



Babcock Bulletin

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President's Message

*By John Rozum, Class of '95
Alumni Board President*

Happy birthday, Babcock House! This fall marks the 78th year of operation for Babcock, and from my perspective, the old man looks pretty good.

This year marked another milestone, the destruction of the "old" Peterson Building on campus. That's the one that was built on the site of the original Babcock House - the one that was razed way back when.

Campus has changed a lot this summer with an unprecedented number of new university construction projects - Union South is gone, the University Square shopping center and theater became a high-rise apartment complex and the old Ag J and Biochem buildings are shells - literally - as they are being "repurposed" for the new age.

Yet Babcock House carries on. Still full of the brightest men and women on the ag campus. Still providing a low-cost place to call home. Still much more of a family than housing unit.

This fall brings a very large group of new members to 1936 U Ave. They'll be indoctrinated in many of the same ways as you and me - a game of football catch across U Ave, a trip to the lake, "room & job check" and maybe a U Ave or two.

Most importantly, they'll learn that cooperation and leadership are not mutually exclusive and that a "House" really can be home.

I hope you are able to join us for the annual meeting on Homecoming day. Take the time to come to the House to meet the students and reminisce about the old days with old friends.

We'll see you at the House on October 17th!

Go Badgers!

Steward's Report

By Scott Rowntree, '09 Steward

Greetings Babcockers! Once again, a short summer for the students has come to an end, and classes and social activities are in full swing. With home football games the first four weekends of the school year, and a few Badger victories so far, Babcock House and the rest of campus has been a buzz!

Excitement for another great year is building, with a good portion of our members this year majoring in CALS, or coming from an agricultural background, which provides another common tie outside of the classroom for many residents.

Members continue to be well-fed by our outstanding cook, Tiffany, who has begun the year preparing some of the best meals around. There are rarely leftovers come Sunday night!

Congratulations to Ashley Krisp, who is our new Steward-Elect for the 2010 school year. I am confident that she will do an excellent job in carrying on the traditions of the House and provide great leadership for the House in 2010.

On a final note, if you get a chance, please stop by for the annual alumni meeting at the Homecoming game and take some time to meet the current members of the House. We would really enjoy meeting with you and sharing stories and insight about Babcock, school, or careers someday! Thanks again for your continued support and On Wisconsin!

Welcome to all of our new House Members!

Babcock House welcomes one of the largest classes of new members in recent history this year to help round out another full house. Competition among applicants was very strong this year, bringing us an outstanding crop of future leaders!

Karen Schlichter

Karen is from Elkhorn, WI and enjoys watching professional tennis. She will be majoring in Agriculture Education.

Steven Murphy

Steven is studying Real Estate and Urban Economics. He has played the guitar since 8th grade and is from Chilton, WI.

Nicole Salzieder

A South Milwaukee, WI native, Nichole will be majoring in Biology. She enjoys traveling around the world and experiencing new cultures.

Tim Swast

Tim is a Computer Science major from Fond du Lac, WI.

Jake Standal

Jake will be studying Biological Systems Engineering (machinery systems). He is from Elkhorn, WI, enjoys biking and hopes to eventually purchase his own farm.

Lauryn Vanderwerff

Lauryn, of Brighton, WI, shows collies in dog shows and loves to do photography. She will be majoring in Biology.

Ryan O'Leary

Ryan is a Dairy Science major from Brandon, WI who grew up on a 60 cow dairy.

Jennifer Holle

Jennifer is from a small family dairy farm and besides showing dairy cattle at the county fair and state shows, she is interested becoming a vet. She is from Baldwin, WI and is majoring in Dairy Science.

Bailey Quam

Bailey is from Lodi, WI and will be studying Animal Science. She is a national FFA qualifier for Diversified Livestock Entrepreneurship. This is her second year qualifying for at nationals for a proficiency.

Amanda Veum

Amanda is an Animal Science major from Albany, WI. She enjoys showing sheep and pigs, my friends, my dog, and shopping.

Keith Christensen

An Appleton WI, native, Keith will be majoring in Biology. In high school he played four years of soccer and four years of lacrosse. His senior year, he was captain of the lacrosse team. He is hoping to play for the UW-Madison ultimate frisbee A team -The Hodags.

Chris Hargot

Chis is a Biological Systems Engineering major from Withee, WI. He enjoys driving and working on his old muscle/collector's cars.

Bryan Rowntree

Biological Systems Engineering is the major of choice for this Waterford, WI native. Bryan enjoys restoring old Farmall tractors and farm equipment. He is also trying out for the UW Rowing Team.

Jesse Dahir-Kanehl

Jesse is a Horticulture major from Sauk City, WI. He enjoys growing and working with many different kinds of vegetables and plants.

Hillary Mess

Hillary is a Dairy Science major from Watertown, WI.

BABCOCK BOARD DEVELOPS NEW SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES

By Kevin Shinnars, Faculty Advisor

Over the last several months, the Babcock House Board has worked to develop new guidelines for awarding scholarships to House members. The Board had been concerned that existing policies were not well documented or organized, so an effort was made to develop a more articulate and coherent policy toward scholarships.

Under the new guidelines, current House members must complete a scholarship application by April 30th. The application will provide details concerning the member's leadership and involvement in the House; current major at UW; UW academic performance; and leadership activities and community involvement during their university studies. The Board has adopted a policy that only current House members who have signed a full-year lease for the next school year will be eligible for scholarship consideration.

The total amount of scholarships awarded by the Board will amount to 75% of the annual interest earned in the Babcock House UW Foundation Endowment or \$1500, whichever is the lower amount. Three scholarships will be awarded, with the amount split equally between the three recipients.

Scholarship selection will be made by the Babcock House Board and graduating House Members who will not be living in the House during the next academic year. The award made to the recipients at the Annual House Meeting in the fall.

In addition to the three Board scholarships, a scholarship that recognizes the Peterson Family will be awarded annually as per guidelines adopted at the 2004 Annual House Meeting. This \$1000 scholarship will be funded equally by the Peterson Scholarship Fund and the Babcock House Corporation.

The UW Foundation often contacts alumni to determine interest in donating to the UW Foundation. If you are planning a donation to the UW and wish to direct your donation to the Babcock House, ask that your donation be sent to the Babcock House Scholarship and Award Fund (Fund No. 12040860) at the UW Foundation.

Editor's Note - Special thanks to Kevin for taking the lead at reigning in the scholarship program. This cohesive plan will serve to guide future boards while allowing flexibility for individuals to contribute to several scholarship fund options if they so choose.

President's Report

By Brian Bradley, '09 President

Fall is here, football has started, and Babcock House is in full motion. With 23 people living in the house and 10 additional social members, Babcock House has been very busy. In addition to staying active in the house and keeping every thing up and running, our house members are active in a wide array of extracurricular activities.

Some of the activities we are involved with are, but not limited to; UW Marching Band, UW Crew Team, Horticulture Club, ASABE, Quarter-Scale Tractor Team, Saddle and Sirloin, and Badger Dairy Club.

After a long week of classes, books, homework, and libraries, we keep each other's stress levels under control with Badger football Saturdays, card parties, house formals, dance parties, cheese and wine tastings, and the occasional music jam session on the front porch.

The House has a unique challenge this year with more new members and freshman than upperclassmen. As we begin the Fall semester we work together to keep old traditions and forge new friendships. I am confident that this house will have an excellent freshman class that gets involved with the house's tradition and continues to improve the great experience of living at Babcock House.



Homecoming/Annual Meeting Announcement

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 17th.

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 Iowa is scheduled to kick off at 11:00am. Unfortunately, the Athletic Department has not changed its policy and the House will not have a block of tickets for the game. For those who are 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.

Homecoming also marks the end of Timm Johnson's 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 John Rozum at 608-831-5055 or via email at jrozum@wdexpo.com

Looking forward to seeing you all on Homecoming!



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