

BABCOCK HOUSE

Alumni Newsletter | September 2015

From your alumni president

*Scott Munes, Babcock House
alumni president, Class of '95*

Hello, Babcock House Alumni! Can you believe we are starting another new school year? Time really flies when things are going well. We have made more improvements to the House and are starting the school year at full capacity.

The start of a new school year also means Homecoming is right around the corner. This year's game is early with a kick-off at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 17. Our Babcock House Annual Meeting will start at 9 a.m. and be held in the House basement as usual.

We know these early games make for a busy morning, but the board encourages you to come early and see all the new updates made possible with the kindhearted donations from alumni for House improvements. You're also welcome to stick around the House after the meeting to view the improvements and enjoy the game.

During the meeting, we look forward to awarding students with several scholarships. In fact, we might hand out more this year than any other year! The generosity of past alumni donations to our UW Foundation fund allow these scholarships to flourish. Also at the meeting, we will accept nominations for a board seat that will open at the start of 2016. Please consider this opportunity.

The Board encourages you to attend this year's meeting to not only hear about, but also see all the exciting things happening at Babcock House. Plus, it is always nice to meet the new class of students and visit or reconnect with past alumni friends. Babcock House is and always will be a House, a Home, a Tradition.

On, Wisconsin!

Steward's report

Matthew O'Leary, Babcock House steward

Hello, I am Matthew O'Leary from Brandon, Wisconsin. I am a fourth-year senior majoring in dairy science and agronomy. This is my second term as House steward. This past summer, the House had a few upgrades that the students all love. We have new carpet in the hallways on second and third floor and a few of the doors and frames were replaced. Overall, the hallways look much better. The bathrooms also look great with new shower doors, refinished floors and freshly painted walls. The new tiling in the entry way was also noticed and praised by members as they returned this fall.

So why these House improvements?

Warren Meyer, Babcock House alumni vice president, Class of '70

Again this year, the alumni board has been able to make many improvements to the House due to the frugality of past boards and the generosity of alumni.

On the exterior, we repaired the mortar between the bricks (tuck-pointed), retiled the front door landing and repaired both outside doors. The back door and frame were replaced to make the house more secure while the front door frame was replaced to keep out the weather.

All three bathrooms were painted and the floors got a new coat of epoxy. The shower doors were also replaced. This is important as a clean and well-maintained bathroom is especially appealing when potential members and their parents tour the House.

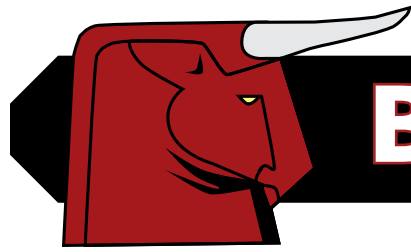
The stairs were repaired and new carpeting was installed on the front and back stairwells. We found two layers of carpet on the back stairs, which the students removed with great effort.

To ensure security, the doors were replaced on second floor. The new doors and frames still need to be painted at this time to complete this year's improvements.

Please take a tour at Homecoming. The Board would appreciate any suggestions for next summer's projects. Thanks again for your donations. I think you will find the House in pretty good shape considering its 51 years of continuous use.

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BABCOCK HOUSE ALUMNI

President's report

Max Shenkenberg, Babcock House president

Hello, everyone! It has been a great start to the school year as we near the 85th Anniversary of Babcock House. With the majority of the House members returning from last year, we have had a smooth transition moving back in and settling down for the academic season. The new House improvements have also helped make the move to college easier and more comfortable for our three true freshmen and four other new House members.

This year, we are stressing that each House member become an active member in at least one student organization other than Babcock House. These organizations include Badger Dairy Club, Collegiate Farm Bureau, Meat Science Club, and Saddle & Sirloin Club.

Last year, we received many positive reviews from people in the agriculture community after helping run another successful World Dairy Expo. We hope to continue that tradition by leaving a positive impression of Babcock again this fall alongside Badger Dairy Club.

Aside from our involvement in these organizations, we hope to stay as physically active and competitive as we have in the past by representing Babcock in intramural sports. We plan to play volleyball and dodgeball (we made deep play-off runs in both of these sports last year). We plan to team up with the Association of Women in Agriculture (AWA) again this year for the Homecoming school spirit competition as we are defending parade float champions for the past two years.

I am very excited to help lead Babcock House and its fine residents into the upcoming school year. The House is filled with a very talented and gifted group of individuals and I can only hope to help promote Babcock House's image campus-wide so everyone knows the strong tradition we represent. I'm also excited for the upcoming 85th Anniversary Celebration this spring and I hope to see as many Babcockers as possible to help celebrate the long-standing tradition of Babcock House.

On, Wisconsin!

Meet the new crew

A new crew of students is quickly embracing the House, the Home and the Tradition of Babcock. Put a face to these names and profiles at the upcoming Homecoming Annual Meeting!

Tate Hattervig | Howard, South Dakota | Freshman | Genetics

Favorite dog breed: Basset Hound

"When I initially got the invitation to live in the Babcock House, I was interested most in the low price of rent and the meals that came with it, but, after more consideration, the House also seemed like a good place to meet new people, make friends, get advice from upper classmen, and be with people who are also in CALS. I also figured that the House would make it possible for me to avoid the cost of living in the dorms and the crowds of move-in week."

Kurt Victor Koneck | Waupun, Wisconsin | Freshman | Dairy science

Favorite dog breed: Yellow Lab

"The beginning of college is going to be the hardest two weeks of my life. Here at Babcock, I don't have to stress about food, laundry and some other amenities of home. It really feels like I belong here at Babcock."

Haley Kragness | Eau Claire, Wisconsin | Freshman | Food science

Favorite dog breeds: Saint Bernard, Bernese Mountain Dog, Newfoundland

"I chose to live in Babcock because I didn't want the residence hall life; it's just not for me. And I wanted a family-like atmosphere to help me make the transition to college."

Patrick Moosia | Somerset, Wisconsin | Junior | Biology

Favorite dog breed: Golden Retriever

"I am living at Babcock because, when I toured, I liked the people that I met and the House. I thought, since we were all in CALS, we could help each other out. The reason that I toured was because it's very inexpensive."

Rebecca Nicholson | Hortonville, Wisconsin | Senior | Biological systems engineering

Favorite dog breeds: Weimaraner, German Shorthair, American Water Spaniel

"I am living in Babcock House this year because it recommended by a mother of one of the past residents, Joshua McAfee. I have a very small financial budget and living in the House allowed me to continue attending Madison. I also really enjoy the people and the environment the House has."

Rachel Perry | Waupun, Wisconsin | Junior | Agronomy

Favorite dog breeds: Lab, Golden Retriever, Beagle

"I chose to live in Babcock House because the affordable living and opportunity to live in a close community with friends."

Hannah Schwarzbach | Roscoe, Illinois | Senior | Animal science

Favorite dog breed: Blue Heeler

"I transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Madison last semester. I did not know anyone on campus and spent the semester commuting. Babcock House was a good opportunity for me to meet others and become more involved on campus."

Save the Date

Babcock House 85th Anniversary Celebration

**Saturday,
April 9, 2016**

Union South | UW campus

5 p.m. cocktails | 6 p.m. dinner

House tours available all day

**More details to come
in the New Year!
Watch for the next
newsletter and
RSVP information.**



Park here!

Will you make the trip to campus this fall to cheer on our Wisconsin Badger football team? If so, remember Babcock House is a convenient place to park. Just a few blocks from Camp Randall Stadium, you can celebrate game day like old times before kick-off. Parking is just \$15 per vehicle. See you at the game!

The most fun you'll have on any board

Here's a great way to have a big impact on the future of Babcock House: Serve on the Babcock House Alumni Board of Directors! The board meets about eight times each year in a casual setting at the House. Most meetings are preceded by a meal with the students. Members of the board of directors are elected at the Annual Meeting and serve five-year terms.

This year's elections will take place on Saturday, October 17 at 9 a.m. We have one spot to fill on the board for 2016. Those who are particularly interested in House finances and serving as the treasurer are encouraged to seek nomination at the meeting. However, this is not a requirement.

Contact Scott Munes, Babcock House alumni president (sjmunes@yahoo.com or 920.493.2697), with any questions you may have about serving on the Babcock House Board of Directors.

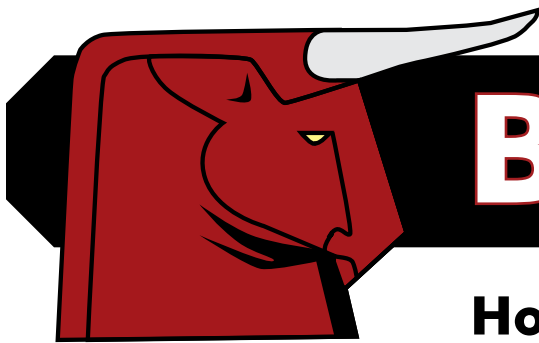
Help bring in the new Babcockers

Do you know students who will attend UW-Madison and fit well at Babcock House? We want to know them too!

Often times, the most dedicated Babcock House members are referred to the House by alumni. Any prospective members can contact Connor Moore, Babcock House PR director (cjmoore4@wisc.edu or 608.482.4279), to set up a tour or for application details.

Help us continue to make Babcock a House, a Home, and a Tradition at the University of Wisconsin-Madison!

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BABCOCK HOUSE

Homecoming is Saturday, October 17!

9 a.m. | Babcock House Annual Meeting
Babcock House

Join us to see House updates, meet current students, congratulate the 2015 scholarship recipients, elect a new member to the board of directors, and cheer on Wisconsin with your fellow Babcock Alumni! Parking is free at the House for all alumni.

11 a.m. | Kick-off: Wisconsin Badgers
vs. Purdue Boilermakers
Camp Randall Stadium

The Boilermakers should already be scared to take on Bucky and the men in Cardinal Red! On, Wisconsin!

