafford, was the 2003 Salutatorian. Secretary of the National Honor Society, Christie also belonged to National French Honor Society and SADD her junior and senior years when she also achieved perfect attendance records. Christie was a member of the chorus her sophomore year; she received the Exceptional Achievement in Chorus Award that year. She received Academic Excellence Awards in French in ninth grade, in English, science and social studies in tenth grade and in eleventh grade she received the Award for Excellence in Academics and the U.S. Marine Corps Award. She received Comanche awards in grades 9, 10 and 11. At Commencement she received the President’s Scholarship, the Alumni Scholarship, George N. Cate Scholarship and the Kendra Moniz Memorial Scholarship.

Devoted to dance, Christie’s extracurricular activities have included ballet, which she has studied for twelve years, and jazz and modern dance that she has taken for three years. She commented that she danced every day after school, usually a total of fourteen hours weekly. A member of the Rochester Contemporary Youth Ensemble’s Main Company, Christie spent every weekend day in rehearsals. For her senior project Christie developed a ballet dance class for students ages 9 to 11.

Christie came to CBNA from a middle school class of just eight students and found the adjustment to such a huge freshman class of about 180 students daunting. However, being around so many different people and with such great teachers really helped her grow up and overcome her shyness.

The summer of her sophomore year Christie volunteered at the Wentworth Douglas Hospital and later served as a volunteer at the Portsmouth Regional Hospital Physical Therapy Clinic. She has babysat for a number of years for a young autistic child who she says has made a huge difference in her life.

Christie’s Salutatory reflected her personal depth. “Dreaming is not just for children… As Christopher Reeve said, ‘So many of our dreams seem impossible, improbable, then inevitable.’ Happiness in life is found when you follow your dreams and do what you love. As seniors we all have high hopes and dreams for our lives. Never lose sight of those dreams, as impossible as they may seem because one day you might be living the reality of your dream.”

Christie will be attending Springfield College where she will major in and work toward a Master’s Degree in physical therapy.
The 2003 Honor Graduates

The remaining graduates who were in the top ten of the Class of 2003 are, alphabetically, Jessica Ambrose, Nick Cassidy, Ryan Fisher, Tyler Martin, Megan Murphy, Josh Riley, Joshua Roux and Megan Sperl.

Jessica Ambrose, daughter of Dominic and Lorri Ambrose of Strafford, was President of the Class of 2003 and a member of National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society and on Student Council. Her academic honors include: Academic Excellence Awards in Business and Computers Studies, ninth grade; Comanche award, ninth through eleventh grades; Science Fair Fourth Place, ninth grade. In her junior year Jessica was a participant in the Voice of Democracy and received the John Hopkins Award for Instrumental Music. At Commencement she received Presidential, Rising Scholar and Leadership Scholarships, Ann Strout Memorial Scholarship, CBNA National Honor Society Scholarship and George N. Cate Scholarship.

Jessica was a member of the CBNA Concert Band for four years and attended Summer Youth Music School. She took part in the Granite State Challenge in tenth grade and participated in varsity track and field her junior and senior years. She held an after school job at which she worked 25+ hours weekly. She also was involved with community service collections. For her senior project she worked in a middle school skills classroom.

As President of her class, Jessica delivered the first speech for Commencement 2003. “It is only through the great efforts of everyone present today that our goals and successes thus far have been achieved. Only through trial and error can we learn. And only what we have learned already can we apply in the future, ‘For yesterday is but today’s memory and tomorrow is today’s dream. Let today embrace the past with remembrance and the future with longing.’ And with that quote from Khalil Gibran, it is my pleasure to welcome you this evening to the Commencement Ceremony of the Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, Class of 2003.”

Jessica will attend Colby-Sawyer College where she intends to major in forensic science and psychology.

Nicholas E. Cassidy is the son of Dan Cassidy and Barbara Feldman of Strafford. A member of National Honor Society, of which he was Vice President his senior year, and also of the National Spanish Honor Society, Nick maintained High Honors all four quarters all four years. He was the recipient of Comanche and Honor Roll awards in ninth through eleventh grades. His honors included: Science Fair, 5th place in ninth grade and 2nd place in tenth; Excellence in Computer Sciences in tenth grade, the U. S. Marine Corp Distinguished Athlete Award and the Presidential Scholarship at Commencement. He also received, at Commencement, the Alumni Scholarship, Country Galley Catering Scholarship and the George N. Cate Scholarship.

Nick was a member of the soccer and baseball teams for four years and a member of the 2002 State Champion Baseball Team. In eleventh grade Nick was named varsity baseball’s Most Valuable Player and in twelfth grade he was co-captain of the team. In ninth grade he received the soccer Coach’s Award, in tenth he was recognized for his outstanding contribution to the soccer team and was named MVP in twelfth, when he was team captain. He also played basketball in ninth and tenth grades.

He worked for Van Berkum’s Nursery in ninth and for David Whitcher for the past three years. For his senior project Nick organized a fundraiser for the CBNA baseball program.

Nick will attend the Whittier School of Business and Economics at UNH where he will be part of the Honors Program.

Ryan Fisher, son of Scott and Mary Ann Fisher of Deerfield, achieved High Honor Roll all four years at CBNA. He was the recipient of the Honor Roll and Comanche awards his ninth through eleventh grade years and won Third Place in his tenth grade Science Fair. He was proud to have drafted architectural plans for a residential building. He participated in basketball.

At Commencement he received a Presidential Scholarship. Ryan will attend the University of New Hampshire where he will major in English.

Tyler Martin, son of Scott and Jane Martin of Northwood, was a member of the National Honor Society and the National Spanish Honor Society. He placed second in his tenth grade Science Fair and received an Honorable Mention for his science exhibit in ninth grade; as a freshman he was a member of the Math Team. Tyler received the U. S. Marines Scholastic Achievement Award his junior year. At Commencement he was awarded the Presidential Scholarship, the CBNA National Honor Society Scholarship and the Northwood Fire/Rescue Association Scholarship.

A member of the chorus in tenth and eleventh grades and involved in the school plays his first two years, Tyler played piano all four years and was a piano and xylophone soloist. He was on the JV track team in ninth grade and on the varsity track team three years. JV soccer for two and varsity cross-country his last two years. He received the Coach’s Award for cross-country his senior year and a similar award for track as a junior. Tyler placed eighth in the state in the 4x800 race and was on the 4x800 state championship team in tenth grade.

For his senior project Tyler directed a 5K road race to benefit the cross-country team. In the fall he will be attending Colby College where he will major in science.

Megan Murphy, daughter of Kevin and Ellen Murphy of Northwood, achieved High Honor Roll status, is a member of National Honor Society and National Spanish Honor Society. Megan also received the Exceptional Achievement in Physical Education Award in ninth grade and New Hampshire Women’s Athletic/Academic Award in twelfth grade. She was the recipient of the Comanche award in ninth, tenth and eleventh grades. At Commencement she received the Saint Michael’s Scholarship, Granite State Scholarship, Alumni Scholarship and Northwood Fire/Rescue Association Scholarship.
Megan had perfect attendance in ninth grade and was a member of Peer Helpers and SADD her junior and senior years. Her junior year she participated in FHA – Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. A four-year soccer player, she was on the varsity squad three years and team captain her senior year. In twelfth grade Megan was named to the All Scholastic Soccer Team and received the Award for Outstanding Contribution to Soccer. She was also captain of the varsity track team her junior and senior years; she was a member of that team for four years. Megan was a member of the state championship team that placed first in the 4x400 in ninth grade and on the first place 4x800 team in tenth. She played basketball her freshman year and was awarded the Coach’s Award.

Extracurricular activities included the Strafford Indoor Soccer team and the Red Cross Youth Board of Directors on which she served two years. For her senior project Megan worked on the Northwood Christmas Toy Drive. She will attend Saint Michael’s College in Vermont where she intends to major in psychology with an emphasis on human services.

Josh Riley, son of Reginald and Linda Riley of Deerfield, earned either Highest Honors or High Honors status all four years. At Commencement he was awarded a “You Earned It” Academic Scholarship. He was the recipient of the Comanche award his freshman, sophomore and junior years.

Involved in drama and Future Business Leaders of America in ninth grade, he was a member of the baseball team for three years, including the 2002 State Championship Team, and a team captain his senior year. He also played golf this past year.

For his senior project he drafted plans for two houses, drawing plans by hand as well as using a computer program. He will attend Norwich University where he plans to study architecture.

Joshua M. Roux, son of James and Deb Roux of Northwood, achieved High Honor status for three years and Comanche and Honor Roll awards in ninth through eleventh grades. He won Third Place in his tenth grade Science Fair. In tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades, Joshua achieved perfect attendance. At Commencement he was the recipient of an Achievement Scholarship.

Josh was a member of the Chess Club his senior year and played baseball all four years. His senior project involved digital electronics. He will attend the University of New Hampshire where he intends to major in engineering.

Megan Sperl, daughter of Kevin Sperl and Renee Cicerchi of Strafford, was a member of National Honor Society, of which she was President, and National French Honor Society. Megan, third in her class, was the recipient of the Comanche award in ninth, tenth and eleventh grades. She received the Academic Excellence in World Language (French) Award in tenth grade and participated in the National de Francais Concours Contest. She received the Exceptional Achievement in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Award her junior year. At Commencement she was the recipient of an Achievement Scholarship, the George N. Cate Scholarship and the Saddleback Mountain Lion’s Club Scholarship.

A member of Peer Helpers, Project Search and SADD, Megan also participated in athletics. She played soccer her first three years and was manager of the girls varsity her senior year. For four years she played in the Strafford Indoor Soccer team as well. She was a member of the JV girls track team in ninth grade, and on the varsity team the next two years.

For her senior project, Megan finished and decorated her new bathroom at home. She will attend the University of Connecticut at Storrs, where she has been accepted into the Honors Program with an achievement scholarship.

Megan, third in her class, delivered the farewell address at Commencement. Megan’s final words at the closing of Commencement were:

“I learned that the greatest part of high school isn’t the parties, the basketball games or the dances… it’s the friendships…the people who were with you during those times. Friends mold us and affect us everyday of our lives. They are the people who are there when we celebrate and when we cry. They are the people who never fail to dry the tears in our eyes with their smiles.

I am here today because of the love and support of my friends and family, so this is a thank you to all of those special people in my life. I want to impress upon you the importance of having such people in your lives and to always cherish them.

On behalf of my classmates, I would like to thank all of you here tonight, because to us, you are those people. Your presence in our lives is appreciated more than you’ll ever know.”

By Carolyn J. Smith
### Class of 2003 Commencement Scholarships

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Many graduates have received additional scholarships from other sources.
Profiled from the Class of 2006 is Ellen Smith, daughter of Peter and Martha Smith of Nottingham; she is an Honor Roll student. She commented that she especially liked Algebra I and Spanish I last year and really appreciated the excellent teachers she has had at CBNA. Her freshman year Ellen was involved with Student Council and played soccer. For the past 12 years she has attended a YWCA girls’ camp and for five years she was a member of the Otters swim team. She also has volunteered at Greenland School.

When asked to describe herself Ellen said she participates a lot in math class, is helpful, responsible, respectful and easy-going. She likes learning as much as she can and being athletic. She loves animals, is interested in building and designing and adores the culinary arts so she could, in the future, be a pastry chef, an architect, a teacher or a person who works with animals.

Matt Robinson, was Vice President of his Class of 2005 in 2002-03 and a member of Student Council for the past two years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Robinson of Barrington, Matt is a consistent high honors student who said that he wants to do well, because “if I do it all really well now, the rest of my education and my life will be that much easier.” He received Comanche and Bear awards in ninth and tenth grades respectively. He enjoys English because he especially likes to write and read mysteries. He thinks he will major in computers, perhaps becoming a Web designer.

His community service has included volunteering at summer soccer and basketball camps. He is very involved in athletics; he has played on the varsity soccer team since ninth grade and received the Coach’s Award in tenth for soccer and also for JV basketball, which he has also played for two years. Sophomore year, Matt decided he’d like to play tennis, after playing baseball his first year at CBNA, a sport he played since age 6. When asked why he likes athletics he said that it feels good when you finish first place. He finds athletics very intense and he is proud that he was the highest placing sophomore in the 2002 State Decathlon. He has played soccer since ninth grade. Also a member of the varsity track team since ninth grade, he was a team captain last year and has been elected one of the captains of the 2004 team. He received MVP in soccer in ninth and tenth grades and the award for most enthusiastic in track those same years. He holds a record for the 4x100 and received the Coach’s Award in track the spring of 2003.

Chris said he thought his teachers would describe him as motivated, energetic, a great leader, determined and a hard worker.

Megan Madariaga, Class of 2003, is the daughter of Jorge and Diane Madariaga of Barrington. She was chosen for a Student Profile because of her exceptional participation in many areas of the school. Always a high honor student, she received second place in the Science Fair in ninth grade and third place in tenth. She was chosen the DAR Good Citizen her senior year. She was President of Student Council with which she had been active for three years. Megan was a class officer three years as Activities Coordinator and Student Council Representative, and was elected to National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society. Academics are very important to Megan who loves to read books like Wuthering Heights, Brave New World and Gulliver’s Travels. Science, especially chemistry and physics, were her passion at CBNA and she plans to study biomedical engineering at the University of Connecticut. She thinks she may become a researcher or go on to study medicine.

Very involved in athletics, Megan played varsity softball for four years, received the Coach’s Award for three years and was awarded the NHIAA Good Sportsmanship Award for Softball in eleventh grade. The past two years she played on the Class A ASANH Comets team that went to Nationals the summer of 2002. She also played basketball in ninth grade, soccer for three years and was director of the girls soccer camp. Her community service focused on youth sports teams that she worked with in Portsmouth, Barrington and Stratford the past four years. Megan commented that the discipline of juggling athletics, homework and personal life has made her a stronger person.

She said her hard work and never taking shortcuts, doing everything to the very best of her ability will help her in her later life. She thought teachers would describe her as kind, diligent, a leader, modest, funny, encouraging of others, responsible and respectful. She said of her school, “I get sad knowing that I’m leaving CBNA. It will always be precious in my memory. It has helped me to get involved in so many things. The nicest people ever are right here!”

By Carolyn J. Smith
Genevieve (Ginny) Kestner Rogers
CBNA’s Alumni Association Board President

The first thing you notice about Ginny Rogers is how beautiful she is with her gloriously full and silvery curly hair, her quick and radiant smile and her large, expressive dark eyes. The second thing you notice almost simultaneously is her intensity. Ginny is intense about a lot of things and that includes Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. While she didn’t ever attend CBNA, her beloved husband George did, and clearly, his passions were and are hers as well.

The oldest of ten children, Ginny Kestner was born on a Virginia farm at the end of the 1930’s and at an early age learned and appreciated the value of frugality and very hard work – those enduring legacies of the Great Depression.

The Kestner family raised much of their own food and canned and preserved the fruits of their labors. Bartering with neighbors was an important economic element in their lives. She commented, “You never took something for nothing because people worked too hard to give it away.” So they traded beans or potatoes, quilting, butchering, wood chopping – labor of all sorts was exchanged.

Graduating at age 17 from high school, Ginny was a member of National Honor Society. She lettered three years in basketball; home games were played on a dirt court! Last year she went back for her 46th Reunion about which she said, “It was amazing how much everyone had changed. I only recognized 4 out of a class of 35!”

Intense even then, Ginny went to Washington to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Rural Electrification Administration, and then to Ryan Aeronautical in San Diego. Detroit was next where she worked for Arthur Anderson & Co., and Harold G. Mounteer & Co., both CPA firms. She somehow found the time to take night courses with the USDA graduate school. When she returned to Arlington in 1962 and to the USDA Agricultural Research Service, she met Dr. George B. Rogers, CBNA ’36. They married in 1966 and, “he brought me to God’s country—Northwood, New Hampshire. We raised four daughters, his and mine, and buried an infant son in 1968. Together we have had eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.”

“When George retired in 1980, we came home to Northwood fulltime, where we had a big garden on Blakes Hill at the farm where George grew up. I was still canning, freezing the produce and giving some away so it wouldn’t go to waste. Also, I was George’s office staff for his economic consulting enterprise.” But that’s not all she did. For as George became more and more involved with his school, so did she.

In March 1875, Albert O. Brown, Class of 1874, began an alumni association, with 13 other alumni from the Classes of 1869 through 1874, for academy graduates. Meetings were held every five years until 1905 or so. These were generally grand parties in Boston with oysters and other delicacies. Sometime between 1905 and 1907 reunions began to be held annually but after World War I the gatherings became sporadic. When Gerrish Gym was built, an on-campus site for reunions became possible in the 1960’s. However, in the 1980’s, reunions moved to Lake Shore Farms because the caterer failed to show for one of the on-campus annual events affairs. In those years no one new, fired with enthusiasm, came forward to work on alumni affairs.

In the late 1980’s, Edie Twombly Kimball ’60 served as President of the Association for two years and moved the reunions back to Gerrish Gym. Once again, however, no one seemed willing to step into the much needed Association roles to help her. George volunteered to be a member-at-large at his 50th reunion in Gerrish Gym. “George never did anything halfway—he was never, ever a mere name on a list. He absolutely loved CBNA. He was immersed in his work on the Board of Trustees. We threw ourselves into the Association.” George and Ginny Rogers became synonymous with alumni affairs at Coe-Brown Northwood. Together they worked on the academy’s 125th Graduating Class Celebration in 1994 and re-energized the Alumni Association. George was Vice President of the Association under Edie and later he became President. At the time of his death he was the Association’s Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer of the Northwood Historical Society since 1992, Ginny is CBNA’s Archivist. She and George began the Alumni Museum and acquired an impressive collection of photographs and memorabilia that is the history of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. She is pleased that it is so organized categorically but wants to restructure the collection chronologically. She is Class Agent Coordinator for VISIONS Magazine. Most importantly she is the Alumni Association Board President and an “official” associate member of the Class of 1936. Ginny is very intense about her present role at the academy.

Ginny’s also busy with the Folly Farm Quilters, Capital Quilt Guild, Harvey Lake Women’s Club, Friends of the Library and Advent Christian Church. This year Ginny spent literally hundreds of hours researching, with Roberta Stearns, to find names, and correct addresses and telephone numbers of alumni and friends. Together they...
prepared for the academy's first ever Annual Fund phonathons that have been so successful. She said that her life has been so different since George died in late 2001 and that she has managed to keep busy. Indeed she has!

Ginny is carrying the torch, the tradition of service to Coe-Brown, as her George would have wished her to do. Without these two dedicated and determined people, it is likely the Alumni Association would have ceased to be for lack of direction.

She appeals to all alumni and friends to contribute artifacts, memorabilia, photographs, antique clothing – all of the things that will help keep CBNA's history alive and meaningful. She is doing more than her share to see that this happens! And, by the way, she is still preserving ~ jams, jellies and George’s school! By Carolyn J. Smith

Rev. Carl E. Rundgren

The Rev. Carl E. Rundgren died April 29, 2003. Pastor of the Northwood Advent Christian Church for the past 25 years, Rev. Rundgren was extremely active in his church and the community. He served as secretary and treasurer of the Maranatha Advent Christian Conference; clerk of the Eastern Regional Association of the Advent Christian Churches, secretary and treasurer of WVNH 91.1 FM; secretary and treasurer of the Northwood Teen Center. He was the past vice president of the Northwood Historical Society, a trustee for the William Miller Chapel and on the board of the Shepherds Center in Northwood.

A graduate of Berkshire Christian School, with a Master of Divinity degree from Gordon Conwell Seminary, Rev. Rundgren was a familiar face at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy; he was a regular teaching substitute since 1992. Skilled in the classroom, he was respected and admired by all. In Rev. Rundgren’s memory, the Class of 2003 dedicated the wonderful statue of the bear, CBNA’s new mascot, found in front of Smith Hall.

In Memoriam

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

Roger King ’36
J. Perry Richardson, Class Agent for 1938
Nathan L. Coffin ’59
James A. Jordan ’60
Rev. Carl E. Rundgren

The Cemetery at The Narrows

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.
Reunion 2003

By Genevieve “Ginny” K. Rogers, Alumni Association President and 1936 Associate Member

On June 28th, the CBNA Alumni Association held its 2003 Reunion Banquet in the Gerrish Gym. More than 90 alumni, spouses and guests were in attendance. They enjoyed the 25-minute, pre-dinner music program presented by CBNA’s Music Department, thanks to Directors David Deardorff and Bruce McCormick and selected members of the school’s band and chorus. A delicious meal featuring a choice of yankee pot roast or barbecued chicken was prepared by Karen and Joe Freda of the Country Galley Caterers.

Seven members of the Class of 1953 celebrated their 50th reunion with a day of activities coordinated by Pearl Yeaton King. Skip Bane, Robert Grant, Marilyn Tuttle Deem, Mary Lovely Hathaway, Pearl Yeaton King, Margery Heath Nutter and Phyllis Twombly Smith had a wonderful time together remembering. Their reunion day’s finale was the banquet that especially honored their graduation anniversary. The door prize, a wonderful chest made and donated by CBNA’s woodworking shop was won by Skip Bane ’53!

To commemorate her 50th class reunion, Pearl Yeaton King ’53 designed and made a beautiful red and white quilt, that I call Pearl’s CBNA Tribute. Pearl has donated her quilt to the Class of 2004 as a fundraiser for them. The raffle drawing will be held in December this year and proceeds will benefit the Senior Class.

Other reunion classes were 1948, celebrating their 55th anniversary, 1963 - their 40th, 1978 - their 25th and 1983 - their 20th.

Several alumni each took home a quart of New Hampshire maple syrup: female from the earliest class in attendance – Arlene Richardson Louden ’26; male from the earliest class in attendance – Charles B. Johnson ’37; class having the largest number of alumni present – the Class of ’53 on the occasion of their 50th reunion; most recent class represented – Lauren Drown 2000; attendee traveling the farthest to come to reunion – Charles B. Johnson ’37, who came all the way from Arizona.
The Association extends its thanks and gratitude to the following for their help and contributions in making the evening a success: Sam ’65 and Sue Johnson, Jane Bell, Robin Burklund Drown ’76, Bob ’51 and Joan Burklund, Northwood Bike Works, Frances Brown ’36, Betty Young Geers ’48, Roberta Wallace Stearns ’57, Heritage Hardware Store and to me, the Association’s President.

Seated are Honorary Member Joan Burklund and Robert Burklund ’51. Standing are Joan and Bob’s granddaughter Lauren Drown, 2000 and her friend Brian Dow who is just behind her. Lauren’s mother Robin Burklund Drown ’76 and father Rick Drown. Lauren, a member of the Class of ’04 at Keene State, has received the Alumni Scholarship the past three years.

Remembering...

Reuniting...

Relaxing...

Reflecting...

The Reunion Banquet head table included guest Dolores O’Neal, Association Vice President Sam Johnson ’66 and his wife Sue.
She doesn’t know why she’s called Polly; her given name is Eleanor but she’s always been called Polly for as long as she can remember. As Chair of the CBNA Alumni Association Scholarship Committee, her name is synonymous with generosity in the Coe-Brown Northwood Academy community.

An extraordinarily conscientious and caring person, Polly began the scholarship program in the 1970's because “I thought the kids needed some help…and they still do.” Amazingly, she began the scholarship program by soliciting door-to-door and the entire amount first raised was awarded in a scholarship. No one she contacted ever doubted her integrity or sincerity, because they knew her.

In the late 70’s, a local woman, Mrs. Esther Crandall, gave the program $5,000 with the understanding that only the interest would or could be awarded. As of June 20, 2003, the principal totals $83,967.98; most of the money is invested in government securities with a small amount kept in a money market savings account for dispersion. Polly’s goal is to reach $99,999.99!

Over the years, as the Scholarship Fund has grown, so have the awards given to graduating seniors. Scholarships of $500 and $1,000 are now being awarded. Since 1989, there have been 94 scholarships awarded, totaling $45,450. One recipient even paid her award back into the Scholarship Fund.

At the 2003 Commencement, $500 scholarships were awarded to Nick Cassidy, Stacy Coleman, Lauren Drown, Jaclyn Kermander, Megan Murphy and Christie Plummer.

To be considered for an Alumni Scholarship, a student must submit an application to the Academy’s Guidance Office. Then the CBNA Alumni Association Board meets to review the applications and votes on the recipients.

Always very involved in the world around her, Polly served as Northwood Selectman for 13 years in the early 1960’s and she may well have been the first woman to hold that position. She has served on numerous town committees: Budget Committee, Road Committee, Planning Board, Bicentennial Committee, Police Commission.

Perhaps most amazing is her professional record. This coming January, Polly will have worked 62 years for Globe Firefighters, Inc. in Pittsfield, New Hampshire. Her tenure there began in 1941 when she went into Globe’s showroom to buy a snowsuit and George Freese Sr. asked her if she might like a job. At the time she’d just accepted a fulltime babysitting position. That employer “fired” her so she could accept the opportunity at Globe. In the intervening years Polly has worked for four generations of the Freese family. She is now Vice President of Manufacturing.

Her 62 years at Globe speak to her personal qualities: conscientious, diligent, determined, enduring. She’s a woman of intelligence and integrity, a woman concerned about enhancing the possibilities for others. And generations of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy students have benefitted from her philanthropy.

Note: Contributions may be made to help Polly reach her goal of $99,999.99 by restricting your gift to the CBNA Alumni Scholarship Program.
Tight school budgets force creative solutions and school administrators and Board of Trustee members must find ways to save money. Each year, CBNA’s Board completes a self-evaluation; in 2001 this process determined a need for a school energy committee.

Board member Joe Freda commented, “Roberta Stearns, then Board President, approached me and asked if I would head up this important new initiative. With my mechanical, electrical and management background, I gladly assumed the duties of Chairperson of the Energy Committee.”

Joe had heard about Green Schools, a program that improves education through hands-on training in real world learning, protects the environment by preventing pollution and strengthens schools by saving money on energy costs. He started thinking about how he would pull all this together and involve the correct people at Coe-Brown. “After a few conference calls and information from people involved with Green Schools, I felt that instead of having instructors and outside advisors come in and cost the Academy money, I would read up on the program and perform those duties myself. I decided to develop a committee with faculty, students and maintenance staff. At meetings we drafted a mission statement: Making Energy Efficiency Become a Regular Part of the School’s Culture.

In our first meetings we discussed cheap fixes that could result in marked savings that would center on replacement of our current ballasts and lamps with high efficiency compact or circular fluorescent fixtures that had electronic ballasts. She also strongly suggested replacement and/or upgrading of our exit lights.

With the help of Assistant Headmaster Paul Davis and Willy Pierce, we went to work and developed a plan to accomplish the work of the audit recommendations. Through the dedication and hard work of these two individuals, we accomplished the tasks within the deadline and received a grant of $9,725.55.

PSNH’s Energy Efficient Programs offer technical and financial assistance to facilities for the installation of energy efficient projects. PSNH is New Hampshire’s largest electrical utility, serving more that 447,000 customers across the state. Joe Freda and PSNH worked together to save a lot of money by reducing the Academy’s energy costs. The energy efficient and much improved lighting and the occupancy sensors that turn the lights off are expected, in the coming years, to realize reduction of annual energy by about 50,000 kilowatt hours each year and save CBNA about $5300 every year.

Joe commented, in the March 5 edition of The Suncook Valley Sun, “This technology allows us to reduce our electricity consumption and, as a result, lower our operating expenses. We also have two additional contracts with PSNH for this year. One project is to continue to replace the rest of our ballasts and use energy efficient lighting equipment in our new building. This should bring in significant grant money this coming year. The PSNH rep, Karen Rantamaki, has done a wonderful job guiding us into this process.”

By Carolyn J. Smith
Annual Giving 2003

CBNA Benefactor ($2,500+)
Robert E. Bailey
Dan Tasker
Jill & Diane Tasker

Headmaster's Society ($1,000-$2,499)
G. Welch Andersen
Norma A. Cater
Class of 1953
D. L. Doco & Son
James Pender
George Tilton

CBNA Council ($500 - $999)
G. A. Barlett, Jr
Jim & Linda Grant
Kathi E. Sokness

CBNA Patron ($250 - $499)
Big Jim's Bargain Outlet
Paul Davis & Karen Devriendt
Lous K. Detrude
Home Depot-Rochester
Pleasant View Gardens
Ginny Rogers

CBNA Club ($100 - $249)
Brian Allen
Clifford Bane
James Barnes
J. Wesley Brown
W. Edward "Spive" Bryant
Robert & Joan Burkland
Robert Burritt
David Buzzell
Edward Carr
Jim & Betsy Colburn
Candace Condas
Beverly & David Copeland
Robert & Marilyn Deem
George Demmons
Sheri & Bruce DeTrude
Fred Deveau
Edward Dodge
Robin & Richard Drown
George Dunn
L. Sherman & Diane Elliott
Maynard Farr
Judy Sanderson & Bruce Farr
Loui Foss
Ralph Gelec
Barbara Gray
Paul Gontvill
Craig Holmes
Lisa Kennard
George & Joanne Lang
Patricia Lawrence
Thomas Linnell
William G. Lord
Joan Magoon
Robert Magoon
Ray Masor
Jay McCarrill
Ann McGugan
Northwood Garage
O'Connor's Fabrication Plus
Douglas Peterson
Eleanor Finkham
Scott Piper
Marjorie Pyle
George & Phyllis Reese
Spermc Richdale
Jean Richner
Roland W. Shaw
David Smillie
Roberta & Gene Stearns
Beverly Stover
Patricia Swiretal
Elmer & Edith Tasker
Jean Tudor
Lance Twombly
Ralph Twombly
Phyllis Vaillancourt
David Walkerman
Laurren York

Bear's Den ($1 - $99)
Sally Aslett
Mary Ann Bailey
Edith Balcardi
Mer Bartels
Michael & Theresa Bascom
Marjorie Basset
Bunny Behm
Robert & Carol Berger
Kathy Berry
Mary Billings
Diane Yeaton Bishop
William Brackett
Frances Brown
Gail Brown
Theresa Brown
Everett & Sharyn Brown
Kristi Brum
Robert Burkland, Jr
Scott Burkland
Linda Burt
Cathy Cafay
Frances Carlston
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Russell Caccioto
Barbara Cimom
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Paul & Lorraine Colby
Melissa Ann Conners
Cynthia Conney
Eleanor Corbin
Pat Corlin
Myrna Cormier
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John Crummey
J.B. & Anne Cullen
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William Demmons
Norman Dodge
Theresa Downs
Mary Drown
Linda Eastman
Joanne Eaton
Suzi Falcone
Celeste Ferren
W. Harley Florence
Roland Foshom
Duane Ford & Caryn Laskey
Jill Forward
Lyndon & Dorothy Goodridge
Jeanne Goullet & Darren Reardon
Lindsey Grant
Michelle Granville
Jeffrey Greenhalgh
Norma Hackett
Kenneth Haggett

Total Annual Giving 2002-2003: $32,006.54

A marvelous mosaic shield was created by George Tilton '47 and donated to CBNA.


**Total Gifts-in Kind and Restricted Gifts to Annual Giving 2002-2003:**  $17,641.54

*Improvements to the baseball field of the Robert E. Bailey Athletic Complex include a batting cage donated by Dan and Jeff Tasker and the storage shed that was a project completed by the school’s construction class.*

*Other donors to the baseball field project and the new backstop were: G. A. Bartlett; members of the 1952 championship baseball team; Blue Loon General Store; Mr. and Mrs. Bombaci; Jack Barnes; Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy; Chip & Run Pub & Grill; Comtois Masonry; John Crumney; Paul Guptill; Hannaford Brothers; Heritage True Value Hardware Store; Roger King; Charles Mattison; Northwood Oil; Piece Time Puzzles; Eleanor Pinkham; George Reese; Mr. & Mrs. Riley; Ginny Rogers; Bruce Rollins; Bud Rollins; Jean Tudor.*

*Donations to the baseball field project totaled $8,825.00 by June 30, 2003.*

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**Gifts-in-Kind 2002-2003**

- G. Wells Anderson: Legal advice to Board
- Robert E. Bailey: Labor, equipment, materials for the ball and tennis fields
- Cliff Bane: Donation to the Arts Program
- Robert & Carol Berger: Donation for the Play
- Class of 1953: Donation to the Arts
- Candace Conidas: Donation for the Play
- Pat Corlin: Donation of time for the Play
- Marilyn Deem: Donation for the Arts Program
- D. L. Docko & Son: Labor and materials for athletic fields
- Pleasant View Gardens: 64 – 10” Hanging plants for the Vocational Dept.
- Lyndon & Dorothy Goodridge: Donation for the Play
- Jim & Linda Grant: Donation for Drama (microphones)
- Northwood Garage: Donation for the track race
- Robert Grant: Donation for the Arts Program
- Jeffrey Greenhalgh: Refreshments for Drama
- Mary Hathaway: Donation for the Arts Program
- Home Depot-Rochester: Lumber for the Play
- Joy Johnson: Donation for the Arts Program
- Pearl King: Donation for the Arts Program
- Kevin & Terry Madison: Donation for Drama in memory of Paul Waheman
- Kenneth Magoon: Donation for the Arts Program
- Margery Nutter: Donation for the Arts Program
- O’Connor’s Fabrication Plus: Fabrication and welding—athletic fields
- Douglas Peterson: 3 Pre-Paid Phone Cards
- Doris & Willie Pierce: Pre-Paid Phone Cards
- Ginny Rogers: Gifts and table plants for the Alumni Banquet
- Ken Silverstein: Donation for the Play
- Phyllis Smith: Donation for the Arts Program
- Dan & Jeff Tasker: Materials, labor, fill, and use of equipment for the baseball field
- George Tilton: Brief case and shield mosaic
- David Wakeman: Donation and labor for the Play
Theatre is one of the most valuable gifts I am privileged to offer as a high school educator. I am constantly in awe of its powers, not just in the final product of the performance, but also in the lessons it teaches during production — lessons in cooperation, self-confidence, discipline and so much more.

When I took over the theatre program at CBNA seven years ago, I was scared to death. My first year, 1997, we produced one musical, You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown and now we are doing two major shows a year, one musical and one non-musical. We also have an active improvisation group that meets once a week year-round and we sponsor an active troupe of the International Thespian Society, an honor society that recognizes excellence in theatre. We’ve added a variety show, that does not require an audition, to showcase all kinds of performances including instrumental, dance and improvisational acting. For the last two years we have participated in the New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild festival on the regional and state level. In recent years we’ve also had student directors and have featured performances of original scripts at the yearly Winter Arts Festival at CBNA. The most recent Winter Arts Festival script, A Tale Told by an Idiot, was written and directed by senior JR Fortin, who along with fellow thespian Jesse Page will be studying theatre at Plymouth State University. Needless to say, my confidence has grown along with the drama program.

The challenges that we face with Coe-Brown’s drama program are probably the same challenges that most high school and community theatres face: space, money and time. We’ve slowly been trying to make our space a better performing area and we’ve had much support from the administration and the Board of Trustees in order to do that. Most recently we replaced some badly ripped curtains and refinished the stage floor that was in very poor condition. Mr. Pierce, the head custodian, has been a huge help to us as we try to spruce up the space. Then, too, I’ve been pushed by a very young and ambitious student — sophomore Kyle Mackenzie whose specialty is technical theatre. It was really Kyle and Mrs. Jennifer Squier, CBNA’s producer and choreographer, who raised the floor issue and helped make its necessary restoration a reality.

Kyle has also been doing a lot of research on theatrical lighting equipment and we’re hoping that lighting is the next area we can improve. CBNA does not own theatrical lights, nor is the electrical system we have really adequate for the kind of lighting design we’d like to do. Theatrical lighting in the Gerrish Gym would also benefit the music program and could be used for other presentations, meetings and school functions. Currently we spend about $1500 a year or more to rent lighting for shows and concerts. My dream, of course, is that of every high school drama director — an auditorium, so that the audience can sit in comfortable, raked seating and be able to hear and see everything we’ve worked so hard to produce.

I receive a tremendous amount of support for our drama program, first and foremost, by my colleagues. From the beginning, Mrs. Squier has been working with me on everything from set construction to costume design and creation and, undeniably, this program would not be what it is without her.

Several years ago CBNA was blessed with the addition of Mrs. Elizabeth Lent who is a seasoned theatre veteran; she directed for many years at Alton High School and in surrounding community theatres. It was because of her assistance this past winter that we were able to work on both Footloose, a full-scale musical, and Variations on the Death of Trotsky, a one-act play that competed in the New Hampshire drama festival. In the fall, the production of Our Town was an acclaimed success.

In the last two years we’ve added a resident music director, my dad, Mr. David Deardorff, who has many years of professional acting experience in addition to musical expertise. (Being able to work with my dad had been such a neat experience!) Mrs. Jill Forward, a science teacher at CBNA, has volunteered her time for the last two years in the role of House Manager. Mrs. Forward takes care of ticket sales, ushers, refreshments and all the last minute, time-consuming, arduous minutiae. There are other Coe-Brown teachers who consistently support our program by making donations or taking tickets at the door or simply coming to see the show: Mrs. Rita Dana has done refreshments almost single-handedly in past years! As you can see, the growth and success of the program is the result of many willing and talented hands working together.

The best part of my job as a teacher is to facilitate and witness the successes of my students. The pride they take in playing their role well, whether it be as set painter or lead actor, makes me proud of them. I love to watch the “shy” kid get on stage and wow an audience. I love to watch the kid who is used to being in control of the show. Mrs. Dana has done refreshments almost single-handedly in past years! As you can see, the growth and success of the program is the result of many willing and talented hands working together.

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Editor’s Note: As a drama director myself, with more than 100 productions in 35 years to my credit, I truly know how difficult it is to produce plays and musicals and can well recognize true excellence. Coe-Brown’s program is marvelous, the kids are hugely talented and the adults involved are superb! Bravo!
The one-act play, Variations on the Death of Trotsky, that CBNA thespians presented at the state drama festival in March.

Footloose, the spring musical, was a huge hit!

The wedding scene from Our Town, the much-acclaimed fall production.
If there is an error in your address, please accept our apology. We request you notify the Alumni Office of any changes. Thank you.

This quilt was designed, made and donated by Pearl Yeaton King in honor of her 50th class reunion at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. The quilt will be raffled in December and will benefit the Class of 2004. Tickets are $1.00 each and may be obtained by contacting Doris Pierce at CBNA.