

# N A B O R N U B B I N S

SPRING 2011



**Pledge Class of 2010 Initiates:** (From left to right): Daniel Fulton, David Fulton, Austin Haskett, Devin Hammer, Jake Gibbs, Andrew Kupper, Jeremy Shaner, Josh Marten, Jason Leigh, Nolan Lock



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## FRATERNITY BOARD MAKES PROGRESS WITH PLANNING AND DESIGN OF NEW HOUSE

The Fraternity Board has set a goal to build a new house on the existing 1002 S. Lincoln Avenue address in the summer of 2012. This is an aggressive goal but we feel that we can make it a reality with the help of our alumni.

The estimated total cost of the project is \$2 million. The new house will have a capacity for 45 men. The layout of the new house will be similar to the existing facility. The first floor will be the main common area space with a living room, library, and kitchen. The second floor will hold the study rooms and the third floor will house the dorms. The house will also include a full basement which will hold the laundry and storage areas.

We have spent time working with the Active Chapter to understand their needs in the new house. Based on their input we have chosen to stay with the study room and dorm sleeping areas versus going to more of an apartment style arrangement where the men sleep in their individual rooms. They also wanted to keep the number of men in the house similar to what it is currently to keep the family atmosphere that we are all use to. The Active Chapter will continue to be very involved in the design of the new house.

One of the factors that has caused us to move quickly on the construction of a new house is the sprinkler requirement that goes into effect next year. We will be required to install a sprinkler system in the old house next year if we do not have plans to build. The estimated cost of adding sprinklers to the existing house is \$60,000-75,000. We would rather put this money towards the new house than to put this money into a system in the old house.

To achieve this aggressive building schedule, we are going to have to have an equally aggressive fundraising campaign. As stated above, the total cost of the project is estimated at \$2 million and, ideally, we would like to raise the entire amount from alumni contributions so that we do not have to take on any debt. Any debt we would have to take on impacts our ability to keep house bills low and more difficult to adhere to our founder's goals of an affordable alternative to University housing.

The fundraising efforts will be kicked off this summer with a Kick-Off event on July 16th. We will be providing information on the project and hope to gather support from the alumni base. The fundraising committee is working through several issues that will be critical to the project. First, to what level will the contributions to the project be tax deductible to the donor? There will be a portion of the project that will qualify as tax deductible—but to what extent is yet to be determined. Second, how do we reach the entire alumni base? This is where we will need the help of many volunteers to contact all the members and gain their support for the project.

### Why Build Now?

The current house is still functional but there are several reasons that the time has come to build a new structure. The most important reason is safety for the Active Chapter. A new house would have better wiring, improved heating and cooling systems, better exits, a sprinkler system, and would be completely handicapped accessible. Recruiting quality men to live at Nabor House is always a challenge and a new house can help attract those who are comparing Nabor House to other Ag Fraternities. Finally, we have an alumni base that is committed to making sure that Nabor House will be here for future generations. The time has come to invest in a new facility for the future of Nabor House.

We look forward to working with all of you as we make the new House a reality.



**Bob Stewart '92**  
*President,  
Nabor House  
Fraternity Board*

## SAM RIDLEN: A FOUNDER REMEMBERED



Samuel Franklin Ridlen, born on April 24, 1916, passed away October 30, 2010. Son of Mr. Will and Josephine Ridlen, “Sam” was born and raised on the family farm near Marion, IL. He began his college career at the University of Illinois in the fall of 1936 after receiving a County Farmers Institute Scholarship via written examination. Sam found additional ways to pay for school by waiting tables to pay for his meals, another job to pay for his room and yet another job for cash. He graduated in 1940 with a B.S. in general agriculture emphasizing animal husbandry and then received a M.S. from Michigan State University.

After graduating from the University of Illinois, Sam organized a vocational agriculture department at the high school in Westville, IL. He was drafted into the Army in April 1943 and discharged in July 1946. During his service he was assigned to Anti-Aircraft in California, and later in 1944, he was retrained as an infantry man. He spent the remainder of his service in the China-India-Burma Theater of Operation as a First-Sergeant beginning in 1945. Before his service in the Army was over, Sam married Helen L. Camp from Westville, IL.

Soon after Sam was discharged, he began his appointment to Assistant Professor of Poultry Extension at the University of Illinois. He did not complete his M.S. until 1957 and worked at the University of Connecticut until returning to the U of I in 1958. Sam became nationally and internationally recognized for his contributions in poultry extension programs.

Sam’s contributions to the beginnings of Nabor House were seen during his undergraduate career and then during the rebuilding process following World War II. His most notable and continuing work began when he was a faculty member. Sam served as the fraternity’s first business agent from 1959 to 1981. He was also a house adviser for many years and worked on the production of the newsletter for a number of years. His work can now be seen in the continued caliber of character of the men of Nabor House and the unity among the almost 650 alumni.

Surviving Sam are his wife Helen, daughter Judith, daughter Barbara, and son Mark as well as six grandchildren, Timothy Amoni, Kyle, Thomas and Tyler Ridlen, Reed (Robert) McCloskey and Adam (Juliane) Evans; and two great-granddaughters, Brynn and Nia McCloskey.



**“His work can now be seen in the continued caliber of character of the men of Nabor House and the unity among the almost 650 alumni”**

For more information about the life of Samuel Franklin Ridlen refer to the news piece “Life Remembered: Nabor House co-founder Samuel Ridlen” online from The News-Gazette and “An Idea and An Ideal”.



## FALL PRESIDENT ENJOYS HOUSE CAMARADERIE



Fall 2010 was a great semester from beginning to end. It was my pleasure to serve as Nabor House President throughout the fall and to have the honor of living with this great group of men. The 33 of us who lived here this semester all got along remarkably well. Something I noticed this semester and am very proud of was our excellent house unity.

The semester began with the initiation of Matthew Dehlinger into the house. Matt was a second-semester Junior College transfer, majoring in Farm Management. The entire house is very proud of him for making it through the pledging and initiation process, especially because he initiated on his own. Matthew Dehlinger is the 645th man to achieve the honor of being a Nabor.

The incoming pledge class consisted of some fine young men, some family of Nabor House alumni and some new last names to join the organization. Daniel Fulton, David Fulton, Jacob Gibbs, Devin Hammer, Austin Haskett, Andrew Kupper, Jason Leigh, Nolan Lock, Joshua Marten, and Jeremy Shaner made up the pledge class of ten. They all learned quickly to keep up with their classes, work duties, and study hours, and because of this, they all made grades. This is a fantastic pledge class that I expect to do great things in their three remaining years at Nabor House.

It was a fun semester for members of the house. We had our annual canoe trip in Indiana before classes started, which was a good chance to catch up with each other after the summer and to get to know the new pledges better. In October we had our barn dance, complete with fried chicken, dinner rolls, corn, and mashed potatoes catered in. My taste buds are reliving it now. Most of the people in the house bought season tickets to the football games, and despite a mediocre season, we had fun tailgating and cheering the Illini on.

And speaking of the Illini, our own Ivan Dozier was named Chief Illiniwek this year and performed at The Next Dance, honoring the tradition of the Chief. Though the University no longer recognizes Chief Illiniwek as its symbol, Ivan chooses to keep the Chief alive, and all of the active members stand behind him in support. Thank you, Ivan.

All in all, this was an amazing semester for me as President, and I would like to thank all of the other officers in the house for keeping up with their duties with very little reminding. House meetings always ran smoothly and everyone generally stayed on topic so we could get our business done efficiently. This was the most fun and satisfying semester I have had in my collegiate career and I credit it all to my best friends, the Men of Nabor House.

### FALL '10 OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Danny Meister
<b>Vice President</b>	Landon Frye
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ryan DeWerff
<b>Asst. Treasurer</b>	Aaron Czerkies
<b>Secretary</b>	Matt Olin
<b>Commissar</b>	Will Glazik
<b>Asst. Comm. Work</b>	Blaine Melody
<b>Asst. Work</b>	Victor Johnson
<b>Lil Sister</b>	Matt Dehlinger
<b>Historian</b>	Nick Wendling
<b>Social</b>	Travis Markley
<b>Public Relations</b>	Mitch Heitt
<b>Dad's Day</b>	Justin Beitz
<b>Sports</b>	Preston Schrader
<b>Scholarship</b>	Delayne Durdle
<b>Comm. Service</b>	Reece Pierson
<b>Librarian/Web</b>	Ben Plumier
<b>Nubbins</b>	Casey Campbell
<b>Chaplain</b>	Ross Johnson
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ivan "Tuna" Dozier
<b>Homecoming</b>	John Lock
<b>Rush Chairs</b>	Matt Schallenberg
	Logan Frye
	Zach Orwig
<b>Exec Board</b>	Logan Frye
	Casey Campbell
	Victor Johnson
	Ryan DeWerff

*Daniel Meister  
House President, Fall 2010*

## SPRING PRESIDENT ENVISIONS FUTURE OF NH WITH EXCITEMENT

### SPRING '11 OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Victor Johnson
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<b>Asst. Treasurer</b>	Delayne Durdle
<b>Secretary</b>	Nolan Lock
<b>Commissar</b>	Blaine Melody
<b>Asst. Comm. Work</b>	Jason Leigh
<b>Asst. Work</b>	Matt Dehlinger
	Daniel Fulton
	Austin Hasket
<b>Lil Sister</b>	Devin Hammer
<b>Historian</b>	Nick Wendling
<b>Asst. Historian</b>	Matt Olin
<b>Social</b>	Matt Dehlinger
<b>Asst. Social</b>	Jeremy Shaner
<b>Public Relations</b>	Justin Beitz
<b>Mom's Day</b>	Ross Johnson
<b>Sports</b>	Ryan DeWerff
<b>Scholarship</b>	Landon Frye
<b>Comm. Service</b>	Reece Pierson
<b>Librarian/Web</b>	Casey Campbell
<b>Fundraising</b>	Ben Plumier
<b>Chaplain</b>	Ivan "Tuna" Dozier
<b>Asst Chaplain</b>	David Fulton
<b>Rush Chair</b>	Zach Orwig
<b>Asst. Rush</b>	Jake Gibbs
<b>Exec. Board</b>	Ivan Dozier
	Zach Orwig
	Matt Olin
	Jason Leigh

Sometimes it is just amazing how quickly four years can pass by. It seems like just yesterday I was moving into Nabor House and getting to know my fellow pledge brothers. Now, I find myself concluding my term as the spring 2011 active chapter president. I am truly humbled to be given the opportunity to lead the house through the many events and challenges throughout this semester.



Our first event upon returning from winter break was the initiation of the fall 2011 pledge class. These ten young men worked hard throughout all of their endeavors to prove that they have the character necessary to become proud members of Nabor House. It was evident from the beginning that everyone was prepared to contribute all that they could to the ultimate goal of activation. I can only expect this new round of Nabors to bring great contributions of leadership and cooperation to the house as they take on greater responsibilities. They should be extremely proud of their accomplishments.

After everyone had the chance to settle into our new semester routines, preparations were then being made for the annual formal dance. Thanks to the expert planning from our seasoned social chairman, Mitch Hiatt, we were able to hold formal in the Westport Plaza area of St. Louis. The location provided for an excellent getaway from campus while the accommodations allotted for plenty of fun experiences and entertainment. All Nabors and their respective dates enjoyed the night in St. Louis and plenty of stories were shared by all when we returned back home.

The spring semester has also brought with it two rush weekends dedicated to the recruitment of next year's pledges. Rush chairmen Zach Orwig and Jake Gibbs with the help of Logan Frye have spent numerous hours contacting perspective students throughout the year. Their hard work looks to be paying off as we have had many young men come through the doors with great potential to contribute to the house as pledges next fall. As of April, we had six signed up to return as pledges with a few more bids still outstanding. Recruitment will only become more vital to the success of Nabor House as next year we will see upwards of twelve actives graduating. The chapter is confident in our ability to find high-quality men to fill this void, but we are always accepting of help and feedback from alumni to achieve our recruitment goals.

One focus that may help with our recruitment in the future is the conclusion of the property development campaign. When I pledged Nabor House almost four years ago there was great optimism that my class might be the first to live in a new house. Although that never happened, it is great to see a strong push by the fraternity board and other alumni this spring to put the final pieces of this plan together. In March, the active chapter had the opportunity to sit down with the board and discuss issues with the current house as well as plans for the new building. The meeting proved to be beneficial for both sides as we discussed potential rent figures, floor plans, and potential amenities that will help in planning the final stages of this process. The active chapter will always appreciate the charitable and collaborative efforts by our fellow Nabors to make a new house a reality.

*Victor Johnson  
House President, Spring 2011*

## ALUMNI UPDATES: NABORS REPORT FROM ALL ACROSS THE LAND

## 1940s

Parks, Walter D '40. 116 Apple Lane Anna, IL 62906. (618)833-6475 [H]. Retired. I was very sad to know of Sam Ridlen's passing away. He was a major guidance to Nabor House. I am humbled by being not only the least but also the last of the Five Founders. Walt Parks. PS—I was glad to hear from Paul and Sheila Buchanan this week.

Mueller, Alan G '45. Still hanging in and enjoying extended retirement. Gloria has the problem that one out of two people over 80 suffer from, and I serve as her caretaker at home. Looking forward to the N.H. fund drive to start construction on the new building. Go Illini and Nabor House.

Litchfield, James '47 312 Galesburg Rd. Knoxville, IL 61448, 309-289-2923 [H]. Retired. Retired Farmer. We have 9 grandchildren – 3 in college. God Bless Nabor House program.

Schult, Leroy '47 BS '49 MS 2040 Osprey Pt Greensboro, GA 30642. (706) 453-7804 [H]. Retired.

Polter, Carmen J '48. 1258 Potter Rd. Jacksonville, IL 62650. Carman passed away on March 4, 2011.

Ozier, Ernest W '49. RR4 Box48 Shelbyville, IL 62565. (217)774-3703 [H]. Retired. I miss lots of my close friends from the college days—Ed Duvick, Bill Hartel, John Duewer, just to name a few that happens as you keep getting older! Looking forward to next year's Illini in football and basketball. That Big Ten is a tough place to win games. Still have good health and a sound mind – and I'm mighty thankful! "Abe" Ozier.

Lewis, Dana M, Jr '49.5. 6503 Tustamena. McHenry, IL 60050. 805-759-0783 [H]. Retired. We visited Washington, D.C. and attended burial service for brother-in-law at Arlington. The entire trip was very impressive. Retirement continues to be very enjoyable as we live within 20 minutes of three of our four families and about 40 minutes from the fourth.

## 1950s

Gerlach, Elmer. '53. 724 E Washington St. Mt Carroll, IL 61053-1458 (815)244-6543 [H]. Retired Ag Teacher. Still look forward to getting the Nubbins. It has to be a thrill to work on a new house. My class is gone and like me are eighty years old and have seen better days. Good luck to all.

Lewis, Dr. C.E '54 BS, '56 DVM. 1003 1<sup>st</sup> Ave Mendota, IL 61342-1811. (815) 539-7236 [H]. Veterinarian. [Charleslewis1003@yahoo.com](mailto:Charleslewis1003@yahoo.com) My grandson Zachary Lewis (who is a senior at Mendota High School) earned all-conference and all-state in football this year. In addition, he won all-conference and honorable mention at state level in basketball. He has been accepted at West Point.

Steffen, Dr. Jerry '55. PO Box 102 Goodfield, IL 61742-0102. (309)965-2399 [H]. Veterinarian. We are good and still working – enjoying the increasing number in family! Grandchildren: 21 Great-grandchildren: 6.

Higgs, Roger '56. (815)492-2613 [H]. Retired Professor. [higgs@jcwifi.com](mailto:higgs@jcwifi.com) I'm presently writing my sixth family genealogy book. It's exciting being on the NH Board and making plans for a new house. I hope everyone remembers the myriad of advantages NH provided us and pledges generously! I remember the fall of 1959 at 811 W Oregon and the actives proposing the need to the board for a new or larger facility at that time.

Pettit, Roland '56. 708 N Main Street Canton, IL 61520. (309)647-1267 [H]. Retired. Sally and I have had an amazing year, just got back from a week at Sanibel, Florida and travel to Austria for her birthday. Tom and D were white water rafting in W. Virginia in the summer of "09" what a wild ride. Sally and D have kept busy attending retirement sessions at Bradley and Spoon River College. We're going to a 4-H recognition dinner Monday. Also visited Don Kiem a couple times this last winter. He's getting along much better. Look out here comes the Cubs!!

Dunaway, Lauren 'Buzz' '58. (314)965-8693 [H]. Retired Veterinarian. July 09 triple by-pass surgery. Retired January 2010. Still work 1 day a week at my former clinic. Play tennis doubles 4 times weekly. Have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Pat and I travel occasionally and enjoy St. Louis most of the time doing yard work, etc.

Irwin, George D '57. 100 Gazebo Ln. Middletown, DE 19709. (302)449-2229. Retired. [Irwin.gs@verizon.net](mailto:Irwin.gs@verizon.net). Moved to an "over-55" community about a year ago. From Illinois to Delaware and near Amtrak for easy access to 2 sons in New York City. Working on an Irwin Family Genealogy and Shiela on a youth book about her father's WWII Flying Tigers.

Eidman, Vernon '58. 90 Mid Oaks Lane Roseville, MN 5513. 651-644-5094 [H]. 612-624-7253 [C]. Professor Emeritus. [vbeidman@comcast.net](mailto:vbeidman@comcast.net) Bonnie and I are enjoying my fifth year of retirement from the U of MN faculty. We find plenty of life-long learning classes, volunteer work and family activities to keep us on the move. The oldest of our 7 grandchildren is a freshman at the U of MN Twin Cities Campus this year, majoring in performance music. The youngest grandchild is in prekindergarten. Like other grandparents, we attend many of the grandchildren's concerts, plays, and sporting events.

James, Harold '58 BS. '60 DVM. 2695 Allen Rd. Buncombe, IL 62912. (618) 658-5678 [H]. Veterinarian. [Harold.james150@gmail.com](mailto:Harold.james150@gmail.com) Just returned from hospital having hip replacement surgery. Cattle prices have been good, but offset by high feed prices. Best Christmas tree season yet. Go Illini!

Frank, Robert '59, '64 1221 N 16<sup>th</sup> St. Murphysboro, IL 62966. 618-687-1869. Retired. [Franksr1221@frontier.com](mailto:Franksr1221@frontier.com) Still working some with local Habitat for Humanity. Keeping up on activities of grandchildren. After 34 years with Illinois Extension Service, sorry to see it's demise. Recently helped with orientation of Illinois National Guard's Ag Devel-



opment Team that will soon go to Kunar province, Afghanistan to work with farmers and rural development.

Gullakson, Glen '59. 2507 E 1704 Rd. Ottawa, IL 61350. (815)434-3531 [H]. [loisandglen@hotmail.com](mailto:loisandglen@hotmail.com) Retired. We are enjoying retirement with exercise, travel, grandchildren, church activities, and friends. We wonder when we had time to work. We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last summer with a 3 day party with close family, it only took us a week to recover! Our oldest grandson has qualified for the Olympic trials in fencing this summer in Atlanta, and we plan to go to watch him.

Hartley, David '59. 1124 Deercroft Court. Fort Collins, CO 80525. (970) 225-6733 [H]. Retired. [David.hartley@colostate.edu](mailto:David.hartley@colostate.edu) We enjoy living in Colorado, near to our children and grandchildren. Stop by for a visit when you are in the area.

Stoller, Jerry '59. 11907 Churchill Court. Houston, TX 77024. Owner. [jstoller@stollerusa.com](mailto:jstoller@stollerusa.com) At the age of 75, I am still trying to do production research and manage a company that has significantly increased in size. We now have approximately 500 employees. I would like to have each of you consider contributing to the scholarship fund at Nabor House. Education is becoming expensive. We need to try and provide help for needy students.

## 1960s

Duewer, Lawrence A '60. 261 Campground Rd. Livingston, TN 38570. (931)823-6042 [H]. Retired Ag. Econ. [leduewer@gmail.com](mailto:leduewer@gmail.com) Another grandchild - March 5, 2011. Only other news is that I seem to get a year older every year!

Duewer, Raymond G. '61 BS. '62 MS. '69 PhD. Deceased Sept 10, 2006 of non-Hodgkins lymphoma. Survivors

include, wife, Elizabeth. As well as two daughters and their families: Mary (Ken) Dougherty, Anna and Emily, San Jose, CA. Julia (Tom) Harman, Alex and Bethany, Dodgeville, Wi. A son John Duewer, preceded Dr. Ray Duewer in death. Raymond taught all of the horticulture courses at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville from 1969 until his retirement in 1996. He also took several teams to the National Collegiate Flower Judging Contest for several years.

Higgs, L. Arlen '61. 316 Ingersoll Blvd Canton, IL 61520. (309)647-0837 [H]. (309)647-3429 [C]. Appraiser/Realtor. [higgsres@yahoo.com](mailto:higgsres@yahoo.com) Still doing appraisals and selling real estate, concentrating on the ag sector. Son, Kevin, is doing more and more of the appraisals. Who would have ever guessed the change in grain and land price over the last year?

Beitz, Donald C. '62 2010 Indian Gress Court Ames, IA 50014. (515)292-4127 [H]. (515)294-5626 [O]. Professor. [dcbnitz@iastate.edu](mailto:dcbnitz@iastate.edu) Judy and I enjoyed a tour of Europe (London, Belgium, Amsterdam, Colvgne, Rhine, river cruise, Heidelberg, Lucerne, and Paris) with our children and five grandchildren. Later in the summer, 50 members of the Beitz family enjoyed a Cardinals baseball game in a party room at Busch Stadium.

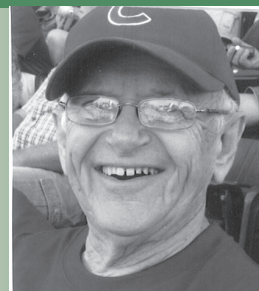
Close, David '62. 1776 135<sup>th</sup> Street. Reynolds, IL 61279. (309)537-3209 [H]. (309)781-2742 [O]. Farming. [delond@winco.net](mailto:delond@winco.net) Busy helping son Greg on family farm, watching grandchildren grow, traveling and playing golf. Due to death of son-in-law Joe, am busy with insurance company and agency transition to new management. Family is healing.

Zimmerman, Mark D. '63. 2816Thayer Drive. St. Joseph MI 49085. (269)983-4900 [H]. Retired. Still learning. Still discovering. Still becoming.

Schingoethe, Richard '65. 1741 Canterbury Lane Palatine, IL 60074. (847) 934-9810. Marketing Communications

## FLASHBACK TO THE '50s: GLEN GULLAKSON, 1959

**Glen Gullakson  
Retired Teacher  
Ottawa, Illinois**



**Tell us about your career.**

After graduation, I spent 6 months of active duty with the Illinois National Guard. I then spent some time working for Farm Supply, Honegger Hatchery, and Green Giant. I decided to go back to school and I received my M.S. in Education from NIU in 1966. I taught junior high school science and planetarium lessons to kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for the next 36 years. I am now enjoying retirement.

**What were the most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House?**

My high school Ag teacher was Nabor Dana Lewis who recommended Nabor House. I also probably would not have financially been able to attend college without Nabor House.

**What is one piece of the NH culture or routine that you still miss today?**

The comradeship of the late Larry Bailey.

**Besides "education, cooperation, and recreation," what are three words that best describe your Nabor House experience?**

Brotherhood, Learning, and Opportunities.

**What's one food dish you'll never forget?**

The time that one of the Nabors brought a possum back from home for us to have for dinner. It ended up in his bed!

**Name two or three fellow Nabors who have been most influential on your life.**

Dave Hartley and Larry Bailey.

**What NH memory is special to you?**

The family style Sunday dinners at 811 W Oregon.

**CONTINUED: ALUMNI REPORTS, 1960s to 1980s****FLASHBACK TO THE '70s:  
STAN SCHICK, 1978**

**Stan Schick,  
John Deere Sales/Farmer  
Edelstein, Illinois**

**Tell us about your career.**

My career consists of 3 different areas. First and most important happened at the age of 24 when I asked Jesus Christ to be my Lord and Savior. As far as decisions go, there is none more important than this. What a blessing! I have

so much to look forward to after life on earth is finished. Second has been my marriage to my godly and beautiful wife, Margie. She is the greatest! We have been blessed with 5 wonderful children. Third has been my work. I spent the first 5 years working at an FS plant selling fertilizer, chemicals, and seed. The past 28 years I have been selling John Deere equipment and am also farming about 600 acres.

**What were the most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House?**

I wanted to live at NH because of the close knit farm connection and what the house stood for. It is a haven in the storm. There were 44 applications for 11 pledge positions and I felt very fortunate to be selected. After 4 years in the house, it was obvious that NH was the best place to live. It was at least 80% of the college experience.

**What is one piece of Nabor House routine that you still miss today?**

Having almost everyone there for lunch and dinner really kept everyone close. The same is true today at home with our children. You don't realize how important eating together is until they start leaving home.

**Besides "education, cooperation, and recreation," what are three words that best describe your Nabor House experience?**

Comrade, memories, friendships

**What's one food dish from all of your NH meals that you'll always remember?**

Saturday chili. I didn't like chili until I ate it at NH. Now I love it! On the flip side, I remember the Homecoming brownie flop. They were about a quarter inch thick and would have given an anvil a run for the money.

**Name two or three fellow Nabors that have been most influential on your life.**

Randy Desutter- there never, ever, ever was a dull moment. (Room 3 with Randy, Dave Shragel and Tom Murphy was a great semester) Joe Harlan- grade and high school classmate and always a good friend.

Kurt Walker- good Christian influence even though I didn't realize it at the time.

**What NH memory is special to you?**

There are too many. Some that come to mind include 3<sup>rd</sup> floor north and south dorm pillow fights (grundy), ice cream parties (Ron Bailey hosing down an Urbana cop), being house president, treasurer, historian (I really enjoyed doing the scrapbook), ping-pong games in the evening, Phil Shaner's comment after his electric blanket blew up at 3 am., and all the interesting spaz awards. For some unknown reason that defies all logic, I still know the "phone poem"!

& Author/Lyricist. Son Grant, Keri, Stephany still enjoy life in Chi-town. Son Guy, daughter-in-law Ericka & grandson Sterling on the go with work, theatre, rock band (Faith in the Fallen). I'm still thinking, writing, doing as little as possible and trying to get paid for it!

Manhart, Fred F '64. Stewardson, IL 60463. (217)682-3851 [H]. (309)838-6580 [O]. Retired. [fmanhart@mchsi.com](mailto:fmanhart@mchsi.com) No new news; still playing golf, working garden, farm helper, and part time toy salesman. Just got back from Florida so I can help my brother plant corn and beans. Football and basketball somewhat disappointing! Come and see us.

Soltwedel, Norbert '65. 9414 E 1800<sup>th</sup> Ave. Shumway, IL 62461. (217)868-2833 [H]. Farmer, Appraiser. [soltkemeswireless.net](http://soltkemeswireless.net) Have joined family farm with brother and nephew helping out full-time since 2008. Retired from USDA. Doing appraisals and traveling in between. Spent 2-3 week tours in Uganda and Kenya Africa with CNFA organization during the past 2 years. Nice to have Kraig back in Effingham area. We now have 10 grandchildren.

Mayberry, Gerald W. '65.5. Rt#1 Box 193 Broughton, IL 62817. (618)793-4314 [H]. Retired - substitute teacher. Keeping busy with sub teaching and driving a moving truck (at Lag Van Lines) for my son Todd (Nabor Alum). Will head out for Phoenix this week - plan to see a Cubs spring training game (Mesa). I would be excited but my wife is the Cubs fan. Go Cardinals & Illini (plan to watch Ill-Las Vegas game to-night)!

Traub, Jim '68. 15 Oakview Dr Monticello, IL 61856. (217)417-9900 [C]. [itraub@mchsi.com](mailto:itraub@mchsi.com) Still in grain business with office in Monticello, IL. Luckily my last trip to Japan was in January and I avoided the earthquake. Some business disruptions but not what it could be. Enjoyed

receiving the pledge class at our home in January of 2011 for part of their walkout activities. Nice group of men and Linda & I were both impressed with them. Thinking more and more about retirement. Our children all within driving distance so we get to see grandchildren a lot more. Enjoyed attending some wrestling meets of nephew Ben Traub in February-March as Prairie Central took 4<sup>th</sup> in the state in team wrestling. Continue to enjoy proximity to Champaign Urbana and Illini, though the year was disappointing. Looking forward to possible trips to the Czech Republic and to updates on the new construction.

McMillan, Ed '69. 1300 Rogier Dr Greenville, IL 62246. (618)664-9628 [H]. (618)664-9600 [O]. Consultant. [mcmil-laned@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcmil-laned@sbcglobal.net) All is well! Kyle, Jodi, and Lauren (9) are in Princeton. Kelly, Brian, and Clarie (2) are in Willman, MN. Judy is very active with volunteer work and various bible studies and prayer groups. I am still consulting and serving on corporate boards. Being a U of I trustee is both an honor and a tremendous challenge, but worth it!

Rice, Craig '69. 9981 Duffy Rd. Waterman, IL 60556. (815)264-3521 [H]. [prrice620@frontier.com](mailto:prrice620@frontier.com) Farmer/Writer. My wife Pam works at two libraries, one in Hinckley and one in Waterman, as well as keeps financial records as bookkeeper for both. I farm a few acres, work as sexton at two cemeteries, and write and publish the local Lions Club newsletter as well as contribute news from 15 clubs in the region to the District Lions Club Journal. My brother and I own two rental houses and farmland. My wife and I own farmland and a post office. Our daughter Janelle, '99, and her husband Nathan Stein gave birth to our first grandchild, Sophia Violet Stein, who celebrated her first birthday in February. Our son Nathan and his wife Margaret have been approved



as foster parents and are waiting for an opportunity to adopt a child.

Zwicker, David '69. 1444 McCloud Rd. Aledo, IL 61231. (309)582-5435 [H]. (309)582-5162 [C]. Attorney. [zwicker-law@mcics.com](mailto:zwicker-law@mcics.com) None. I'm still an attorney with a wife (Naomi) who still teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Son and daughter and 3 grandsons. Unfortunately, still an Illini, Cubs, and Bears Fan.

## 1970s

Olsen, Greg '70. 324 Rowantree Rd. Sycamore, IL 60178. (815)895-3485 [H]. (815)751-2309 [C]. Retired. [Glolsen3@comcast.net](mailto:Glolsen3@comcast.net) Knees bad, teeth bad, eyesight bad, hearing bad, golf swing bad, but wife and attitude are good. Stop in if you're in the area; I promise not to complain!

Reetz, Harold F, Jr '70. 1497 N 1050 East Rd Monticello, IL 61856. (217) 762-2923 [H]. (217)762-2074 [O]. Agronomist. [Harold.Reetz@ReetzAgronomics.com](mailto:Harold.Reetz@ReetzAgronomics.com) Enjoying retirement... but still active in consulting on several fronts. Working part time as Executive Director of Ag Drainage Management Coalition and as Executive Director of Int'l Society of Precision Ag. Also, managing a N-management/water quality project in Livingston County. Saving some time for 6 grandkids! Don't know how I ever found time to work!

Slayton, J. Paul '71. [pslayton@pabeef.org](mailto:pslayton@pabeef.org) Executive Director PA Beef Council and owner of Slayton's BearDance, Angus and Hereford cattle farm in south-central Pennsylvania.

Elliott, Edwin '73. 710 Longtree Drive. Wheeling, IL 60090-5545. (847)537-6278 [H]. (847)459-5207 [O]. President - Jelco, Inc. [ed.elliott@jelcoinc.com](mailto:ed.elliott@jelcoinc.com) Everyone is well. Oldest daughter, Jenny and husband, Greg (Hostetler), have two daughters. Younger daughter, Cheryl, lives in Arlington Hts and is Marketing

Manager at Jelco.

Dye, Rod '75. P.O. Box 246. Erie, IL 61250. (309)659-2189 [H]. (309)659-2541 [O]. (815)266-9597 [C]. Pastor Erie UMC. [Revdye1@yahoo.com](mailto:Revdye1@yahoo.com) Brenda and I bought a house in Erie. Will move into it the end of April. Still hoping Bishop will see fit to leave me in Erie for awhile longer, have been here a little over 7 years. Brenda still working for Genesis health system. Granddaughters Natalie and Kadence both 2 years old and Liam our grandson came into the world Oct 17, 2010. We are blessed!

Schick, Stan '78. 4226 Akron Rd. Edelstein, IL 61526. (309)243-9281 [H]. (309)337-8331 [C]. [sshick@kleine-eq.com](mailto:sshick@kleine-eq.com) John Deere Sales, Farmer. Hard to believe it's been 33 years since graduation. Where has the time gone?! Margie and I went to an all-inclusive for the first time in Cancun the end of January. It was great! Got snowed in at Minneapolis for 2 days trying to get home, so we got to stay with Margie's cousins. Andy is engineering at CAT, his wife Victoria is at nursing school, Kevin is a banker in Morton, Heidi is graduating from Bradley in May, Katie is at ICC, and Hannah is a home schooled Freshman. I see that DeSutter has a new crop rotation: C-B-A ("A" is Australia, not Asparagus). I'm sure he will be back to C-B-H (Hawaii, not Hay) next year! 2010 was the best year ever farming and equipment sales was good, too. 2011 looks very promising, also. A lot of interesting things going on around the world. However, faith in Jesus Christ trumps any worries about the world around us. If you read the last chapters of the Bible, you find out that we win!

DeSutter, Randy '79. 2947 Knox Hwy 6. Woodhull, IL 61490. (309)334-2605 [H]. (309)368-4802 [C]. Farmer. [Rde-sutter74@gmail.com](mailto:Rde-sutter74@gmail.com) Matthew graduated from U of I in December and is home farming. Kristin is a Junior at U of I in Ag Comm. Susie and I will be married 25 years in December. Enjoyed it when Norman Hill stopped in last fall.

Hall, Merle '79. 16858 Township Road 1600 N. Bradford, IL 61421. (309)897-8363 [H]. (309)883-2832 [O]. Financial Rep Country Financial. [mwhall@cin.net](mailto:mwhall@cin.net) I am in my 12<sup>th</sup> year as a financial rep for Country Financial in Kewanee. Oldest daughter Michelle married Sept 18, 2010 after graduating from U of I last May. Lisa is a Junior in nursing at NIU and Jon is a Jr in High School. Sharon still teaching at Stark County High.

## 1980s

Harlan, Joe '80. 3911 N Bigelow St. Peoria, IL 61614. (309)688-4265 [H]. (309)693-3323 [O]. Financial Advisor. [Joseph.harlan@wfadvisors.com](mailto:Joseph.harlan@wfadvisors.com) I had visited U of I Vet school this year for a couple of knee surgeries on the family pet, our golden retriever, Buddy. (no discount for Alumni).

DeSutter, Jim '82. 2953 Knox Road 600 East. Woodhull, IL 61490. (309)334-2889 [H]. (309)337-6051 [C]. Farming & Bank Examiner. [desutter@winco.net](mailto:desutter@winco.net) Our son Levi will graduate from Illinois this spring. His major was Ag Engineering. Levi has a job with DOW Agri-Sciences. Dana, our daughter, is a freshman at Illinois in the College of Business. Drew, our oldest, is farming in our family operation. Kim and I are experiencing the empty nest syndrome for the first time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to pedge brother Jay Frye as he continues to battle with an illness from the Fall of 2010.

Frye, Jay '82. Easton, IL. (309)562-7481 [H]. Farmer. [Easton@casscomm.com](mailto:Easton@casscomm.com) Continuing to rehab from severe acute pancreatitis. Praise the Lord for his miraculous healing during this. Supporting Nabor House with all three sons there during Fall 2011 semester.

Eathington, Kenny '83 BS. '91 JD. 11715 Strathmoore Court. Dunlap, IL 61525. (309)243-7045 [H]. (309)637-4900 [C]. Attorney. [kreone@comcast.net](mailto:kreone@comcast.net) Still practicing law in Peoria; this is my 20<sup>th</sup> year. Amy works part-time at Brad-

**CONTINUED: ALUMNI REPORTS, 1980s to 1990s****FLASHBACK TO THE '80s:  
JIM DESUTTER, 1982**

**Jim DeSutter**  
Bank Examiner/Farmer  
Woodhull, IL

**Tell us about your career.**

After graduating from college, I worked at the Woodhull State Bank for 4 ½ years. Then I began working as a bank examiner for the Comptroller of the Currency. Also since college, I have farmed with family members. In 1983, my "little sister," Kim Anderson and I were married. We have

three children: Drew, Levi and Dana. Drew graduated from Illinois in 2009, Levi will be graduating in 2011 and Dana is a freshman there.

**What were the most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House?**

At the time I rushed Nabor House, there were people I already knew living at the house, my brother Randy and John Kermicle. Once I started living at Nabor House, the most important reason was the good group of young men that lived in the house. Although at times there were conflicts in the house, we always pulled together and made things work. By the end of my four years of living at the house, it truly was like "home." You could always count on another Nabor to pick you up when you were down or help out if you had questions in a class. I can always remember the excitement of coming back to the House after the long summer.

**What is one piece of NH routine that you still miss today?**

Not that I would want this today in my home, but I enjoyed the nightly routine in the South Dorm. It seemed that most nights we spent an hour laughing and joking at each other's expense.

**Besides "education, cooperation, and recreation," what are three words that best describe your Nabor House experience?**

Friendship, leadership and trust.

**What's one food dish from all of your NH meals that you'll always remember?**

Steak and beans when the house divided the group by grade point averages. I remember one year when Jeff Miller was in charge of the meal and he put some of the steak in with the beans for the bean eaters.

**Name two or three fellow Nabors that have been most influential on your life.**

Bob Campion and Brian Millard were good friends in college. I was always amazed at how smart Bob was in Ag Engineering and that he was still able to go out on the weekends as well as contribute to the house. Brian has always had a good outlook on life. John Kermicle was a State FFA officer with me and was at the house for two years while I was there. I always admired John's ambitions and ability to speak in public. There are many other Nabors that have influenced my life including, Mark Ridlen, all the members of my pledge class, Pledge Master Dave Shockey and many more.

**What NH memory is special to you?**

One memory is how close our pledge class was when we went through initiation. I am sure things have changed some since back in the 1980's, but I can still remember looking down the line at us pledges and the relief when it was over as well as the pride that I was a Nabor House member. I would be remiss to not mention that the first time I met my wife-to-be was my little sister. Neither of us ever expected that some day we would end up married to each other.

ley. Our oldest son, Adam, works for Congressman Adam Kinzinger. Our other son, Tyler, is a sophomore at the U of I. Ready for basketball season to end and looking forward to U of I football with 8 home games.

Shafer, Scott '83. 248 N Kansas Ave Morton, IL 61550-2218. (309) 263-2860 [H]. (309)578-0281 [O]. Senior Tech Steward @ Caterpillar, Inc. [sjshafer@mtco.com](mailto:sjshafer@mtco.com)

Bimes, Randy DVM '84. 555 Old Bethlehem Rd. Perkasio, PA 18944. (215)453-7718 [H]. (215) 536-2726 [O]. Veterinarian. [rbi-mes@quakertownvet.com](mailto:rbi-mes@quakertownvet.com)

Ray, Doug '84. 226 Prairie Lane West. Princeton, IL 61356. (815) 875-8815 [H]. (815)872-3276 [O]. Farm Manager. [ray-farml@comcast.net](mailto:ray-farml@comcast.net) Exciting news about new house!! I fondly remember all the memories between 1980 & 1984, living at the house. Sure doesn't seem like 30 years ago.

Chamberlain, Tom '86. 34 Maywood Dr. Danville, IL 61832. (217) 443-3513 [H]. (217-446-0184 [C]. VP-CLO, Iroquios Federal. [tom.chamberlaine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tom.chamberlaine@sbcglobal.net). Matt starts college this fall. Passing on the U of I to become a Buckeye. Megan now driving. Beth and I still enjoying Danville.

Waibel, Brian '86. 901 Sunrise Circle. Mahomet, IL 61853. (217) 586-3275 [H]. Farm Manager/RE Broker - Busey Bank. [brian.waibel@busey.com](mailto:brian.waibel@busey.com) Continue to enjoy farm management, appraisal, and brokerage business along with farming part-time. Thankful for growing family as daughter Hannah married Grant Herrmann from Princeville, IL in January.

Winterland, Dave '87. 205 W

Cherry St. Apt K. Fairbury, IL 61739. [dwinterland@yahoo.com](mailto:dwinterland@yahoo.com) Went thru the Big D - and I don't mean Dallas. Life goes on. Looking forward to this farming season!

Elliot, Chris '88. 5950 Goeddeltown Rd. Waterloo, IL 62298. (618)939-4802 [H]. (618)281-2232 [O]. AgCoA, Accuform Technologies, Farming. We moved to Waterloo, Illinois last fall. The transition has gone well for Michelle and our three daughters Haley, Hope, Heather. The kids are enjoying school while playing soccer and basketball. Michelle keeps busy with watching games and hauling our daughters around to all their activities. I participate as much as possible while trying to keep up on all my day jobs.

Harmon, Bill '88. 549 E 500 N Morrisonville, IL 62546. (217)526-3569 [H]. (217)786-2573 [O]. Professor. [Bill.harmon@llcc.edu](mailto:Bill.harmon@llcc.edu) Still teaching at Lincoln Land Community College and enjoying the good life. Count your blessings everyday and be glad you get to be involved in agriculture.

Bradshaw, Brian '89. 37808 Co Hwy 2 New Salem, IL 62357. (217)248-2194. Farmer. [brian@genesispark.com](mailto:brian@genesispark.com) Kids growing up fast. Marlee (17), Wyatt (16), Riley (13), Duncan (11), Avery (8), Josie (3). Everyone into 4-H and sports. We have lots of Illini and Cardinal fans. Still raising several pigs and now crop farming as my dad retired last year. Also have a wonderful loving wife who makes all of this work.

Hall, Glen '89. (737)751-0791 [H]. <http://www.linkedin.com/in/glenhall> Going to enjoy seeing Illini in Tulsa. Glad to hear house construction will start soon. Life in aerospace/military biz going ok. Sons - Trey (9), Will (8) and Aaron (2.5) keep us busy.



## 1990s

Soltwedel, Kevin '94. 5425 Greenbriar Ave Quincy, IL 62305. (217)223-7432 [H]. (217)257-8650 [O]. Swine Nutritionist—ADM Alliance Nutrition. Made another job change. Still live in Quincy, IL, but now working for ADM Alliance Nutrition as the Swine Nutritionist for the Midwest Region Commercial Feed Division. Michelle continues to work part-time for Trillium staffing as a recruiter/headhunter. Michelle and I are expecting number 6 (Lucia) in late June. Isabella (12), Sophia (10), Ava (6.4), Blaine (5), and Bennett (3) continue to keep us busy with all their activities.

Taylor, Paul '94. 50 Chestnut Court. Champaign, IL 61822 (217)355-2031 [H]. President, ESS Clean, Inc. [Paul@ESSclean.com](mailto:Paul@ESSclean.com) Three girls, Gracie (11), Olivia (7), Laura (5). Wife, Andrea teaching "Landscape Design" and "Children & Nature" classes at U of I. Highlight of the year was seeing Big Brother, Bob Steward at Jeff Ray's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

Vandeburg, Jay '94. 4397 East State Road. Walton, IN 46994. (765)432-2706 [H]. Farm Manager. [Jennifer.vandeburg@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.vandeburg@gmail.com) Loving our third son, Samuel T. Vandeburg born 10/27/10. Jenny enjoys teaching Agriculture at Ivy Tech Community College. Ben is starting 4-H. Josh is in Kindergarten. And Jenny is learning and traveling with Indiana Ag. Leadership Program.

Wolff, Kory '94. 4096 E 500<sup>th</sup> Ave. Mason, IL 62443. (618)483-0001 [H]. (618)322-3199 [C]. Drive for Cowan Systems. [wolff\\_family@yahoo.com](mailto:wolff_family@yahoo.com) My oldest (Abigail) is now in high school, it must mean that I am getting older. Youngest (Hanna) is now in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Working 50-65 hrs a week driving and trying to put up about 40 acres of hay. Lynn and I are raising a few Holstein steers and Alpine goats.

Robert, Matt '95. 1310 East Mumford Dr. Urbana, IL 61801. (217)355-9669. Ag Engineer. [Mir2104@gmail.com](mailto:Mir2104@gmail.com) I left U of I this year and started working for USDA/NRCS. No more extension, teaching or consulting. Enjoying the life of a G-Man.

Mohr, Mark '96. Lindstrom, MN. Hypro Spray Technology Product Manager at Pentair. [mfmohr@yahoo.com](mailto:mfmohr@yahoo.com) Carrie and I are busy and healthy, as are children Joseph (6), Rachel (3), and Abigail (1). Spray application components occupy my days while Carrie raises up the next generation.

Propst, Jason '96. 887 Co Rd 500 E. Toledo, IL 62468. (217)895-2563 [H]. [jpropst@effclay-fs.com](mailto:jpropst@effclay-fs.com)

FLASHBACK TO THE '90s:  
DON WALL, 1997

**Don Wall**  
Loan Officer/Farmer  
Sorento, IL

**Tell us about your career.**

I currently work for United Community Bank in Bunker Hill, IL as a VP in Lending. I handle Ag, Commercial and Home loans. I also farm with my Dad by Sorento, IL

**What were the most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House?**

There were two primary reasons I chose to live at Nabor House. I had looked in to Farmhouse and Alpha Gamma Rho, but when I rushed NH I felt a real connection with the guys in the house. It really felt more like home than the other houses. It was like icing on the cake that NH was also the most reasonably priced Ag house on campus. Having everyone from a farm background helped me form quick bonds with most everyone in the house and really eased my transition to college life.

**What is one piece of the NH culture or routine that you still miss today?**

Being able to get a Euchre game together any time day or night. I can't help but think that if I could remember what the Euchre buzz was, I'd have three other guys show up at my house ready to play.

**Besides "education, cooperation, and recreation," what are three words that best describe your Nabor House experience?**

How about growing, learning and living. Through the four years I spent at Nabor House I grew from the shy high school boy into the person I am today. It wasn't necessarily the formal education that had the biggest impact on me, I'd really say it was the living and growing up I did over the 4 years of college that had the biggest impact on my life. On top of that I got to grow along with some of the best friends in my life.

**What's one food dish you'll never forget?**

Well, one that I'll always remember is Aunt Marge's casserole. There was an art to making sure the biscuits got done with the rest of the casserole! We always wondered who had an Aunt Marge. I can't talk about NH food without mentioning roundup, (YUM), and of course green bean casserole.

**Name two or three fellow Nabors who have been most influential on your life.**

There really has not been any specific Nabor who has influenced me the most. But there have been too many to mention that have affected my life. Whether it was growing up with my pledge class, the part time employment in college from a former Nabor, guidance from our house advisor, all of these Nabors added to and guided me in my life. The most striking thing I think is that as I meet other Nabors from other generations it amazes me how it seems we are all "cut from the same cloth". I don't know if that's more a reflection of the impact being a Nabor had on them or if it's just the type of people Nabor House attracts. I'm sure it's a little of both.

**What NH memory is special to you?**

I have to mention two; walkout with my pledge class, and I-party my sophomore year. On walkout we formed bonds as a pledge class that lasted our whole college career. (Boy were we surprised when we got back home!) At I-party my sophomore year I ended up meeting my wife Laura. Who can ask for a better memory than that?





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Swine Enterprise Specialist for FS Total Livestock Services. Hannah is walking now and turning Matt's world upside down. Overall, they get along good, but she can push his buttons. Jen wanted a change of pace and is now teaching adaptive PE to children with disabilities. It's hard to believe that we graduated 15 years ago. It's even harder to believe that I've worked for FS for the last 15 years as well. I've been fortunate to have a great group of guys to work with that understand the livestock industry.

McCormick, Heath '97. Applications Engineer, Account manager for Hydro-Gear. News – enjoying many of God's blessings every day. Claire and Ross making me patient and teaching me a lot. Autumn is due in May with #3.

Wall, Don '97. 272 Singer Trail. Sorento, IL 62086. Bank loan officer and farmer. [Dawall75@gmail.com](mailto:Dawall75@gmail.com) Going on my 5<sup>th</sup> year as a loan officer at United Community Bank in Bunker Hill, IL. My family is doing great. Laura has been holding down the fort at home and Cole (9), Jack (6), and Aubrey (3) keep us entertained and busy. Cole advanced to the regional spelling bee (as a 4<sup>th</sup> grader). Jack is our "in-house comedian" and is looking forward to farming with me this spring. Aubrey is into all things girly – Barbie, Princesses and anything pink. (Although she loves to wrestle her Dad just as much as the boys do!)

Moffitt, Justin '98. Gilson, IL (309)621-3994. Galesburg Fire Dept, Farmer, National Guard. Married life has been treating Jenn and I well. We are expecting our first child in November '11!

Barto, Kevin '99.5. 811 Singer Ave. Lemont, IL 60439. (815)474-3465 [C]. Supt. of Buildings & Grounds @ Governors State University—University Park, IL. [Kbarto42@hotmail.com](mailto:Kbarto42@hotmail.com) I'll call this the double dip update. Got engaged to Katie Wegner in October on a last minute trip to Arizona. Last November, we were supposed to be on the Carnival cruise ship that burnt up for a friends wedding trip to Mexico, but instead had to make last minute plans. Ended up going to Mesa/Phoenix/Gilbert area for a couple of days to visit fellow Nabors, then up through Sedona and on to the Grand Canyon.

We got engaged on the way back through Sedona – a beautiful town. Since then, we've closed on a house and moved over from our apartment. In true Nabor spirit, I was able to secure a good deal on a great house being in a buyer's economic period. Started pursuing a Masters in Public Administration at the University where I work and hope to get to play some more sand volleyball and golf this summer. Thanks to everyone who has put effort into the housing project. To the many advisors, board members, and actives who had involvement going way back to the neighboring property purchase, I appreciate your involvement and efforts toward this necessary improvement for our organization.

**2000s**

Harms, Ryan '00. 2110 SE Clover Ridge Dr. Ankeny, IA 50021. (515)509-1996 [C]. (515)294-1118 [O]. Director of Development, Iowa State University Foundation. [riharms@illioinsalumni.org](mailto:riharms@illioinsalumni.org) Moved to Ankeny, Iowa last fall but still working for Iowa State. Excited that the board is moving forward on the new house. Exciting times!

Lacey, Hunt '01. 7111 S Shore Drive Altoona, WI 54720. (715)456-7476 [H]. Sales Rep. [hlacey23@yahoo.com](mailto:hlacey23@yahoo.com). We moved last summer into a house with more bedrooms. Our little Bella turned 2 years old in August.

Stewart, Brad '00. 2858 N 39<sup>th</sup> Rd. Sheridan, IL 60551. (630)244-3374 [C]. Farmer, Stewart Farms Partnership. [brad@steward-farms.com](mailto:brad@steward-farms.com)

Soltwedel, Kraig '01. 15215 N Holden Ave. Effingham, IL 62401. (217)841-2568 [C]. Field Sales Agronomist for Growmark. We have made it full circle. We are living back in Effingham county where I work as a field sales agronomist for Growmark and Jodie is a pharmacist at Andes Health Mart. We are always staying busy with work and trying to keep up with our children Aliva (5), Addyson

(4), and Ayden (2).

Stierwalt, Greg '01. Last year was a big year for my family. We welcomed our 4<sup>th</sup> child Dylan to the world in December. On getting ready we completed an addition to the house which we finished moving in a day before baby. In August, we made our first family vacation to Disney World which the kids loved. My sister, Melissa, got married over the summer and had the reception back on the family farm. Sales were good with Birkeys and I wish someone would have told us to hold off and sell corn at \$7. I look forward to seeing everyone at golf outing and if anyone is in town give me a call. Go Illini!

Waldeck, Jarrod '01. 705 W Queen Creek Rd #2072. Chandler, AZ 85248. Process Engineer, Intel Corporation. [Waldo22183@hotmail.com](mailto:Waldo22183@hotmail.com) Still living in Phoenix & working for Intel - still no kids or pets. Looking forward to celebrating both of my 5-year anniversaries this year (one for my marriage to Kara & the other for my years of service with the company). Finished my MBA at ASU in February. Hiking the Inca trail to Machu Picchu in May. Fond undergraduate memories of when Illinois hoops & football were actually good are starting to fade...

Wendling, Jake '01. 11175 E 1050<sup>th</sup> Ave. Watson, IL 62473. (217)857-644 [O]. (217)246-8667 [C]. General Manager @ Direct Lines, Inc.

Slager, Tony '02. 343 N Illinois St Niantic, IL 62551. (217)891-1129 [H]. Web Developer. [Nabor\\_538@comcast.net](mailto:Nabor_538@comcast.net) 2<sup>nd</sup> child born 2/18/11. Still working for ADM, but am now a web developer in the IT department.

Nightingale, Steve '02. 8541 N 1300 Ave Osco, IL 61274. (309)522-5044 [H]. (309)781-3416 [C]. Farmer. [nightngl@theinter.com](mailto:nightngl@theinter.com) Lia and I are expecting our second girl in May. Bella turns 2 in May and is so much fun right now. She loves her jewelry and shoes but she also loves tractor and combine rides.

Bauman, Craig '05. Effingham Equity, Plant Manager. Crop Production Sales. Life has been ever changing here lately. My wife Holly and I welcomed our new

addition, Greyson Cade Bauman, to our family Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. I also am transitioning from a Crop Production Sales position, with Effingham Equity to managing their Pana Branch.

Knapp, Kevin '05. 656 E 975 St. Magnolia, IL 61336. (717)725-0885 [C]. Case IH Combine Product Specialist.

[Kevin.knappfarms@gmail.com](mailto:Kevin.knappfarms@gmail.com) This past fall I moved back from PA to the Midwest and took a new position spending more time with combine customers and less time testing machines. In my new capacity, I cover most of northern IL, northern IN, a little of northern OH, all of WI, and all of MI. I'm really liking spending more time on the farm on the weekends! Look me up as I'm at most farm shows and Case IH dealer events in this area.

Wagahoff, Blake '05. 506 Larson Dr. Huxley, IA 50124. (515)230-3350 [O]. Operations Supervisor with Monsanto Seed Corn Production. [blwagah@monsanto.com](mailto:blwagah@monsanto.com) 2010 was a big year in the Wagahoff household, as Laura and I welcomed our first child, Anna Patrice, on August 26. We have been very blessed that she is a healthy and happy baby and I'm enjoying all the fun that comes with being a dad.

Shute, Nick '05.5. Still living in Merrillville, IN. Have been working for Balemaster for 5 years now. We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> child, Ayla, in April. Ben is being a super big brother so far. Everything else seems to be going along well.

Locke, Jim '06. (309)333-5612. History teacher at Warsaw High School, IL. Livin the dream in Nauvoo, IL. If you're ever in the area look for the orange 'I' shining down on Main St, there I be.

Rowley, Anthony '06. 910 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Rochelle, IL 61068. (815) 757-1212 [C]. Farmer. [adrowley@gmail.com](mailto:adrowley@gmail.com) I have recently been released from active duty and have returned to Illinois to take over the family farm. I spent the first 6

months of last year in Afghanistan constructing buildings, roads, and combat out posts. I am currently raising hogs, cattle, and farming about 200 acres. My wife is expecting our first baby at the end of September.

Wagahoff, Chris '06. 311 W Ells Ave. Champaign, IL 61820. (217)556-2963. Pilot at Flightstar.

Daugherty, Joshua '07. 5460 N Sandy Creek Dr. Seymour, IN 47274. (812)569-1793 [H]. (812)377-3647 [O]. Performance Engineer. [Jmdaugherty84@gmail.com](mailto:Jmdaugherty84@gmail.com) Married Bethany Six on 11/13/10 in Arenzville, IL and honeymooned in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Transitioned to Combustion Performance, and Emissions as a Performance Engineer on 3/1/11 at Cummins. Bethany works for Purdue Extension as a community health educator.

Ganschow, Michael '07. 216 Walnut Grove Dr Walnut, IL 61376. (815) 878-7642 [H]. (815)878-7642 [C]. Farmer. [ganschow@illinoisaluni.org](mailto:ganschow@illinoisaluni.org) Daughter Brooklyn born November 10, 2010 6lbs 11oz, 21 in long. Turned 4 months on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

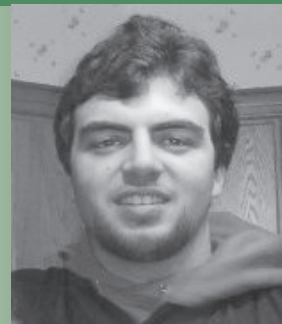
Shaner, Nicholas '07. 16656 Twnshp. Rd. 1500 E Bradford, IL 61421. (309)397-3736 [H]. (309) 397-9736 [O]. Ag Teacher/Farmer. [nshaner@live.com](mailto:nshaner@live.com) Karen and I have been doing really good. I am an Agriculture teacher at Streator High School. Still trying to send my best students to that great Ag house called Nabor House. Also have been working with my dad on the farm raising the pigs.

Walter, Jared '07. 238 4th Ave W. Grinnell, IA 50112. (319)325-9169 [C]. Monsanto Seeds. [jared.walter@monsanto.com](mailto:jared.walter@monsanto.com) I currently work as an operations supervisor at Monsanto's Foundation Corn production facility at Grinnell, IA.

Wessel, Scott '07. 16174 Baumann Rd. Pocahontas, IL 62275. (618)

## FLASHBACK TO THE '00S: NICHOLAS SHANER, 2007

**Nicholas Shaner**  
Ag Teacher/Farmer  
Bradford, Illinois



### Tell us about your career.

Well— I have been teaching agriculture and farming for the last couple of years. I have taught at Avon, Kewanee, and now Streator High School. I love doing that and the FFA. Working with my Dad has also been one of my life long dreams and I enjoy every minute of it.

### What were the most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House?

Well, my dad went there and I heard some of the stories. I just wanted to be a part of that. I also shot one of the rush chairs point blank on my second rush weekend and they still offered a bid to me. (Sorry Jesse). The passion that I saw in the older guys telling me how much they loved the house just made me want to join.

### What is one piece of the NH culture or routine that you still miss today?

There are a lot of things I missed from the house, but sarran wrapping people to local sorority poles was a lot of fun. I had it happen to me three times. Also walking into my pledge brothers' rooms just to bother them and talk or bother them was always fun. The nightly dorm shenanigans were also a lot of fun.

### Besides "education, cooperation, and recreation," what are three words that best describe your Nabor House experience?

Goofy, Great, and Family  
(that one is for you- Derf and Brad)

### What's one food dish you'll never forget?

Shepherd's Pie, mainly because Grant Hannah and Mike Perkins doing their impersonations of another active saying how much they loved Shepherd's Pie.

### Name two or three fellow Nabors who have been most influential on your life.

Well I still remember the first active to come up to me and say I am glad you are here Eeyore, and that was Blake Wagahoff. He just seemed like the guy I wanted to be like. Jay Kelley was one of the guys who just made me keep my head on straight. But all the rest of my pledge brothers from that 2003 pledge class influenced me. They are still some of my best friends.

### What NH memory is special to you?

My ICP for Karen was a lot of fun. It started out normal, but ended with ruining David Shier's bed. Sorry Shier. The guys just made me feel like I was really special to them. I had so much fun that night. Those guys were like my family. It then moved to the dorms and thirteen of us jumped onto David Shier's Bed and then took the remains to 4-H Houses' sun roof. It was one thing after another that night.

## CONTINUED: ALUMNI REPORTS, 2010s

971-8033 [H]. Syngenta Seeds. [sjwessel@gmail.com](mailto:sjwessel@gmail.com) I am getting married to Christa on Nov 26. We are buying our first house together in Pierron. I am still working for Syngenta doing soybean research. I also have rented a farm this year, so I will be farming on my own.

Lindgren, Randy '08. 7965 Felton Rd Prophetstown, IL 61277. (217)249-2445 [H]. (815)535-1635 [O]. Crop Specialist. [rlindgr2@gmail.com](mailto:rlindgr2@gmail.com)

Martin, Lucas '08. 909 12<sup>th</sup> St. N #2. Fargo, ND 58102. (701)793-9806 [C]. FOCUS Missionary. [martincatle@gmail.com](mailto:martincatle@gmail.com) After getting married July 2010, Beka and I are eagerly expecting our first child in April! Blessed to be serving our Lord as a Catholic missionary on the campus of North Dakota State.

Perkins, Michael '08. (309) 360-4815. Teacher. Over the past two years I have been serving as a pre-k teacher on the south side of Chicago through the organization Teach for America. I am just now wrapping up my 2 year commitment and will be transitioning to a new job as a Recruitment Director for Teach for America on the campuses of UW Madison and Marquette in July.

Morehouse, Andrew '09. (217)825-7924. Student. [atmorehouse@gmail.com](mailto:atmorehouse@gmail.com) I will finish up my M.S. degree in Field Crop Entomology in May from the University of Illinois.

Zurliene, Curt '09. (618)520-3113 [C]. Agricultural Engineer, USDA/NRCS. Krista and I got married June 26, 2010 and celebrated with about 300 of our

friends and family. What a great day. In the coming months, we are looking forward to having Krista complete her master's degree and the two of us relocating closer to home after living up near Chicago for the past two years. Go CARDINALS!

Shier, David '10. (815)848-7294. Tool Maker/Machinist/Engineering Technician for Mechanical Devices. Started with Mechanical Devices in early April, long-term plans are to become a company engineer.

Wendling, Ben '10. (217)343-6177. Manager Trainee at Bunge North America, East Hannibal, IL. 4530 W Ely Rd. Apt. 106 Hannibal, MO.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING & FUNDRAISING EVENT

**SATURDAY, JULY 16TH - 6PM  
CITY VIEW BANQUET CENTER  
CHAMPAIGN, IL**

#### 2011 NUBBINS EDITORS

Jared Walter '07  
Andrew Fulton '10  
Ross Johnson

### 2011 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

#### Ellery L. Knake Memorial

Ross Johnson

#### Keith Kelroy Memorial (Freshman)

Andrew Kupper

#### Sophomore

Blaine Melody

#### Junior

Ryan DeWerff

#### Senior

Victor Johnson

### 8 MEN TO PLEDGE NH THIS FALL

**Kendall Shimmin**, Roseville (Warren County), Animal Science, Freshman.

**Mitch Daugherty**, Roanoke (Woodford County), Molecular and Cellular Biology, Junior.

**Mason Dehlinger**, Olney (Richland County), Crop Sciences, Junior.

**Daniel Allen**, Arthur (Douglas County), Engineering, Freshman.

**Travis Davenport**, Havana (Mason County), Crop Sciences, Sophomore.

**Tyler Dawson**, Midland (DeWitt County), Human Nutrition, Sophomore.

**Lucas Frye**, Easton (Mason County), Ag Law, Freshman.

**Benjamin Harder**, Shumway (Effingham County), Engineering, Freshman.



## NH SENIORS PURSUE LIFE GOALS AND PASSIONS

### Travis Markley

**Major:** Vocal Music Education

**Graduated:** December 2011

**Career path:** "I plan on going to graduate school and earning my degree in educational counseling and then becoming a school counselor.."

**5-year plan:** "I plan to be done with my masters degree and have a job as a school counselor and coach."

**25-year plan:** "I hope to be doing the same thing, only maybe owning a house and having some nicer stuff and a family."

### Victor Johnson

**Major:** Crop Sciences

**Graduated:** May 2011

**Career path:** "I plan to become a crop insurance agent with the family insurance firm, Johnson & Johnson."

**5-year plan:** "I will be the fourth generation to work in the family business, along side with my mother and uncle, so I hope to build my responsibilities at work and eventually become a full partner in the business. I also look forward to

maintaining my service within our church and become actively involved in the community. Hopefully, my proximity to campus and Nabor House will also keep me in touch with past and future Nabors where I can continue to contribute to the family as I know best."

**25-year plan:** "I can only expect that I still be in Paxton, IL and maintaining the family business, hopefully working along side my brother before this point. If all works out I will be living in the very house I grew up in, this time with my own family to take care of. I'm sure I'll still be rooting for the Illini and attending games, only this time with a championship title under their belts."

### John Lock

**Major:** Journalism

**Graduated:** May 2011

**Career path:** "I plan to be a sports information officer."

**5-year plan:** "I would like to be employed by someone, somewhere."

**25-year plan:** "I will have a good job, a wife, and kids."

### Casey Cambell

**Major:** Agricultural Engineering, Soil and Water

**Graduated:** May 2011

**Career path:** "After graduation, I would like to work in research. Currently, I am working for the Army Corp of Engineers and plan to continue to work there for five to ten years."

**5-year plan:** "I plan to have a Masters from U of I in Ag Engineering with a Soil and Water concentration. With this degree, I plan to work full-time with the Army Corp of Engineers. I also plan to become a Professional Engineer."

**25-year plan:** "I hope to be settled down with a family. I would also like to continue researching green technologies."

### Ben Plumier

**Major:** Agricultural & Biological Engineering

**Graduated:** May 2011

**Career path:** "I plan to attend graduate school."

**5-year plan:** "To get a 25-year plan."

**25-year plan:** "To still be alive!"

## NABORS REMEMBERED



**Carman Y. Potter**, 86, of Jacksonville, died Friday, March 4, 2011, at Pas-savant Area Hospital in Jacksonville. He was born

April 15, 1924, in Jacksonville, the son of Henry Yates and Dorothy Anna Blakeman Potter. He married Carolyn Craver on June 26, 1949, at Grace United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, and she survives. He is also survived by four children, John C. (wife, Joyce) Potter of Jacksonville, Janet E. Potter of Champaign, James W. Potter of Normal and R. Joseph Potter of Tampa, Fla.; two grandchildren, Adam Y. (wife, Heidi) Potter of Jacksonville and Sarah

(husband, Rob) Solomon of Springfield; one great-grandson, A.J. Potter of Jacksonville; and two sisters, Melba Palmer of San Rafael, Calif., and Mary (husband, Ed) Horton of Wood-ridge.

Mr. Potter was a longtime farmer and breeder of Duroc Swine. Additionally, he was an auctioneer for nearly 20 years, specializing in purebred cattle and swine auctions. He was a 1948 graduate of the University of Illinois and also a graduate of Reppert Auction School in Decatur, Ind. He was past-president of the Illinois Auctioneers Association, National Auctioneers Association, and the Illinois Duroc Swine Breeders Association, and past-vice-president of the National United Duroc Swine Registry. He served as an

instructor at the Missouri Auction School. Mr. Potter served in the United States Army during World War II, stationed in Germany with the 501st Armored Field Artillery Battalion of the 14th Armored Division. Mr. Potter was a longtime member of First Christian Church in Jacksonville, where he taught the adult Sunday school class. He also was a member of the choir, and served as song leader and soloist at the church. He was very active in Discover God's Call. He was past-president of the Diamond Grove Mausoleum Association. Carman loved God, his family, people and good music.

Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church. Condolences may be left online at [www.airsman-hires.com](http://www.airsman-hires.com).

**Richard C. Stone** '46 of Mason City, Illinois died at his residence on Dec 30, 2009. He was born on the family farm near Mason City on Jan 30, 1924 the son of Julia and Howard Stone. He married Ruth Rutledge on Sept 14, 1947 who died in 2002 after 55 years of marriage. Surviving are daughter Lois (husband Carl) Duewer and one grandson John Richard Duewer.

Dick was a member of the United Presbyterian Church and served on the board of directors of the Farmers Grain and Coal Company, the Community Bank of Easton, and the 1st State Bank of Mason City of which he was one of the organizers. He was a grain and livestock farmer most of his life and was a tax preparer for the Sangamon Valley Farm Business Services for 35 winters. He had a private tax service for 50 years. He was also a nine gallon Blood Donor. Dick enjoyed keeping in touch with fellow Nabors, especially sharing his hobby of magic with John L Duewer '52.5. He was always pleased to be associated with the men of Nabor House and it's ideals.

## BUZZ CHART: AROUND THE HOUSE

### ROOM -1

Andrew Kupper: Spring 2011 was an exciting time for me. I feel that in this past semester I have grown in many ways personally and a lot of this growth I can attribute to living in Nabor House. I can't believe this semester is over already, it just seems like yesterday my pledge brothers and I were having a very cold night together.

Blaine Melody: This semester living in -1 has been awesome. My classes are starting to get more appealing and rewarding. This semester, I have been fighting with the dreaded organic chemistry and the lab as well. I have found that I have a real passion for animal reproductive physiology and growth and if I do not succeed in getting into vet school then I might try something there. A big step forward was when I decided that I really wanted to attend University of Wisconsin, Madison for my future veterinary schooling. I can't wait until finals are over though because then I will be working with a large animal vet who specializes in dairy as well as another vet who specializes in swine, up in DeKalb, IL. After that I will be managing a dairy farm in Thessaloniki, Greece for 6 weeks!! I will try to send a postcard!

David Fulton: This semester I had a lot of freedom around Nabor House. I was free to join in on more campus activities and be able to participate in more house events. I was in room -1 this semester with Blaine Melody and Andrew Kupper. These guys are easy to get along with and great studiers. I was also assistant chaplain this semester at the house. I enjoyed holding this role, as I enjoy the Gospel and the Word of our Lord. This semester was also a time to learn better time management, but maybe better next fall. I had a great semester and I wish the best of luck to all the seniors.

### ROOM 00

Ivan Dozier: This was my first semester as a full active in Room 00, so it was great to take it upon myself to finally introduce a TV, Nintendo, and Air Conditioning to the room, all of which I'm not sure how I lived without last year. This was also my first full semester portraying Chief Illiniwek, so that added responsibility has kept me busy in addition to school work and work around the house. I really enjoyed helping show the pledges the ropes, and I'm glad we found someone that can fit in with the unique chemistry we seem to have developed in our room. It's been a great year so far! Long live the chief and GO ILLINI!

Ben Plumier: It was an interesting semester, as I am graduating this spring. The semester included me looking for grad schools, projects, places to live etc. It all came together towards the end, as I graduate soon and will leave Nabor House. NH played a big part in my college career, but I'm looking forward to some new things and I think I will stop by the House on occasion for some of the fun stuff.

Austin Haskett: Last semester was very busy for me. Between 8 credit hours, pledging, and 10 hours of Marching Illini during the week, I was barely able to fit it all in at once. For a long time, I didn't even know most of the people in the house just because everything was so hectic. Eventually though, I got to know most people in the house pretty well, and that's when I really started to enjoy last semester. It had its' ups and downs, but last semester was definitely one of the best times of my life. I got to know my pledge brothers and a lot of the actives pretty well, and had a lot of fun at house events.

### ROOM 2

Zach Orwig: Spring semester flew by, I lived in room 2 with Matt Dehlinger and Delayne Durdle. The semester was an overall success. Room 2 even managed to land a new couch. In April,

Mitch Hiett, Jake Gibbs, and myself went to Kansas City representing the Illinois Chapter National Agri-marketing Association team. We competed against 29 other colleges. It was a great experience and we all had a great time.

Delayne Durdle: My name is Delayne Durdle and I am living in room 2 this semester. I moved out of the dungeon and took Logan's spot after it became available. Roommates are great, classes are hard! I'm studying Ag Engineering concentrating in Off-Road Equipment Engineering and the classes don't seem to get any easier. It's been another great semester with the rest of the Nabors.

Matt Dehlinger: Living in room 2 this semester was an excellent choice. After living in -1 it is nice to be closer to the rest of the guys in the house. Last semester we watched several hunting videos in -1 and now I have been switched to watching lots of ESPN. Sadly, I still don't know much about sports.

### ROOM 3

Casey Campbell: Spring semester has flown past, between work and school; it has been really busy. Being my last semester at Nabor House, it has been a really good place to live.

Will Glazik

Daniel Fulton

This spring my grades were not as good as last fall's. This is probably because I didn't have study hours anymore. Also, because I had harder classes. I lived in room 3 with Will and Casey. Most of the time I woke up and walked in the room to either find Casey hasn't gone to bed yet or Will had the door locked, for some odd reason...All in all, I had a good time this spring semester and learned lots. What else is college for?

**ROOM 4**John Lock

I got the chance to live with three of my best friends in the best room in the house. I also took a total of 12 hours, mainly easy, blow-off classes. Yes, my senior year has been fantastic. The house is full of good guys, and everyone does an excellent job of representing Nabor House in every situation. With the passing of Sam Ridlen, the house has been reminded what kind of legacy we need to live up to. He was a great man.

Mitch Hiatt

Spring semester has been very similar to the fall. My room, roommates, class schedule and work schedule are all pretty much the same. It is nice to watch the younger guys get involved with the house and take leadership roles. They are the ones living here for the next three years. They should be the ones deciding what the house does, and they are doing a great job of that. We are leaving the house in good hands with the little A's.

Ryan DeWerff

The start of the spring semester welcomed a new roommate—Nick Wendling. I quickly learned that that also meant the addition of his girlfriend Allison Ruwe (not saying this is a bad thing). Many fun times were had as always, and I look forward to rooming with Nick again next fall, although it will be sad to see John and Mitch leave.

Nick Wendling

Living in room four with John Mitch and Ryan has been a lot of fun this semester. Ryan and I always at our desk is starting to turn room four into a study room... who would have ever thought that. Looking forward to another great semester in room four.

**ROOM 5**Justin Beitz

Second semester Junior year, wow just one more year left of Undergrad. This semester wasn't as easy as I had expected, but I still had plenty of time to socialize. I'm looking to a much easier senior year.

Matt Schallenberg

Spring semester has flown by fast. I have had some great roommates who I have gotten along great with even though Nolan studies way too much for being in room five. I'm tired of all the rain this semester and can't wait for next semester to get here. Hope it can be as enjoyable as this one.

Nolan Lock

I've really enjoyed this past semester living in Room 5. After getting myself through initiation, I've successfully navigated a pretty heavy engineering course load. Broomball was a lot of fun, as evidenced by my game-by-game increase in effort and wipeouts. The story of my semester was definitely missing steak by a hundredth of a point, but overall I enjoyed my semester as the secretary and I am definitely looking forward to next semester.

Devin Hammer

This semester I lived in room 5 with Nolan Lock, Justin Beitz, and Matt Schallenberg. Schallenberg really likes to sleep, and I found that out very quickly. Nolan studied a lot, but I can't blame him. I would too if I had 18 credit hours in engineering. Justin didn't sleep quite as much as Matt. Overall for the semester, a lot of "How I Met Your Mother" and "Two and a Half Men" got watched on TV, and despite not having study hours and all the distractions, I still have managed to do pretty good academically.

**ROOM 6**Reece Pierson

I really enjoyed this semester at Nabor House as well as at the University of Illinois. My classes were all pretty good especially this spring semester. I really enjoyed the class ACE 199 taught by Ron Warfield which was "Ag Policy and Leadership." The class ended with a week long trip over spring break to Washington D.C.

Victor Johnson

My final year at Nabor House has proven to be my most memorable and rewarding yet. Having the opportunity as a senior to take on more responsibility and leadership positions within the house has helped me better appreciate all the things we stand for as Nabors. It is hard to believe I won't be returning for school again next fall, but I know the friendships and experiences I have had here will never leave me. Upon graduation I will be returning to my home in Paxton as a partner in the family insurance agency. The opportunity to work alongside my mother and uncle as I become better acquainted with the crop insurance field is a true blessing. As my career progresses, I can only hope that I remain connected with my fellow Nabors and give back all that I can to help Nabor House maintain its success into the future.

Josh Marten

This semester has been a great semester. I got the fortune to live with some great guys, Victor, Reece, and Jason. This semester went by in a flash, but it was a good one regardless. This semester it was nice that we weren't pledges anymore, and we didn't have as much stuff to do. Looking forward to next semester in the house, its looking like it's going to be another good semester at Nabor House.

Jason Leigh

During this semester I lived in room 6. It was a very fun room to live in. I had a fellow pledge brother that I was able to



## CONTINUED: BUZZ CHART

get to know even better. I also got to know Reece better, and he even helped me with my schedule for next year. I also got to know Victor very well.

### ROOM 7

Ross Johnson: Spring semester has seemed to go faster than any of the past ones. I've really enjoyed my third year up in Room 7 with Landon. Schoolwork, the GRE, scholarships, being involved with St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Nabor House duties, and spending time with friends keeps me pretty busy. I got the chance to go to Rome over spring break, and it was the trip of a lifetime. Some members of our pledge class and Logan made the third annual trip to a Cardinals game, and it was a blast. I hope next year proves to be as much fun as this one!!!

Landon Frye: Junior year has been one to remember. As it comes to an end some highlights include activating a great new group of Nabors into the chapter, finishing up the year as President of ACES Council and taking on a new challenge with the Student Alumni Ambassadors. Now I'm setting my sights on having a great experience alongside some fellow Nabors at Farm Credit Services of Illinois this summer as an intern in the Mahomet office.

Aaron Czerkies: This past semester I lived in room 7 with Landon Frye, Jake Gibbs, and Ross Johnson. I enjoyed living in the room. Also, I held the office of Treasurer this semester. It was tricky managing the budget at times, but for-

unately, the budget worked out. I was able to pay all the bills and the lights are still on and the water is still running. I was in the Orange Crush basketball fan club organization and had fun cheering on the Illini. Unfortunately, the Illini didn't do as well as they were expected to do.

Jake Gibbs: I was given advice from a Nabor House alumnus that the spring semester gets a lot better. That was definitely true, for I have had one of the best times of my life living here at Nabor House this spring. Studies have gotten easier and there are few better roommates than Ross Johnson, Landon Frye, and Aaron Czerkies.

### ROOM 8

Danny Meister: It was a busy semester for me. I decided to work part time in addition to my class schedule (which wasn't particularly difficult). I had a lot of fun with my roommates for the second semester in a row and am glad that I got to live with them. Overall it was just a great semester and a great year for me to be a Junior. I am excited for next year!

Travis Markley: This semester has been an interesting one. I am finishing up my schooling as a senior, and I am a member of the Xtension Chords so that keeps me pretty busy. I am still enjoying my time in Nabor House even after four years. It is a great place and I am excited to be coming back as a border next semester.

Matt Olin: My spring semester was a

very good one. I lived in room 8 with Danny Meister, Travis Markley, and Jeremy Shaner. We had plenty of good times in room 8, despite the fact that I had to be the room mother and clean up after my messier roommates (Travis and Shaner). I probably had a little bit too much fun this semester, I did too much socializing and not a whole lot of studying. I would say my most memorable event from the semester would be our Polar Party, when we had a snow day and we built a slide of snow from the top of our neighbor's garage.

Jeremy Shaner: After all that went on with I-week, my semester became very busy. This semester I have been trying to balance 18 hours of class with being on the livestock judging team and still maintaining a social life with my pledge brothers and guys at the house. The livestock judging team has taken a significant amount of time of my life this semester. At times, my team and I have been very successful judging livestock. We started out at Denver, where as a team we took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at Iowa Beef Expo, 3<sup>rd</sup> at Oklahoma City, and 1<sup>st</sup> at all east. This took up a significant amount of time, but it was well worth it. I am eagerly awaiting the start of the fall semester for judging. My classes have been ok. I feel that it has challenged my abilities to balance all my scholarly abilities and extracurricular activities. Socially, I have still been active and have met several new people. Life is good as always. Though this semester has been fun, I am looking forward to the summer and starting my internship with Bunge and then starting my senior year.



## GET INVOLVED! NH BUILDING UPDATE AND CONNECTIONS

### Building Project Kick-Off Event

The Fraternity will be hosting a Building Kick-Off event in conjunction with our Annual Meeting this summer to provide the alumni base with information on the building campaign and raise funds for the project. Formal invitations were mailed out in early June. The event will take place on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. It will be a catered dinner at the City View Banquet center in Champaign. Cost is \$50 per person. The evening will include dinner, entertainment, and information on the building project.



We hope as many alumni and friends will be able to make it to this event as possible as we kick-off the building campaign. Please RSVP to the address below by June 30<sup>th</sup> with your name, pledge class, and check. Make checks payable to Nabor House Fraternity.

Bob and Sarah Stewart  
7482 Audrey Ave  
Yorkville, IL 60560

### Nabor House Building Project Web Site

#### Nabor House New Building Project



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Project Details  
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#### Help Build the New Nabor House Fraternity

The project to build the new Nabor House Fraternity at the University of Illinois is getting underway. We are in the process of finalizing the building plans and starting to raise the funds to make it a reality. Our goal is to start building the new house in May of 2012.

Use this site to keep updated on the project, contribute to the fundraising efforts, and volunteer to help.

Please join us for the Kick-Off Event  
Click here for details.



Check out the new building project web site at [www.BuildNaborHouse.com](http://www.BuildNaborHouse.com). This site will serve as the main information site on the building project. Visit the site to check the status of the project, donate funds, and volunteer to help with the project.

This site will be updated frequently throughout the year as we progress towards our goal of building a new house in the summer of 2012.

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