



Babcock Bulletin

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President's Message

*By Timm Johnson, Class of '72
Alumni Board President*

Greetings Fellow Babcockers!

This is an exciting time of the year with the start of a new academic year with a very strong freshmen class that we look forward to welcoming into the Babcock family. The fall semester starts with considerable improvements that have been made to Babcock House during the summer break. Along with the updating in the basement and living room area, there will also be a new cook to prepare meals for the residents and utilize the kitchen improvement.

In another part of the newsletter, there is complete coverage of the improvements. From the Board of Directors perspective, we are very satisfied with how the improvements have turned out. It will be a good long term investment for Babcock House and will improve the quality of life for the residents.

Thanks to everyone who has already contributed to the remodeling fund, and especially in memory of Keith Marohl. If you have not yet contributed and still wish to do so, we would appreciate any help in meeting the obligation that came with the improvements. I would also like to mention special thanks to John Rozum. John did a wonderful job working with the contractors and leading the various updating projects and spent a considerable amount of time before, during, and after construction.

The start of a new academic year also brings the football season and Homecoming. We look forward to seeing you at Homecoming for the Annual Meeting. Be sure to stop in and visit to see the improvements.

GO BADGERS!

Welcome to all of our new House Members!

Babcock House welcomes five new members this year to help round out another full house.



From left to right:

Brennan Price, a freshman from Moline, IL, studying Wildlife Ecology

Kyle Walsh, a sophomore from LaCrosse, WI

Nick Kingsbury, a sophomore from Reedsburg, WI, majoring in Dairy Science

Robb Bender, a sophomore from Kiel, WI, who is majoring in Dairy Science

Not shown in the photo is Ashley Krisp, a true freshman from Hortonville, WI. Ashley will be joining us a little late this year, as she was involved in a tragic automobile accident this summer. We look forward to having Ashley join the Babcock family as soon as she is physically able. She is majoring in Animal Science.

Kitchen Project

The major kitchen and basement remodeling project this summer was completed in plenty of time to be ready for the new cook and the return of students this year. Many were surprised by the new look, feel, and functionality of the room.

Here's a look at the kitchen facing the furnace room before (right) and after (below). It's amazing what new lighting and appliances, updated tile, fresh paint and a little rearrangement can do!





Before (above) and after (right) photos of the kitchen taken from the furnace room side show how much less cluttered the kitchen was made by removing most of the wall racks and increasing storage for pots & pans under the prep tables. The new dish rack along the wall was another great addition!



As we considered the real needs and goals, we looked at all options for the project. One of the new items includes a low refrigerator (as seen on the left) for milk and eggs and other staples. A fridge similar to this was in the House for many years. Cabinets were also added to the plan to increase storage and help give the room a more home-like feel.



Overall, the project remained on budget and the Board and students are very pleased with the way the project turned out. We can't wait for you to see it at Homecoming!

This project could not have been possible without the financial support of our Alumni and families of past House members. So far, the response has been great, but we still have a long way to go! A look at the back page of this newsletter will show you who has already contributed to the Kitchen Fund.

If you would like to contribute to this project, please send your check to Babcock House, Attn: Steward 1936 University Ave, Madison, WI 53726. You can also make a pledge to commit by emailing John Rozum at jrozum@wdexpo.com and letting him know to count you in for the project.



Steward's Report

By Katie Kennedy, '08 Steward

Welcome Back Badgers! Or, just welcome to the incoming freshman and transfer students. With the passing of Labor Day, summer is officially over. So is the insanely hot weather, or so I can dream. Seems like the school year is off to a decent start, what with a couple of football Badgers victories

As for the House...move in is over, jobs have been started and the level of studiosness has begun to settle over the house. While still very early in the semester, it appears we have a great group of first years and our upperclassmen are interested in teaching them the traditions that comprise Babcock. We have lost some people who had lived here for a long time, but fortunately most of them moved across the street and continue to come over and help keep Babcock the social and spirited place that it is.

Training has also begun for our Steward-Elect, and I have very high hopes for him. I think he embodies the spirit of the House and is dedicated to continuing its traditions. If you would like to stop by for a visit, give us a call or stop by on a football Saturday. We love meeting the alumni! Enjoy fall, football and start looking forward to Thanksgiving break!

Recruiter's Report

By Andie Bloom, '08 Recruiter

2008-2009 is already shaping up to be a great year for Babcock House members. With just five new students, Babcock is sure to again have a lot of great upperclassmen leadership. A large number of Babcockers are also members of the UW Marching Band. The house will certainly be filled with energy on football Saturdays!

If you know of any students who you think would be a great Babcocker, please contact:

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Annual Meeting Announcement

*By Chris Sawyer, Class of '00
Alumni Board Treasurer*

We all feel the air cooling and see the days getting shorter; signs that fall is rolling around again. But along with that comes a new school year and another great season of Badger football. As is the tradition at Babcock House, we will be holding our annual meeting on the day of the football Homecoming game, Saturday, October 25th.

The Annual Meeting will be at Babcock House (1936 University Ave.), and will start at 9:00am. This is the time for you to come see all the new improvements to the house, meet the students, see what the board of directors is up to, and weigh in on the future of the organization. Food and beverages will be provided, and a small donation is requested to help cover food and beverage expenses.

After the meeting, the Homecoming football game between the Wisconsin Badgers and Illinois Fighting Illini is scheduled to kick off at 11:00am. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the House regrettably no longer has access to a block of tickets for the game. For those who were unable to obtain tickets on their own, you are invited to join your fellow alumni and current students in viewing the game at the Babcock House.

This year's Homecoming will also be the end of my term on the board, so there is an opening to be filled. If you are interested in giving back to the House as a board member, please contact board president Timm Johnson at 715-248-3277 or via email at johnsont@frontiernet.com

Looking forward to seeing you all on Homecoming!



Notes From Alums

...I would like to make this donation in memory of Lewis (Louie) Kastenschmidt, a Babcock House classmate of mine (BS '62), and Margaret Pfeiffer, our fantastic cook.

Louie was a friendly, helpful and humble genius and gentleman who was an inspiration and role model for all of us who had the privilege of knowing him. Margaret was a genuine and sincere lady who went above and beyond what was required of her to provide the best for all "her boys" at Babcock House.

*Trygve L. Veum, class of '62
Professor Emeritus, Animal Sciences,
University of Missouri, Columbia
(originally from the Westby, WI area)*

...We are proud and glad to be able to donate to the kitchen fund, especially when named for Margaret Pfeiffer who indeed was the house Mom for my time in Babcock.

Herb Aleckson, class of '64

...Please put this towards the kitchen remodeling job being done at Babcock. I know you all will appreciate the update!!! It is really overdue! We want to give this money anonymously.

Neither my husband or I are alumni of Babcock but we've spent many good times down in the basement and in the House. We couldn't ask for a better place or better friends for (our son's) college years! Can't wait to visit in the fall to see the improvement.

Anonymous \$500 donor

...I just received our June 2008 Babcock Bulletin and thought it was about time to let you know that I am still alive and kicking and enjoying reading the bulletins.

Meadowood, Iowa, where we live, is a town of 6,000 and is 20 miles from Council Bluffs, Iowa which is across the Missouri river from Omaha, Nebraska, where we do a lot of our shopping.

I am trying to keep this letter as short as possible as you'd get tired reading my lousy writing. (*editor's note-I wish my penmanship was as good as his!*)

I only stayed at Babcock House one year as I had a chance to get a job at the pavilion. The first year I worked with horses and the last two with beef cattle. It was a good way to earn my way through college, as there wasn't much money from farming in those days. My folks could only help me if I got in a pinch. That was the best they could do in those days.

Send or give my best wishes to anyone that you know graduated in 1940 or 41.

Cletus Lepeska, class of '41

Keep sending in those stories and we'll keep printing them!

A Quick Word on Giving

Homecoming is a time of year where many alums consider contributions to the UW Foundation. If you would like to give to the UW and still help Babcock, designate your donation to Babcock House. It isn't quite like a gift directly to the House, as the money becomes property of the UW and Babcock will only ever have access to the interest, but it is still better than having it sit in the UW General Fund!

Thanks To Our Recent Donors!

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Ron Meyer (in Memory of Keith Marohl)

If you'd like to join the Babcock honor roll of donors to support our Kitchen Project, please make your check out to Babcock House and mail it to: Babcock House, Attn: Steward, 1936 University Ave, Madison, WI 53726



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