



# Babcock Bulletin



The Official Newsletter of Babcock House June 2007

## President's Message

*By Chris Sawyer '00,  
Alumni Board President*

What a year, and what a celebration!

As I write this, the students have wrapped up another school year and they are off to their summer activities. As we have for the last 75 years, Babcock House has proudly graduated another class. I would like to wish this year's graduates the best as they move on to the next step in their lives and welcome them into the alumni. As for next year, the house will be full once again; we enter the summer with all spots for the fall already filled.

I'm certain that those among you who attended our 75th anniversary celebration will agree with me when I say that everyone had a great time and that it was a party befitting the Babcock House tradition. I was a bit nervous about being the emcee, but you all made it such a fun atmosphere that I ended up having a blast doing it. Thanks to everyone who attended and made it a celebration to remember. Let's do it again sometime soon.

Another great piece of news: we met our "75 for 75" fundraising goal just in time to announce it at the celebration. But the support didn't stop there. Between the generous donations from attendees and those that continue to find their way to us by mail, we have a good start toward planning our next updates to the house.

An organization like ours is continuously dependent upon the support of our alumni, so don't stop now. But for now, take pride in the fact that your assistance has helped ensure that Babcock will continue to thrive. A hearty thanks to you all.

Mark your calendars now. Homecoming will be October 27th against the Hoosiers of Indiana. Don't miss out on your chance to see what promises to be another exciting year for Bret and his boys. And don't forget the annual meeting. With kickoff set for 11:00 a.m., the meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you all there.

## Summer Student Plans

*Craig Kohn, House Steward*

Once again, the House members are preparing for another busy summer with wide-ranging plans. Internships are popular again with members working all around the state and Midwest. Kody Habeck will be working for Miller Pro in St. Nazianz, WI on machinery parts design and possibly prototype trouble shooting. Aaron Wepner will be pursuing similar lines of work this summer with John Deere in Urbandale, IA. There he will be working with NIR spectrometers on self propelled forage harvesters.

James Lindstedt will have an ambitious summer working 50-60 hrs/week as a maintenance mechanic at his family's metal finishing business in downtown Milwaukee and living about 25 minutes west of the city. Possible beer drinking was also predicted, and was implied in many other responses as well. Scott Andre will be returning to Fort McCoy for annual summer training, after which he will continue his work in getting his nursing degree. Andi Bloom is continuing her trend of over achieving (we like to make fun of her a lot) by working as an assistant at the Wisconsin FFA Center in Spencer, serving as a Discovery Barnyard Coordinator for the Wisconsin State Fair, and working as a freelance journalist for New Horizons, the magazine of the National FFA.

For those staying in Madison, hard work is just as likely to be found. Mel Rawlings will be continuing her Spanish coursework, research lab work, and is considering bartending school. Patrick Solverson will be continuing his employment at Terminix, and Michael Stranz will be working part time at the Biology New Media Center under the auspices of DoIT as a multimedia consultant. He will also be working part time as an intern for freshman State Senator Kathleen Vinehout (D-Alma) who is the chair of the Senate Ag and Higher Education Committee.

Recent graduate Pete Solverson will take a step out into the dreaded real world with a position under Croplan/Agriliance, LLC as an Answer Plot Trainee with intentions of possibly starting grad school in 2008. And finally, this author will continue working with the incoming freshmen as a CALS Academic Advisor and splitting any other free time he might have had between jobs with the UW Rec. Sports Dept. and the UW Athletics Dept. All in all, it looks to be a productive "vacation".

## What A Party!

By John Rozum '95,  
Alumni Board Past-President

The 75th school year of Babcock House has come and gone. Capped off with an unbelievable banquet and very generous outpouring of support from our alums, it was one for the record book.

First, thanks to all of you who made it possible. Everyone who attended the banquet, contributed silent auction items, gave a scholarship to cover a House member's expenses, or donated to the recent fundraising campaign. The "75 for 75" campaign was a huge success. From the original intent of raising enough money to pay for the remodeling to reconnecting our alums, it went better than we could have imagined.

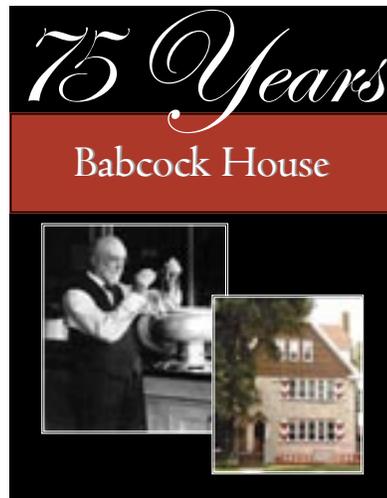
We had nearly 250 Alumni, current members, parents, and supporters at the banquet - a phenomenal response! The alum who travelled the farthest was Stewart Johnson of Storrs, CT. Mr. Johnson was also our oldest attendee as he is one of the original members of the House. He moved in as a freshman in 1931 at the tender age of 16. He knew and worked with the biggest names in UW history - E.B. Fred, Harry Steenbock and more.

Mr. Johnson was there at the start of the Babcock House History and his story is one of hundreds - maybe thousands - of students who have been a part of the House. Many of those stories are detailed in the 75th Anniversary Directory.

The Directory project was also a great success thanks to the efforts of so many of you who took the time to update your information and contribute the memories, stories and photos for the book. It is over 100 pages of Babcock history.

If you haven't purchased your directory yet, it isn't too late. We printed plenty to be sure that we could meet the demand.

Please send your check for \$20 made out to "Babcock House" to John Rozum at 6612 Hubbard Ave, Middleton, WI 53562.



## State Of The House

Craig Kohn, House Steward

After April 14th, the members of Babcock House breathed a sigh of relief and focused on the remaining few weeks of class. While passing finals and completing semester projects took center stage, a few notable events occurred for the house as well.

Babcock had another strong showing at the CALS Olympics with a disputed second-place finish (the results of a requested recount of points were never delivered). While the Big Donger did not return to the house, the members of Babcock certainly proved their mettle on the playing field, acquiring numerous gold bells for their success.

The first week of May brought a great formal. After a meal and party at Babcock on Friday, the members boarded a bus for Milwaukee to watch the Brewers beat Pittsburgh. With a large attendance, plenty of mostly-cooked brats, and (rumor has it) just a few beers, the entire weekend was popular success and an excellent break before finals.

Shortly thereafter, the Babcock Board of Directors met to decide, among other items, who would be the 2008 Steward. I am pleased to announce that Katie Kennedy will be assuming the role of Steward-elect this fall and will take over the position on January 1st. Given her capabilities and dedication to the house, she should do a fine job.

As of press time, the House has 17 members for the summer, the most in recent history, and so while regular classes are not in session, Babcock House is certainly remaining active. It looks to be a good summer and hopes are high for another strong and productive year come this fall.

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Here are some candid photos from the Anniversary banquet. We'd like to feature more shots in upcoming issues. If you have a favorite shot from the banquet that you'd like to see in print, send it to [babcocknews@hotmail.com](mailto:babcocknews@hotmail.com)!

## Who is the Babcock Alumni Board?

If you've got questions about the House, suggestions or would like to volunteer to serve on the Board, committee or special projects, please contact any Board Member.

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Feel free to contact the Alumni Board with any House questions you might have or to get more involved.

## Your Donations Are Tax Deductible!

Remember that Babcock House is a not-for-profit organization and that your donations to the House are tax deductible. Please contact your tax advisor for full details!



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## Alumni Notes & News

### Passing:

Jack K. Heller (Dairy Science, 68) Passed away March 25, 2007, at his home. After graduation, Jack returned to the home farm in Cecil where he and his father continued to develop their widely known herd of Brown Swiss cattle. Heller Lakeshore Farms became known for high producing and long-lived cattle.

Onaka Pufahl (Meat & Animal Science, '61), died November 1, '06. Onaka was a director with the FmHA and had retired to farm beef and honey bees in Ontario, WI.

The thoughts and prayers of the entire Babcock family go out to the Heller and Pufahl families.