



Babcock Bulletin

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President's Message

*By Mike Marr, Class of '74
Alumni Board President*

Greetings fellow Babcockers! I am excited about being the new president of the board of directors for the House. This is my fourth year on the board; I have served as the board secretary the last two years.

We welcome Scott Munes as a new member on the board. He and Jim Natzke will share the treasurer duties; Darryl Craig is the new secretary and John Rozum is the past president. Our faculty advisor is Kevin Shinnars.

I want to thank John Rozum for the outstanding job he has done in leading the board over the last year. I also want to thank Timm Johnson for serving the term he just completed on the board. Timm has many great leadership qualities and it was a pleasure serving with him.

Serving on the board gives us a great sense of satisfaction of giving something back to the House because we got so much out of the organization as students. If any of you are ever presented with the opportunity to serve on the board, please take advantage of it.

I was in the House from 1970-'74 as a Meat and Animal Science major. I currently own and operate the family farm. It is a fourth generation beef farm. We have an 80 cow commercial Angus herd from which we sell some yearling feeder cattle. An ever-growing part of the business is finishing steers and direct marketing them to consumers. We also do a small amount of cash grain.

The House is in excellent condition physically and financially, with a great group of students. Their first semester GPA was 3.33. The House dynamics are very good given the large group of about 15 new students.

There will be about eight openings for the 2010-'11 school year and we have already started accepting new student applications. Living in the House is still one of the best deals on campus. If you know of any students looking to attend UW, please send them our way.

I am pleased to tell you that it looks like we will not have to start paying property taxes. The students will gain the most from this because rent will not have to be increased to cover that new potential expense.

House alumni gave about \$1250 to Babcock accounts at the UW Foundation at the end of 2009 and I wish to say thank you for your generosity. We hope that any of you who are considering gifts to the UW will keep Babcock at the top of your list.

I hope all of you can maintain order in your lives and see a bright light somewhere in your future given the economy we are in. I have had several people tell me we have not hit bottom yet. How I hope they are wrong. Have a great 2010 and ON WISCONSIN!

Steward's Report

By Ashley Krisp, '10-11 Steward

My name is Ashley Krisp and I am the new steward for the 2010 year. I am a sophomore studying Animal Science and Spanish. After my undergraduate career I want to go to the School of Veterinary Medicine to study wildlife veterinary practice and research.

This is my second year in the House, and for me, Babcock and all of the people associated with it have been a great support base during my college experience. They've helped me through both the good and the bad times that will never be forgotten.

New Board Member

By Scott Munes, Class of '95

Hello Babcock House Members and Alumni. My name is Scott Munes, and I am the newest member to join the Babcock House Alumni Board. My current roll with the Board is "Deputy Treasurer," and I will be working closely with Jim Natzke on Treasurer related items.

My association with Babcock House started back in the early 1990s. I lived in the house from 1992-1995 while pursuing a Dairy Science degree at UW-Madison. I was an active member in the House at that time being involved with three student organizations as well as working at the Dairy Cattle Center. I was also the House President in 1995.

Currently, I live in Sun Prairie, WI and work for Covance Laboratories in Madison in the Toxicology Department. I am originally from the Fox Valley in Northeast Wisconsin and frequently like to visit the "North" woods to hunt, fish, and "just get away." I also own a few Registered Holsteins and would love to develop the next great cow family.

I am excited to be involved with this organization. The House has made great strides both financially and cosmetically since I lived in it, most notably in the past few years. Being involved with Babcock House when I was an undergraduate was good for me and because of that I feel the need to give back. So, with becoming a Board Member for the next five years, I will work to continue with the traditions and spirit of Babcock House and this great organization!

Goldman Named Interim Dean of College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

By Kevin Shinnars, Faculty Advisor

There has been a leadership change at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS). In early November, Molly Jahn, was appointed to a senior position in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Jahn will serve as deputy undersecretary of research, education and economics, a position responsible for leading three units within the USDA that provide research and service on issues related to food and agriculture. Jahn has been granted a one-year leave from her duties as dean to accept the post.

Irwin Goldman, CALS vice dean and associate dean for research in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, has been named the college's interim dean. Goldman assumed the post on November 9. Goldman has been on the UW-Madison faculty since 1992, when he joined the Department of Horticulture. Goldman earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural sciences at the University of Illinois, a master's in crop science at North Carolina State University and a doctorate in plant breeding and plant genetics from UW-Madison.

"While working in my current administrative position, I have had the chance to represent the college's interests—to, as Molly often says, advocate with and for us—out in the larger community," says Goldman. "I consider these core elements of the dean's role, and ones that I will continue and deepen in the coming year."



Board Treasurer's Update

By Jim Natzke, Class of '91

The Babcock House Corporation continues on solid financial footing into 2010. Our rent continues to be a real bargain compared to other options on campus and we were able to fill the House last fall. We still have some openings for fall of 2010, and the financial health of the House depends on being full, so get the word out to anyone who may be thinking of going to Madison next year.

I am happy to report that we were able to avoid a change in status that would have forced us to pay property taxes. There were some law changes that put our tax-free property status in jeopardy. Some rough calculations showed that if Babcock House were to pay property taxes, it would increase each student's rent about \$50 per month. Thanks to some alumni with expertise in this area, and a City Assessor who was willing to work with us (yes, I am complimenting a bureaucrat) and our local State Representative, we were able to stay off the tax-paying roles in 2009 and will be filing under a special exemption in 2010 and beyond.

We are also considering separating the Corporation accounts from the Student accounts so that we can keep separate the Operating Budget from the Capital Budget. One thing I have learned is that there is not an issue that the Board is facing now has not been faced by a previous Board. If you have specific experience as a previous Board member on this issue, drop me a line at jimnatzke@verizon.net.

Finally, I would like to say thanks to Lynn Kopitzke and Dan Wepner, two alumni that were in school with my brother Dave, who have been very helpful in keeping our accounting in order.

Help Find Our Missing Alumni

John Rozum, Class of '95

Alumni Past-President & Newsletter Editor

The following individuals are listed on our Alumni list, but have fallen out of contact for one reason or another. If you have contact information for any of these folks, please let me know via email at jrozum@wdexpo.com or 608-831-5055.

Lloyd Anderson	Russell Hartzell, 1967	Dale Ripley
Ralson Bailey	Noel Hauser	Frederick Rosenow
Raymond Bailey	Dennis Heubner	Jerry Rowe, 1974
Clifford A. Bauer	Keith A. Huston, 1949	Brian Sandwick, 2001
Raymond Bavry	Nathan Johnson, 2001	Bryan Sawyer, 1976
Ben Binversie, 2004	Jerome Kannel	Karl Scheffel
Herman Bishop	James Kapelske	? Schellenberger
Nick Blankenheim	Richard Kathe	Richard Schemning
Anne Bohorfouch	Kyle Kohlman	D. Schuth
Arik Brye, 2005	William Kolstean	Joel Schweitzer, 1980
Kevin Buhler	Hunts Kretch, 1979	Karl Seilenbinder
R. Burton	Russell Kronenberger, 1938	Robert H. Sharratt, 1949
Allen Buseman	Alfred Landon	Erving G. Smith, 1948
John Bushel	Julian Lang, 1968	Patrick Solverson
Jenny Byl, 2004	Walter Latlshaw	Jeff Sorhweide, 1979
Frank Cairns	Jason Lee	William Sprehn, 1941
John Carsten	Mark Lehman	Maynard Stearns
Bill Caskey	Jeremy Linde	Ed Stevenson
Leonard Check	H. L. Marsh	Martin Stevenson
C Christianson	Gary Martinson	Jon Strack
Harry Christianson	David Maul	Roy Strasburg, 1975
Richard Comstock	Pete Mealy, 1988	Joe Theis, 2002
Robert Conlin	Warren Meier, 1968	Bruce Thompson
Paul Conners, 1979	Phil Meinholz	Tony Urchin
Steven Craig, 2000	Jerome Melvin	Arthur Van Dyke
Sam Cress	Frank L. Miller, 1947	Patrick Walsh, 1997
John Cudoc, 2003	Mark Miller, 1973	Robert Ward
Jerry Curnow	Roger Miller	Henry Warmbier, 1968
John Doyle, 1965	Keith Momsen	Gilbert Wassink
Edward Farratt	Chris Ney	Jeff Webber, 1979
Harlan Feeney	Greg Oelrich	Gerald Weiner, 1958
Roger Finvold	Chris Oestreich, 2003	Irving West
James Fischer	Timothy E. O'Leary, 1975	Gary Whiteaker, 1971
James Fischer	John Roy Oleson, 1964	Austin Williams
Olin Fosgate	Adolf E. Pavelec, 1957	John Williams
Jim Franz	Jerome Pesek	Tom York, 1983
Jake Gall	Stuart Polifka	
Matt Gall, 1999	Justin A. Powell, 2006	
Donald Gangetad	Edward J. Preslik, 1937	
Jerry Gates, 1979	Howard R. Price, 1941	
Rev. Willard Gray	Onaka Pufahl, 1961	
Everett Hanson	Tom Rademan, 1971	

Donor Roundup

Thanks to those who have donated to the House through the UW Foundation. Donations to this fund are managed by the UW for us, and interest from the approximately \$35,000 in this fund is used to provide scholarships for current house members.

Recent donors include: Merle Richter, Douglas Traastad, Kevin Brunner, Brian and Jill Huenink, Timm Johnson, Gary Elderbrook, Robert Held, Carl Huber, Harold Mezera, John and Helen Rossmiller. We would also like to thank Jim and Marilyn Schwarzhoff and Carl and Shirley Daniels for their contributions directly to the House.

Although we do not have any major renovations in the works, contributions to the House Renovation Fund help us to maintain the building itself, keep the rent affordable for the students and provide financial assistance to students as needed. Remember that contributions to the House are tax-deductible as a charitable contribution.

Please consider a regular contribution to either the UW Foundation (in Babcock's name) or directly to the House as part of your annual charitable giving!



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