

BABCOCK HOUSE

Alumni Newsletter | October 2016

From your alumni president

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

The mission of the Babcock House Board of Directors is and has been to provide a safe, comfortable yet economical place to live and study.

To that end, the board enlisted Melissa Destree of Destree Architecture to explore options for the direction of the house several years down the road. The options included remodeling, rebuilding, relocating and updating. We all agreed that the best option is to update each year as money is available while keeping a cash reserve for unexpected expenses.

To prioritize projects, we conducted a safety audit with Scott Hall, Vita Plus safety director, as well as a confidential survey of the students. From these responses, the board decided on four projects to complete over the summer.

The first was to correct some electrical issues by replacing old wiring and installing electric heaters in first and second floor "freezers." The students may want to rename these rooms.

Next we sanded and refinished the floors in three rooms. We plan to refinish two to three rooms each year until all 11 rooms are done.

The front deck needed constant upkeep and was reaching the end of its life. By replacing it with a composite deck, we hope it will enhance the outside of the house for years to come.

The student survey revealed that many of the desks and dressers were in bad shape and needed replacing. Thanks to board members and summer students, 22 desks and dressers were assembled in time for the start of classes.

These projects were completed in the summer while still maintaining a financial cushion to deal with emergencies. The board would like to thank alumni donors, present and past students, and past board members for making our job easier and enjoyable.

We're looking forward to catching up with all of you at Homecoming on November 12. On, Wisconsin!

Steward's report

Troy Valle, Babcock House steward

Classes are back in full swing now for the fall 2016 semester. Babcock House welcomed five new students who have wasted no time getting involved in House activities.

Students returned home after another busy summer of House improvements. Among this years improvements were a new deck, new dressers and desks, and refinished floors in the non-carpeted rooms. We also had a few behind-the-scenes improvements, including updating the wiring in a few areas of the house and the addition of new porch lights. All the new improvements have been well-received by House members and will help keep Babcock House a competitive housing option at a superior price for many years to come. We students would like to express our gratitude for all the donations we've received which help keep Babcock House the best place to live on campus. We'd also like to extend a thank you for the great attendance at the 85th anniversary celebration and we hope to see everyone again at Homecoming this fall.

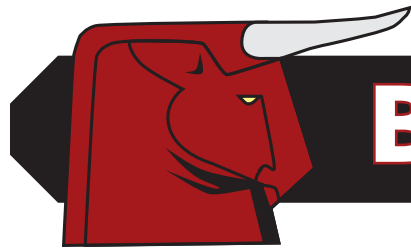
President's report

Max Shenkenberg, Babcock House president

It is my pleasure to be back in Babcock House for another term and to welcome all House members old and new to the homestead. This fall, we have made it a mission of ours to step up our community service efforts and participate in Rally For Hunger with AWA as well as the Waunakee Food for Kidz event this October. We were proud of our strong House participation at World Dairy Expo as we had three in-house student chairs as well as many other student workers. We always use Expo as a huge recruiting opportunity to reel in prospective members as well as network with past Babcockers and potential future employers.

We hope to test our skills in intramural sports like dodgeball and chase for the ever-so-elusive championship t-shirts. The past two years, we have come as close as third place in the league, but this should be our year.

I look forward to seeing all of the alumni at Homecoming this Fall to celebrate Babcock House - 85 years and counting!



BABCOCK HOUSE ALUMNI

It was a great 85th!

Shane Williams, Babcock House alumni vice president, Class of '09

On April 9, Babcock House alumni and friends gathered at the Best Western Inntowner to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the House.

With more than 175 people in attendance, it was a fine day to meet and mingle with present and former House members and share stories from glory days past and present. Just up the street, the House was open to alumni throughout the afternoon, allowing them to meet the current students, tour the House, and see all of the recent renovation projects.

After a fish fry dinner, the board of directors introduced themselves and updated the crowd on the financial status of the House, spoke of the upcoming renovation projects for the summer of 2016, highlighted the House scholarship fund, and presented former president Scott Munes with a gift for his help and commitment during his recently expired term on the Board.

Alumni enjoyed the chance to learn more about the current Babcock House members as Max Shenkenberg, president, introduced his fellow members.

The room was filled with laughter and conversation following the meal, and the good times (and few hands of Sheepshead) continued until the banquet hall closed down later in the evening. Old friendships were rekindled, new bonds were formed, and the memories of 85 great years reminded us all how lucky we've been to be involved in Babcock House. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all in attendance, especially to those who sponsored student meals and to those who made financial contributions to the House - more than \$2,000 was raised during the event for future House projects. We'll see you all in a few years when we gather together again to celebrate 90 successful years of the Babcock House!

We have a new email address!

Need to get in touch with your Babcock House alumni friends? We have a new email address: babcockhousealumni@gmail.com. Please email us if you would like to receive your Babcock House newsletter electronically. You can save us a few bucks if you do!

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!

Dan Flick | Gooding, Idaho | Master's student | Biological systems engineering

Favorite hobby: Downhill snow skiing

Future plans: Take over and expand the family farm and cattle ranch
"Being new to Wisconsin and not knowing anyone when I moved here was somewhat intimidating. Getting to meet some people outside of work through Babcock was nice and made me feel more at home here at the UW."

Tyler Vande Wattering | Greenleaf, Wisconsin | Sophomore | Dairy science

Favorite hobby: Hockey

Favorite House meal: Breakfast for dinner

"I chose Babcock House not only as a place to live, but also as an opportunity to meet people and build connections along the way."

Isaac Brahm | Manitowoc, Wisconsin | Senior | Engineering mechanics and astronautics

Favorite hobby: Doing homework and crying myself to sleep

Future plans: Get a job and join real world

"I chose Babcock House because of the people. They have been some of the best friends I've ever had and I finally decided to join the team."

Katelyn Van Treeck | Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin | Senior | Agronomy

Favorite hobbies: Playing piano, raising chickens and hanging out with my dog

Future plans: Return to my family's seed farm

"The agricultural environment of the House is what I was looking for and I love how close it is to campus."

Benjamin Rozum | Cato, Wisconsin | Freshman | Food science

Favorite hobby: Golfing

Future plans: Finish school first and figure out life later

"Having a few relatives as previous Babcock House members made me interested in the House from a very young age. After staying in the dorms for a week one summer, I knew the House was my best future option. A few weeks into the House now have proven that I made the right choice."

Let's Go Red!

Homecoming & Babcock House Annual Meeting

**Saturday,
November 12, 2016**

12:30 p.m. | Annual Meeting
*Recap of House financials,
scholarship presentations, board election
and tailgate meal*

2:30 p.m. | Kick off
*UW Badgers take on the Illini
of the University of Illinois*

Park here!

Will you make the trip to campus this fall to cheer on our Wisconsin Badgers 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, November 12 at 12:30 p.m. We have one spot to fill on the board this year.

Contact Warren Meyer, Babcock House alumni president (warrenx46@gmail.com) with any questions you may have about serving on the Babcock House Board of Directors.

Bring in the new Babcockers

Nolan Barrette, Babcock House PR director

I'm honored to be the Babcock House public relations director. This year, it seems we have an awesome group of students living in the House and I'm excited to see what the next few months have in store for all of us. We now have a full house and are already looking ahead to next year. As of now, we have 12 spots opening in the House for the Fall 2017 semester.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in living at Babcock House, please have them contact me at nbarrette@wisc.edu or 608.574.4698.

On, Wisconsin!



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Homecoming is Saturday, November 12!

**12:30 p.m. | Babcock House Annual Meeting
| Babcock House**

Join us to see House updates, meet current students, congratulate the 2016 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.

**2:30 p.m. | Kick-off: Wisconsin Badgers
vs. Illinois Illini | Camp Randall Stadium**

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

