
New UW-Madison CALS Dean to Start March 1

Kathryn VandenBosch from the University of Minnesota in St. Paul will assume leadership of CALS on March 1. Following the tradition of the last several CALS deans, Dr. VandenBosch is a plant scientist. Since 2001, she headed the plant biology department at the University of Minnesota. Her research focuses on the genetics of plant-microbe interactions and nitrogen fixation in legumes, a family that includes several important crops to Wisconsin's agriculture, including alfalfa. The new CALS dean spent time as a post-doc at UW-Madison.

"I think of myself as an alumna even though I don't have a degree from Wisconsin. I've always had a fondness for the place and a great respect for the research conducted there," she says. "There are few places that could equal UW-Madison. Wisconsin has a land grant mission in concert with strong basic science and a strong liberal arts university."

Interim Dean Bill Tracy will return to his roles as professor and chair of the Department of Agronomy.

By Dr. Kevin Shinnars, faculty advisor

Steward's Message

Greetings Babcockers,

January has certainly provided a wonderful start to the new year at Babcock. Not only are we welcoming two new members, but we have been graced with much smaller heating bills thanks to a relaxed Wisconsin winter! I'd like to personally thank everyone who has donated over the past few years and encourage you to keep up. Donations are a driving factor in providing upkeep and improvements for the House, such as our boiler and mattresses last year and new living room carpet this year. Just after Halloween, we installed new carpeting in the living room and first floor hallway. The carpet really freshened up the room and looks very nice. Once again, thanks for the donations and I hope to see you at the 80th Banquet in March!

*On Wisconsin,
Bryan Rowntree, steward*

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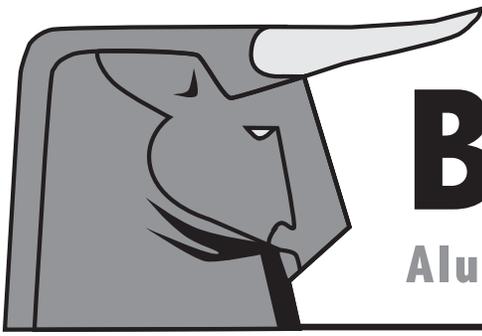
Babcock House would like to thank the following individuals who donated to the House in 2011 and in the past. If we want Babcock House to continue its strong presence, Alumni need to continue donating both to the UW-Foundation (directed to Babcock House for scholarships) and directly to the House Maintenance Fund for repairs and upkeep. Remember, Babcock House is a registered charity, so all donations are tax deductible!

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Welcome New Babcockers

Babcock House is pleased to welcome two new residents on University Avenue.

Josh Mueller is a junior majoring in materials science and engineering. He grew up in Cambellsport, Wis. and is a transfer student from the UW-Fond du Lac County. Josh enjoys cars and snowmobiling. He learned about Babcock House through a current house member, Alex Roltgen.

Gregor Wilke is also a junior transfer student from UW-Fond du Lac County. He is currently working toward a degree in forest science. A Cambellsport native, Gregor was referred to Babcock House by Alex Roltgen. Gregor said he became interested in Babcock because of its affiliation with and proximity to the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. He was also interested in Babcock because it's an affordable place to live in an area that tends to be more expensive.

Greetings From the Editor

If you think this newsletter looks a bit different, don't worry; Father Time hasn't gotten the best of you. The newsletter just has a new editor. I assumed newsletter responsibilities when I joined the board this past Homecoming.

I'm excited to help support the new class of Babcockers as they embrace the spirit of the House and all it has to offer them during their collegiate careers. I certainly loved the traditions and made lifelong friends while living at Babcock from 2005 to 2009.

If you ever have anything you'd like to see in an Alumni Newsletter, please feel free to email us (babcocknews@hotmail.com) with your suggestions. See you at the 80th Banquet!

By Andie Bloom, board secretary

Know a Future Badger?

Babcock House is an affordable housing option as well as a center of tradition, camaraderie and excellence at UW-Madison. Our house members are active in many on-campus student organizations, boast high GPAs, and are well-connected to many UW faculty and leaders. It is crucial to fill the house with students who are proud to represent Babcock House.

Alumni can help recruit students to continue Babcock's reputation by promoting the house to incoming UW-Madison students looking for a supportive social and academic place to call home during their college careers. Remember to remind recruits that our low cost rent (at less than half the price of dorms), includes eight meals per week prepared by our cook, groceries such as milk, bread, butter, eggs, and cereal, laundry, cable, Internet, and fully furnished rooms. Do not forget to mention the lifelong friends and connections they will be sure to make during their time at Babcock House.

By Jennifer Holle, PR director

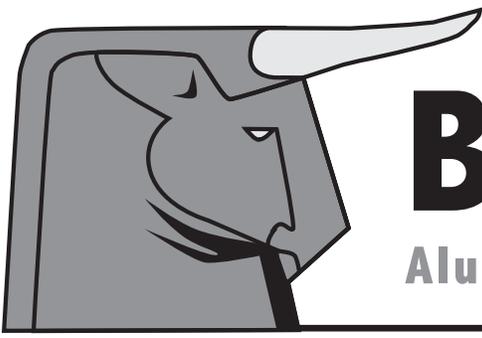
For more information or to refer a student contact Jennifer at holle@wisc.edu

House President's Message

Babcock House has welcomed two new members for the spring semester and they'll get to experience their first Babcock social events this month. On Feb. 14, AWA will host Babcock for a Valentine's Day Dinner with the goal to "improve and strengthen the relationships between the houses." The next house meeting will be Feb. 27 at 8 p.m.

By Ryan O'Leary, president





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Babcock House 80th Anniversary Banquet

The Babcock House 80th Anniversary Banquet will take place March 17, 2012 at Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee, Wis. Registration and drinks will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served family style and include baked chicken and roast beef for the main course. The Corvettes, a local band that also played at the 75th Anniversary, will provide live music and entertainment.

To commemorate the anniversary, we have t-shirts and large glass mugs featuring the 80th Anniversary logo available for purchase. You may pre-order these items and pick them up at the banquet. Just include that information with your banquet registration below.

We hope to see everyone there to celebrate 80 wonderful years of Babcock traditions. Fill out the form below (or reply via email with the following information) and return by March 3, 2012.

Banquet Reservation and Commemorative Item Order Form

Name(s): _____ Class year: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone number: _____

Home Address: _____

Cost per meal is \$25 including tax and tip.

_____ Number attending

_____ Yes, I would like to sponsor a student's meal for \$25

Commemorative t-shirts are available for \$11 each.

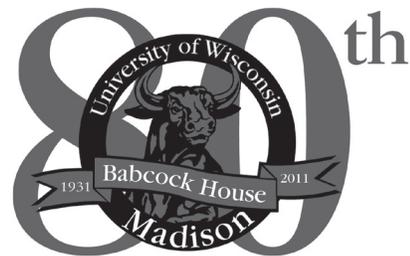
_____ Quantity of t-shirts

Size(s) S M L XL XXL 3X

Commemorative large mugs are available for \$11 each.

_____ Quantity of mugs

TOTAL: _____



T-shirts are gray and feature the 80th Anniversary logo on the front pocket (left photo) and the Babcock bull on the full back (center photo). The mug also features the 80th logo (right photo).

Order form and check (made payable to Babcock House) can be sent to Lauryn Vanderwerff, alumni chair, at 1936 University Ave. Madison, WI 53726. You may also email your order to Lauryn (lvanderwerff@wisc.edu) and pay at the door.

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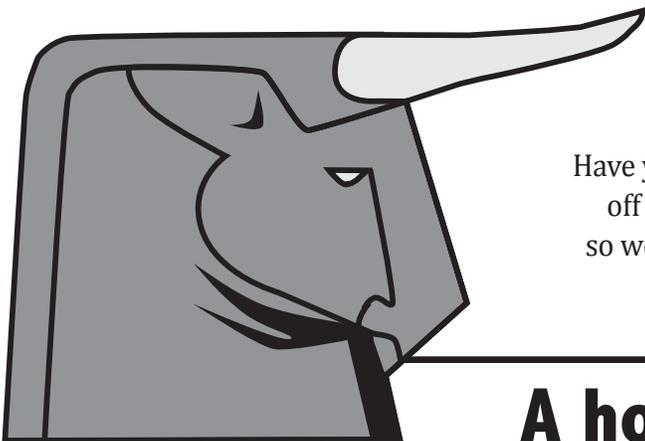
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Updated contact info needed

Have you moved lately? Do you know a Babcock alum who has fallen off our radar? Please email us at **babcocknews@hotmail.com** so we can continue keeping you and your friends up-to-date on the state of the house.



A house. A home. A tradition.