

# Babcock House

## Alumni Newsletter • September 2013

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### Homecoming & Annual Meeting Announcement

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It's getting cooler, football is back on TV and the students have retaken campus. That means Homecoming must be just around the corner!

On Saturday, October 12, the Badgers will take on the Northwestern Wildcats in the Homecoming game.

As is the tradition at Babcock House, we will hold our Annual Meeting on the day of the Homecoming football game. The meeting will again take place at Babcock House (1936 University Ave.) and will start at 12:30 p.m. - two hours before kick-off.

We invite you to come see the House, meet the students, and weigh in on the future of the organization.

This year marks another milestone for Babcock House as we celebrate 50 years on University Ave. With that milestone, we're interested to hear your thoughts on what it will take to keep Babcock thriving for the next 50 years.

We invite you to share your thoughts via email (babcocknews@hotmail.com) or bring them to the Annual Meeting. Please take a few minutes to consider this question: ***What will it take for Babcock House to succeed in the next 50 years?***

At our Homecoming meeting, we will also elect a new alumni board member as Darryl Craig concludes his term. Please let us know if you are interested in serving.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Homecoming! On, Wisconsin!

***Andie Bloom, Babcock Board President and Class of 2009***

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### Celebrate 50 Years!

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It's been 50 great years at our home on University Ave. and both students and alumni are looking forward to many more! But like all things, a little aging occurs in 50 years and now is the time to invest in renovations to continue making Babcock House a safe, secure, affordable, and comfortable home for Badgers.

We have already made a significant investment in a new roof this year as the previous roof was nearing the end of its estimated life. New windows are also a major investment that could improve the look and efficiency of the House.

We encourage you to help us celebrate the past 50 years and consider contributing toward the future! Donations can be made payable to Babcock House and mailed to 1936 University Ave., Madison, WI 53726. Help us continue making Babcock a great House, Home and Tradition!

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### President's Message

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Babcock members are excited to welcome nine new members to the House. We now have 11 women and 13 men residing in the House. All residents are getting along very well and they seem to be very eager to help with house duties. The average House GPA is a 3.5.

At our first house meeting of the year, new freshmen officers and a new treasurer were elected, and fall semester jobs were assigned. We made plans for intramural racquetball, volleyball and dodgeball teams. A donation was also made to the American Cancer Society.

I have already noticed the House members dedicating their time to various campus organizations like Badger Dairy Club, Badger Crops Club, and Saddle and Sirloin. We've started the lengthy process of establishing Babcock House as a campus organization in hopes it will help recruit new residents in the upcoming years.

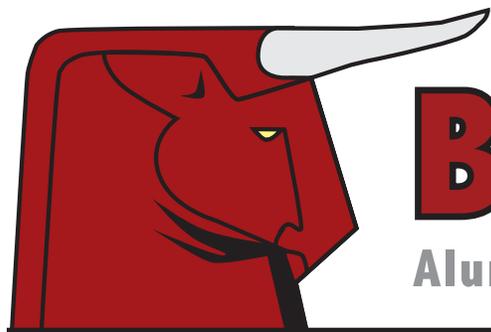
Overall, the House is in good shape. Everyone seems excited about the new school year and there has been great involvement in the House activities we have had so far (parking for football games, meals, porch-sitting, etc.). It's going to be a great year at Babcock!

On, Wisconsin!

***Alex Roltgen, House President***



**A house. A home. A tradition.**



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## Meet the New Babcockers

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*The following students will call 1936 University Ave. home for the upcoming academic year. Learn a little bit about them now and meet them in person at Homecoming on October 12.*

**Nolan Barrette** is a freshman planning to major in chemical or nuclear engineering. He would like to become a nuclear engineer and work to dispose waste products in an eco-friendly way. Barrette grew up in Mineral Point and was introduced to Babcock by former board member Mike Marr. He said he was interested in the house because of its affordability.

**Elizabeth Binversie** is a junior majoring in dairy science and is considering graduate school or veterinary school after earning her bachelor's degree. She is a Kiel native and decided to live at Babcock House like two of her older brothers. Elizabeth said she was interested in meeting new people and having fun with fellow House members.

**Emma Klein** is a junior majoring in animal science. After her summer internship, she may change her plans for veterinary school to something in the food industry or nutritional sciences. From Wausau, Emma learned about Babcock House from former member Lauryn Vanderwerff and joined the organization to meet new friends who will also be involved in the global agriculture economy in the future.

**Josh McAfee** is a senior majoring in biological systems engineering. He would like to be involved in product design for a large agricultural firm. McAfee grew up in Omro and learned about Babcock through neighbors and friends. He was drawn to the affordability and shared interests with other residents.

**Morgan McCue** is a sophomore majoring in animal science. She is considering attending graduate school for animal nutrition after earning her bachelor's degree. Morgan is from Edgerton and learned about Babcock through fellow Saddle and Sirloin members. She said she wanted to build a bigger network of resources and connections in agriculture.

**Eli Mueller** is a freshman majoring in math and physics. He plans to work toward a Ph.D. in mathematics, eventually becoming a professor and engaging in research. Mueller is from Cambellsport and his brother, Josh, lived at the House. He was interested in the affordable rent and prepared meals.

**Max Shenkenberg** is a freshman majoring in zoology. He plans to become a veterinarian and would like to practice in his home area of Burlington, specializing in large or exotic animals. He learned about Babcock through current house member, William Ehlen and said it sounded like a great place to live and learn.

**Travis Senn** is a sophomore majoring in communication arts. He would like to become either a sports broadcaster or work in the film industry. A Cambellsport native, Senn knew some current House members and his dad and uncle are also Babcock alumni. He said he's heard stories that made Babcock seem like it would be much more fun than the dorms.

**Troy Valle** is a freshman majoring in biology. He would like to attend medical school and become a doctor. Valle learned about Babcock House through freshmen recruitment efforts. He said he wanted to make friends with people interested in the same career path that can help him stay focused on his goals.

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## Start Looking Forward Now

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Believe it or not, students are already considering housing options for the upcoming school year. If you know of an incoming or current UW student who would thrive at Babcock House and celebrate its traditions, please let us know.

Babcock House is one of the most affordable housing options on campus. Members are active in student organizations, boast high GPAs, and are well-connected to many UW faculty and leaders.

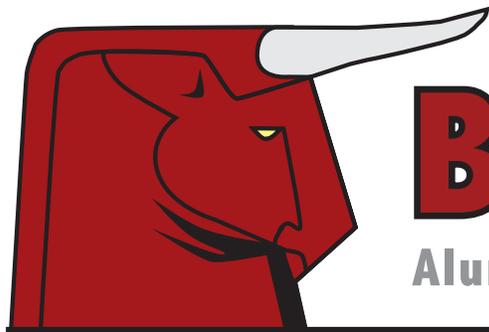
Alumni can help recruit students to continue Babcock's reputation by promoting the house to incoming UW-Madison students looking for a supportive social and academic place to call home during their college careers.

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, other groceries, laundry, cable, Internet, and fully furnished rooms. Don't forget to mention the lifelong friends and connections they will be sure to make during their time at Babcock House.

Students interested in Babcock House can visit [www.babcockhouse.org](http://www.babcockhouse.org) to learn more. They may also contact Lisa Schram, Babcock House PR director, for more information or to schedule a tour.

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## House Members Go to Work Through Summer Internship Experiences

*Internships play an increasingly important role in students' career preparations as they look to life after college. Below are descriptions of current members' summer internship programs. If you or your company are looking for quality internship candidates, keep Babcock House members in mind. You can email application information to House President Alex Roltgen ([aroltgen@wisc.edu](mailto:aroltgen@wisc.edu)).*

**Abby Ball** (sophomore, animal science) worked at the Kettle Moraine Equine Hospital and Regional Equine Dental Center with Dr. Jon Gieche, DVM FAVD EQ in Whitewater. She assisted with equine and llama farm calls and in-house surgeries. Ball performed basic labwork, prepared fecal samples and wrapped surgery packs. She also cared for in-house patients and maintained inventory and cleanliness of the truck and clinic.

**Elizabeth Binversie** (junior, dairy science) interned with Lakeside Foods in Manitowoc. She was a green bean field scout and field sampler. She scouted for weeds, insects, and diseases and calculated plant population per acre by taking stand counts of the beans in various spots in the fields. Her findings were reported and used to make decisions to replant the field. Toward the end of her internship, Binversie took samples of the beans to test for maturity. The results were used to determine when the fields should be harvested or passed if they became too mature.

**Nicole Gross** (junior, animal science) worked on two internship projects this summer. At Elshof Pig Farms in Holland, Gross assisted with and learned about general farrow-to-finish management practices in the Netherlands. At the UW-Madison Swine Research and Teaching

Center, she tested swine manure basins for functional abilities, dealing specifically with phosphorus settlement.

**Kimberly Kester** (senior, dairy science and poultry science) interned at MacFarlane Pheasants, Inc. in Janesville. She learned about all areas of the farm through many tasks, including moving started birds from barns to outdoor pens, driving adult birds out of pens, and catching for shipment. She was also responsible for pen maintenance and repair, caring for pheasant chicks, and assisting with incubation and hatching. She did post-mortem examinations of young pheasants, candled eggs to check for infertile eggs and early-dead embryos, and sexed pheasant chicks.

**Emma Klein** (junior, animal science) interned at Countryside Animal Hospital in Merrill. She worked one-on-one with Dr. Jeff Mills and Trisha Kelb, veterinary technician, as she checked-in clients, assessed problems, ran labwork, assisted with surgeries, and monitored post-surgery patients. She was responsible for dental cleanings and prepping patients for labwork or surgery.

**Morgan McCue** (sophomore, animal science) interned on campus with the Department of Animal Sciences. In Dr. Mark Cook's lab, she worked with chickens that were injected with a vaccine that allowed them to maintain the phosphate they consumed versus excreting it. She also worked in Dr. Jess Reed's lab, researching pigs and cardiovascular disease. She drew blood samples, measured pigs' cholesterol, and also assisted with surgery and animal care.

**Alex Roltgen** (senior, mechanical engineering) interned with John Deere in Cary, North Carolina. He worked in product

engineering of turf and utility vehicles, such as Gators or commercial mowing equipment. He designed components and assemblies for vehicle attachments.

**Lisa Schram** (junior, agricultural business management) interned with AgStar Financial Services in Northfield, Minnesota. She worked closely with insurance specialists on crop insurance calls, building relationships with clients and participating in hail adjustments at client sites. Her main responsibilities included mapping services for clients, gathering information for acreage reports, and delivering insurance schedules to clients.

**Gustavo Vargas** (senior, biomedical engineering) interned as an electrical engineering intern in the Supplier Engineering Department at Boston Scientific-Cardiac Rhythm Management in Minneapolis. This department is responsible for qualifying all suppliers of electrical components to assure reliability on medical-grade devices produced by Boston Scientific. Vargas was responsible for aiding professional engineers in their daily duties as well as accomplishing several special projects. He worked in conjunction with design, manufacturing, and other departments to take a multi-disciplinary approach to create innovative and effective solutions.



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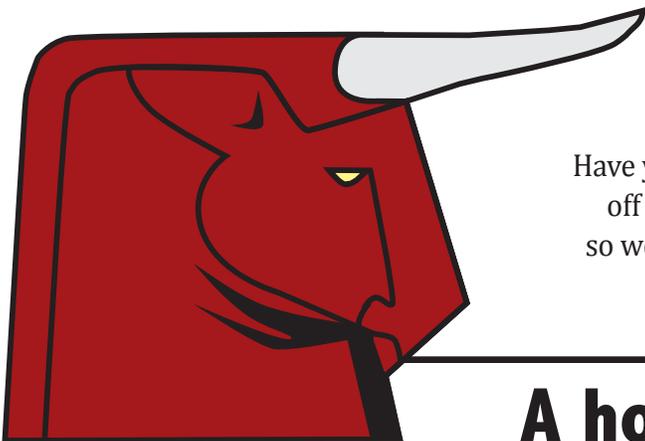
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### Updated contact info needed

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



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