

‘05 PHONE-A-THON YIELDS  
RECORD PLEDGES

Nabor House alumni and actives responded in record proportions during the fourth annual “Nabor-to-Nabor” Phone-A-Thon held February 13-14.

With actives speaking to nearly 70% of our alumni from throughout the country, a record 200 alumni and active members made pledges totaling \$17,410 to the Nabor Commitment Fund - a new Phone-A-Thon record. More than half of the Nabors reached made an on-the-spot pledge and many more indicated they would consider making a pledge.

Kudos to both the actives for their dedicated work on the telephones and to the many alumni who committed their support over the phone. Total gifts received during 2004 totaled more than \$20,000 and we are hopeful that 2005 will be even better.

Keep up the good work, Nabors!

SAVE THE DATE: 2005 MEETING

Mark your calendars now. The 2005 NH Annual Meeting and Nabor House Educational Foundation Golf Outing is set for Saturday, June 25, 2005, at the University of Illinois. The annual meeting and lunch will be held at the ACES Library (just south of the Animal Sciences Lab) on campus and the golf outing is at the University of Illinois’ Orange & Blue Course in Savoy. Your entire family is invited and encouraged to participate.

**Saturday, June 25, at the ACES Library & UI Orange & Blue Golf Course**

Along with the business meeting and the presentation of the 2005 Good Nabor Award, members of the NH Pledge Classes of 1955, 1980, and 1995 will be featured for their 50<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> respective anniversaries. We'll also recognize the incoming pledge class and the outgoing senior class.

The Orange & Blue Golf Course will accommodate the NH foursomes on both the Orange and the Blue courses at the same time in order to condense the time between the first and last groups that tee off.

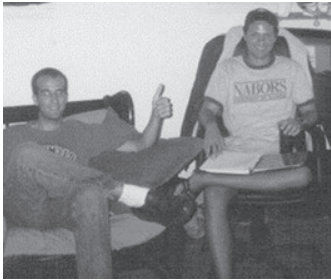
Mark the date down now and watch your mail for registration information in early May.

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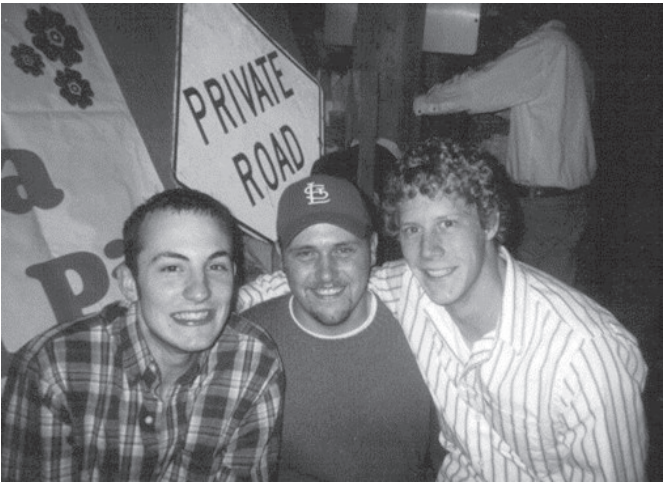
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**Around the House** (Clockwise from top): Nabors hang out, have a little fun, offer some Halloween political expression, row a few canoes and pledges loosen up in the living room.



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A NOTE FROM THE FRATERNITY BOARD



Bob Stewart, '92  
President,  
Nabor House

We hope you enjoy this new format of the Nabor Nubbins. The Nubbins will now be an annual publication. By moving from two publications per year to one, we are able to provide better content and this professional format while keeping the cost of the publication down. The Nubbins will still include much of the content you are familiar with including news from the active chapter and the alumni. The objective of the Nubbins is to keep all alumni informed and connected to Nabor House. Special thanks to Holly Spangler (wife of NH board member John Spangler) for her assistance in designing this new layout for the Nubbins.

One of the key issues that the Fraternity Board has been focusing on this year is a development plan for our property. Our goal is to generate a plan to help guide us in making future decisions on renovations to the house and development of the 805 Iowa property next door. One of the first steps in this process was to complete a comprehensive inspection and facility survey on the house. The Gorski Reifsteck architectural firm of Champaign conducted the study this summer. This study gave us a good indication of the current condition of the house.

A key decision that will be made at some point is whether we should renovate the current house or rebuild. No decision has been made on this yet, but the results of the study will help guide us. If you are interested in getting involved with the development plans for the House, please contact me or any of the other Board members.

Zoning of the 805 W. Iowa property (Ms. Parry's) continues to be a road block in developing a comprehensive building plan for the House. Nearly three years ago we attempted to re-zone the property to a level that would allow us to use it for fraternity housing or parking. Since then, the City of Urbana has been working on a comprehensive plan for our neighborhood which may make our re-zoning efforts more feasible. The Fraternity Board plans to make another attempt at re-zoning this year.

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The Fraternity continues to be in a strong financial position. We paid off the mortgage on the House this year. The Board has decided to put \$9,000 per year into a building fund to be used for future renovations. This amount is equal to our past mortgage payment.

In other news, we completed a major renovation to the 2nd floor bathroom and shower this past fall. All of the wall and floor tile were replaced and a new seal and sub floor was installed in the shower room. The annual meeting/golf outing will be held on June 25, 2005. Please mark your calendars now and join us for the event. Look for a mailing this spring with further details.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of individuals serving on the Board who bring a wide range of experiences and talents to the group. As always, the Fraternity Board welcomes your input and appreciates your support of Nabor House!

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2004 ANNUAL MEETING MARKS 65TH YEAR OF NABOR HOUSE

More than 80 Nabor House alumni, actives, pledges and family members participated in the Nabor House Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 26th, at the ACES Library, Information, and Alumni Center. Activities included a business meeting of the fraternity and special recognition of the pledge classes of 1954, 1979 and 1994. The outgoing senior class of 2004 and incoming Fall 2004 Pledge Class were also introduced.

The Good Nabor Award was presented to the parents of the late **Keith Kelroy '94** in recognition of Keith's life contributions. The Active Chapter Advisors introduced the new I.D.E.A.L. Nabor Award and made inaugural presentations of the I.D.E.A.L. Nabor Award to **Jesse Edlefson '04**, of Manlius, and **Bryan Schallenburg '04**, of New Douglas.

Board secretary **John Spanger '95**, of Marietta, presided over the business meeting. Members voted unanimously to accept the new language in 14 different articles of the Nabor House Constitution as proposed by the Fraternity Board. The membership learned that the Fraternity is debt-free for the first time in many years and will now focus on building necessary financial reserves for either newly constructing or re-modeling the facility at 1002 S. Lincoln Avenue in the coming ten years.

Active Chapter President **Kevin Knapp '05**, of Magnolia, reported that Nabor House's average G.P.A. for the Fall 2003 semester was more than a 3.1 (on a 4.0 scale) and was the highest G.P.A. of all agriculture houses. President Knapp also shared that two Nabors who graduated in May earned Bronze Tablet honors. **Virgil Bremer '04**, of Metropolis, is now pursuing a graduate degree in Animal Sciences at the University of Nebraska. **Jeff Reed '04**, of Seward, is now an Agricultural Economics graduate student at the University of Illinois.

Kevin also commended active members **Nick Shaner**, of Bradford, for earning his American FFA Degree and **Jay Kelley**, of Princeville, for being selected as the National FFA officer candidate for Illinois. President Knapp concluded in sharing that the house is expected to be at capacity for the second fall in a row and that the priority focus areas for the active chapter's team development in the fall semester will be cooperation, connectivity and positivity.

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Nabor Commitment Chair **Ryan Harms '00**, of Orion, thanked the alumni for another successful year of fundraising. More than \$16,000 was pledged by 184 Nabors during the spring Nabor-to-Nabor Phone-A-Thon and more than \$17,000 has been received by the Annual Meeting date.

**Dave Shockey '79.5**, of Freeport, serves as Chair of the Nabor House Educational Foundation and recognized this year's scholarship recipients. They were: **Kendal Elvidge**, a senior in Ag Education from Farmersville; **Ben Taylor**, a junior in Journalism from Sidell; **Brett Haney**, a sophomore in Ag Economics from Jacksonville; and **Jay Kelley**, a freshman in Ag Economics from Chillicothe. Nabors were encouraged to consider including the NH Educational Foundation in their estate plans.

Before lunch, the third annual Nabor House Trivia Quiz Bowl was held and representatives of the Class of 2004 were named the 2004 Trivia Champion. Following the lunch catered by "The Hideaway in the Woods", nearly 40 Nabors and guests participated in the annual NH Educational Foundation Golf Outing. The winning teams consisted of: Kevin Coers, **Larry Coers '07**, **Scott Reifsteck '76** and **Scott Wessel '07** on the Blue Course; and the early 80's group of **Jack Campion '81**, **Kenny Eathington '83**, **Terry Jones '81.5**, **Brian Millard '83** on the Orange Course.

OBITUARY

**Erman E. "Wink" Schairer '64** was killed Monday, August 9, at 7:30 a.m., when he was struck by a pickup truck while jogging near his home in El Paso, Illinois. Wink earned two degrees from the University of Illinois; he received his BS in Dairy Science in 1964 and a Master's in Agricultural Economics in 1968. Wink served as President of the Nabor House Pledge Class of 1960. He is a former Secretary-Treasurer of the Nabor House Fraternity Board of Directors and has been a loyal and competitive participant in the annual Nabor House Educational Foundation Golf Outing. Wink retired as Senior Vice President with the Woodford County Bank in El Paso. He and his wife had three children: Cynthia '91, Steven, and Sara. Wink's brother, **Louis Schairer '56**, EdM '60, is also a Nabor.

TWO NH GOLF TEAMS  
WIN BIG IN '04

Blue Course

- Kevin Coers
- Larry Coers '07
- Scott Reifsteck '76
- Scott Wessel '07

Orange Course

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- Terry Jones '81.5
- Brian Millard '83

NEARING NUMBER 600

Nabor House members 589-595 were officially welcomed into Active Member status during January's formal initiation ceremonies.

The group worked hard to join the ranks of nearly 600 other men in signing the Nabor House membership roll.

Congratulations to **Brandon Bozarth** of Fairfield, **Karl Ferguson** of Clinton, **Grant Hannah** of Varna, **Randy Lindgren** of Loda, **Lucas Martin** of Biggsville, **Mike Perkins** of Lacon and **Marcus Shaw** of Champaign.



BUZZ CHART: CONTINUED

Bryce Haselhorst, freshman

As a freshman my first semester was a very good experience. I met a lot of new people and had a great time learning everything the university had to teach me. One of the most memorable events was walkout to Springfield.

Scott Wessel, sophomore

It has been a fun semester living with Derf in Room 6. We started off the semester without a couch so we “borrowed” one from the neighbors in the night, which was fun. We had a lot of fun arguments which made for a limited amount of study time, and I'm sure my grades will reflect it. I've gotten the chance to live with four new pledges as well and they are all very cool guys who will make fine Nabors IF they initiate. Two of them will be living with us again next semester; it should be a good time. My favorite moment of the semester, however, has been watching all the Cubs fans whine and mope throughout the playoffs because their joke of a team finished third, and watching them all jump on the Dodgers, then Astros, then Red Sox bandwagons.

ROOM 7

Michael Ganschow, sophomore

There were many things that I enjoyed throughout this last semester. I had fun working with Yarber in the commissary department. He did a great job getting everything organized and it is always an adventure working around Yarber. I also enjoyed all the house events throughout the semester - from the early semester get-togethers to the Christmas party at the end of the semester. The final thing that made this one of my best semesters was having every class with at least one



guy in the house. It was nice to go to every class, big or small, and be able to recognize someone that I knew.

Grant Hannah, freshman

I really enjoyed always having something to do; I was seldom bored. Whether it was fun, constructive, or both, it was a huge contrast to what I was used to at home. I also enjoyed all the assistance I received in classes. My first semester books cost less than \$50, and all the notes were very helpful. Finally, my favorite part of the semester was getting to know so many people. Acquaintance with so many guys really helped in my adjustment to this big place.

Jim Lock, junior

Got the privilege of spending a wonderful semester in Room 007 with Pledge Bros Micah and the Assistant Comm. Michael Ganschow. Also got the privilege of getting to know two outstanding freshmen in Ryan and Grant. It was especially nice with Ryan around because his mother would send butter cake down about every weekend...it was beautiful. House wise, this has been one of my better semesters with an increased sense of brotherhood and a generally more positive attitude. I'm looking forward to a continuation of that and great spring semester in Room 5.

Micah Pope, junior

This semester, like the past ones, has gone by extremely fast. However, classes were good and getting to know the new pledge class was also fun. I look forward to next semester when I will be studying abroad at Wageningen University in the Netherlands.

ROOM 8

Lucas Martin, freshman

My first semester at Nabor House, I enjoyed getting to know everyone. I especially enjoyed all the great times we had together as a Pledge Class: Walkout, Bush and Kerry cutouts, playing baseball, dressing up in political costumes, messing with beds, “borrowing” 4-H's trophy, and pledge class meetings.

Nick Shute, senior

This has been a memorable semester living with Struck and Bob, which is good since I only have one left. Neil Witted and Lucas Martin also lived with us, each for ½ a semester. The semester was one of my hardest ones - as an engineer you find you have a lot of those. Hopefully I can resurrect my grades in the spring

and get a more desirable GPA. On a good note, I am now engaged. My fiancée and I had been dating for about five years so to most people it was no surprise.

Corey Struck, junior

I am happy to finally be elected into the assistant treasurer position. I had a busy semester between nuclear engineering classes and being the Drill and Ceremonies Officer for AFROTC.

Bobby Foerder, sophomore

While this semester was kind of hectic for me because of a tough schedule, I was still able to have a great time living in Nabor House. It seemed like everyone was focused on their grades this semester and worked very hard to do well. But we were still able to have a few good times after the work was done.

OUT OF HOUSE

Anthony McCullough, senior

Living in an apartment is quite different than the home that Nabor House offers. However, I welcomed the change after 8 semesters in the house. Great semester overall. Had a blast even though I'm more reserved in my older age. Classes turned out well, including my GPA. Now if I could only redo my freshman and sophomore years...

Anthony Rowley, junior

The best part of living out of house was not having to pay house bill and having a quiet place to study (resulting in my best academic semester so far). However not being around the house and the guys has been the downside of living out of house. I'm looking forward to this summer and the six weeks I will spend in Quantico, Virginia, with the Marines at Officer Candidate School. It's going to be a challenging but good experience.

Jarrold Waldeck, senior

The past semester was crazy for me with classes. Whoever said it was supposed to get easier by your senior year was lying, at least in my case. I got all B's this semester, which I am very proud of. Even though I am living out of house, I still got to spend some quality time with the guys from NH on a regular basis. I am in the process of trying to graduate in December, and hopefully find a job.

JAY KELLEY NAMED NATIONAL FFA OFFICER

Jay Kelley strives to serve others with integrity, sincerity, dedication and enthusiasm. Six years ago he entered high school knowing he wanted to join the FFA and follow the footsteps of his father and older sister. After serving as a State FFA Officer in 2002-2003, he was elected as the 2004-2005 National FFA Eastern Region Vice President during activities at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Jay is 21 and is a sophomore at the University of Illinois and a member of Nabor House. He was one of six individuals elected to hold office from a field of 41 candidates. He is the son of NH alum **Tom Kelley** ('75) and his wife Cindy of Chillicothe, Illinois. Jay is the fifth Nabor selected as a National FFA Officer, following **George Lewis** (1949-50), **Ken McMillan** (1962-63), **Bob Quick** (1980-81), and **Corey Flournoy** (1994-95).

In carrying out the duties of his new position, Jay will log more than 100,000 miles meeting with FFA members, agriculture teachers and FFA supporters, as well as top business, government and education leaders in approximately 40 states. He will also participate in an international experience tour to Japan. Other responsibilities will include providing personal growth and leadership training for students, setting policies, and promoting agricultural literacy.

“At first, I was a little shocked,” Kelley said. “(Then) I felt like I was as qualified as anyone.”

In order to begin his tenure as soon as possible, Jay completed his fall semester classes and final exams before Thanksgiving. He will take the year off of school and plans to return to the U of I and Nabor House for the Spring 2006 semester. “I figured there are some sacrifices that are going to be made, but it's worth it,” he said. “It was just a great opportunity to serve, and not only develop myself, but develop others. I want to now show the big future that agriculture holds. It impacts every-

one. Agriculture feeds the world.”

The national FFA officer selection process is intense and includes a rigorous assessment of each candidate's years of academic and extra-curricular accomplishments. Nominees must first qualify at the state level to represent their state FFA associations. They then submit an in-depth application to the national organization, detailing accomplishments and contributions to the community, and completing an essay explaining why they wish to be elected to the position. Once at the convention, candidates participate in six rounds of interviews, take an in-depth written test on the organization and agricultural topics and complete a writing exercise. A nominating committee recommends the slate of six national officers for approval by convention delegates.

As an FFA member, Jay received several chapter awards including the FFA leadership award. He won a district proficiency award and was selected as a top ten section president during his term. For his supervised agricultural experience (SAE), he participated in beef, feedgrain and oil crop production, as well as wildlife management. At U of I, he was elected as president of his pledge class and is a member of the Student Advancement Committee and College of ACES Student Council.



Jay Kelley, Nabor House member, is the 2004-05 National FFA Eastern Region Vice President.

NABOR HOUSE WELCOMES 10 NEW PLEDGES IN 2004

Wondering who the future faces of Nabor House are? Here's a look at the 10-member class of young men who are pledging Nabor House this year. Each offered up his year, hometown, major and an “interesting fact” about himself.

- **Brandon Bozarth** (Fr), Fairfield, Ag Engineering, Has preached two sermons for church youth group;
- **Karl Ferguson** (Fr), Clinton, Technical Systems Management, Earned State FFA Degree;
- **Ryan Fleck** (Fr), Athens, Kinesiology, Was the Athens High School 2004 Student of the Year;
- **Grant Hannah** (Fr), Varna, Ag Business, Hopes to one day be involved with his family's farm;
- **Bryce Haselhorst** (Fr), Freeport, Aviation, Has 13 close relatives that are U of I graduates or students;
- **Randy Lindgren** (Fr), Loda, Crop Science, Third generation FFA member over more than 75 years;
- **Lucas Martin** (Fr), Kirkwood, Animal Science, Enjoys building Colonial furniture;
- **Mike Perkins** (Fr), Lacon, Biology, Plans to be an attorney;
- **Marcus Shaw** (Jr), Champaign, Ag Business, Serves as a volunteer firefighter;
- **Neil Whitted** (Fr), Wapella, Ag Business, Goes prairie dog hunting every year in South Dakota.





FALL HOUSE PRESIDENT LOOKS BACK AT THE SEMESTER PAST

Another semester at Nabor House came to a close. I had the privilege of presiding over 36 other great Nabors this fall. With the addition of nine freshmen and one junior transfer, each class was pretty evenly represented in the house.

The semester began in mid-August with the annual work-week. Over the summer, the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor showers were completely redone to stop the leak into the kitchen, so there was still a lot of clean-up and dry wall work to be done. The house looked better than it had in at least 5 years for the pledge move-in day. This always makes Nabor House mothers happy!

Once the semester began, we focused more of our attention on improving the rest of Nabor House besides the structure. All the officers set individual goals and reviewed them several times during the fall. As a whole, the members worked to be more positive to one another and maintain good relationships within the house. House meetings were faster because guys were encouraged to talk one on one if there were issues with individuals or a particular office. We also promoted joining more clubs and organizations outside of NH. Several guys have seen this pay off as they are searching for jobs.

Speaking of activities, her at the house we have been busy this semester. More than 70 young ladies signed up to be Little Sisses this year. We held a BBQ, Drive-in movie night, Halloween Auction, Thanksgiving dinner, Vespers, and Christmas Party. Each event was very well attended and lots of fun. We also had a football block with Sigma Alpha. Usually the Illini were not the highlight of the afternoon, but the BBQ's in the back-lot provided us several opportunities to hang-out with the women of Sigma Alpha. We had two brotherhood nights this fall where we all enjoyed Euchre and Texas Hold 'Em tournaments, as well as a few games of War on the side.



Kevin Knapp  
NH House President, Fall 2004

changed through the years, and how some of the “scars” in the walls got there. Following the game, we served the BBQ pork we roasted on the spit the previous night. With no alumni meeting, homecoming has become a much more informal affair. If you're in town for the game next year, please plan to stop by the house and meet the current Nabors.

Overall, the semester went very smoothly. I think everyone can agree there was a little more brotherhood among us this semester and everyone got closer. Although I did not accomplish all of my goals, I feel I left the house in better shape than when I took office. I wish Neil luck in the coming semester, and I will savor every day of my last semester living with the best guys at the U of I.

FALL '04 OFFICERS

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Nubbins	Corey Struck
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	Larry Coers
	Ben Taylor
	Neil Wagahoff

SPRING 2004  
GPA AT 3.02

Nabor House alumnus Ed McMillan, retired CEO of Ralston Purina and current President of the U of I Alumni Association, spoke at the fall semester Steak & Beans dinner.

He stressed the importance of grades and campus involvement, and shared about his philosophies for success.

Many Nabors hosted their faculty advisors at the scholarship dinner.

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mindful how important our time with each other really is, and how much we need to rely on each other to get through.

ROOM 4

Will Hornback, sophomore

This semester was great. It was the first semester that I became a true "Active" without the "little" prefix. Living in Room 4 was also fun. We had some good times, and some not so good times (as Scott would know). The social events were also a great success such as the annual Barndance. I'm really looking forward to next semester and living in room four again.

Steve Lawless, senior

As some of you may know, this was my final semester at Nabor House. I'm going to miss the afternoon naps and watching Family Feud, Jeopardy, The Simpson's and King of the Hill everyday with the Room 4 boys. I had fun hanging out with the NOBS and getting to know some of the pledges this semester. I'm still working on the job hunt, so if any of you alums need a good TSM grad give me a ring. (309) 838-2812, smlawles@uiuc.edu.

Michael Perkins, freshman

My pledge semester at Nabor House has certainly been an experience and I hope I will come away from it with lessons applicable to many other situations outside of the house such as humility, teamwork, etc. I enjoyed getting to know the guys in my pledge class as well as the active chapter. There were aspects of the pledge semester I liked as well as some aspects I did not like. All in all, I hope it will be a valuable experience that I will learn from.

Scott Reed, senior

I would have to say that the most fun part of my semester was living with Wild Bill Hornback. He would say some of the stupidest things that would make it really easy to make fun of him. I would also say that being able to live in the house for my last semester of college was also an honor and a privilege. I just hope the rest of the guys figure out that part of college is going out and meeting new people not just sitting in your rooms playing video games. I would not have met my girl-

friend if I did not go out. I will be working in Columbus Junction for Tyson as a junior buyer starting Jan. 10. Unfortunately I think I will be moving to Hawkeye country, somewhere near Iowa City. I will be back more than some will probably like, especially for I-week or I-month.

Neil Wagahoff, junior

Had a good semester, got to serve as VP/pledge master and really enjoyed working with the pledges. Spent most weekends at home either farming or deer hunting, had a pretty good year doing both.

ROOM 5

Larry Coers, sophomore

Being elected as one of the rush chairmen, I was able to participate much more in the operations of the house. Also, serving on the executive board, I was able to help shape some of the new policies that we initiated. Nabor House currently has four accepted bids and well on our way to a solid pledge class for Fall 2005.

Jesse Edlelfson, senior

I concluded my academic career in room 5. I enjoyed the view of the avenue. It's been hard watching my time here wind down. I'm grateful for the friendships I've made and the lessons I learned within this house. College was fun, but I'm convinced the best is yet to come. I look forward to alumni status and keeping in touch with Nabors. If you're ever up in God's country...look me up.

Ben Taylor , senior

My roommates will probably remember me spending most of my semester on the phone conducting interviews for my reporting class, but I really enjoyed living with Jesse, Larry, Neil and Brandon. We laid claim to the title of Best Study Room, but we definitely knew how to kick back. Between Larry

and Jesse's wrestling matches that often turned into pledge class fracasces between the seniors and sophomores, the always-heated Half-Life battles on the house computer network or the endless parade of ladies from 4-H coming over to chat or bring us baked goods, it was a heck of a semester. I only have one more, so I better enjoy it as much as I did this one!

Neil Whitted, freshman

I liked all of the social functions and the togetherness as I became a part of the house. The pledge process was fun and I thoroughly enjoyed my first semester.

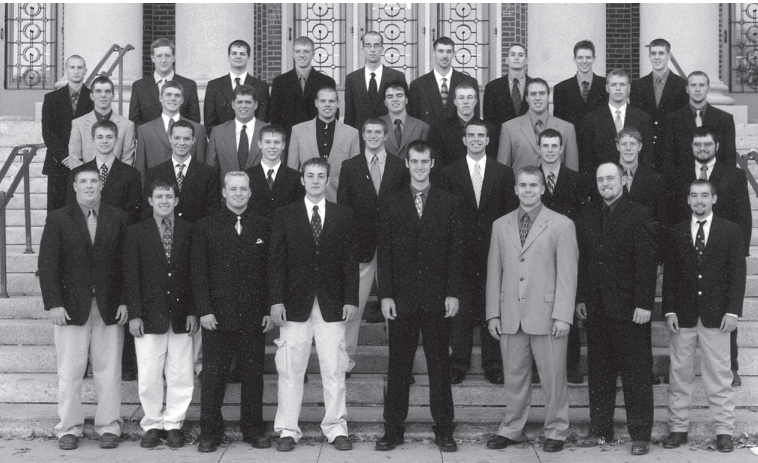
ROOM 6

Eric DeWerff, sophomore

The fall semester was great. I had the opportunity to live with four great pledges (when they actually did something) and Wessel, who I have nothing really good to say about (just joking). Why the semester has been awesome for me: our football team won more than one freakin' game, the Cards made the World Series (heck yeah), Turner is finally out of here and our beloved basketball team is on its way to a national championship. I hope next semester is going to be just as sweet as last semester. Beach Party here we come!!!

Ryan Fleck, freshman

I had a great semester by bonding with most everyone in the house especially my pledge brothers. Grades also went pretty well this semester. I look forward to continuing my time at the house and classes at the U of I.





BUZZ CHART: JUST CHECKING IN

Room -1

Craig Bauman, senior

I really enjoyed getting to know the new group of guys we have this semester. I've also had fun playing on the intramural teams this fall.

Karl Ferguson, freshman

I liked getting to know everyone in the house and all of the social gatherings.

Eric Helgen, junior

This semester has been great around the house. We got a good new group of guys in and I am looking forward to seeing them activate. I had some good roommates to share a laugh with once in a while. I wish the best of luck to those who graduate at semester's end.

Jay Kelley , sophomore

The semester in -1 was one to remember. Even though it seemed to fly by, we had a great deal of fun between studying! Chris, Eric, Craig and I seemed to find ways to kill time and there was never a dull moment in the room. I wrapped up my classes before Thanksgiving to fulfill my duties as a National FFA Officer, which made for a busy November. It will be fun to hear about the times at the house while I am gone for a year.

Chris Wagahoff, senior

The best thing about my semester was that I made it through my classes and earned my airplane instrument rating. The most memorable: when I got 16 stitches in my middle finger after the brand new metal basketball net attacked me in the back lot one day. The scar will last me a lifetime.

Room 00

man

My favorite part of this semester was the friendships I made with my pledge brothers and the rest of the house. Also I enjoyed the teamwork atmosphere and emphasis on study, not to mention learning how to cook. Lastly, I appreciated the guidance from the older guys in the house about the university.

Nick Shaner, sophomore

This semester was great. I got to meet a lot of new people and see my first Illinois football team win in the Big Ten. I was



elected to the Rush Chair position too, filling the role Jay Kelley vacated when he became a National FFA officer and could not live at the house. I know I had fun this semester as the superhero Captain Illini. Being the protector of the sports teams was a lot of fun. I can't wait until next semester.

Marcus Shaw, junior

I liked getting to know the guys in my rooms (-1 and 00) and in the house the most about this semester. I feel like I have a lot of best friends now.

Nicholas Yarber, sophomore

I thoroughly enjoyed this semester. Living with Shaner is a hoot, and I got to know the pledges really well. I had a wonderful time as commissar and hope to take the organizational skills I learned and apply them to other offices I hold.

Room 2

Brett Goodwin, senior

It's been a fast semester and very busy between classes and looking for a job. But I have enjoyed it and look forward to the following semester as it will be my last here at the U of I.

Kevin Knapp, senior

Serving as president definitely had its ups and downs, but it really was a lot of fun. Room 2 had three seniors all of the same pledge class so we all had a great time. As an Ag Engineer living with ACE and TSM majors, I always seemed to be working while they were watching TV or visiting local establishments, but hopefully that will pay off for me. On a side note, it's amazing how our room stayed clean even without a pledge. Do pledges

spend more time cleaning or making a mess? We'll find out in January.

Blake Wagahoff, senior

It's hard to believe my years at Nabor House are almost over. It seems like I just moved in and was enjoying my first pledge quiz. It's been a good semester after stepping back a little in my involvement in the house and seeing the younger guys step up. I've enjoyed my lesser role and have had a lot of fun this semester living with Kevin and Brett and have had plenty of time to enjoy the social life college has to offer. The job hunt has been a little discouraging, but I've still got time until I graduate in May. All in all, this has been a great semester with a lot of reminiscing about old Nabor House memories and experiencing a bunch of new ones.

Room 3

Brett Haney, junior

Another semester down and it went by just as fast as the others. I had another great 16 weeks in the room but college would be so much more fun without the classes. I'm still working out at the South Farms in small grains and having a good time out there.

Randy Lindgren, freshman

I enjoyed getting to know my pledge brothers and the actives, and just having fun.

Nick Tinsley, junior

This semester was pretty challenging for me. Classes are starting to become more and more difficult (difficult = less going out) making events like homecoming and Barndance special. The circus atmosphere of Room 3 is still going strong. And as a parting piece of advice to you younger guys: classes before 10 get skipped quite a bit when there's no study hours to make sure you are up.

Jared Walter, sophomore

Although this semester was pretty hectic for me at times, being a part of Room 3 definitely helped me relax and slow down. The semester was full of good times with the beginning-of-the-semester gatherings and barndance as highlights. Looking back on the semester, the house hit some rock bottom lows, especially with the passing of Marcus Shaw's mother. At times like these we are re-

SPRING '05 OFFICERS

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REBUILDING YEAR FOR NH SPORTS

Both NH teams struggled in softball this past fall, but Nabor House put on a fine performance defeating Alpha Gamma Rho 14 to 11.

In flag football, NH had few returning starters, but it was a year of much learning and improvement. Given time and direction, we're quite certain this team will be making a run for the division championship.

NABOR HOUSE NUBBINS EDITORS

Corey Struck, '06  
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Holly Spangler

NEW NH PRESIDENT OFFERS SNEAK PEEK AT SPRING SEMESTER

It's hard to believe another semester has come and gone at Nabor House. I am looking forward to a great semester and am truly honored to be able to serve Nabor House as its president for the spring of 2005. First of all we will be down in numbers a little this semester. We will be losing three to graduation in December, **Micah Pope** will be studying abroad in the Netherlands, and **Jay Kelley** will be serving as the National FFA Eastern Region Vice President. We've got a full plate of activities lined up, like always. First will be initiation for, hopefully, ten new Nabors. The guys have been preparing for the last semester, and they are all now ready to make the next step into active membership. We are planning a smooth, maybe fun at times, and most importantly a beneficial initiation for the guys. We all are planning to continuing working with our new guys, so they will continue good study habits set in the pledge semester. We'll also encourage the guys to be involved in the house.

We had another officer retreat out at house advisor Rod Stoll's place. We found things that we need to continue to work on and things that have worked in the past and need to be continued. One of our points is cooperation. We really want to continue the cooperative environment that Nabor House was founded on. Not just our cooking and cleaning, but being there for everyone and lending the helping hand when needed. We also want to work on connectivity. We are in the midst of planning an all ag house sports tournament and try to be more social with the other houses on campus. Finally, we are going to work on being positive. This means giving more compliments than complaints.



Neil Wagahoff  
NH House President, Spring '05

NH's social calendar is filling up quickly too. As always we will be having our formal sometime in the middle of the semester and our Valentine's set-up dance around the Valentine's Day holiday. We are also working on some brotherhood nights, possibly heading up to Peoria one weekend and catching a hockey game. We are also looking forward to an exchange with the ladies of 4-H house, and possibly doing something with Presby House and Sigma Alpha. We are working on a few Little Sis activities for the spring including a bon fire or a party for them towards the end of the semester.

After such a successful rush weekend in the fall, we are going to have a little easier in the spring. We have two weekends set, March 12-13, which is the same weekend as ExplorACES and the engineering open house, and April 9-10. We have around ten spots to fill, so if you have any names of juniors or seniors in high school or sophomores looking to transfer, let us know - we are always on the lookout for potential Nabors.

Other activities we are looking forward include Mom's Weekend, April 16-17. As always, we get to show our moms that 35 guys can live on their own. Our scholarship banquet will be coming up, as well. We are hoping we keep the house GPA over 3.0, as it's always been at least that high since I moved in to the house three years ago. Inviting faculty members and deans of the college worked out well last semester, so we will plan that again. Our chaplain will be planning at vesper service again. Last semester we invited a pastor for supper and then had him give a quick talk. Finally, we are all pretty wrapped up in watching our number 1-ranked Fighting Illini basketball team. Hopefully this team can make a run at the Final Four; with it being in St. Louis this year, I am sure there will be a group heading down that way.



WHAT IS THE NABOR HOUSE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION?



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Established in 1991, the Nabor House Educational Foundation was created as a tax exempt endowment to provide student scholarships and academic-oriented purchases (computer software, library inventories, etc) for the house. Today the Foundation provides annual scholarships to members of the active chapter as follows:

1. \$250 to the freshman with the highest first semester grade point average;
2. \$500 to an outstanding member of each of the sophomore, junior and senior classes. Winners are chosen based upon application and personal interviews.
3. \$250 to the first-year house member with the highest GPA, through the Keith Kelroy Memorial Scholarship .

The foundation has current assets of approximately \$27,000, of which \$6,000 is designated to the Kelroy Scholarship Fund. Keith Kelroy was a 1994 graduate of the University of Illinois and a member of Nabor House. In the fall of 1995, he was stricken with a rare and deadly form of adult-onset Multiple Sclerosis, known to doctors as Atypical Fulminate Multiple Sclerosis. Upon his passing on August 12, 1996, Keith listed Nabor House Fraternity as one of his memoirs.

The annual golf outing proceeds are the major fundraiser for the Foundation at this time. We look forward to increased efforts in the year ahead to encourage Nabor House alums to consider planned gifts as part of their estate planning. If you wish to consider an annual or planned gift to the foundation, please feel free to contact a member of the Foundation Board or Larry Dallas, NH business agent. Your contributions will have a lasting impact on the quality of Nabor House.

Thank you to all Nabors who have contributed to the Educational Foundation!

GIVING TO NHEF

Gifts to the Educational Foundation are tax deductible as allowed by law under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service and are welcome throughout the year.

To make a gift, make checks payable to NH Educational Foundation and send to:

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A LOOK BACK: THE LINCOLN AVENUE PURCHASE

**By Sam Ridlen, '40 (a partial excerpt from the 1989 NH history book, "An Idea and an Ideal")**

The goal of the men of Nabor House throughout the late 1950's and early 1960's was to get a new home. The condition of the house at 811 West Oregon was declining gradually. Major renovation would have to be done to bring it to a reasonable level of condition. Rebuilding at 811 was the goal of most Nabors.

In late 1959, the Fraternity Board contacted the architectural firm of Sauer, Mattson, and Sanner about designing a building to be constructed at 811 W. Oregon. The firm did a preliminary study and drawing for a house that would accommodate 37 men. The estimated building cost was a minimum of \$130,000. After much discussion and debate over the economics of the project, the option of tearing down and building new was rejected.

**Allan G. Mueller, '45**, who served as Chairman of the Building Acquisition Committee, turned the efforts of the committee to a search for a suitable replacement building. Over time, Mr. Wilson (NH realtor) worked out an arrangement with Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority at 1002 S. Lincoln Ave., Urbana. He had the listing on both Nabor House and the "Tri Sig" House, and he represented the owner of a rooming house located where Krannert Center is today. The client on the Krannert Center site bought 811, Nabor House bought 1002, and the Tri Sigs were free of their property and would proceed to disband on the U of I campus.

Nabor House paid \$7,500 for 811 W. Oregon in 1939 and sold it for \$50,000 in 1965. The cost of 1002 S. Lincoln was \$125,000, including furnishings. With the \$50,000 received from the sale of 811 W. Oregon, \$19,755 from contributions to the building fund and reserves in the building fund, it was necessary to borrow only \$52,000 to take over ownership of the property. At the closing, the bank representatives and the lawyers for all parties stated that they could not believe any fraternal unit on campus was in as good financial condition as Nabor House.

2004 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- **Jay Kelley**, freshman in Ag Economics
- **Brett Haney**, sophomore in Ag Economics
- **Ben Taylor**, junior in Journalism
- **Kendal Elvidge**, Senior in Agricultural Education
- **Jay Kelley**, freshman in Ag Economics (Keith Kelroy Memorial Scholarship recipient)

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

- David Shockey, '79.5 JD '83 (Chair),
- Jay Hageman, '74
- Greg Hart, '98
- Kevin Martin, '74
- Greg Olson, '70

FAST FORWARD: NH SENIORS LOOK AT LIFE DOWN THE ROAD

**Craig Bauman, Nokomis**  
**Major:** Animal Science  
**Graduates:** May 2005  
**Career path:** Dairy consultant/herdsman  
**5-year plan:** "I see myself working with a feed company or some other company with ties to the dairy industry. I think I'll also be married at this point but no kids in the picture."  
**25-year plan:** "I'd like to be back home running the family dairy farm with my brother. I can see myself with a couple kids then, too."

**Jesse Edlefson, Manlius**  
**Major:** Agricultural Economics  
**Graduated:** December 2004  
**Career path:** Selling crop/farm insurance for Sandrock Insurance, Tampico, Ill.  
**5-year plan:** "Hopefully at this point I will have found myself a nice gal, become active in church and started to establish a career."  
**25-year plan:** "That would put me at 47, which means I will only have three years until I want to retire. I hope to have a family by this time, and still be in close touch with guys from the house as well as other friends from school."

**Brett Goodwin, Wyoming**  
**Major:** Technical Systems Management  
**Graduates:** May 2005  
**Career path:** Still searching  
**5-year plan:** "Working. Possibly married, but I doubt it."  
**25-year plan:** "Hitting the peak of my career and possibly having a family with a dog (possibly kids?)."

**Kevin Knapp, Magnolia**  
**Major:** Agricultural Engineering  
**Graduates:** May 2005  
**Career path:** Design and test agricultural equipment for a large company  
**5-year plan:** "I anticipate being settled into a job I really like, maybe not the one I have after graduation. I'll have all my dream "toys" bought & paid for, and spending my money on the person I will spend the rest of my life with."  
**25-year plan:** "I hope to have been back on the family farm for several years and enjoying the rural farm life again. I'll likely be the father of a couple teenagers who will keep my hands full. I'd also like a cabin in Wisconsin to vacation to."

**Steve Lawless, Fairbury**  
**Major:** Technical Systems Management  
**Graduated:** December 2004

**Career path:** Work at Deere dealership in Bloomington  
**5-year plan:** "Still single, with a lot of toys (truck, bike, boat, etc.)."  
**25-year plan:** "Settled down in central Illinois with a wife and couple kids."

**Anthony McCullough, Watseka**  
**Major:** Agricultural Engineering  
**Graduated:** December 2004  
**Career path:** Might stay at UI until May to get a business minor.  
**5-year plan:** "Steady job as a marketing engineer with an MBA completed or in the process. No kids yet but maybe seriously dating someone. I could see myself being married by this time."  
**25-year plan:** "Still have a full-time job related to my major but I would like to begin looking into opening a bar. I would like to be married with a few kids, too."

**Scott Reed, Steward**  
**Major:** Animal Sciences  
**Graduated:** December 2004  
**Career path:** Still searching  
**5-year plan:** "Employed, possibly engaged or married."  
**25-year plan:** "Shelling out money for tuition for my ungrateful children."

**Nick Shute, Ottawa**  
**Major:** Mechanical Engineering  
**Graduates:** December 2005  
**Career path:** Product testing in the ATV/motorcycle industry  
**5-year plan:** "I will be married (currently engaged), and probably starting a family. I hope to have established job in either product testing or custom fabrication."  
**25-year plan:** "My dream is to have a unique collection of customized cars and run a shop that does the same. I hope I will be in a position by then to do that. Family should be grown and children close to gone if not already."

**Ben Taylor, Sidell**  
**Major:** Journalism, News-Editorial  
**Graduates:** May 2005

**Career path:** Two-year internship with the Athletic Public Relations office here at Illinois. Then a full-time position in athletic PR, hopefully at Illinois.  
**5-year plan:** "As an athletic PR employee for U of I, married and thinking about kids. Hopefully living near Champaign."  
**25-year plan:** "Married with kids, living in a small town and Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations at UI."



The Class of 2005: (left to right) Jarrod Waldeck, Jesse Edlefson '04.5, Matt Herpstreith '03, Ben Taylor, Kevin Knapp, Kendal Elvidge '04, Blake Wagahoff and Brett Goodwin.

**Blake Wagahoff, Raymond**  
**Major:** Agricultural Economics  
**Graduates:** May 2005  
**Career path:** Working in agronomy and with farmers, and farming a little on the side with my dad and brother.  
**5-year plan:** "In five years I will hopefully be settled into a good job, married and thinking about starting a family. "  
**25-year plan:** "I'll be a manager at my job, have three or four kids, pushing the oldest boy toward U of I and NH, and enjoying my family and work."

**Jarrod Waldeck, Farmersville**  
**Major:** Engineering Mechanics  
**Graduates:** December 2005  
**Career path:** Graduate from law school and work as a patent lawyer for a major engineering firm, or work as a design engineer in the St. Louis area  
**5-year plan:** "Married, no kids yet. Working full (over) time, saving up nest egg to start a family."  
**25-year plan:** "Nearing retirement, putting kids through college, nearing my 25th wedding anniversary, starting to spend more time relaxing than working."



CONTINUED: ALUMNI REPORTS, 2000s

wife last year. Beth Richardson Powell and I were married on August 30, 2003, and have been enjoying our first year of marriage. I

2000s

from Krannert School of Management at Purdue University.

**Harms, Ryan.** '00. 1501 12<sup>th</sup> Ave., Orion, IL 61273. 309-526-3106[h], 217-333-9237[w]. Asst. Director of Development for University of Illinois. *rharms@uiuc.edu*. I continue to work for the University of Illinois and enjoy serving NH as advisor, Nabor Commitment chair, Nubbins editor, etc. My travels for work have allowed me to visit several Nabor alums around the country, which has been great. Wife Brea and I are resurrecting a mini-ski trip to Colorado after Christmas with a few other Nabors. Hope everyone enjoys the new Nubbins!

**Jordan, David.** '00. 3245 N. 79<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI 53222. 414-708-2289[h], 262-938-5419[w]. *Advertising. nabor520@hotmail.com*. I have been busy in Milwaukee for almost two years, working at Bader, Rutter and Associates - the nation's largest agri-marketing firm. Enjoying being closer to home so I can spend more time with Nobs. If you find yourself in the land of cheese, give me a call!

**Vaughan, David.** '00. 309-742-4109. *Production Supervisor. nabor517@illinoisalumni.org*. Switched careers. Made the jump from the grain industry to the seed industry. Working for LG seeds as a production supervisor.

**Stierwalt, Greg.** '01. 645 CR 700 E., Sadorus, IL 61872. 217-598-2330 [h], 217-202-8947[w]. *Sales/ Farming. strwlt2@egir.net*. We finished another good harvest this year. I sold my dad his first red tractor. It was nice seeing everyone at homecoming. Looking forward to Illini basketball. Go Illini!

**Wendling, Jake.** '01. 2195 Jonah Road, Louisville, IL 62858. 217-246-8667[c]. Business Manager of Direct Lines, Inc. in Effingham, IL. *jake@directlinesinc.com*. Business

has been in the family for over 40 years. Go Illini basketball!

**White, Andrew.** '01. 4215 Landing Drive (# 1 B), Aurora, IL 60504. 217-371-0287. *Attorney. andrewgwhite2@yahoo.com*. Finally finished with school. I felt like I'd been there since I was six years old or something. I was fortunate enough to pass the bar on the first swing and to land a job up on the west side of Aurora. I'm with the firm of Dickson & Hasenbalg and doing a lot of real estate, probate and estate planning work. I'm adjusting to living in the suburbs, but that's been made easier by the fact that I live near fellow NH alums Dirk Larson, John Olson and Kevin Barto. I think I can get used to this Number 1 ranking. Hope Weber can keep them on top all year - Go Illini.

**Edlefson, Nate.** '02. 16875 2500 N. Ave., Walnut, IL 61376. 815-878-3609[h], 815-488-2397[w]. *Farm Marketer for Cargill. nate\_edlefson@cargill.com*.

**Slager, Tony.** '02. RR3 Box 80 Indian Pt. Rd., Petersburg, IL 62675. 217-636-8169. *Operations Manager. Tony\_Slager@admworld.com*. Married Angie Carter on 4-24-04, bought first home in November. Moved to central Illinois and work at ADM, Havana & Tallula.

**Serven, Sam.** '03. Things are going well from the St. Augustine area. I'm still employed with the Knox County Farm Service Agency (USDA/ ASCS office). We are finally getting caught up on the flood of LDPs from this fall. With good crops in our area this fall there was a lot to LDP. I'm looking forward to another pledge brother's wedding and bachelor party this coming summer for Mr. Slager. These pledge class reunions keep getting better and better. I hope to make it back to Nabor House sometime during the spring semester. Take it easy everyone.

**Bremer, Virgil.** '03.5. 5127 W. Wilkins St., Lincoln, NE 68524. 618-201-2740. *Graduate Student, University of Nebraska Lincoln. black\_angus\_81@hotmail.com*. I am now engaged to Jenn Balcerak (U of I.2004). The wedding will be sometime in 2006.

FLASHBACK TO THE '00s: BRETT NIGHTINGALE, 2001

Brett Nightingale, grain merchant, Hoboken, New Jersey

**What is your current occupation or career?**  
I work for Cargill's Ocean Transportation business unit as an ocean freight merchant. We are responsible for handling all of the ocean freight risk and chartering of vessels for the various Cargill businesses around the world.

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

First, I liked the idea of starting college in a setting like Nabor House and having a group of close friends from a similar background, rather than going into a dorm environment. Secondly, Nabor House was smaller and had less members than some of the other agricultural houses. And lastly, after spending a weekend at Nabor House during my senior year of high school, I really enjoyed the guys I met and they seemed like the type of people that I would want to live with.

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

Just hanging out with all of the guys in the house. It was great to always have people to hang out with, no matter what you wanted to do, be it going to a movie, playing sports, etc.

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

Fun, discipline and friendship. The years that I was at Nabor House were some of the most fun years that I can remember. I feel that discipline is another thing that was important about the Nabor House experience. I also made some great friends and that's one of the best things to take away from Nabor House.

**Name one food dish from all of your NH meals that you'll always remember.**

The one food dish that I will always remember from Nabor House is the meatloaf. It was one of those dishes that you never knew what it might look like or taste like when it was put out on the table.

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

My entire pledge class was very influential on my life. While going through the pledging process, you become very close to your pledge brothers and get to know them better than anyone else. It is also very influential when you read in the Nabor Nubbins or E-Nabors about the Nabors who were or are currently over in Iraq fighting for our country. I'm very proud to be fellow Nabors with them and wish them the best of luck.

**What NH memory is most special to you?**  
My best memories of Nabor House are of the football blocks. Although during the time that I was at the U of I, it was rare to see the Illini get a win, it was always a great time having a barbeque before the game and then going as a large group to the game.



NABOR COMMITMENT 2004: GIFTS RECEIVED IN '04

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Larry W. Dallas '75  
George J. Lewis '54  
Dana M. Lewis, Jr. '49.5  
Donald L. Owings '69.5

\$250 - \$499

Rodney E. Bray '88  
William J. Campion '75.5  
Donald N. Duvick '48  
Mark L. Farrell '00  
Keith E. Honegger '69  
Dr. J. David Huston, DVM '77  
Bruce A. Kramer '86  
Timothy E. Lenz '90  
Gregory L. Olson '70  
John C. Schaefer '80  
Robert K. Stewart '92  
Rodney S. Walker '81

\$100 - \$249

Adam H. Anderson '97  
Ronald L. Bailey '78  
Francis L. Barton '57.5  
Kelly L. Beaty '84  
Donald C. Beitz '62  
Dr. Randy S. Bimes, DVM '84  
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Bradley N. Bremer '82.5  
Glen M. Broom '62.5  
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Glen M. Hall, Jr. '89  
Joseph L. Hampton, Jr. '65  
Joseph W. Harlan '80

William L. Harmon '88  
Ryan J. Harms '00  
David E. Hartley '59  
Randall R. Hartstirn '74  
Scott D. Hawbaker '88  
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Roger L. Higgs '60  
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Ellery L. Knake '49  
Kraig Krause '83  
John A. Lewis '73  
James H. Litchfield '47  
Howard L. Malstrom '56  
Carl J. Masters '89  
Frank A. Masters '86  
Heath F. McCormick '97  
Nick J. McCormick '02  
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Donald L. Moffitt '69  
Thaddeus J. Obal '44  
Kent D. Paulus '86  
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Gary A. Reynolds '66  
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Everett J. Smiley '48  
Keith M. Soltwedel '91  
John E. Spangler '95

Ronald D. Starr '76  
Rodney M. Stoll '89  
Earl R. Swanson '43  
Richard H. Taylor '68.5  
Timothy C. Thor '79  
Craig P. Vroman '93  
Brad J. Walk '96  
Michael R. Weber '71  
Ryan D. Wilson '97  
Herbert L. Woolsey '50  
Merril K. ZumMallen '89

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Patrick N. Bane '81  
Michael G. Barton '77  
Steven J. Bingham '76  
Dean C. Bossert '88  
W. Van Burgess '55  
John F. (Jack) Campion '81  
Robert M. Campion '82  
Robert D. Carlson '66.5  
Larry J. Coers - Active  
Brent A. Crane '89  
Rodney L. Damery '80.5  
Dr. Steven J. Doll, DVM '73  
Lawrence A. Duewer '69.5  
Rodney B. Dye '75  
Jeffrey M. Elsas '85  
Kevin M. Engel '93  
C. Stephen Erlandson '70  
James W. Erlandson '83  
Joseph R. Fessler '80  
Joseph J. Fidler '89  
Paul B. Finley '76  
Troy W. Fischer '92  
D. Jay Frye '82  
Byron R. Geissler '64  
Elmer C. Gerlach '53  
David G. Gerstenecker '97  
Daniel W. Harms '72  
Greg T. Hart '98  
Craig B. Heisner '96  
L. Arlen Higgs '61  
Edward C. Hubly '73  
Mark A. Jacob '85.5  
Jason K. Jaeger '02.5  
Jared Jahraus '98  
Timothy B. Kiper '86  
Darren J. Koehl '00  
John R. Lamoreux '69  
James Lock - Student  
Errol T. Maul '01  
Gerald W. Mayberry '65.5  
Jeffrey A. Miller '81  
Steven D. Miller '85  
Justin L. Moffitt '98.5

Mark F. Mohr '96  
William F. Moody '53  
Thomas R. Murphy '76  
Steven R. Myers '87  
Gregory K. Neisler '85  
Richard B. Nightingale '75  
Steven R. Nightingale '02  
Gaylord L. Olson '73  
Troy L. Orwig '73  
Darrell L. Payne '76  
Carman Y. Potter '48  
Robert J. Pratt '85  
Jeffrey R. Reed '04  
R. Craig Rice '69  
James D. Rincker '71  
Mark G. Robert '89  
Scott L. Rogers '80  
Dale E. Ruckman '59  
John F. Rundquist '46  
Louis E. Schairer '56  
Stanley H. Schick '78  
David J. Schingoethe '65  
Richard E. Schingoethe '65  
David Schneider '97  
Sam Serven '03  
Scott F. Shafer '83  
Tony Slager '02  
Kevin T. Soltwedel '94  
Gary R. Stangland '78  
Matthew D. Starr '02.5  
Dr. Jerry R. Steffen, DVM '55  
Greg R. Stierwalt '01  
Nicholas Tinsley - Active  
James L. Tolan '73  
Douglas D. Van Hoveln '90  
Jay W. Vandeburg '94  
Brian D. Waibel '87  
Robert E. Walker '71  
Jared R. Walter - Active  
Mark K. Weber '77  
Jacob A. Wendling '01  
Andrew G. White '01  
Craig D. White '99  
Ryan J. Widman '93  
Gerard Widolff - Attd  
David A. Winterland '87  
Michael L. Winterland '92  
George J. Wright '52  
Kenneth N. Wright '45

NABOR COMMITMENT COMMITTEE

- Ryan Harms '00, Chair
- Rod Stoll '89
- Anthony Rowley '06

2004 CAMPAIGN TOTAL: \$20,505



KEITH KELROY REMEMBERED AS “GOOD NABOR”

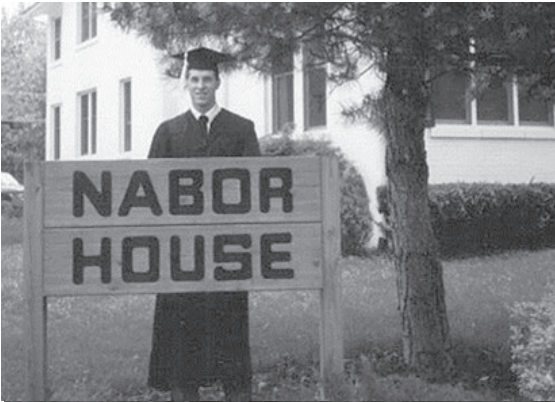
Nabor House awarded **Keith Kelroy, '94**, with the Good Nabor Award last summer at the annual meeting and golf outing. The award was given posthumously, as Keith passed away in 1995 of a rare type of multiple sclerosis. His parents, Fred and Karen Kelroy of Racine, Wisconsin, accepted the award on his behalf, and here offer more about Keith's life.

**Q** How did Keith learn about Nabor House, and what made him choose to live at NH?

When Keith was selected as a Chancellor Scholar he inquired about housing. Initially his major was going to be in the agricultural field, so two ag houses were recommended: Nabor House and FarmHouse. Then Keith and Fred did a second campus visit and after meeting the great guys at Nabor House, he made the forever-wise decision to become a fellow Nabor.

**Q** What were some of Keith's favorite memories and activities at NH?

Everything and everyone. Keith's undergraduate years at the big house overflowed with positive experiences. He found humor in everything, from his failed attempts at cooking with his mattress being pitched out the window to waking up with snow blowing in on him in the unheated sleeping room. Keith's enthusiasm for sports provided ample opportunities to interact with his brothers. Basketball, which he always referred to as b-ball, was his passion. Therefore the hoop in the back was his favorite location. Beach parties were a highlight and over the years he included his brother and other Wisconsin friends to enjoy the events of that weekend. He forged such strong friendships at the house that his brother Jason is still close to several of the guys. Ski trips to Steamboat were an off-site highlight.



Keith Kelroy at his 1994 graduation.

**Q** Tell us a little bit about Keith's disease and the process of writing "The Year of the Zebra."

Keith died from atypical fulminating multiple sclerosis. It was a rare, aggressive and tragically unstoppable form of the disease. It presented as a brain tumor the day Keith was sitting for the law school exam. Ten months, and ten hospitals later, with each transfer based on a specialist's recommendation,

Keith died. During the course of the year Keith kept an oral diary. When he knew he would not be able to write his own story he asked me to do it for him. Therefore, after his death I keyed his words exactly as he had recorded them on tape. Then I added my thoughts and feelings to the events he spoke about. It became a mother/son journal.

**Q** Why do you think Keith chose to create the Kelroy Scholarship at Nabor House with part of his memorial contributions?

Following graduation Keith received a generous offer from Quantum Chemical. During his years at the house he had switched his major from agricultural science to biochemistry. During his undergraduate years, Keith, like the typical college student, lived frugally. Once he graduated he saw no need to change his ways. In fact he laughed about his partner's hundred dollar pen that didn't write any better than his Bic pen. Thus, in the two years before his illness he had accrued a savings instead of debt. When he knew he was going to die, he shared his desire to make a donation to Nabor House but did not indicate a specific use for his donation. It was actually his fellow Nabors who decided to use the money to set up a scholarship in his memory. Initially we thought the money might be used for a new, improved basketball court.

**Q** If Keith were with us today, what advice do you think he would give current Nabor House active chapter members and alumni?

Keith had this gift to find joy in *everything*, and then leave that joy when he left. The essay portion of the Chancellor Scholar application was to write about something especially important to you, and Keith chose to write about our family. Thus, we think Keith would continue to encourage everyone to keep their priorities straight by investing time and energy into their faith, family and friends.

I also know Keith would encourage all of his "brothers" to complete their advance directives for health care. Keith expected to live a long healthy life because he said he was created from a strong gene pool. Point being, none of us know what tomorrow may bring. So he would encourage you all to participate fully in today, finding pleasure in everyone and everything, but be prepared in the event something might derail your life from the course you have set.



Fred and Karen Kelroy, parents of Keith Kelroy, accept the Good Nabor award on his behalf from NH Fraternity Board member **Jeff Ray '94**.

*Editor's note: The book written by Keith and Karen Kelroy, "The Year of the Zebra," can be purchased at Amazon.com, and is a touching and emotional tribute to Keith's life. All proceeds are used for scholarships in Keith's memory.*

my MBA this spring after completing the Capstone course, and the International Studies course in China. We'll be visiting Shanghai and Beijing for 10 days in January. As for hobbies, we're still farming with Dad, and the Father-In-Law. I've also started woodworking. As with all my hobbies, I've taken this one to the extreme: Instead of simply buying lumber, I decided sawing my own would be fun. A friend was clearing a lot and asked me to remove several trees. As a result, 57 red oak logs were hauled to my house. It's all about dry now, and ready for working. Anyone looking for some cheap red oak, give me a buzz.

**Ray, Jeff.** '94. 230 N. Ellsworth St. #1, Naperville, IL 60540. 630-357-1955[h], 630-829-4678[w]. *Ag Asset Manager. rayj26@juno.com.* 2004 marks six years working in Prudential Financial's ag mortgage investment unit. My 'baby' this past year has been renovating an old tow flat in Naperville's Historic District.

**Hoerr, Brett.** '95. 1927 E. Jefferson St., Morton, IL 61550. 309-263-7295[h], 309-266-8444[w]. *Veterinarian. brettahoerr@bwsys.net.*

**Phipps, Corey.** '95. 12261 E. 2450<sup>th</sup> Rd., Chrisman, IL 61924. 217-269-2640. *Farmer. www.phippsfarms.com.*

**Spangler, John.** '95. 3369 E. Cucumber Hollow Rd., Marietta, IL 61459. 309-926-6145. *Farmer. spangler@winco.net.* Farming away on Cucumber Hollow. Things were going great until I bought a piece of machinery with Joe Havens. Wife Holly still writes for *Prairie Farmer*. Two-year-old Jenna is busy helping with her new brother...Nathan Redden joined the family on Jan. 16.

**Carlson, Brian.** '96. 1305 Willow Rd, West., Sturtevant, WI 53177. 815-878-2084. *Technical Specialist. bcarlson11@wi.rr.com.* Currently employed with Trimble Navigation. Assigned to CNH Racine, WI, as a technical specialist for the Autoguidance project with CNH.

**Mohr, Mark.** '96. 14119 350<sup>th</sup>, Lindstrom, MN 55045. 651-213-6798[h], 651-766-6322[w]. *Spray Tip Product Manager, Hypro.*

Joseph Frederick Mohr was born 12-09-2004 and is a healthy and growing bundle of joy. Carrie and I moved to Minnesota last year. I am Spray Tip Product Manager with Hypro. Carrie is...a full time mom! We're having fun setting up house for three.

**Propst, Jason.** '96. 887 Co. Rd. 500E., Toledo, IL 62468. 217-895-2563. *jpropst@effingham.net. Swine Enterprise Specialist for FS.* Everything is going well down here. Jen & I bought a place in the country this summer! Volleyball went well as Jen coached her team to another 20-plus win season. In January 2005, we will be checking out the Hawaiian ag industry. Hope all is well for the rest of the "Best Pledge Class Ever."

**Robert, Matt.** '96. *Ag Engineer. mjr2104@msn.com.* In Champaign working for the U of I and for myself helping farmers.

**Stuepfert, Phil.** '96. 330 Emily Court, Yorkville, IL 60560. 630-553-3978. *Land planner.* Recently moved back to Illinois from Colorado. Miss the mountains, but glad to be back by family!

**Tompkins, Jason.** '96. 1202 W. Highland Dr., Mahomet, IL 61853. 217-590-2533[h], 217-877-2345[w]. *Marketing Manager. jtompkins@bendsensigns.com.* As I am writing this, I am holding a beautiful 15-month-old little girl. Needless to say, life is different! Work is very busy, fatherhood is wonderful. Where in the world is Pinto? Apparently he is trying to block out his college years. Oh well. Jill, Elise and I welcome you all to Mahomet the next time you are passing by.

**Anderson, Adam.** '97. 13310 North Rd., Hillsboro, IL 62049. 217-532-6744[h], 217-254-2679[w]. *DSM Pfister Hybrids. ahanderson@consolidated.net.* Got married in July of 2004 to Jacqui. She is making transition to farm wife – she runs augers and farm equipment. Life is great. Recently visited Nabor House – place looks great.

**McCormick, Heath.** '97. 217-868-2366[h], 217-720-2581[w]. *Application Engineer. hnmccormick@fbconnectu.net.* Nothing really new. Living on farm now, working at Hydro-

Gear, still tractor pulling and farming went well the past summer. Looking forward to Louisville tractor pull. Family is all doing well. **Schneider, David.** '97. 333 West Madison St., Rushville, IL 62681. 217-322-2815[h], 217-322-6029[w]. *dschneid@frontiernet.net.* Got engaged to Natalie Lopez this August - planning a August 2005 wedding. Who would of thunk it - a son of a hog farmer marrying a gal from New York City? Went from working at the NRCS-USDA out to Schuyler County Highway Engineering filling in potholes. Enjoying move "back home", bought a house in Rushville. If anyone's in the neighborhood, stop by.

**Wall, Don.** '97. 272 Singer Tr., Sorento, IL 62086. 217-272-4408[h], 532-3991[w]. *Loan officer/farmer. dlwall@madisontelco.com.* Second son Jack born on May 12, 2004, Cole is very excited to be a big brother. He is three years old. Laura is now a stay-at-home mom with the boys.

**Wilson, Ryan.** '97. 4208 Warbal Trail, Lowell, AR 72745. *Director of Sales, Newell Rubbermaid.* Life just seems to be getting better and better... my wife, Christina, and I are expecting our first child around March 1, 2005. Additionally, I was promoted with Newell Rubbermaid, and now serve as the Director of Sales for the Wal-Mart Division down here in Arkansas. To think that I thought the people from southern Illinois talked slow... We are enjoying our new surroundings here in God's Country, but do miss some of the simple pleasures that Chicago offered. Best wishes to all our friends.

**Hart, Greg.** '98. 1526 Grand Drive Unit 4, DeKalb, IL 60115. 815-758-2327. Our first daughter, Jenna, is now almost seven months old. I spend my time working, sleeping, taking care of our daughter. Still working the mid-night shift on I-90 in Cook County. Anybody in the DeKalb area, feel free to stop by.

**Moffitt, Justin.** '99. 1006 Knox Hwy 17, Gilson, IL 61436. 309-221-9496. *Firefighter/Farmer.* Life is good in Knox County.

**Powell, Matt.** '99. 3320 Waverly Dr., Lafayette, IN 47909. 765-471-9278. *Farm Manager.* God blessed me with a wonderful

and all of the intramural sports. I think we won the intramural basketball championship at least two years while I was at Nabor House and the football championship at least once.

**Besides "education, cooperation, and recreation", what are three words that best describe your Nabor House experience?**  
FOUR GREAT YEARS. I received a good education, created ever-lasting memories, watched the "Flying Illini" go to the final four and developed friendships that I know will last my entire lifetime.

**Name one food dish from all of your NH meals that you'll always remember.**  
Horseshoes.

**Name two or three fellow Nabors who have been most influential on your life.**  
The first one is easy: my father, **Norbert Soltwedel.** He's one of my best friends, has always provided Christian direction and has always been there to lend a helping hand or an ear to listen as I vent my frustrations. Naming a second is a little more difficult but as I look back on my college days, it would

have to be **Rod Stoll '89.** Rod was very active with clubs on campus and provided encouragement for those of us in the house to do the same. Rod left a "corporate job" and returned to campus to work with alumni and students. He wanted to be closer to his family and followed his heart instead of possible BIG BUCKS in Corporate America, which continues to impress me. My Deere job moved me back to Champaign for nearly two years and as I was building a house, Rod allowed me to stay with him, bringing back many memories of Nabor House.



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Points Rd., Sycamore, IL 60778. 815-895-4576[h], 815-522-3246[w]. *Research Associate/Farmer. svandburg@hotmail.com*. Still work with AgReliant Genetics and hope to move into our new station in Kirkland, IL, by Feb. 2005. Erin (8) is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and started 4-H with a chicken project and Tyler (5) is in kindergarten and enjoyed a summer of T-ball. Heather received her Illinois and Wisconsin acupuncture licenses and

1990s

**Cannon, Jerry.** '90. 2703 5th Ave. SW, Austin, MN 55912. 507-434-7751[h], 507-437-5595[w]. *Research - Scientist Hormel Foods. jecannon@hormel.com*. Welcomed Carson Michael on December 5. Carson weighed 7lbs 12 oz, and was 19.5 inches long. Cole is 20 months and loves playing football. Macey works out of the home as a payroll auditor for insurance companies. I am into my fourth year working in research and development for Hormel. We continue to cheer the Illini and Cubs. This year's basketball team is healing the wounds of football and baseball. If you are coming to Minnesota, don't be a stranger.

**Lenz, Tim.** '90. RR1 Box 98, Strasburg, IL 62465. 217-644-2427. *Farmer. lenztnd@one-eleven.net*.

**Van Hovel, Doug.** '90. 1883 E. 1200 North Rd., Milford, IL 60953. 815-473-4380. *Farmer-Farm manager - Rural real estate appraiser. vhf@dtnspeed.net*. Jeanne and I are well, we have a 4-year-old daughter (Monica) and twin 18-month-old boys, Caleb and Seth. The boys are into everything and quite a handful.

**Block, Scott.** '91. 3540 Public Well St., Paris, IL 61944. 217-466-6283[h], 217-280-0365[w]. *Farming. sblock@hamilyonline.com*. Family farm still surviving. Brett teaches at Paris High School now. Kaitlin is 8, Cooper Boone is 5 and Payton is 2. Thinking about coaching football at Paris.

FLASHBACK TO THE '90s: KEITH SOLTWEDEL, 1991

**Keith Soltwedel, marketing manager, Minneapolis, Minnesota**  
**What is your current occupation or career?** I am a Division Manager, Marketing , for John Deere Company. I am responsible for the John Deere Agricultural and CCE (Consumer & Commercial Equipment) business conducted through 111 John Deere dealer locations in the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota. I

**Otto, Duane.** '91. 4027 Oregon Trail, Augusta, GA 30907. 706-228-3758[h], 706-736-5011[w]. *Associate Pastor. dot-to@knology.net*. Julie and I are celebrating the birth and good health of our third child. Her name is Mary Elizabeth (Libby). Calvin, 6, Sophia, 4, are enjoying the new addition. Our home is always open if you're ever in the Augusta area.

**Soltwedel, Keith M.** '91. 17640 Hyde Park Ave, Lakeville, MN 55044. 952-431-5251[h], 952-887-6376[w]. *Div. Manager Marketing. soltwedelkeithm@johndeere.com*. Jenna turned 2 this year and Christina loves her pharmaceutical position with Express Scripts. John Deere just finished with their best year ever and it looks like 2005 will be even better. Looking forward to Illini Basketball.

**Fischer, Troy W.** '92. 6779 E Bluegrass Trail, Stillman Valley, IL 61084. 815-234-2600. *Metlife Agriculture Investments. tfischer@metlife.com*. Still keep busy raising our three daughters (school, coaching, soccer, and basketball, etc.). Graduated from the IL Ag Leadership Program in August 2004.

**Sheets, Steve.** '92. 209 Washington St., Hatley, WI 54440. 715-446-3003. *Bud-dydog@dwave.net*. As of January 7, 2004 Erica and I are the proud parents of a wonderful little boy, Ty James Sheets. He is now 11 months old and running everywhere. We have had too much going on in the past year. Ty arrived in early January, and shortly thereafter my father passed away. Erica received her DVM in May, found a job in north-central Wisconsin working on the cows, which she loves. I ended my soybean development career with Soygenetics/Land O' Lakes after 12 years and am now a stay at home dad for a little while. I am still what I want to be when I grow up. Staying busy now finishing the basement of our house. If you're up in this area, give me a call - Ty and I like to take day trips.

**Sleight, Michael.** '92. 28 Loft Ln., Athens, IL 62613. 217-636-7075[h], 217-524-4796[w]. *Revenue Tax Spec Il. miloni@quixnet.net*. My wife and I have been keeping busy chasing our two year old. I was busy this fall helping

have seven Territory Managers that (together) accounted for nearly \$500M of Deere & Co. revenue during fiscal 2004.

**What were the most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House?** My father lived at Nabor House so that was my primary reason to visit. As a high schooler, I was very impressed with the quality of individuals who were living at the house. I wanted to live with a group of guys who had similar interests as I had. Nabor House had (and continues to have) a group of well-educated, Christian guys that came from a farm back-

coach the 8<sup>th</sup> grade football team. I think we could give the U of I a run for their money.

**Engel, Kevin.** '93. 587 Knox Hwy 26, 309-208-5539[h], 309-341-4360[w]. *Farm Equipment Store Manager. kengel@birkeys.com*. Lori, Dalton (4), Katelyn (2), Kyle (9 mo) and I have purchased a small farm south of Galesburg, where Lori and the kids are going to raise some registered Angus cattle. I am still working for Birkey's managing their Galesburg CIH Dealership.

**Thornton, Jesse.** '93. 8800 Amerjack Court, Raleigh, NC. 919-334-3708. *Systems Analyst with AT&T. jessebt@hotmail.com*.

**Engel, Keith L.** '94. 430 Cherry Hills Dr., Madison, WI 53717. 608-829-2099[h], 630-640-3665[w]. *ProMilk Specialist for westfalia surge. engel.keith@westfaliasurge.com*. Job is going great! Going to present my first manuscript at the 2005 National Mastitis Council. If any my old Nabor brothers are in "Mad Town," give a call.

**Meeker, Sam.** '94, MS '00. 17115 W. Kelstadt Rd., Brimfield, IL 61517. 309-208-3098. *6Sigma Black Belt, Caterpillar. yieldmap@hotmail.com*. Life at the Meeker household has been quite a bit louder lately, due to the arrival of Blake Albert Meeker on Feb. 25, 2004. At 9 months old now, he's showing physical features of both his mother and his father, and acting out the ornery side of both. His hobbies are: cleaning out the cabinets, getting into the fridge, getting his fingers stuck in the CD tray, bumping his head, and getting into absolutely everything. He has been a ball, though; can't remember life without him...probably has something to do with lack of sleep. Susan is still working at U of I Extension in East Peoria. I think this whole "baby thing" has had its effect on her. Last but not least, I'm still here. Being a father now, I have finally realized my place...behind everybody else!! I'm still working at Caterpillar, Product Support Division, in Peoria. I've been a 6Sigma Black Belt for almost two years now. It's been a blast, and a very intense learning experience. I'm also finishing



ground so it was an easy decision to call Nabor House home for four years.

**What is one piece of the Nabor House culture or routine that you still miss today?** Basketball games in the back lot, games at IMPE

IDEAL NABOR IS MORE THAN AN IDEA

Founding member **Sam Ridlen '40** provided leadership in the production of Nabor House's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary book, published in 1989 and titled, "An Idea and An Ideal." Sam captured the history of a few men who turned the simple *idea* of low-cost university living in an agricultural and Christian-based cooperative into the reality of Nabor House. And he also detailed the *ideals* with which the founders promoted in organizing Nabor House.

As Nabor House celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2004, the active chapter advisors discussed the importance of beginning a new annual tradition. They wanted to recognize active chapter members who consistently demonstrate the core *ideals* that still differentiate Nabor House men today. The discussion led to a new Nabor House award called the I.D.E.A.L. Nabor Award. Each letter in I.D.E.A.L. represents a different core value that is believed to be a Nabor essential:

- I** Lives with **INTEGRITY** and leads by example
- D** Shows **DEDICATION** by doing more than his share of the work, yet seeks less of his share of the credit
- E** Demonstrates **EXCELLENCE** by taking pride in doing the best he can as an individual, as a student and as a Nabor
- A** Uses a positive **ATTITUDE** to promote house harmony
- L** Models servant **LEADERSHIP** by showing respect for each individual and by serving others with compassion

Last spring, each active chapter member completed an I.D.E.A.L. Nabor scorecard for each fellow active Nabor and rated them using each of these five core values. The scoring resulted in two inaugural I.D.E.A.L. Nabor Awards, presented at last summer's annual meeting to **Jesse Edlefson '04.5** and **Bryan Schallenburg '04.**

JESSE EDLEFSON, MANLIUS

Jesse earned a degree in agribusiness in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics in December 2004. He served as Nabor House president in the fall of 2003. Jesse now works with Sandrock Insurance, based in Tampico. Following is what a few active chapter peers had to say about Jesse:

*"Jesse has been one of the main people in the house I look to as an example. As one of my pledge brothers, I learned that I could always trust his judgment and that he was always willing to listen to what you had to say. I only hope that I can be as good a person and as good a friend as I have seen him be."*

*"Jesse is a caring and funny guy. Whenever I think of what a true Nabor should be like, I think of Jesse."*

*"Jesse stands out among men for reason other than his stature. He is well grounded in his principles and ideals and will not be shaken from them. However, he is not an "all-serious guy"; he can usually be found goofing-off and generally improving the attitudes of those around him."*

*"I respect him so much because of how passionate he is about what he does and how hard he works and how good a person he truly is. He is one of my best friends and a great pledge bro."*

BRYAN SCHALLENBURG, NEW DOUGLAS

Bryan earned a degree in Food and Agribusiness Farm Management in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics in May 2004. He spent last summer and fall as part of a traveling wheat harvest crew throughout the Midwest. Bryan, who's also called Bear by NH brothers, inspired the following comments:

*"Bear has done more for this house than any other person. It was always nice to have some one around who really knew how to cook. I cannot imagine what the food is going to be like without him. Getting to know him was a great experience. It was nice to have people like Bear to look up to."*

*"Bear is one of the most hard-working guys in the house. I'm going to strive to follow his footsteps and be more helpful to everyone in the house."*

*"Bear has done way more than his part for this house. As work chair this semester it was even more noticeable. He tackled many projects before I had a chance to. He takes a lot of pride in this house and it will be a different place without him."*

*"Bryan is a dedicated, dependable, hard working individual. If there is a job that needs to be done he'll get it done. His "quiet but witty" personality is comfortable and enjoyable to be around. His honest character is one to be modeled. He displays what it means to be a Nabor."*



ALUMNI REPORTS: NABORS CHECK IN FROM ACROSS THE DECADES

1940s

**Parks, Walter D.** '40. 116 Apple Lane, Anna, IL 62906. 618-833-6475. *Retired.* *waltmsp@alliedaccess.net.* Among the advantage of seniority: 4 children, 5 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, colon surgery & recovery from lymphoma. It's a great life!

**Buchanan, Paul.** '42. Vancouver, WA. *buchanps@pacifier.com.* Sheila and I are watching our children mature and our health cause troubles. We moved here 15 years ago because all three of our daughters were here. We were spending lots of time on the road to see them. Now Marian is in Hawaii where her husband Rick is the chief volcanologist. Jim has moved to Lopez island in the San Juans of Washington. They are producing a quality ice cream that is distributed in Northwest Washington and at all the fairs and civic activities. We are hoping they succeed. I had a bad reoccurrence of my 2003 stomach problem. It is called Dieulafoy Vessel and has a high mortality rate. This time they went in through my groin and blocked off all the arteries and veins in the top portion of my stomach. The worst problem is that there are no symptoms and no pain. So I am being watched and tested carefully. Otherwise both Sheila and I are still active and hope to spend three months in Arizona this winter.

**Swanson, Earl R.** '43. 1907 S. Harding Drive, Urbana, IL 61801-6209. 217-367-7372. *erswanson@msn.com.* We are still living in the same house where we have now lived for 50 years. Pure inertia keeps us here. (Fellow Nabor House alum, Al Mueller, and I both contracted for the construction of the shell of our homes and then completed the interiors ourselves.) During the fifty year period, I have wandered a bit from this base of operations--teaching summer school in Japan in 1958; a Fulbright in Denmark, 1958-59; two months in U.S.S.R. in 1963; Ford Foundation consultant, India, January 1968; International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Luxenberg, Austria 1975; Oilseed production in Egypt, 1978; Agricultural assessments in the Caribbean-Antigua and St. Vincent in 1982-83; and finally Visiting Prof. Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences 1984.

Since retirement I have had all kinds of surgery, too numerous to mention. My doctor tells me he will continue to keep plugging the holes. My wife Becky and I attended the Homecoming coffee held at Nabor House before the football game. No one else from my era was there, but enjoyed visiting with the actives. Although we have no descendants who did undergraduate work at the U of I, our son Paul did a PhD in biochemistry in 1979, daughter Ann did an

MSW in 1988 and hopefully a grand-daughter, Sarah, will receive DVM in 2006.

**Walker, Floyd S.** '46.5. 1706 Amberlane #242, Urbana, IL 61802. *Retired Realtor.* Recently moved from Gibson City, Ill., where I lived since college.

**Schilt, Leroy.** '47. 4105 Mara Dr., Florissant, MO 65033. 314-831-7628. *Retired.* Oldest grandson graduated suma-cum laude from U. of Missouri - is now in law school at U. of Minnesota. Granddaughter is sophomore in international business at S.W. Missouri. Youngest grandson is a high school junior.

**Duvick, Donald.** '48. Still busy in retirement - publishing plant breeding reviews, committees and other services, etc. Our health is good for our age, so can't complain.

**Obal, Ted.** '48. 739 Hillsdale Ave., Hillsdale, NJ 07642-2515. 201-664-7836. *Retired Economist.* Spent two months on the Obal Family Farm near O'Fallon, Ill. More and more farms in the St. Louis Metro East are being sold to developers.

**Potter, Carmen.** '48. 1258 Potter Rd., Jacksonville, IL 62650. 217-243-2388. *Retired.* Everyone is healthy and well. Grandson Adam was married in March. Best crop yields ever.

**Knake, Dr. Ellery.** '49. 511 W. Main St., Urbana, IL 61801. 217-367-4423. *Retired U of I Professor.* My wife Connie and I are doing fine, really enjoying retirement. Over July 4<sup>th</sup>, we went to see son Kim in Colorado and watch them shoot their cannon as band played 1812 overture. We've been getting our culture at Krannert Performing Arts Center - John Philip Souza, St. Petersburg Philharmonic, Steel Band, Percussion ensemble, etc.

1950s

**Foster, Joseph.** '50. 217-774-5472. *Retired.* We sold our Minnesota cabin after 41 years of heavy use. My physical problems plus the long drive took the fun out of going there. Now we will enjoy Lake Shelbyville and all it has to offer. If you visit the lake, come see us.

**McCurdy, Jim.** '50. 1301 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Monmouth, IL 61462. 309-734-2638. *Retired U of I Extension.* *jmccurdy@maplecity.com.* Retired from U of I Extension in 1994 after 41 years in county work. My wife Carol and I celebrated out 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2003 and now have passed 51. Our three children are not too far away - one in Madison, WI, one in Petersburg, IL, and the other in Monmouth. We have 9 grandchildren. We both do a lot of volunteering in our church, the hospital, extension programs, plus others. Stop by if in the neighborhood.

FLASHBACK TO THE '40s: WALTER PARKS, 1940

**Walter Parks, retired soil scientist, Anna, Ill.**

**What is your current occupation or career?** Retired for the past 12 years. Prior to that, I was a soil scientist in the U.S. Soil Conservation Service for 25 years and a registered sanitarian for Southern Seven Health Department for 15 years, working on private sewage disposal and private water supplies in the seven southernmost Illinois counties.

**What were the two or three most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House?** Since I was possibly the third person to join the original founding group, my answer is fairly simple: a) cheap living; b) cheap living; c) persistence by **Burdette Lutz** that I try out the idea with him and **Garrett Loy**.

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

**Name one food dish from all of your NH meals that you'll always remember.** I'm going to give two: first "lump gravy" (how many of you really made nice smooth gravy without any lumps in it?). Second, "fish eye dessert." Burdette got a good buy on some tapioca, but the individual round pieces were about three times the usual size and when they were cooked they did resemble fish eyes. We had them about half our first semester together. Ugh!

**Name two or three fellow Nabors that have been most influential on your life.** First was **Garrett Loy '40.5**. Garrett's high moral and Christian outlook made significant contributions to Nabor House's formation. It also had a personal influence on me. It was not by loud insistence, but by example and gentle suggestions. Second was **Burdette Lutz '40.5**, who first thought of the idea for Nabor House. His insistence and persistence with the uncertainty, with possible members, and in equipping and supplying the fledgling house, were outstanding.

**Share one special NH memory for you.** One? There are many! But I believe I would have to say that it is of what Nabor House has become, with its 500 or so alumni and a nearly world-wide touch by those alumni.



FLASHBACK TO THE '80s: TIM DAMRON, 1983

**Dr. Tim Damron, doctor, Syracuse, New York**

**What is your current occupation or career?** Musculoskeletal oncologist. In essence, I am an orthopedic surgeon with additional fellowship training in bone and soft-tissue tumors, so I spend most of my time dealing with tumors, in addition to doing total joints and some general orthopedic surgery. My current title is David G. Murray Professor of Orthopedics, an endowed professorship through the State University of New York Upstate Medical University.

**What were the two or three most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House?** I joined Nabor House after also visiting AGR and FarmHouse because of (1) stronger academics, (2) opportunities for fellowship, and (3) people I met there.

**What is one piece of the Nabor House culture or routine that you still miss today?** One thing I've learned over the years is to enjoy a good laugh, and the "spaz award" was a weekly opportunity for that. I recall once receiving the "spaz award" for doing such a poor job trying to nominate someone else for the award.

**Name one food dish from all of your NH meals that you'll always remember.** I don't recall what the name of this delicacy was, but there was something I would throw together from the fridge on weekends that had a fried burger, fried eggs, and cheese on toast. Was it "sleezeburger?"

**Name two or three fellow Nabors that have been most influential on your life.** The three people who I remember the most from my days at Nabor House were my fellow Illini football teammate, **"Big Jim" Erlandson**, and two other people in my class, **Ken Eathington** and **Scott Shafer**, because of their academic achievements in law and engineering.

**Share one special NH memory for you.** I recall one episode with special delight, and I think **Brian Groth** might have helped me. One evening, we taped a large pack of firecrackers onto the end of a 10-foot pole, lit them and then shoved them in through the basement window overlooking the television where there were a large number of people watching. That created a little bit of a stir as I recall. I don't recall actually being caught.



son City, Logan is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at ICMS in Easton with 6<sup>th</sup> grader Lucas. Some 70 basketball games, not including any Fighting Illini games, to attend. Also busy with coop board, Farm Bureau, etc. Spent time in Colorado with Stoll and Bremer families.

**Eathington, Kenny.** '83. 11715 Strathmoore Court, Dunlap, IL 61525. 309-243-7045. *Attorney.* I was just recently appointed to the College of ACES Alumni Board as the District 3 Director and look forward to serving in that capacity. Amy still works for Bradley University Health Department. Adam is a high school senior this year and hopes to be accepted at the U of I in the College of ACES. Tyler is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If you are in the Peoria area, please give us a call. We have enjoyed the U of I basketball success to date and look forward to Coach Zook!

**Millard, Brian.** '83. 401 Virginia Road, Arenzville, IL 62611. 217-997-2195[h], 217-997-5546[w]. *District Manager for Wells Fargo Financial Leasing- Providing financing for farm and commercial businesses.* *millard5@frontiernet.net.* Wife Cara and I are approaching 20 years of marriage and have three wonderful children- Jessica, 16, Jacob, 13, and Joshua, 9. They are all active in school and in sports which keeps us busy most of the time. Cara is still teaching at Beardstown High School and looking forward to moving into a brand new school sometime this year. I have been with Wells Fargo for about three years and enjoy meeting new people every week. My territory is now the lower 2/3 of Illinois and all of Missouri, so maybe I'll see some fellow Nabors in my travels.

**Beaty, Kelly L.** '84. 1550 Little Willow, Morris, IL 60450. 815-942-3772[h], 815-942-5300[w]. *Banking.* *kelly-beaty@standardbanks.com.* President of the Southern region of Standard Bank & Trust.

**Bimes, Randy DVM.** '84. 2250 Old Bethlehem Pike, Quakertown, PA 18951. 215-538-7718[h], 215-536-2726[w]. *Veterinarian.* *randy-bimes@comcast.net.* Wife Barbara and three kids (Alex, 18, Ryan, 13, Claire, 11). Still enjoying private practice.

**Ray, Doug.** '84. 226 Prairie Lane, Princeton, IL 61356. 815-875-8815[h], 815-878-5225[w]. *Farm Management.* *ray-farm@theramp.net.* Go Illini Basketball - #1, Kids 22, 20, 15, 9 and 7, Granddaughter 1 ½ yrs old, can't believe almost 25 years since fall '80 pledge class.

**Newport, Curtis P.** '85. 528 Allen Street, Belvidere, IL. 815-494-5294. *Buyer/Estimator at Rock Valley Packaging, Inc.*

*cnwport@boonecounty.info.* com. My father, Max Newport ('57) retired from farming this year. With mixed emotions, I watched him combine his last rows of corn. It marked the end of a family legacy of several generations of farmers, and the rural lifestyle that I dearly loved. I continue to serve on the county Zoning Board and a local credit union board of directors. Wife Becky & I are active in our local church & community theatre.

**Urush, Tim.** '86. 20544 E. CR. 1100N., Kilbourne, IL 62655. 309-562-7337. *Farmer.* *tdngeurish@hotmail.com.* Debbie and the kids are busy with work and school. Nick is 14 years old and a freshman in high school. Gavin is 10 years old and Eileen is 6 years old. Looking forward to Illini basketball.

**Weber, Joe.** '86. 11318 Magnolia Place, Smithfield, VA 23430. 757-357-1789[h], 757-357-1611[w]. *VP Fresh Pork.* *joeweber@smithfield.com.* Come out and visit.

**Bingham, Wayne.** '87. RR 1 Box 84, Griggsville, IL 62340. All is going well. I am in my eighth year as sales manager of Logan Agri-Service. Kristine teaches 2nd at Griggsville Elementary School. Jacqueline, 10, Allyson, 8, Daniel, 5, & Jennifer, 2, are all doing well.

**Winterland, Dave.** '87. 16 Brookwood Ct., Fairbury, IL 61739. 815-692-4280. *Farmer.* Very much enjoyed Dave Stock this summer. It was a lot of fun to see everyone. Wife Nicole just received her real estate license. Braden, 6, Katelind, 1 ½. Life is good!

**Elliott, Chris.** '88. 7360 Summit Ridge Road, Middleton, WI 53562. 608-827-7982[h], 608-662-0140[w]. *Nutra-Park Inc.* *cmhhhelliott@aol.com.* Keeping busy balancing time between family and work. Our three daughters are growing up (Haley, 11, Hope, 8, Heather, 5) and are involved in many activities. Michelle is the keeper of the family schedule and makes sure everyone is where they are supposed to be. Nutra-Park is beginning to grow as a company, which has made all the hard work over the last couple of years worthwhile.

**Harmon, Bill.** '88. 549 E. 500 N. Rd., Morrisonville, IL 62546. 217-526-3569[h], 217-786-2573[w]. *Ag Instructor.* *bill.harmon@llcc.edu.* I have enjoyed my semester back at U of I as a grad student while on sabbatical from LLCC. Going back to Steak and Beans brought back some good memories of NH. Looking forward to going back to teaching instead of taking notes and watching the U of I play in St. Louis in March.

**Vandenburg, Steve.** '89. 26442 Five



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**Mealiff, Dave.** '72. 410 N. Hersey Ave., Beloit, KS 67420. 785-738-5159[h], 785-738-3071 [w]. *Associate Pastor of Caring Ministries.* Work: *dmealiff@beloitfcc.org*, Home: *dmealiff@nckcn.com*. I had the chance to serve on a two-week mission trip in Kenya and Tanzania in July 2004 and it changed my perspective of the world. I observed the materially very rich and very poor side by side. I also observed the spiritually enslaved and the free, side by side. Combining these experiences, I observed that many Americans are enslaved because of their commitment to things and lack of commitment to spiritual matters. In my church at Beloit, we just completed "40 Days of Purpose" which included a study of *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. I highly recommend it, especially for those seeking to discover what on earth you are here for. My oldest daughter, Julie, is in graduate school at Juilliard in New York City studying piano. Pam and Sarah Jean are at KSU and MCC. Daniel is a junior at Beloit High School. Katie is a freshman. Kim is in 6th grade, Elsie is in 5th, Heidi is in kindergarten. Linda finally has some free time at home.

**Reiners, Gary.** '72. PO Box 126, Elliott, IL 60933. 217-749-2816[h], 217-784-4261 X221[w]. *Purchasing. greiners@excite.com.* Found myself to be a casualty of corporate downsizing and reorganization in September when my job of 26+ years was eliminated. I was fortunate to find another job in three weeks. I am now back in agriculture, working for the same company I started with after graduating from college - M & W Gear Company in Gibson City. Ruth is still working for the Bank of Gibson City. We enjoy being grandparents and look forward to more traveling as we approach retirement. Gretchen is married, living in Grant Park, working for Heritage FS, and has a step daughter, and is expecting a baby in July. Heidi is married, living in Gibson City, Country Insurance and Financial agent, and has a son, 2½.

**Crone, Dick.** '72.5. 700 N. Hart Blvd., Harvard, IL 60033. 815-943-6456[h], 815-490-5531[w]. *Director of Manufacturing for Dean Foods Co.* Coordinating production of 20 milk and ice cream processing plants in 8 Mid-western states. Work the gamily farm in "spare time" as well as president of McHenry County Fair. Hope to start granddaughters showing hogs this year. Life is good!

**Hubly, Ed.** '73. 420 8th South St., New Ulm, MN 56073. 507-354-6993[h], 507-227-6368[w]. *Swine Consultant for Land O'Lakes-Purina Feeds. ehubl@landolakes.com.* I will be celebrating 20 years with LOL this July. I am retiring from Jr. Baseball Board and coaching this year so now there will be more time for golfing! Our oldest son, Chad, and wife Jamie are expecting a little boy around Christmas so everyone is excited - especially

this grandma and grandpa since it will be our grandchild. Nate is working for TCF Banks in St. Cloud and may be joining the married ranks in the near future. Scott is finishing up school at Arizona State, hopefully next year. Matthew is a 9th grader and loving it. He had a super summer playing baseball and is enjoying hockey even more. Sharon has been busy putting on more silk flower design and home decorating workshops at her job. Her workshops are getting quite a reputation for their entertainment as well as design value. She is quite the comedian and they run out of seating space when she is featured.

**Olson, Gaylord.** '73. *Fieldman.* Still working for The McGregor Co. Wife Karen is working in human resources at Palouse River Counseling. Daughter Emily how on her own working for Hostar Corp., Redmond, WA. Son Matt now in fourth of five-year program landscape architecture, Washington State University.

**Dallas, Larry W.** '75. 650 E. Cr. 1450 N., Tuscola, IL 61953. 217-253-4287. *Farmer. lwd@net66.com.*

**Dye, Rod.** '75. 309-659-2189[h], 309-659-2541[w]. *Pastor. b.dye@mchsi.com.* I was ordained an Elder in UMCat Annual Conference, June 2004. Brenda is working as registrar at Illini hospital in Silvis. Oldest son Nick is Sergeant in the Army, stationed at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX, and is to be married July 2005. Youngest son Ben is Airman First Class in Air Force, stationed at Cannon AFB Clovis, NM. May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

**Bingham, Steve.** '76. 330 N. Hill St., Woodstock, IL 60098. 815-338-1692. *District Sales Manager for Crow's.* Nancy contemplates career opportunities, Laura (21) is looking at graduate schools in PT, Sarah (18) is comparing colleges for architecture, David (18) is considering college football, and Steve just completed a great 23rd year with Crow's.

**Starr, Ron.** '76. *ronstarr@nauvoo.net.* Son Matthew is engaged to Susan Nussbaum. We are very excited for him and she is a real sweetheart. I think Matthew's sisters would have adopted her if he hadn't popped the question. Magen, UI'04, at North Carolina State at Raleigh for doctoral fellowship in corn breeding, Kathleen, junior at UI in Family Dev., is neighbor to the Nabors.I keep farming and raising hogs. Great fall!!!! Patti, substitute teacher and private speech/language students.Miss the kids but really are enjoying empty nest. Maybe we will take a vacation!! Stop by if ever in Western Illinois.

**Scheider, Tom.** '76.5. 4778 W. Empire Rd., Freeport, Il 61032. 815-868-2449. *Farmer.* My son, John, will be a freshman at Illinois next fall. It seems hard to believe he is receiving a JBT scholarship. His major will be Ag Engineering. As of the time I am writing this,

he hasn't decided where to live. Guess I can go to Dad's Day now.

**Schick, Stan.** '78. 4226 Akron Rd., Edelstein, IL 61526. 309-243-9281[h], 309-446-3352 [w]. *John Deere Sales and Farmer.* Everyone doing great. Margie still home schooling Heidi (15), Katie (13) and Hannah (9), while Andy is a Junior at Bradley in mechanical engineering and Kevin a freshman at ICC in civil engineering. It is amazing how fast time is going. God is very good to us!

**DeSutter, Randy.** '79. 2947 Knox Highway 6, Woodhull, IL 61490. 309-334-2605. *Farmer. rsmkdesutter@winco.net.* Matthew is now a junior and Kristin is a freshman. Stop in if you are passing through Woodhull.

1980s

**Bingham, Tom.** '80. 4844 Ashbrook Dr., Noblesville, IN 317-867-4922[h], 317-896-5554[w]. *Acct Mgr. Soygenetics. bingham@insightbb.com.*

**Rogers, Scott.** '80. 3622 Cummings Ave., Eau Claire, WI, 54701. 715-858-0224[h], 715-864-6257[w]. *Specialty Coffee. srogers828@aol.com.* Shirley and I became part of a different type of agriculture this year - the world coffee market – we purchased the Gloria Jean's Coffee store here. After leaving my corporate marketing job, it's been fun learning retail marketing and working together as a family. Ben, a freshman at UW-Eau Claire, and Liz, Junior at EC Memorial both also work at the store, Tim 11 is now in 5th grade at Crestview Academy.

**Schramm, Rick.** '80. 1624 Devonwood Dr., Springfield, IL 62704. In April, I went to work for Illinois National Bank in Springfield, as a commercial lender (217-747-5884 work). Looking forward to a great basketball season!

**Damery, Rod.** '80.5. 14929 Middlesborough Drive, Matthews, NC 28104. 704-882-0583 [h], 704-329-9134[w]. *totally-blessed@carolina.rr.com.* Enjoying life in North Carolina. We are two hours to the mountains and three hours to the ocean. Climate here is great. We have four seasons, but winters are short and mild. Oldest son Andy is 19 and going to a local community college and working full-time. Wife Beth is home schooling other two sons, Zachary, 13, and Logan, 9. I will be eligible to retire in two years from my position as a federal law enforcement officer and am looking at options for my second career. Proudly wearing the orange and blue in ACC country, especially after the Illini's thrashing of Wake Forest!!

**Frye, D. Jay.** '82. 11277 N. CR. 2250 E., Easton, IL 62633. 309-562-7481. *Farmer/Insurance Sales. easton@casscomm.com.* Another excellent corn yield. Son Landon is a freshman at Illini Central High School in Ma-

FLASHBACK TO THE '50s: GEORGE WRIGHT, 1952

Dr. George Wright, pharmaceutical industry consultant, West Chester, Ohio

Tell us about your career life.

I am still engaged in the research and development of prescription and over-the-counter drugs for humans. I spent almost 18 years in the pharmaceutical industry in various positions of middle management, but have since (14 years) been active as an independent consultant. I still function in that capacity, but at a reduced level of activity for the past few years.

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

First, my two brothers were members of Nabor House before me. Second, the atmosphere of the house was compatible with the upbringing of a farm kid from southern Illinois. Third, money was very scarce in those days, and the cooperative functioning of the house fit the bill very nicely.

What is one piece of the Nabor House culture or routine that you still miss today?

Probably the cooperation of the men of the house and the willingness to help each other are the factors in the outside world that I find most missing in today's society.

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

Scholarship, honesty and integrity.

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

Chili—it was fast to prepare and difficult to spoil.

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

It is difficult to single out two or three, but the names that come to mind are **Sam Buck '52, John Curry '50, John Diewer '52.5, Walt Fehrenbacher '50 and Walt Wittorff '52.** And, my brothers were instrumental in my development as well.

What NH memory is special to you?

The cold winter nights in the attic where we slept will always bring back some poignant memories. Probably the social events that I will remember the most during my senior year were the house dances. My fiancée, who has been my wife for the past 51 years, attended those dances with me. The good times after the work was done were great.



**Appenheimer, Clay.** '50. Dixon, IL 61021. 815-284-9722. *Retired.* Rose and I moved into a home at the edge of town 5 years ago to enjoy gardening and caring for an orchard and live in anticipation of much fruit and many great grandchildren. Two so far.

**Woolsey, Herbert.** '50. 2808 Spring Drive, Vandalia, IL 62471. 618-283-1321[h], 618-283-1263[w]. *President - Woolsey Bros. Farm Supply Inc.* Married 4/25/04 to Mary. We have moved to a new home just north of our business. I'm still active in our fertilizer, crop protection, seed, grain bins and other farm supplies business.

**Wright, George J. Ph.D.** '52. 8229 Grey Fox Dr., West Chester, OH 45069. 513-755-1250. *Consultant. senator\_fox@msn.com.* Marcella and I continue to spend about equal time between Ohio and Arizona. I still work about half time with consulting. Best regards to everyone for the coming year.

**Gerlach, Elmer.** '53. 724 E. Washington St., Mt. Carroll, IL 61053. 815-244-6543. *Retired Ag Teacher.* Still enjoying life and retirement. Toured Alaska for two weeks this summer, an excellent trip. Still mourning the Cubs fall collapse and the Illini football team.

**Masters, Don.** '53. 219-479-0141. Found last summer's annual meeting to be worth the trip.

**Schertz, Cletus.**'53. 2579 Orchard Lane, White Bear Lake, MN 55110-5618. 651-777-9553. *Retired. scher002@umn.edu.* No exciting news. Getting set for winter. It's at least two months late. That's O.K. with us.

**Schlueter, Clarence A.** '53. 217-351-6991. *Retired Real Estate and Insurance. schlueter@insightbb.com.* We have been enjoying a wonderful fall with a bountiful harvest. The challenge is finding the high mark on the grain market. We enjoyed a family reunion and a great fly fishing expedition at Park City, Utah, had a great time. We are now planning a two week visit to Chile in South America in January. All Nabors are welcome at 2208 Valley Brook Champaign, 61829. Come see us.

**Burgess, Van.** '55. 9593 Davona Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583. 925-829-1087. *Professor-Emeritus. vburgess@pacbell.net.* All is well with family of three children and five grandchildren. Our daughter and granddaughter (2½) joined us at Lake Cumo, Italy, for a week while we were there in October. In August, we met fellow Nabor Bernard Wilson and his wife for lunch one day while in Hilo, Hawaii.

**Schlueter, Mel.** '55. All is well – Travel – Rest – Grand kids – getting older – enjoying retirement more each year. Looking forward to a good basketball season!!!

**Steffen, Dr. Jerry R.** '55. PO Box 102, Goodfield, IL 61742. *Veterinarian.* Still here in the great little town of Goodfield – we have turn lanes and stop lights now. Sure different than we se set practice 45 yrs ago. Just back from a week in Lake Ozark.

**Schairer, Lou.** '56. 505 Opatrny Dr., Fox River Grove, IL 60021. 847-639-3325. *Retired Teacher. grnthumblou@yahoo.com.* My brother Wink (a Nabor) was killed while out jogging August 9th. His daughter, Cindy, was married Nov 13th. Our family was all together at the wedding. Our granddaughter will have our 2nd great grand child around Dec 14th. I am going to the Galapogos Islands in January 2005. I will be with 9 or 10 other retired biology teachers. We will tour 10 of the islands and snorkel around these islands, too. I will be hoping I don't get seasick. Peace to all.

**Dintelmann, Bob.** '57. 600 Lorenz Lane, Belleville, IL 62220-2767. 618-233-3090 [h], 618-530-3090[c]. *Retired/Consultant. dintelmann@aol.com.* Hello to all. Soon to finish seven years having sold my share in the family nursery business in Belleville. I have my own consulting and nursery appraisal business and it is going well. Joyce and I are married 47 years, have five children and our 12th grandchild is due December 2004 in Destin, FL. We visited our daughter and family in the Bay Area, CA, for Thanksgiving. We traveled to Scotland, England, and Ireland for three weeks in May. We pray God's blessing on all of you.

**Hortik, Harvey J.** '57,M.S. '59, Ph.D '63. 12526 Lt. Nichols Road, Fairfax, VA 22033. 703-620-5704[h], 571-216-4655[c]. *Retired. hhortik@aol.com.* Retired in September 2000 after a second career of 15 years with the U.S. Agency for International Development, during which I managed grants to U.S universities for agriculture research in developing countries. Totally enjoyed work and am now enjoying retirement. We will maintain our permanent residence in Fairfax, VA. Hope the Illini can keep their # 1 rating throughout the season, as it will make life much more livable with all the ACC fans in this part of the country.

**Dunaway, Lauren.** '58. 2136 Bonroyal Dr., Des Peres, MO 63131. 314-965-8693[h], 314-962-9300[w]. *Veterinarian.* Still in small animal practice, play tennis three times weekly, wife Pat works at bank. Three grandsons, first at SIU Edwardsville in engineering, second at Belleville West High School and third in 8th grade. All doing well.

**Eidman, Vernon.** '58. 90 Mid Oaks Lane, Roseville, MN 55113. 651-644-5094[h], 612-624-7253[w]. *Professor of Applied Econ. veidman@apec.umn.edu.* I stepped aside as head of the Department of Applied



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FLASHBACK TO THE '60s:  
JIM SCHOONAERT, 1962

Jim Schoonaert, retired extension officer and commodity broker, Indianapolis, Indiana



Tell us about your career life. Retired June 30, 1995. I worked as an agriculture extension officer for Michigan State University early in my career, then in the commodity business until my retirement.

**What were the most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House?**  
The primary reason I chose Nabor House was financial. I was not selected as a member of the original pledge class, but was the third alternate. Fortunately, three guys decided to live elsewhere. Current Nabors will find this hard to believe, but in 1958 tuition was \$100 per semester and the house bill \$50 per month. The chance to live with other students with a farm background was also important in that it made the transition from high school to college life much smoother.

**What is one piece of the Nabor House culture or routine that you still miss today?**  
Ice cream parties!

**What's one food dish from all of your NH meals that you'll always remember?**  
Meatloaf!! I ate enough meatloaf while at Nabor House to last me a lifetime and I haven't eaten meatloaf since. A close second was Sunshine Soup that **Leon Turner '61** served for lunch one day after anonymous Nabors deposited a greasy possum in his bed. Leon's gourmet recipe for Sunshine Soup was a bowl of boiling water garnished with a teaspoonful of mustard and a slice of carrot!

**What NH memory is special to you?**  
**Don Beitz '62** and I were walking on campus around Thanksgiving in 1961. We ran across Marcia Turley from my hometown, who was a year behind me in high school. I didn't know her in high school. She was looking for a ride home for Thanksgiving. Since I didn't have a car, she made other arrangements. Shortly thereafter, we started to date, were engaged a year later and were married on June 23, 1963. She tells everyone I married her for her 1956 blue Buick and her portable black and white TV set. Despite that, it turned out OK as we'll celebrate our 42nd anniversary in 2005!

Economics at the U. of Minnesota in July, after serving for six years. I began a phased retirement program (3/4 time). I continued to teach and conduct research. Bonnie, our three married children and six grandchildren are all doing very well.

**James, Harold '58.** 2695 Allen Rd., Buncombe, IL 62912. 618-658-5678. *Veterinarian/Farmer. hjames@midwest.net.* Getting geared up for Christmas tree sales. Good year for cattle with the current prices. Still working at Vet Med ½ time. Lots of hunters around for deer season this year.

**Hartley, David.** '59. 1124 Deercroft Court, Fort Collins, CO 80525. 970-225-6733. *Horticulturist. david.hartley@colostate.edu.* Retired in 2002, then took a part-time faculty position at Colorado State University. Both married children and five grandchildren all live here in Fort Collins. Life is good.

**Stoller, Jerry H.** '59. 11907 Churchill Ct., Houston, TX 77024. 713-468-1007[h], 713-461-1493[w]. *Executive.* Four years ago a trust was established to put in new chapters of Nabor House Fraternity on other agricultural college campuses. The value of the trust now exceeds \$800,000. We should be ready to start activities next year. We are looking for volunteer help and suggestions for campuses.

**1960s**

**Brazle, Vernon L.** '60. 618-347-2207[h], 618-292-0285[w]. *Retired. brazle-haus@frontiernet.net.* Judy and I are fine. Both working part time for NASDA doing survey work for Illinois Ag Statistics Service. Anther Brazle grandchild due in May. Looking forward to Feb 15<sup>th</sup> when Judy and I fly to Honolulu for a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. Son-in-law is in Iraq. His daughter Stasi just joined the Illinois National Guard.

**Coffman, Robert.** '60. 2924 Eula Dr., Urbandale, IA 50322-6868. 515-278-6842. *coffmanedit@yahoo.com.* Semi-retired: still doing some custom editing. Collaborating on a new book – Enriching Your Life's Value: Small steps to a larger life. Active in Kiwanis and promoting the “Kids in Cars” vehicle safety organization.

**Duewer, Lawrence A.** '60. 261 Campground Rd., Livingston, TN 38570. 931-823-6042. *Retired. leduewer@twlakes.net.* Retired from USDA almost five years now. Raising Icelandic Sheep, Great Pyrenes Dogs and chickens to keep me down on the farm.

**Higgs, Roger.** '60. 815-492-2613. *Professor Emeritus. higgs@uwplatt.edu.* Retired a year ago after 37 yrs teaching soils/crops at U. of Wis-Platteville. Retired to Apple Canyon Lake in northwest Illinois. Nabors welcome! Bring

golf clubs and/or fishing poles. I'm still coaching soils and crops teams at UW-P. I'm working on a family genealogy book. I went to England in this regard for two weeks last summer. Fran and I did a 10-game baseball tour last summer with a group. Go Cardinals!

**Higgs, L. Arlen.** '61. 309-647-0837[h], 309-647-3429[w]. *Real Estate Appraiser.* I turned 65 on 12-19-04. It doesn't seem like 43 years has passed since I left the U of I. I plan to slow up somewhat after Jan. I attended the Illini Connection meeting Sept 18. Ed McMillan provided us a well presented update on the Presidential search. It's nice to see Nabors shine!

**Close, David.** '62. 1776 135<sup>th</sup> St., Reynolds, IL 61279. *Farming/Insurance.* Our family is fine and growing up – 3 grandchildren in school – last two next couple of years. Insurance business good and farming is great. Best crop ever in 2004 – 63 bu/acre soybeans, 213 bu/acre corn—what a crop. Still working full time but travel when possible.

**Schoonaert, James H.** '62. 5300 W. 96th St. 13 Woodside, Indianapolis, IN 46268-3905. 317-733-3560. *Retired.* jschoons@sbcglobal.net. Marcia and I moved into our new duplex at Hoosier Village on April 26th after nine years in Bella Vista, AR. The move brought us closer to our 7-year-old grandson and 3-year-old granddaughter in Muncie, IN, and Marcia's 91-year-old mother in Bloomington, IL. We have enjoyed playing golf at the Pete Dye designed Eagle Creek Golf Club in Indy, so bring your golf clubs and enjoy a round of golf on a beautiful and challenging golf course. We enjoyed Thanksgiving week playing in a couples tournament at Myrtle Beach, SC. We met a lot of fine people from around the U.S., enjoyed great food and drink and played decent golf for a change. Nabors coming through Indy are welcome to drop by and visit anytime except January and February, when we'll be in Florida.

**Geissler, Byron R.** '64. 5856 Rd. 57, Torrington, WY 82240. Still happy raising hay and cattle in Wyoming – the drought has been a challenge, but it will be better next year.

**Manhart, Fred.** '64. 701 W. Main St., RR #1 Box 50U, Stewardson, IL 62463. 217-682-3851. *Retired.* Moved back to Stewardson on Nov. 3, 2004. I have been gone 44 years so it's good to be back where we came from. Close to our farms and Jan's 2 brothers and my 2 brothers and a sister. I'm still buying and selling antique toy trucks and farm toys. Come see us in our new home at the west edge of Stewardson.

**Mayberry, Gerald W.** '65. Rt. 1 Box 193, Broughton, IL 62817. 618-773-4314[h], 618-303-0479[w]. *Retired-Sub tech van*

*lines driver. gakmay98@hamiltoncom.net.* Retired May 2004, granddaughter also born in May (Daughter Tanya). Enjoying time substitute teaching at three area high schools and driving a moving van for son Todd (Kay goes with me – one way to see the country, 26 states this summer.) Son Troy remodeling house nest door (where I was born) and teaching art. Good to see and/or hear from Nabors.

**Schingoethe, Richard (Dick) E.** '65. 1741 Canterbury Lane, Palatine, IL 847-934-9810[h], 847-934-9810[w]. *Marketing/Communications/Writing. reslimited@aol.com.*

**Heinz, Greg W.** '67. 6506 N. Smith Rd., Edwards, IL 61528. *Hydraulic Design Engineer.*

**Rincker, Dave.** '67. R1 Box 264, Strasburg, IL 62465. 217-459-2378[h], 217-459-2820[w]. Kevin is mechanic in Stewardson, Keith at SIU in turf management, Jon is computer programmer at ADM Decatur, Brian farms near Strasburg, Elma is in Merle Norman cosmetics in Shelbyville, Dave is golf course superintendent at Angus Links, Windsor. Work hard – play lots of golf.

**Robinson, William C.** '68. 1023 West Knox Rd., Galesburg, IL 61401-8749. 309-462-3800[h], 309-368-3800[w]. *Farmer/Cattle feeder. robinson@monmouthnet.net.* It has been a good year, we enjoyed a family vacation in Branson (7/04) with our family from Galesburg, St. Louis and Dallas. We are blessed with five healthy grandchildren under seven years old. Karen is on the mend after another new knee.

**Traub, Jim.** '68. Continuing work in value added and branded grains as GM of Favored Grain. Activities in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Ill, Mo, and Iowa but still enjoy the travel and contacts overseas creating new market paths. We are also traveling a bit to see kids as they are scattered. Linda teaches elementary, coaches speech team at Atwood-Hammond. In demand as speech contest judge. Committee chairmanships at Monticello UM church. Took a great trip summer of '04, visiting Normandy Beaches on June 4th—big crowds in getting ready for the June 6 celebrations—a moving time. Daughter Kathryn, who teaches HS French at Genoa-Kingston in northern Illinois, accompanied us. That way she could keep me out of trouble (jail) when I insulted the French. Visited several cemeteries in Normandy area, retraced some *Band of Brothers* episodes, visited WWI cemetery at Bellau Wood(sp) near Chatuea Thierry. Of note: We were not ostracized or treated shabbily by anyone in France. (Remember you can be insulted in Chicago, too.) In fact, we were treated wonderfully in Normandy. I don't believe our people are hated as much overseas as

some would have you believe. Also visited relatives in Germany of both Linda's side and my side. Traveled Swiss alps on the way to Annecy in southern France where daughter Kathryn had lived for a month several years ago. Traveled the Rhone Valley agricultural area. Daughter Kathryn also coaches cross-country and does an occasional marathon. Son Ed in Seattle-area in seminary and has three kids with one on the way. Great place to visit grandkids but tough to do in a day. Son Mike just started a 6-month hitch in London as a Peoplesoft road warrior (pending results of the Oracle activity). Have to figure out a way to do business in UK so can write off a visit. That's the story from here.

**Hendrickson, Robert.** '69. 48 Mishawaka, Rochester, IL 62563. 217-498-8265[h], 217-971-0776[w]. *Real Estate. skib-lumes@msn.com.* Need real estate/farm ground near Springfield? Working for Coldwell Banker Commercial Real Estate. Investment properties and strip malls are selling well.

**McMillan, Ed.** '69. 1300 Rogier Dr., Greenville, IL 62246. 618-664-9628[h], 618-664-9600[w]. *Consultant. mcmillaned@msn.com.* All is well. Our daughter Kelly will be married in February to a veterinarian from Minnesota. Judy and I moved into our new home on Governor Buno Lake near Greenville, IL. We hope to see Nabors stopping off on I-70.

**Zwicker, Dave.** '69. 1444 McCloud Rd.,ledo, IL 61231. 309-582-5435[h], 309-582-5162[w]. *Attorney. zwickerlaw@mcics.com.* Naomi still teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I'm still an attorney. Still have a son and daughter, but we now have a 2-year-old grandson, which is excellent. Still Cubs & Bears fan, which is very sad.

**1970s**

**Olson, Greg.** '70. 815-895-3485[h], 815-751-2309[w]. *Semi-retired. glolsow3@attbi.com.* For fun and pocket change, I move cars for a local dealer. Drove approx. 20,000 miles in last four months. And to think, I do this for fun.

**Owings, Don.** '70. 233 Cherry, Carthage, IL 62321. 217-357-2629[h], 217-357-2360[w]. *Business Owner. soilserv@adams.net.* Business is going great, expanded territory and employees in 2004 and plan to again in 2005. Best ever crop yields in whole area. Terry still working at local high school we are following our football team to U of I for state championship. Two oldest children married and youngest daughter out of college and working in Iowa. Four grandkids now, ages 16 down to 2 - very exciting.

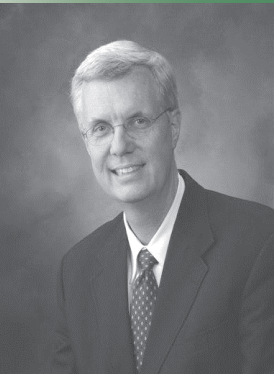
FLASHBACK TO THE '70s:  
MIKE WEBER, 1971

Mike Weber, financial consultant, Champaign, Illinois

**Tell us about your career life.**  
I currently own my own business, called Coordinated Financial Services, Inc., located in Champaign, Illinois.

**What were the most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House?**  
I like the low cost and the sense of a community, especially since I lived in a dorm my freshman year.

**What is one piece of the Nabor House culture or routine that you still miss today?**  
I miss being able to hang out with friends and discuss all kinds of subjects, be they religious, political, sports, women, courses, etc.



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

**What's one food dish from all of your NH meals that you'll always remember?**  
Ice cream and overcooked beef!

**Name two or three fellow Nabors who have been most influential on your life.**  
**Dave Mealiff** and **Sam Ridlen.**

**Which Nabor House memory is most special to you?**  
The many adventures with Nabors **Pete Pederson '71**, **Bob Walker '71** and **Paul Slayton '71**. Details will be withheld.

