

A RECORD PHONE-A-THON

Another Nabor Commitment Phone-a-thon, another record showing of support by Nabor House alumni and actives during the fifth annual “Nabor-to-Nabor” Phone-A-Thon held February 11-12, 2006.

Pledges were made by 193 alumni and actives totaling a record \$18,220. Thanks to the many alumni who continue to support Nabor House.

Since 2000, the Nabor Commitment campaign has raised \$202, 361 (including some recently received 2006 gifts). To date, this money has been used for:

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| \$113,575.76 | Purchase of 805 W. Iowa St. ('00-'03) |
| \$ 12,378.44 | RE Taxes - 805 W. Iowa St. ('01-'05) |
| \$ 4,596.02 | Interest Exp. - 805 W. Iowa ('01-'03) |
| \$ 1,821.85 | Inspect., insurance, utilities ('01-'02) |
| \$ 11,095.95 | Demolition of 805 W. Iowa ('02) |
| \$ 4,605.50 | Re-zoning attempt ('02) |
| \$ 29,152.03 | Payoff 1002 S. Lincoln mortgage ('04) |
| <u>\$ 10,341.16</u> | Appraisals, Architects, Master Planning |
| \$187,566.71 | |

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
THE 2006 ANNUAL MEETING IS JUNE 24

Stir up the memories and dust off your golf clubs! The 2006 NH Annual Meeting and Nabor House Educational Foundation Golf Outing has been scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2006 at the University of Illinois. Following the tradition of the last two years, the annual meeting and lunch will be held at the ACES Library 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.

If you are a members of the **NH Pledge Classes of 1956, 1981, and 1996**, you'll want to make special plans to attend, as you will be featured for your 50th, 25th, and 10th respective anniversaries. The incoming pledge class and the outgoing senior class will also be recognized. A special presentation will also be made to the 2006 Good Nabor Award recipient.

Don’t forget to bring your tees and *Titleists*, as you’ll want to help support scholarships for current Nabors by participating in the NH Educational Foundation Golf Outing at the Orange & Blue Golf Course in Savoy. The competition for shortest drive is sure to be fierce!

Saturday,
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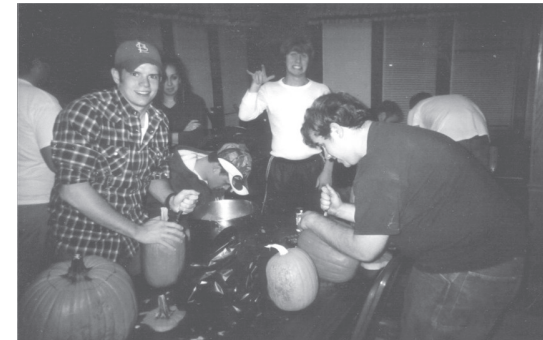
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Around the House (Clockwise from top): Nabors relaxing in the living room, an NH bowling team, trouble in the kitchen, a good looking group, and pumpkin carving at NH.



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A NOTE FROM THE FRATERNITY BOARD

While continuing to deal with the ongoing maintenance operations of Nabor House, two of the Fraternity Board's main goals in 2006 are to complete a property development plan for the property and to set an investment policy for the Fraternity's funds.

Several issues have led us to consider a major remodeling project or a reconstruction of the house in the near future. First, costs of repairs to the existing house continue to increase. The major expenses this past year were shower repairs, a new roof on the back fire escape, and a new hot water heater. Second, it is expected that we will need to install a sprinkler system to the house in the next five years to comply with certified housing requirements. This will be a major expense that we may not want to put into the existing facility. Third, in order to get a zoning change made on the 805 West Iowa property (Parry property) we will likely need to submit an overall development plan for our property. A zoning change is necessary to utilize that property for fraternity parking or building. Finally, the house is in need of some cosmetic updates and general structural repairs. While the swayed roof lines and sloping floors do add "character," they are becoming more noticeable over time.



Bob Stewart, '92
President,
Nabor House
Fraternity Board

In order to gain a better understanding of our options for the property, we have hired Olsen and Associates Architects of Champaign. They are going to do an analysis of the existing facility and help us determine the feasibility of renovating the existing house. They will also provide us with plans for a rebuilt house on the existing property so we can determine which option is best for the Fraternity.

Olsen and Associates will also work with us to present any plans to the City of Urbana if we decide to move forward with the renovation. They have experience in dealing with zoning changes in our area of Urbana and expertise in designing buildings that fit the historical architecture of the area.

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We will provide you with an update of the property development plan at the annual meeting on June 24, 2006. We hope to see you there. If you are interested in getting involved with the development plans for the House, please contact me or any of the other board members.



Two new alumni have joined the Board this year. They are **Jerry Brookhart** '63 and **Roger Higgs** '60, '61. We welcome these gentlemen to the board and thank them for their service to the Fraternity. Continuing to serve on the board are **Ron Starr** '76, **Norbert Soltwedel** '65, '67, **Mike Kinate** '01, **John Spangler** '95, **Jeff Ray** '94, **Brain Millard** '83, and myself. As always, the Board welcomes your input.

NABORS GATHER TO CELEBRATE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

About 75 Nabor House alumni, actives, pledges and family members gathered at the ACES Library, Information, and Alumni Center for the 2005 Nabor House Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 25.

Fraternity Board President **Bob Stewart** '92, M.S. '94 presided over the annual business meeting. A proposed constitutional amendment was unanimously approved which changes the Nabor House Fraternity fiscal year ending day from September 30 to June 30 of each year. Individuals who provided reports during the meeting included: Board Vice President **Mike Kinate** '01; Active Chapter President **Nick Tinsley**; Nabor Commitment Chair **Ryan Harms** '00, '02; Nabor House Educational Foundation Board Chair **Dave Shockey** '79.5; and Fraternity Business Agent **Larry Dallas** '75. Attendees re-elected **Mike Kinate**, **John Spangler** '95, and **Ron Starr** '76 to the Fraternity Board.

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Special recognitions and member updates were provided for the 2005 Senior Class, the 2005 incoming pledge class, and the reunion pledge classes of 1955, 1980 and 1995. Following the presentation of the Good Nabor Award to **A. Kraig Krause** '83, representatives of the reunion classes and the graduating senior class squared off in a Nabor Jeopardy trivia game. Attendees then enjoyed a lunch catered by Hideaway in the Woods restaurant. After lunch, more than 50 golfers participated in the 2005 NH Educational Foundation Golf Outing.

Next year's annual meeting will be held at the ACES Library on Saturday, June 24, 2006. The pledge classes of 1956, 1981, and 1996 will be recognized during the program.

GOLF CHAMPIONS
CROWNED IN 2005

- Blue Course
- Mike Benjamin '07
 - Robert Benjamin
 - Bryce Haselhorst '08
 - Jeff Ray '94
- Orange Course
- Kevin Barto '99.5
 - Ryan Harms '00, '02
 - Dirk Larson '01
 - Rusty Melhouse '00

GOOD NABOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

In 1980, the Nabor House Fraternity Board of Directors established and launched the Good Nabor Alumni Award. Its purpose is to provide recognition once a year to an alumnus who exemplifies the goals and objectives of the Fraternity in his post-college career based on achievements in his professional field, leadership and accomplishments in community and civic activities, and holding fast to the ideals of Christian brotherhood and cooperation.

The Nabor House Board of Directors hopes this awards program helps foster alumni interest as a means of maintaining a strong fraternity. The award consists of a large permanent composite plaque in the Chapter House, bearing the names and class years of awardees. An individual plaque will also be presented to the awardee at the Annual Meeting held each summer.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2006 Good Nabor Award. Any alumni member of Nabor House Fraternity is eligible for the award. Previous award winners and current members of the Board of Directors are ineligible. The award may be made posthumously to deceased members.

For a nomination form, contact **Ryan Harms** '00 at 785-650-0180 or rjharms@illinoisalumni.org. **Nomination deadline is April 15, 2006.**

600 AND BEYOND

Illinois Chapter Nabor House has reached another milestone. Members 599-608 were officially welcomed into Active Member status during January's formal initiation ceremonies. Number 600 was reached ten years after the 500th Nabor was initiated in Jan. 1996.

This group of 10 young men dedicated themselves to learning the values of Nabor House during their pledge semester, and will now continue the Nabor House tradition for years to come.

Congratulations to **Michael Benjamin** of Normal, **Josh Daugherty** of Roanoke, **Glendon Haney** of Winchester, **Wes Hornbach** of Ridge Farm, **Rob Johnson** of Illiopolis, **Andy Morehouse** of Pawnee, **Brad Nelson** of Monmouth, **Brad Neimerg** of Edgewood, **Josh Vonk** of Chillicothe and **Curt Zurliene** of Pocohontas.

WHERE'S YOUR NABOR?

- Jerry H. Deuel '65
K. Edward Johnson '63
Michael L. Lippincott '63.5
James O. Melton '60
Daniel W. Parks '46
Randall D. Shepard '70
Darin Sternberg - Attd.

Nabor House does not have current address information for the alumni listed above. If you have information on how to reach these Nabors, please contact **Ryan Harms** '00 at 785-650-0180 or rjharms@illinoisalumni.org.

BUZZ CHART: CONTINUED

Michael Ganschow, Junior

I spent most of this last semester with my head in the books. As always I had a good time with my friends in room 7 and enjoyed getting to know the new pledges this semester. This has been one of my favorite semesters at the house and at the University. I look forward to my classes in the spring semester.

Micah Pope, Senior

The semester flew by faster than all the previous ones. It was kind of a slow start after returning from a spring semester of studying abroad in the Netherlands. However, I quickly adjusted and it was great spending time with friends again. I'm looking forward to one more semester and graduating in the spring!

Jared Walter, Junior

Fall semester of 2005 was very busy, yet also very rewarding. It was exciting to see everyone come back to the house after summer break. Although I went home several weekends this fall to help with harvest on the family farm, I was able to take off for barn dance which was put together very well by our pledges. Room 7 enjoyed getting to know Josh Daugherty and Michael Benjamin as they both had the privilege of living in our room this past semester. All of the pledges did a good job of keeping up with their duties, and all of them did an outstanding job in their classes. We are all looking forward to another successful and rewarding semester this spring.



ROOM 8

Bryce Haselhorst, Sophomore

This year has gone well so far. Classes have been more interesting than last year and I've done well in them. The trip to Colorado was a lot of fun and we had perfect weather for skiing. Hopefully next semester will be as good as the past one.

Jim Lock, Senior

Had an enjoyable semester up in 8 with Corey and Bryce. Our two pledges, Brad Niemerg and Josh Vonk, were pretty cool as well. Heading off to student teach in Moline this Spring, and I'm glad I got to spend my last semester in the house living with the guys that I did.

Bradley Niemerg, Freshman

I really enjoyed the canoe trip; it was my first time. All the study hours finally paid off when I saw my first semester GPA. I stayed really busy while balancing my time between school, the house, military obligations, work, and especially my fiancée. I have met a lot of new people this semester and have come to realize how many people I knew before college that attended the University of Illinois. I also believed that this semester has greatly prepared me for my future.

Corey Struck, Senior

It was another super semester in Nuclear Engineering. My job as the treasurer was a good experience in good money habits. I hate that I missed beans and still got over a 3.0.

Joshua Vonk, Freshman

Last year was definitely a learning Experience; I learned all about campus, NH, and the current Nabors. I started out in room 8 and enjoyed the luxuries of being secluded and I also learned the advantages of being in 00 and in the middle of the action of the house. I was able to earn a good GPA and be involved in intramural softball and football. As a pledge I learned how to pull my weight around the house and a lot of the workings of Nabor House.

MEET THE NEW ADVISOR: CHRIS KIRSCHNER '02

Chris Kirschner, Sidell, was recently asked by the active chapter to serve as an advisor



What influenced you the most in making your decision to live at NH?

I heard about the house and it's financial savings from alumni Jay Hageman '74. It seemed like a great opportunity, but I didn't know if a fraternity was for me. My first semester on campus was spent in the dorms. During that semester, I had several ACES classes with Nabors. They really "stuck out" to me. As I began interacting with different Nabors in group projects and study sessions, I became impressed by that brotherhood bond they had. After rushing the house, I can remember saying to myself, "I want to be a Nabor!"

How does the experience living at NH still impact your life today?

There are two values molded from NH that still help me form my everyday decisions - frugality and cooperation. Working together is a quality that you can't leave behind after NH.

Tell us about your career since graduation.

I head up the Institutional Div. at International Greenhouse Company in Georgetown, IL. I am a sales assoc. responsible for sales, design and construction of greenhouses, primarily in the high school sector. My wife and I also raise cattle on our family farm, as well raise corn and soybeans in partnership with our family's farming corporation.

What made you decide to accept the invitation to serve as an advisor?

Although I could never fulfill the debt, I want to try to give something back to the house for all that it has given me. During my decision period, several guys living in the house contacted me giving me their support. I was very honored to be presented with the opportunity.

What's some general advice you'd offer to current members living at Nabor House?

One thing that sticks out in my mind is just how much work can get done through the cooperation of Nabors, but yet at the same time every young man bring something special to the table and can really impact the house. My advice is to stay focused on that wealth of opportunity available at your fingertips from your fellow Nabors, as well as keep in mind that you have the opportunity to shape and mold the house for the better.

ALUMNUS SERVES AS AGRICULTURE ADVISOR IN AFGHANISTAN



Norbert Soltwedel '65, '67, 2nd from left, discussing agriculture with farmers in Afghanistan.

Editor's Note: Norbert Soltwedel '65 M.S. '67 spent 7 weeks in Afghanistan during the summer of 2005 as a USDA Agricultural Advisor with the US Military. We asked Norbert to share some of his experiences and insights from this special assignment.

My employment with the Farm Service Agency provided me the opportunity to volunteer and be selected for this special detail opportunity. It was an experience of a lifetime for many reasons. I was located in eastern Afghanistan on the Pakistan border near the city of Khost and assigned to the 2nd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne. The military is now involved in reconstructing the poor and worn torn country of Afghanistan, which is something like the Marshall Plan following WWII. My duties included work within the headquarters and among the civilians "outside the wire" as we called our trips to visit with farmers and government leaders. The purpose of these visits was conducting assessments as to the needs of farmers, advising on aid projects that involved agriculture, and advising government officials in the conduct of their duties.

Development work is difficult as it involves change, getting people to work together, and finding the necessary resources; especially in an environment where warlords and renegade militia are still disrupting the peace.

The agriculture is very primitive in comparison to what we take for granted in the USA. The primary crops in my area were wheat and corn. Poppy production is a problem but had not been brought to the area I worked. Livestock were mostly kept by the nomadic tribes that move with the pastures. Farms are extremely small and subsistence in nature. The cropland is located in the mountain valleys and requires irrigation by flooding. There is no developed input supply business due to lack of cash to buy these inputs. As a result, all seed including corn is saved from the previous crop and the only available fertilizer comes from the government. There are no chemicals used, and crops are weedy and insect damaged as a result. Since the family consumes nearly all production, there are few established markets other than for livestock. It is hard to imagine farming without modern machinery, no hybrid or certified seed, no chemicals, and only DAP and Potash as fertilizer. There were tractors and plows in my area that had been donated by some



aid project, but no tools to till a good seedbed or plant the seed. As a result, seed is hand broadcast into plowed soil and the stands are very uneven. Wheat yields are 15 bushels per acre.

The people themselves are very hospitable, especially the older and younger generations. Those in between tend to be very skeptical and more distrustful of our presence in their country. A lot of these folks were educated in the radical madras or religious schools that have taught hate. Their culture also condones punishment for those who they see as enemies, which in the extreme includes us infidels. They are very traditional in their habits and since they are typically illiterate, follow the guidance of their elders and religious mullahs. We thus spent a lot of time working with the elders and mullahs to affect change. Women in my area were required to stay covered in public, and many were not allowed to vote in the recent elections.

Since the area was not secure, soldiers always accompanied me. I wore an armored vest, which was hot and extremely heavy to wear. We traveled in 3 humvee convoys; our fear being the Improvised Explosive Devices along the road or the suicide bombers that were attracted to crowds. People quickly would congregate when we stopped. I also was fortunate to frequently travel by helicopter to more distant Provincial Reconstruction Teams, which were smaller outposts of soldiers involved in the country building effort. I enjoyed the opportunity to have a bird's eye view of the many mountains, valleys, dry streambeds called Wadis, and the lush green plots below.

I cannot say enough good things about our young men and women of the military. They face danger, endure loneliness, and they are very good at what they do. Afghanistan's future will be determined by the efforts of their citizens. It is essential that our military stay and provide a secure environment. Years of war have resulted in a population without education, a land without the rule of law or courts to enforce justice, and depleted resources with which to earn a living. It will take 25 years to attain effective government, an educated populace, and to rebuild the economy. If we do not stay to finish the job, these people have no option but to be manipulated by outsiders who foster jealousy, hate, and terrorism.



REFLECTIONS FROM THE FALL HOUSE PRESIDENT

This fall has been a great semester for Nabor House. It was my pleasure to serve as active chapter president as we all worked together to make this fall a productive and memorable time. We had 36 bright young men living at the house this fall. Our fall pledge class consisted of eight freshmen and two junior transfers, all of whom have been working hard all semester to make grades.

The semester began in August when the active chapter was called back to go through two initiation weeks, a first in my time at Nabor House. We welcomed back **Nathan Menold** of Dunlap (who completed his pledge semester in Fall 2003 and then served in the U.S. military before returning to UI this past fall) with his own initiation. We then initiated Fall 2004 and Spring 2005 pledges **Bryce Haselhorst** of Orangeville and **Neil Whitted** of Wapella into the NH membership roll, bringing the total number of men initiated into Nabor House to 598. Our new pledges were welcomed on move-in day and were invited to advisor **Rod Stoll's** ('89) house for a new member retreat. They focused on getting better acquainted and got emotionally prepared to work together as a successful pledge team during their first semester at the University of Illinois.

We had a semester full of activities at the house. The fall began with our annual Canoe Trip with Presby House. Unfortunately, Presby House is being dissolved after this academic year, and we will surely miss hanging out with those young women as they have been regular participants in the Nabor House social calendar for many years. We also enjoyed a cook-out exchange with the women of Sigma Alpha held at the house. Even though the Fighting Illini football team struggled this year, we enjoyed welcoming Ron Zook to Champaign and had a great time cheering them on in our football block with the women of 4-H House. The pledge class worked very hard to organize our annual Barn Dance. Even though it was a very chilly night, the dance was a success and everyone had a great time.



Nick Tinsley
House President, Fall 2005

Our Chaplain, **Brandon Bozarth**, has done a great job with both our bible studies and vespers service. We welcomed speakers of different faiths to help increase our understanding of other religions and hosted Harold Davis of Urbana in speaking at our vespers service. He offered a very insightful and energetic talk about how to maintain our faith throughout our college years. We also enjoyed other annual activities including a Brotherhood Night, Thanksgiving Dinner, Lil' Sis Cook-Outs, Drive-In Movie Night, Halloween Auction, and the annual Christmas Party.

Our Scholarship Chair, **Neil Wagahoff**, prepared an enjoyable scholarship dinner program. Nabor House's average GPA was an impressive 3.19 this fall. State Representative **Don Moffitt** '69 was our guest of honor, and he spoke about the value of good scholarship and

hard work. We started a new tradition at Homecoming this year with the introduction of a Nabor House Tailgate near Memorial Stadium. We had a great showing of alumni for our roasted hog potluck. It was a lot of fun for the active chapter to be able to meet and talk with some alumni in an informal setting. Hopefully next year the tradition will continue and we will be able to cheer on a winning Illini team.

As I look back on this semester, serving as president has definitely been one of my best experiences at the house. Being in this leadership role at Nabor House has taught me a lot about how this house works so successfully. The semester has gone very smoothly, which is a tribute to the character of the men currently living in the house. As I look forward to the spring semester, I anticipate the same amount of cooperation and fun that we enjoyed this fall.

FALL '05 OFFICERS

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| Exec Board | Bobby Foerder |
| | Grant Hannah |
| | Nick Shaner |
| | Neil Wagahoff |

- FALL 2005
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
- Canoe Trip
Cookout
Football Block
Lil' Sis Cookouts
Barn Dance
Drive-In Movie Night
Brotherhood Night
Homecoming Tailgate
Steak & Beans Dinner
Halloween Auction
Thanksgiving Dinner
Christmas Party

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to next semester and becoming an active member at Nabor House!

Michael Perkins, Sophomore

The thing I enjoyed most about the fall semester was getting to know the pledge class. I have been really impressed with the year's pledges and look forward to sharing the rest of my time at Nabor House with them.

Curt Zurliene, Freshman

I really enjoyed getting to know everyone, especially all of my pledge brothers, and doing things with them, such as walkout and barn dance. I also enjoyed just hanging out with the guys and doing a whole lot of nothing.

ROOM 4

Karl Ferguson, Sophomore

I really enjoyed last semester hanging out with room 4 during Huck, Waldo and Neil's last year. Unfortunately my grades reflected it and I plan to work hard this semester and get my grades back up to Nabor House standards.

Bobby Foerder, Junior

Last semester was a great one. As far as the house goes, everything ran very smoothly and everyone seemed to get along very well. Classes were, well, they were there. What more can you really say. Most importantly however room 4 was a blast and we are all looking forward to another great semester back in the room this spring.

Will Hornback, Junior

This semester was great. We had a lot of fun in room 4.throughout the semester. I'm really looking forward to the spring semester.

Neil Wagahoff, Senior

Enjoying one of my last semesters. Had a blast in room 4 and hanging out with Huck and Waldo during their last semester. Hopefully watching another great year of Illini basketball and then graduating in the spring.

Neil Whitted, Sophomore

Had a great time in room four all semester. It kind of reminded me of the movie animal house how we acted. Too bad my grades suffered a little but all fun comes with a price.

Room 5

Wes Hornback, Freshman

Last semester was a great 1st semester. The event that I most remember was canoeing; I had a great time and made instant friends on the river.

Lucas Martin, Sophomore

The fall semester was great having the freedoms associated with being an active member. We enjoyed all the fun times hanging out with our pledge class and welcomed in a great new pledge class.

Marcus Shaw, Senior

This semester went very well. The ski trip was by far the best thing of the semester. Everyone who went on the trip became closer friends and it was an great experience. One of the most im-pressive parts of the semester was how all the pledges made grades and per-formed well on their duties. Another good part of the semester was camaraderie shared between our pledge class.

ROOM 6

Brandon Bozarth, Sophomore

I thoroughly enjoyed being the spiritual leader of the house last semester as the chaplain. I gained leadership experience by organizing Bible studies and speaking before a group. I also enjoyed the responsiveness of those who came to Bible study every week. Their input was very valuable to the success of our study and was greatly appreciated.



Eric DeWerff, Junior

The past fall semester was a good one in room 6. The first half we had Curt Zurliene as a pledge and the second half Brad Nelson moved in, both of whom were great additions to our room. The best time of the semester for me was probably Homecoming. Despite getting romped by Penn State, the tailgate party before the game was the best time I've had before an Illini football since I've been here. I am really looking forward to next semester, hopefully it will be just as crazy as the fall and the Illini will go deep in the tourney.

Nathan Menold, Junior

In the fall semester of 2005 I found my self back at both the University of Illinois and Nabor House where I have been absent for a year and a half due to military obligations. It was a great feeling to be back and to finally activate after being gone for so long. The fall term has been exciting and challenging and I am looking forward to a great spring semester.

ROOM 7

Michael Benjamin, Junior

Last semester I enjoyed living in room 7 because it is the best room in the entire house. I also enjoyed getting to know the many different personalities that make up NH. I learned that in many things, integrity is extremely important, and it is my goal to see that NH is a place where men of high integrity and respect for the rules and others live for years to come.

BUZZ CHART: JUST CHECKING IN

ROOM -1

Josh Daugherty, Junior
Getting to know the guys at NH this year has been quite an adventure. I especially enjoyed getting to know the guys in -1. There never seemed to be a dull moment in that room. Scott and I always found something fun to do (i.e. make fun of Shaner). I am looking forward to my future days at Nabor House. Everyone brings their own qualities to the table which makes Nabor House so unique.

Glendon Haney, Freshman
Last semester was pretty busy and pretty hectic for me, but was for the most part pretty enjoyable. There is no one experience that really stands out in my mind as the most memorable, but just being around the house and seeing some of the day to day activities was pretty humorous at times.

Grant Hannah, Sophomore
This past semester I enjoyed getting used to less kitchen hours and cleaning with more time for getting involved with other campus activities. This was my busiest and best semester yet; I was able to improve my grades, attend various conferences, and play an important role in an organization I have been involved with since high school. The semester is over and went by fast, but I hope to build on its momentum in the spring of 2006.

Andy Morehouse, Freshman
Throughout the semester, I've had fun getting to know all the guys in the house and especially enjoying the fun times with my pledge brothers. It's been nice to be able to get to know other guys with related agricultural interests. The social events were also fun in helping me meet a lot of new people, and gaining other friendships outside the house. Overall, this semester gave me a great preview of other events to look forward to.

Nick Shaner, Junior
I had a really good semester. I got to bring flowers to NH due to my floral arranging class and had a good time in my room. And I felt pretty extreme while I drank Diet Mt. Dew as I snowboarded on the NH Ski trip. Captain Illini was not very much help either for the Illini football team. It was great to celebrate a White Sox World Series with Grant in -1.



Scott Wessel, Junior
We had a fun semester in -1. After the first few weeks I finally learned how to walk around without hitting my head. Living with Shaner was everything I dreamed it could be and more, and I got to know our new pledge roommates pretty well too. Josh liked us so much he's going to stay next semester. I'm looking forward to staying down here and having Jay back in the Spring.

ROOM 00

Randy Lindgren, Sophomore
Last semester I was the "fortunate" Nabor to hold the office of commissar. I hope that I didn't make too many people angry with food selections and I believe that Bryce Haselhorst will continue to give the commissary depart. the same "dedication" that other commissars have in the past. Overall, I really enjoyed the semester, as our class wasn't at the bottom of the totem pole. We have a very good group of young men who initiated in January and make excellent Nabors.

Brad Nelson, Freshman
Coming into Nabor House, I was only familiar with a very few select people in the house. However, through the many twists and turns that is the pledging semester at this fraternity, I grew to know a great variety of individuals. Not just because I had to learn every active and pledge's home town, major, and position in the house, but because I was put into a friendly, easy-to-get-along-with environment that I was easily able to get to know all of the members of Nabor House. The exchanges and activities with

sororities and alumni also had a great deal in broadening my horizons. I also learned better skills in the fine arts of cooking and cleaning (thanks in part to some events such as ICP). Academically, the turn to college studies was quite a drastic change from high school. I actually had to work for a good grade. The pledge mandatory study hours helped a great deal in completing this task. All in all, despite going through a few trying pledge events, my pledging semester at NH was a great, unique group of months that I will never forget.

Nicholas Yarber, Junior
Last semester was a blast living in Room 00. Classes were not too bad, but MUS 133 stank. I enjoyed the company and camaraderie of all the men of Nabor House. House meetings were short and to the point, and highly effective.

ROOM 2

Larry Coers, Junior
I enjoyed the semester as the vice-president and was proud to have all of the pledges make grades. This semester, I look forward to serving as president and also enjoying Illinois basketball.

Nick Tinsley, Senior
Last semester was one of the greatest I've had at Nabor House. I had the honor of serving as president. Room 2 was always full of laughs and fun; however, our butler never showed up for work. I worked too much, but somehow I had one of my highest GPAs ever. This spring should be a lot of fun.

Chris Wagahoff, Senior
Last semester went well for me. I attained my flight instructor certificate which was a large step in my college career. We had a lot of good times that I barely remember, but I will always remember the night that Larry whooped my butt in a wrestling match and broke my phone...thanks again Larry.

ROOM 3

Rob Johnson, Freshman
I learned so much during my pledge semester. Getting to know all of the guys in the house and especially my pledge brothers was truly a great experience. Although it was very busy, I know I will look back on it with nothing but fond memories. Now I am just looking forward

SPRING '06 OFFICERS

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| President | Larry Coers |
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| Asst. Work | Jay Kelley |
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| Asst. Social | Eric DeWerff |
| Public Relations | Glendon Haney |
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| | Nick Tinsley |
| | Scott Wessel |

SPRING RUSH DATES SET

Rush Chairs **Mike Ganschow** and **Lucas Martin** have set the dates for spring rush weekends. If you know any high school or junior college students who would make excellent Nabors, please contact Mike or Lucas at 217-344-3532.

Spring rush weekends are:

March 11-12
April 1-2

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SPRING FORWARD WITH THE NEW NH PRESIDENT

Having the opportunity to serve as the Active Chapter President has been an aspiration of mine since I was initiated as a Nabor. So I'm both grateful and excited to begin my presidential term.

Raised on a small farm near Chestnut, I am currently a junior studying chemistry. Last year, I served as a Co-Rush Chair at Nabor House. And as Vice President and Pledge Master during this past fall, I am looking forward to trading my pledge manual in for the president's gavel. The goals for my tenure include maintaining a high level of organization to ensure efficiency, serve as an unbiased ear to help settle any differences, and serve as a positive example for my fellow Nabors.

The actives look forward to having the pledges join us as Nabor brothers in January. The ten pledges have worked hard all semester to complete their duties, learn their pledge material, and gain an understanding of how thirty-six men can survive—and thrive—in a cooperative fraternity. All ten pledges made grades during the Fall 2005 semester and several are already looking forward to serving in leadership positions as officers within the House.

Nabor House is expecting to have twelve vacancies to fill for the 2006-07 school year. A very successful Fall Rush weekend provided an opportunity for us to host 10 rushees and we already have four accepted bids. During the Rush Weekend, we went bowling at the Union and then enjoyed playing euchre and other games back at the house on Saturday evening. **Rod Stoll '89** was the Sunday lunch alumni speaker and he provided remarks about “authenticity” and how Nabor House creates a culture where members can be genuine to the values and beliefs they were raised. I encourage you to provide us with any names of young men who will be enrolled at UI next fall that you think would make good Nabors. We will be having two rush weekends in the spring semester.

Nabor House says goodbye to **Jim Lock** as he begins student teaching in the Quad Cities in the Spring semester and welcomes back **Jay Kelley** as he returns from serving as National FFA Eastern Region Vice President. We also welcomed **Chris Kirschner '02** back to the House. Chris signed on as an advisor during the Fall semester. He will be joining the advisor team with **Ryan Harms '00**, **MS '02** and **Rod Stoll**.

Everyone is looking forward to the start of the Big Ten basketball season. Bruce Weber has another solid team to lead and a great start in the non-conference season. Nabor House is well represented at the home games, where 14 guys have season tickets and one member is in the Orange Krush cheering section.

Nabor House will be holding several social functions during the Spring semester including Formal, Set-Up Dance, and several Lil' Sis events. We will also be holding exchanges with 4-H House, Presby House, and Sigma Alpha.

I believe that this semester will be a great learning experience. In closing, I will share with you the vision that I created during a LeaderShape Institute experience I had last summer. My vision is to develop a framework within Nabor House where members become leaders who are aware of their crucial roles within the House and on campus; where the ideals of an inclusive environment can exist and be sustained so everyone's opinions and points-of-views can flourish and be respected; where a support system based on trust and respect will emerge in order to help all the members fulfill their potential and accomplish their college goals; and all the while bettering their House and strengthening their bonds with their Fraternal brothers.



Larry Coers
House President, Spring 2006

GOOD NABOR AWARD GOES TO A. KRAIG KRAUSE '83

Kraig Krause '83, was presented with the 2005 Good Nabor Award at the NH Annual Meeting. A native of Easton, Kraig received a degree in ag economics and is now the owner and operator of Krause Farms.

He is a member of the prestigious University of Illinois Presidents Council, a board member of the Illinois 4-H Foundation, and served as a member of the College of ACES Alumni Association Board from 1996-2002, including a term as President from 2000-2002. He has served on the boards of a number of organizations related to production agriculture, as well as a variety of local community boards.

As **Kenny Eathington '83** said in his nomination of Kraig, "anyone that has served on a board of an organization can appreciate the time commitments of just one organization; Kraig serves many. He has dedicated hours upon hours of his time to serve the University of Illinois, production agriculture organizations and community organizations. There is little question in my mind that Kraig's post-college activities are consistent with the goals and objectives of Nabor House." A quick Q & A with Kraig is below.

Q Catch us up with your career and family life developments since graduation.

I returned to the family farm after graduation and have expanded the operation significantly. I have given leadership to commodity and youth groups and have completed several Ag leadership development programs. I am also involved with numerous civic organizations including a local nursing home, a nearby hospital, a bank board, and the FS board. I served as president of the U of I College of ACES Alumni Board. I substitute teach at the area schools during the winter months.

Q In your opinion, what has been the biggest change in the agricultural industry since you began your career?

Technological improvements have been the biggest change in my production career. Keeping the farm profitable is the greatest challenge.

Q What were some of your reasons for choosing to live at NH?

The founders' ideals of education, cooperation, and religion strongly appealed to me as an incoming freshman, particularly coming from a small rural high school. All house members having a strong ag background was beneficial.

Q You've been very involved with both NH and the U of I since graduation. What factors played a role in your decision to stay active with these organizations?

The successes I have enjoyed in my personal and professional careers are directly related to the positive experiences I had at Nabor House and the U of I College of ACES. I have stayed active with both as a way to "give back" to those organizations that have helped me to pursue and achieve greater goals.

Q How did the U of I and Nabor House help to prepare you for your career?

The U of I and Nabor House gave me the leadership skills to live a successful life and the confidence to pursue my dreams. Nabor House taught me the true value of cooperation.

Q What is your favorite Nabor House memory?

My greatest memory is formal initiation and what it means to be a "true" Nabor. This was reinforced when I conducted the ceremony while serving as Fraternity Board President.

Q Any words of advice for current Nabors House active chapter members?

The best advice is to be involved; take advantage of all the opportunities that the house and the university have to offer. Always grow your network.



Kraig Krause enjoying his days at Nabor House.



A. Kraig Krause '83 accepts the Good Nabor Award from presenter Kenny Eathington '83.

STOLLER CHARITABLE TRUST FOR NABOR HOUSE CLOSES

In 1999, NH alumnus **Jerry Stoller '59** pursued the establishment of a charitable trust designed to provide funds for Nabor House Fraternity to establish fraternities at any agricultural college in the world. Although the potential value of the charitable trust was up to \$20 million, only \$1,230 in gifts from others were collected since that time. Jerry's recruitment of a Nabor alumnus that would be interested in the General Manager position for the trust was unsuccessful. Therefore, Jerry closed the trust in August 2005 and gave the \$1,230 donated to the trust from others to the Nabor House Educational Foundation. While Jerry regrets that his initiative did not capture the interest of other Nabor House members, he continues to admire the principles of Nabor House Fraternity and believes the establishment of other Nabor Houses—particularly in developing countries—would be an enormous contribution to the future of agriculture.

FAST FORWARD: WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR THE NH CLASS OF 2006

Eric Helgen, Litchfield

Major: Agribusiness, Farm, and Financial Management; Crop Sciences Minor
Graduates: May 2006
Career path: Family farm
5-year plan: "Established as a successful partner in the family farming operation. I hope by that time to have found someone that I can share the rest of my life with and consider, if not already, starting a family of our own."
25-year plan: "Well into raising my own family and inching my way forward into what I really came to school for: retirement."

Jim Lock, Avon

Major: History, Secondary Education
Graduates: May 2006
Career path: High School or Junior High Social Studies teacher
5-year plan: "Teaching somewhere in Central Illinois."
25-year plan: "Still teaching in Central Illinois...can I re-pledge?"

Micah Pope, Navoo

Major: Agribusiness, Farm, and Financial Management; International Minor
Graduates: May 2006
Career path: Graduate School at U of I in International and Policy Economics
5-year plan: "Working either in the governmental or private sector promoting the ag industry through Ag Policy"
25-year plan: "Happy and successful!"

Anthony Rowley, Rochelle

Major: Aviation Human Factors
Graduates: May 2006
Career path: United States Marine Corps
5-year plan: "Getting promoted to Captain in the Marine Corps or getting out."
25-year plan: "Getting promoted to Colonel or Brigadier General or looking to retire."

Chris Wagahoff, Raymond

Major: Aviation Human Factors
Graduates: May 2006
Career path: Upon graduation, I hope to have a flight instructor position lined up where I'll be teaching students and gaining flight hours to work towards my goal of becoming an airline pilot.
5-year plan: "In the transition phase between my flight instructing career and flying either regional or corporate. By this time I should have enough flight time to make this step."
25-year plan: "Flying for a major airline company helping people travel with ease."



Part of The Class of 2006: (front row, l to r) Anthony Rowley, House Hunny Erin Fleck, Micah Pope; (back row, l to r) Chris Wagahoff, Nick Tinsley, Brett Haney, Jim Lock.

Neil Wagahoff, Raymond

Major: Agribusiness, Farm, and Financial Management
Graduates: May 2006
Career path: Work at family fuel delivery business, Home Oil Co.
5-year plan: "Beginning to take over the business from my parents."
25-year plan: "Hopefully with a family, running a successful business, farming on the side and enjoying life."

GET TO KNOW THE 10 NEWEST MEMBERS OF NABOR HOUSE

Here's a look at the 10-member class of young men who pledged Nabor House last fall and were all initiated in January. Each offered up his year, hometown, major and an "interesting fact" about himself.

- **Michael Benjamin** (Jr.), Normal, Agri-Finance, Lived with a family in England for 3 weeks. (Michael's uncle, **Rodney Bray '88**, is a Nabor.)
- **Josh Daugherty** (Jr.), Roanoke, TSM (Ag Mech), Current President elect of the National Postsecondary Agricultural Student (PAS) organization. (Josh's dad, **Michael Daugherty '80** M.S. '82, is a Nabor.)
- **Glendon Haney** (Fr.), Winchester, Business Administration, H.S. valedictorian and destined to be a corporate attorney. (Glendon's cousin, **Brett Haney**, is a Nabor.)
- **Wes Hornback** (Fr.), Ridge Farm, Ag Business, Has been to Egypt, Iceland, and London. (Wes' brother **Will Hornback** resides at Nabor House.)
- **Rob Johnson** (Fr.), Illiopolis, Biology, High school class valedictorian and has played Charlie Brown in "You're a good man ..."
- **Andy Morehouse** (Fr.), Pawnee, Farm Management, Salutatorian in high school and wants to one day work as a farm machinery test driver.
- **Brad Nelson** (Fr.), Monmouth, Farm Management, Self-proclaimed "computer nerd". (Brad's high school Ag teacher was NH alumnus **Aaron Leary '03**.)
- **Brad Niemerg** (Fr.), Edgewood, Animal Sciences, Has served the USA in Iraq as a Marine.
- **Josh Vonk** (Fr.), Chillicothe, TSM (Ag Mech), Traveled through Germany last summer.
- **Curt Zuliene** (Fr.), Pocohontas, Ag Engineering, Dream job is to design John Deere equipment.



THE “I AM A NABOR” CREED

Members of the Illinois Chapter Nabor House participated in a vision retreat in Spring 2004 and identified the core values and standards that they hope each Nabor aspires towards possessing. The following is a partial listing of the "I AM A NABOR" creed, and captures those values and standards that current Nabors are challenged to live by each day.

I recognize that my actions—both in and out of the house—define what a Nabor is. I think first if the words I am about to use or the actions I am about to take are consistent with how I want to demonstrate the character of a Nabor. **I AM A NABOR.**

I effectively balance studying hard, working hard, and playing hard together with personal time for spiritual nourishment and for providing leadership for serving others in a culture that values agriculture, fiscal responsibility, and brotherhood. **I AM A NABOR.**

I excel as a University of Illinois student. My academic success is paramount to my college experience. I seek academic help from other Nabors when needed and I provide academic help to other Nabors when they need it. **I AM A NABOR.**

I am a Nabor who sees something that needs to be done and I do it. I take the initiative to make things happen. Sometimes I do it myself; other times I recruit others to help me. I do not seek public acknowledgement for it. I take personal pride in just doing the right thing ... especially when nobody else sees it or knows about it. I know that the greatest Nabor is the one that is the servant of all. **I AM A NABOR.**

I am committed to living in a cooperative environment. I always do more than my fair share of the work. I never leave behind a mess that others will have to clean-up. I take pride in the appearance of the house and our property. I take great satisfaction in demonstrating the synergy of working together on a project as a team of Nabors. **I AM A NABOR.**

I respect the decision-making processes at Nabor House. I value the input of every Nabor, even when I have an opposing view. I actively discuss issues, but am willing to compromise to reach consensus. Ultimately, I will live by the decisions, rules, and policies of the majority. **I AM A NABOR.**

I actively participate in all house functions and I faithfully fulfill assigned cooking and cleaning duties and provide distinguished leadership when elected or appointed as an officer. I understand the financial consequences of not participating in house functions or in not completing assigned duties. I expect appropriate fines to be actively enforced to both myself and to my brothers. **I AM A NABOR.**

I help teach new members the meaning of being a Nabor by my actions. I lead by example as I model being a good Nabor every day through the little things I do in showing respect to the house, to my brothers, and to my campus community. **I AM A NABOR.**

I bring a positive attitude to Nabor House. Even when providing critical feedback or sharing an opposing view, I do so with the best of intentions for Nabor House. In times of conflict, I focus on the issue and not the person. **I AM A NABOR.**

I do more than my part to help make Nabor House excel as a fraternity. I work towards the goal of all aspects of Nabor House functioning with impressive organization and effective communication. I help insure that every guest that attends a Nabor House function will distinguish Nabor House as the standard of excellence for housing options. **I AM A NABOR.**

I make time for my spiritual life as a Nabor. I regularly participate in a Bible Study or in a religious or church organization. My thoughts, words, and actions are grounded in Christian values. I live by the principle of loving and treating my neighbor as myself. **I AM A NABOR.**

I participate in at least one organization or activity outside of Nabor House. I am committed to developing leadership skills and providing service to others as a leader. **I AM A NABOR.**

I care about the future of Nabor House and help influence the critical decisions that will be made by the fraternity regarding future development opportunities of Nabor House. **I AM A NABOR.**

I genuinely enjoy the camaraderie and appreciate the honor of being a Nabor. I cherish the fun times and value the experiences that will become lifelong memories. When I graduate, my Nabor House brothers will continue as my lifelong friends. I live each day as a University of Illinois student and as a Nabor to its fullest. I treasure each day, each experience, and each relationship during my journey at Nabor House. **I AM A NABOR.**

I value the principles upon which Nabor House was founded. I admire the vision of our founders. I appreciate the contributions from Nabors that came before me. My legacy As a Nabor is to somehow leave Nabor House a little better than when I arrived. I am committed to support and stay connected to Nabor House throughout my lifetime.

I AM—AND ALWAYS WILL BE—A NABOR.

NABORS IGNITE MY ILLINI AT HOMECOMING 2005

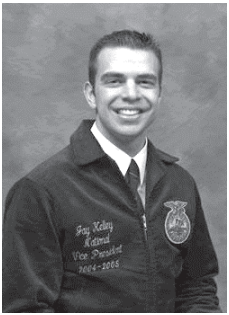
About 100 members of the extended Nabor House family participated in a pre-game tailgate during the University of Illinois' "IGNITE MY ILLINI" Homecoming weekend. Although Joe Paterno and the Penn State Nittany Lions extinguished our ILLINI football team 63-10 during the 6pm game, the NH Tailgate ignited lots of camaraderie and reunited current and past Nabor House members from many generations.

Special thanks to **Eric Helgen '06** for cooking the roasted pork served at the tailgate. **Matt Robert '96** and **Nick Shute '05** provided tailgate tents to cover the extensive potluck spread of tailgate food. Active Chapter President **Nick Tinsley '06** and a group of young alumni provided leadership in coordinating this new Homecoming venue for Nabor House. Contact **Rod Stoll '89** at rstoll@uiuc.edu if you're interested in assisting with next year's NH Homecoming Tailgate. The UI's 2006 Homecoming game is tentatively scheduled against Indiana on October 7, 2006.



THIS IS THE STORY OF A NATIONAL FFA OFFICER

Editor's Note: Jay Kelley became the 5th Nabor House member to serve as a National FFA Officer when he was elected as Eastern Region Vice President in October 2004. Jay's Nabor House brothers who also served the National FFA were **George Lewis '53**, **Ken McMillan '66.5**, and **Corey Flornoy '98** – who all served as National FFA President – and **Bob Quick '85** who served as National FFA Secretary. We asked Jay to share a quick review about his unforgettable year of service.



Everyday we face questions in our lives that we must answer. For the past year, the most popular question I was asked seemed to be, “What’s with the blue corduroy jacket?”

Well that blue corduroy jacket was my FFA jacket, something I first wore as a freshman at Princeville High School. My jacket has changed a few times over the years, with my most recent one bearing the words *National Vice President*.

Back in October 2004, I was elected the Eastern Region Vice President for the National FFA Organization. After a seven round interview process with 39 other candidates, I was selected as one of six individuals to serve as a national officer. At the time, I believed I knew exactly what I was jumping into. Like many times in my life, my knowledge was about to grow whether I realized it or not!

After being elected at the end of October, I had until Thanksgiving break to finish up my classes. It was a challenging three weeks, between taking finals and saying goodbye to the guys at Nabor House. When December rolled around, we began four weeks of training to prepare us for the year, which ranged from media interviews to a week-long learning experience in California on the diversity and impact of American agriculture. After a short Christmas break back in Illinois, I hit the ground running, traveling all across the country with a few breaks scattered in between trips.



The capstone of my year occurred this past October at the 77th National FFA Convention in Louisville. In the time between the 2004 and 2005 conventions, I had traveled more than three hundred days, totaling nearly 130,000 miles, thirty-five states, and two countries. I had a broad spectrum of responsibilities during my travels, from presenting speeches and workshops to students to serving as an ambassador for American agriculture. One week I might attend the New Mexico FFA State



Convention, the next week meet with the vice presidents of John Deere, and the following week attend a National FFA Board of Directors meeting. My travels took me as far east as Cape Cod, north to Alaska, south into Texas, and a few time zones west to Japan. I had the opportunity to work with students, teachers, administrators, business leaders, congressmen, and even a couple farmers.

Reflecting back on the year, it is quite difficult to pick out a favorite memory. Rather than chose a specific part, my favorite component of the year was the people I met. Shaking the President's hand in the White House or meeting CEOs of Fortune 500 companies were terrific experiences, but having the opportunity to meet and work with FFA members that could be a future President or CEO was what truly made the year special. Through all the long hours in airports and short nights in hotels, it was the chance to work with members that makes it all worth it.



So what’s with the blue corduroy jacket? For me, the answer is growth, learning, and one unbelievable journey!

STRIVING FOR THE IDEAL

The second annual I.D.E.A.L. Nabor Award presentation was made during the Annual Meeting. The I.D.E.A.L. Nabor Award is presented to a member of the active chapter who is recognized by his house peers as an individual who strives to live by the five values of Integrity, Dedication, Excellence, Attitude, and Leadership.

Residents completed an “IDEAL Nabor” scorecard for each fellow active Nabor and rated each Nabor for these five core values. After all the scores were tallied, a first-year member had earned the highest ranking. **Lucas Martin** completed his freshmen year as an Animal Sciences major in Spring 2005. Lucas hails from Biggsville where his agriculture teacher was Nabor alumnus **Aaron Leary '03**. On campus, Lucas is a member of the Pre-Vet Club, Hoof-n-Horn, Campus Crusade for Christ, Alpha Zeta, Phi Eta Sigma, and Alpha Lambda Delta.

Lucas' dream job is to manage a successful feedlot or cattle ranch in the western United States. He hopes to secure an internship this next summer working on a beef cattle feedlot or with a large animal veterinary practice. Lucas says the best part of being a Nabor is the great friends that he has already made and the fun he has with his Nabor House peers each day.



Lucas Martin

Michael Ganschow, of Walnut, is currently serving as the Co-Rush Chair with Lucas. Michael says, “Lucas Martin is a hardworking and determined individual and he expresses the values of a true Nabor everyday. He always does more than his fair share of the work and is always more than willing to help any Nabor or anyone else in need.”

Lucas' fellow pledge brother **Grant Hannah**, of Varna, says, “Lucas is a man of conviction and action. He knows what is right and needs to be done, and he quietly goes about doing it to the best of his abilities.”

It is a pleasure to salute future veterinarian “Doc Martin” for being an example of living as an I.D.E.A.L. Nabor. Congratulations to Lucas Martin for being the recipient of the 2005 I.D.E.A.L. Nabor Award.

Is the NH Educ. Foundation in your Charitable Goals?



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As 2005 ended, I was working with a client who spent a good deal of time re-evaluating her charitable goals. In her words “I give a few dollars each year to many charities, but do they make a difference?” Her ultimate decision was to make a larger contribution to two charities with building programs in our community to help their cause.

Since 1991, our Nabor House Educational Foundation has worked quietly to raise funds sufficient to support the scholarship program for the active chapter. Annually we fund the following scholarships:

1. A \$250 scholarship to the freshman with the highest first semester GPA;
2. \$500 to an outstanding member of each of the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes. The board selects recipients based upon applications and personal interviews;
3. A \$250 scholarship to the first-year house member with the highest GPA funded as the Keith Kelroy Memorial Scholarship. As you know this scholarship was founded through the generosity of the Kelroy family in Keith’s memory. You may make additional contributions to this fund if you wish.

Thanks to the support of alums and actives alike, the annual Nabor House Golf Outing has contributed to the growth of the foundation. As of year-end 2005 our assets are nearly \$30,000. I encourage each of you to consider participating in this event on June 24, 2006. It is a great day of information at the Nabor House Annual Meeting and relaxation that supports our foundation.

At the 2005 Annual Meeting, the fraternity board shared their long term planning goals for building needs of Nabor House. If you have not seen the board’s presentation, you should do so. The future of Nabor House is exciting with new opportunities.

Each of us should consider making the Nabor House Educational Foundation a part of our charitable giving goals in 2006. The Foundation can play a positive role in the future of our fraternity beyond the scholarship program. Together, we can assure that our fraternity continues to be the highest quality for the future generations of Nabor House men.

If you wish to have additional information on these matters please feel free to contact me, any member or the foundation board, or Nabor House business agent **Larry Dallas ’75**.

GIVING TO NHEF

Gifts to the Nabor House 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:

Nabor House
P.O. Box 2653
Champaign, IL 61825

A LOOK BACK: THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

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

In the early years of Nabor House, the money needs for fraternal matters, especially alums, were minimal. After World War II, the number of alums rose sharply, and the Fraternity became quite active. So annual dues of \$2 a member for both alums and actives were instigated in 1946-47. For a while, income from dues was more or less adequate. But as activities expanded and costs rose, a volunteer life membership plan was introduced to increase organizational income. Started in 1956, the plan permitted members to purchase a life membership for \$100 exempting them from paying annual dues for life. Only a few invested in life memberships when the plan was introduced.

As the cost in time and postage to bill for dues each year had become heavy, dues were raised to \$5 a year in 1963-64. That helped for a while, but both costs and the percent of members failing to pay dues kept rising. Recognizing that a more effective and permanent solution had to be found, the membership voted at its annual meeting on October 22, 1966 to start a mandatory life membership plan for all pledges initiated from that time forward. Alums and actives were encouraged to take life memberships as well.

Still, organization income was inadequate to keep pace with spiraling costs. So, in 1971-72 an intensive campaign was mounted to promote life memberships, and many alumni purchased them. In 1983, the Board recommended a plan to convert members who pay annual dues to a life membership, and the Fraternity approved it at the 1983 Annual Meeting. The plan granted life membership status to any member who had paid \$100 or more in annual dues. Further, members who had paid less than \$100 in dues could obtain life membership status if they made up the difference between their total dues payments and \$100 within one year.

2005 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- **Lucas Martin**, freshman in Animal Science
- **Jared Walter**, soph. in Crop Science
- **Marcus Shaw**, junior in Ag Economics
- **Craig Bauman**, Senior in Animal Science
- **Lucas Martin**, freshman in Animal Science (Keith Kelroy Memorial Scholarship recipient)

EDUCATIONAL FOUND. BOARD MEMBERS

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

OBITUARIES

Joseph E. Foster '50, Shelbyville, passed away on Sun., Aug. 7, 2005. Joe was born in Lovington on Sept. 15, 1927. He graduated from Lovington High in 1945 where he was active in FFA and was a four letter athlete. He was the first president of the Moultrie County 4-H Federation and was active in its initial organization. He was Section 16 vice president of FFA, a State Farmer and a nominee for the American Farmer degree.

He attended the University of Illinois where he was a member of Nabor House Fraternity, graduating with honors. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea for one year. He earned his Masters Degree in Education from the U of I in 1953.

He taught Vocational Agriculture in Elkhart and Bement from 1950-1957. He left teaching in 1957 to become an agent for Country Companies, serving in northwest Champaign County. In the fall of 1960 he returned to the public school system and served as principal of Fisher High School for six years. Joe served as Superintendent at Forrest-Strawn-Wing (now Prairie Central) until 1974 when he accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools at Shelbyville until 1986 when he retired.

Joe was an avid fisherman and turkey hunter, a loving husband and father and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Edwin O. Schneider '43, Ossining, NY died on September 23, 2005. He was born on March 13, 1921 in Jerseyville, Ill. He was raised on the family farm in Jerseyville, graduating from Jersey Township High School in 1939. He attending the University of Illinois where he was a member of Nabor House Fraternity, graduating with a B.A. in Agriculture and an M.S. in Agronomy.

During WWII, Edwin was a First Lieutenant in the 82nd Fighter Squadron, 78th Fighter Group, 8th Air Force, stationed in Duxford, England. He flew P-47 and P-51 fighter planes, earning an Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross and six Oak Leaf Clusters.

Edwin's professional life centered around agricultural science. He began his career as an Agronomist for USDA and Penn State College in Lancaster, Pa, and later worked for American Cyanamid and Ciba-Geigy, before working as a consultant.

Family was central to Edwin's life, and he maintained a close relationship with his siblings and their families. He was always eager to help neighbors, friends and family, and was active in his church. He loved travel and played a wicked game of bridge.



A LOOK BACK: THE CREATION OF A COOPERATIVE

*As many know, Nabor House has a long standing tradition as a cooperative house. Below is an excerpt written by **Sam Ridlen '40**, in “An Idea and An Ideal” about how Nabor House founded the tradition of men’s cooperatives at the U of I.*

Nabor House was the first cooperative men’s residence successfully established by students at the University of Illinois. So catching was the idea that nine other men’s cooperative houses were organized in the next five years. A number of other coops looked to Nabor House’s constitution and organizational structure for guidance in setting their own organizations. While the economic advantage was probably the most attractive aspect of a cooperative, another that is vitally important to the success of any organized hour and has been abundant in Nabor House is fellowship.

George J. Wright '53, addressed the importance of the fellowship in the April 15, 1950 Nabor Nubbins: “One certain quality which is common to...cooperative housing does much to make this type of organization a success. That is the fellowship which is developed by members through working, playing, and studying together. Too great an emphasis cannot be places on this quality. I think that Nabor House abounds in this trait, and we have plenty left over to share with others.”

When the men’s cooperative housing movement began, **Garrett Loy** foresaw a great potential advantage in linking with other cooperative units to gain purchasing power. So Garrett promoted organization of the interested houses into some kind of consolidation or union. In a meeting of representatives from Nabor House, Illico, Club Mortonia, and Barbizon on Tuesday, April 9, 1940, the Cooperative League was formed, and Garrett was elected its first president. **Drs. R.W. Bartlett** and **C.L. Stewart**, Honorary Nabors, were elected faculty advisers of the League and provided it guidance and economic expertise. A number of Nabors served as house representatives to the League and as officers.

Although Nabor House was approved by the University as a local social fraternity, it preferred to and did operate as an independent organization. It has applied earlier for recognition as a cooperative fraternity, but the University had no such classification, not did it even have one for men’s cooperatives. But finally, Garrett’s and others’ efforts paid off. The Division of Student Housing eventually recognized cooperatives. The December 12, 1942 Nabor Nubbins describes the event:

“December 3, 1942, marked another high point in Nabor House history. On that night we received official recognition as a cooperative by the Division of Student Housing. The Charter was presented by Dean S. Earl Thompson, head of the division, who commented favorable on our record. He pointed out some of the unique characteristics of Nabor House that we men who are largely heirs too often take for granted. **Dr. C.L. Stewart**, Professor of Agricultural Economics, told us of his predictions regarding the growing importance of cooperatives in our economic system. He looks for leadership in this movement to men who, like ourselves, have had both practical and theoretical training in cooperatives. The granting of the Charter holds singular interest for Nabor House men. It marks the fruition of the efforts of **Garrett Loy '40½**, who organize the Cooperative League, the organization that was instrumental in obtaining University recognition for cooperative houses. The Cooperative League now has ten member houses, which includes over 250 men.”

CONTINUED: ALUMNI REPORTS, 1990s TO 2000s

Nutrient Mgmt Plans for animal producers. Designing new animals facilities across IL. As some of you probably know from the home-coming tailgate, I am selling a new product on the side - Jello shots. Check it out at www.caulkshot.com if you are interested.

Heisner, Craig. '96. 18301 Sylvan St., Tarzana, CA 91335. 818-708-1293. *Brewing Supervisor at Anheuser Busch LA Brewery.* craigheisner@sbcglobal.net. My wife Katie and I bought a house in Dec. '04. I have been making minor improvements to it and enjoy being a homeowner. I was moved from Fermentation to the Finishing Dept. in May. It is the last step in the brewing process before the beer is packaged. We have plenty of room for visitors if anyone wants to check out L.A.

McCormick, Heath. '97. RR1 Box 188, Shumway, IL 62461. 217-868-2366[h], 217-412-2483[c]. *Application Engineer for Hydro-Gear.* 2005 has been an exciting year! We had our first child, a daughter, Claire Delight. She was born on Sept. 9th, weight 6lbs 3 oz. and was 19 in. long. What a joy having her in our house. We are thankful and definitely enjoying her! Harvest was early and smooth. Yields were not great but better than expected for not having rain. Pulling season was good. We ran NTPA Grand National circuit this year. We ended up 7th in the points and won two pulls. Both of these pulls will be shown on RFDTV this winter. We are looking forward to my brothers wedding and all the adventure that lay ahead in our lives.

Kellogg, Matt. '98. 9750 Schlapp Rd., Yorkville, IL 60560. Moved into the new house in June. Only took 2 years to build it. Hope to finish working on it before I'm 80. Kamryn had her 1st b-day party (born 12-14-04). Two more additions arrived thanks to "Woodsy" McKim. No, he didn't sire them for me, he found them in a barn! 2 Labs-Weber & Norm. Wife and I are busy and blessed. Go Illini!

Moffitt, Justin. '98.5. 1006 Knox Hwy 17, Gilson, IL 61436. 309-221-9496.

Firefighter/farmer, ju

2000s

Harms, Ryan. '00. 1312 W. 43rd St., Hays, KS 67601. 785-650-0180. *Assistant Alumni Director at Fort Hays State University.* rjharms@fhsu.edu. Moved to Hays, KS in March as the wife got a promotion and transfer with John Deere. Started for Fort Hays in June. Enjoying it, but staying plenty busy. The big news this year is that Brea and I are expecting our first child in late April. I'm told things will really start changing now...

Vaughan, David. '00. 309-712-3575. nabor517@illinoisalumni.org. Not much new. Still working for Ag Reliant as a production

supervisor. In my spare time, I head to the gym and trying to keep up with Johnny O!

Windish, Ryan. '00. 720-234-8645. I'm in the Mile High City now, doing my residency in emergency med. Working at the Denver "Knife and Gun Club", and if you can think of it I probably am going to see it. It is amazing just how many people fall on objects and get a "hole in one." Ha! Nice thing is Breck, Vail and Winter Park are all within an hour or two. If any Nabors are looking for a place to crash for a ski trip just give me a ring.

Maul, Errol. '01. 2121 Crazy Horse Rd., Ashland, IL 62612. 217-886-2040. *Farmer.* errolmaul@hotmail.com. Everything is wrapped up for harvest this year. Our yields were better than expected but below average. Ashley has been keeping busy with school and her horses. I am looking forward to another great Illini basketball season!

Nightingale, Brett. '01. 200 Nathan Lane N. #133, Minneapolis, MN 55441. 763-544-0017[h], 763-577-2780[w]. *Commodity Trader.* brett.nightingale@mosaicco.com.

Stierwalt, Greg. '01. Things are going well in Sadorus. We had a better than expected harvest and good sales at Birkey's. Our biggest news is that we had our first daughter Sophia on Oct. 29th. She and Tori are doing great and we are looking forward to showing everyone our new addition soon. GO ILLINI!!!

Feeney, Luke. '02. 1474 E. 1500 N. Rd., Monticello, IL 61856. 217-714-1626[h], 217-762-9416[w]. *Attorney.* feeney@illinoisalumni.org. Graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law in May. Passed the Illinois Bar Exam and am working as an associate at Miller, Tracy, Braun, Funk & Miller Ltd. In Monticello. Go Illini!

Starr, Matthew. '02. 2105 Fox Hill Ln., Ottawa, IL 61350. 217-653-4668. uofistarr@hotmail.com. Bought a house in July, got married and went to Aruba in October. Looking forward to seeing Nabors regularly over the next three or four upcoming weddings of pledge brothers.

Wikoff, John. '03. 484 S. Soangetaha Rd. Apt. 18, Galesburg, IL 61401. 309-341-4429. *Design Engineer.* jwikoff99@hotmail.com. November of last year, I started a new job at Eserv, an engineering consulting firm in Peoria. I have done projects with Harley-Davidson and the government, and am currently involved in a large project with Cat to help meet 2007 emissions standards. Last March, my wife Nikki and I got a dog, Oscar. He's a real wiener, literally.

Lawless, Steve. '04.5. 2840 Crescent Oak Lane #11, Aurora, IL 60502. 309-838-2812[h], 630-406-3421[w]. *AGCO.* lawless@illinoisalumni.org. All is well here. I'm working for AGCO up in Batavia, IL. It was a bit of a

FLASHBACK TO THE '00s: SAM SERVEN, 2003

Sam Serven, loan officer and farmer, St. Augustine, Illinois

Tell us about your career. I started out of college working for the Knox County USDA Farm Service in Galesburg. I spent two years there working with the Government Farm Program in many different areas. The main program that I worked with was the creation of the new GIS-based aerial maps for Knox County. This past Sept. I switched jobs and started as a Loan Officer at Tompkins State Bank in Avon, where I went to high school.



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

The most important thing to me was the size of the house and the group of guys. When I rushed it felt like a close group from similar backgrounds. Coming from a high school class of 30 students, NH was a great way to transition to a campus of 36,000 students.

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

I miss the everyday fun of a bunch of small town guys living in one place. Whether it was basketball in the backlot, video games being played through the house network with a bunch of guys, social events with everyone, or even just hanging out and discussing which color of tractor and brand of truck is the best.

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

Efficient, determined, progress.

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

As Commissar I became fond of putting soup on the menu during the winter. One particular soup that was really enjoyed was the Chicken Tortilla Soup with a greasy grilled cheese sandwich. That would really hit the spot.

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

Matt Slager '04, **Luke Feeney** '02, and **Matt Leonard** '02.

What NH memory is most special to you?

Those who know me might remember me for certain things like Matt Foley impersonations, the Irish Princess, dancing to 80's music at social events, tackling Bertleson in the backyard, or similar funny events throughout college. But I would have to say that my pledge semester would have to be the one thing that will always stick with me.

NABOR COMMITMENT: GIFTS RECEIVED IN 2005

\$500 AND UP

Larry W. Dallas '75
Dr. J. David Huston '77
Dana M. Lewis, Jr. '49.5
John F. Rundquist '46
John C. Schaefer '80

\$250 - \$499

William J. Champion '75.5
Mark L. Farrell '00
Glen M. Hall, Jr. '89
Keith E. Honegger '69
Thomas F. Kelley '75
Bruce A. Kramer '86
Timothy E. Lenz '90
Gregory L. Olson '70
Donald L. Owings '69.5
Charles E. Willman '57

\$100 - \$249

Adam H. Anderson '97
Christopher W. Anderson '85
Francis L. Barton '57.5
Kelly L. Beaty '84
Brian M. Bernhard '90
Dr. Randy S. Bimes, DVM '84
Scott F. Block '91
Gary L. Borah '71
Brian T. Bounds '87
Brandon M. Bozarth, Active
Glen M. Broom '62.5
W. Van Burgess '55
Richard L. Conn '69
Dr. Timothy Damron, M.D. '83
James M. DeSutter '82
Randall R. DeSutter '79
Raymond G. Duewer '61
Dr. Lauren Dunaway, DVM '58
Donald N. Duvick '48
Kenneth R. Eathington '83
Nathan P. Edlefson '02
Vernon R. Eidman '58
Max B. England '96
Joseph D. Erlandson '81
Robert W. Frank '59
Edward C. Glaser '82
David L. Grieve '67
Glen E. Gullakson '59
Merle W. Hall '79
Joseph L. Hampton, Jr. '65
Joseph W. Harlan '80
William L. Harmon '88
Ryan J. Harms '00
David E. Hartley '59
Scott D. Hawbaker '88

Roger L. Higgs '60
Harvey J. Hortik '57
Timothy M. Hufnagel '90
Dr. Harold D. James, DVM '58
Donald W. Jones '55.5
David A. Jordan '00
Matthew J. Kellogg '98
Michael R. Kinate '01
A. Kraig Krause '83
Nathan D. Langham '82
James H. Litchfield '47
Howard L. Malstrom '56
Michael C. Manhart '70
Nick J. McCormick '02
James G. McCurdy '50
Dr. Shawn N. McKim, DVM '96
Edward L. McMillan '69
Brian R. Millard '83
Steven D. Miller '85
Donald L. Moffitt '69
R. Gordon Myers '82
Howard W. Nightingale '69
Thaddeus J. Obal '44
Kent D. Paulus '86
Peter E. Pederson '71
Roland G. Pettit '56
R. Dale Redman '44
Eric A. Reiners '88
Gary R. Reiners '72
Gary A. Reynolds '66
Samuel F. Ridlen '40
Keith E. Rieker '72
John R. Rutherford '97
Barry D. Sampson '96
Louis E. Schairer '56
H. Leroy Schilt '47
S. Gene Schwarm '78
Ronald J. Seibel '58
Matt Slager '04
Keith M. Soltwedel '91
John E. Spangler '95
Eldon L. Sparrow '58
Matthew D. Starr '02.5
Ronald D. Starr '76
Michael J. Still '66
Rodney M. Stoll '89
Phillip Stuepfert '96
Earl R. Swanson '43
Paul W. Taylor '94
Richard H. Taylor '68.5
Timothy D. Urish '86
Jay W. Vandeburg '94
David J. Vaughan '00
Craig P. Vroman '93
Blake Wagahoff '05
Rodney S. Walker '81
Michael R. Weber '71

Craig D. White '99
John Wikoff '04
David A. Winterland '87

UP TO \$99

A. Clay Appenheimer '50
Kevin A. Barto '99.5
Michael G. Barton '77
Wayne A. Bingham '87
Bradley N. Bremer '82.5
Virgil R. Bremer '04
Gregory S. Breuer '81
Robert M. Champion '82
Jerry E. Cannon '90
Brian Carlson '96
Robert D. Carlson '66.5
Larry J. Coers, Active
Lawrence A. Duewer '69.5
Jeffery A. Duncan '99
Rodney B. Dye '75
Kevin R. Eathington '97.5
Jesse M. Edlefson '04.5
Jeff Egan, Attd
Chris A. Elliott '88
Kendal T. Elvidge '04
Kevin M. Engel '93
C. Stephen Erlandson '70
James W. Erlandson '83
Karl J. Ferguson, Active
Joseph J. Fidler '89
Troy W. Fischer '92
Corey D. Flournoy '98
D. Jay Frye '82
Michael J. Ganschow, Active
Byron R. Geissler '64
Elmer C. Gerlach '53
Brett Goodwin '05.5
Brett Haney, Active
Greg T. Hart '98
Craig B. Heisner '96
L. Arlen Higgs '61
Edward C. Hubly '73
Mark A. Jacob '85.5
E. Ray King III '72
Timothy B. Kiper '86
Kevin Knapp '05
Darren J. Koehl '00
Hunt E. Lacey '01
John R. Lamoreux '69
Randy R. Lindgren, Active
Noah B. Litherland '99
James Lock, Active
Dr. Paul C. Mann, M.D. '99
Lucas P. Martin, Active
Errol T. Maul '01
Gerald W. Mayberry '65.5
Heath F. McCormick '97

Rusty A. Melhouse '00
Justin L. Moffitt '98.5
Mark F. Mohr '96
Thomas R. Murphy '76
Steven R. Myers '87
Steven R. Nightingale '02
Gaylord L. Olson '73
Duane Otto '91
Craig A. Pessman '81
Jeffrey R. Reed '04
Scott M. Reed '04.5
Billy L. Rich '57
James D. Rincker '71
Mark G. Robert '89
Matthew J. Robert '96
William C. Robinson '68
Dale E. Ruckman '59
Stanley H. Schick '78
David J. Schingoethe '65
Richard E. Schingoethe '65
David Schneider '97
James H. Schoonaert '62
Sam Serven '03
Steven J. Sheets '92
Michael D. Sleight '92
Everett J. Smiley '48
C. Stephen Soltwedel '94
Gary R. Stangland '78
Greg R. Stierwalt '01
Corey Struck, Active
Nicholas Tinsley, Active
James L. Tolan '73
Kregg A. Ummel '92
Douglas D. Van Hoveln '90
Brian D. Waibel '87
Floyde S. Walker '46.5
Robert E. Walker '71
Don A. Wall '97
Mark K. Weber '77
Andrew G. White '01
Neil F. Whitted, Active
Bonard S. Wilson '40
Jeffrey L. Wilson '80
Kerry A. Wolff '89.5
Merril K. ZumMallen '89

NABOR COMMITMENT

STATS
Total Gifts: 207
Average Gift: \$98.05

COMMITTEE
• Ryan Harms '00, Chair
• Rod Stoll '89
• Nick Tinsley, Active

2005 CAMPAIGN TOTAL: \$20,296

ALUMNI REPORTS: NABORS CHECK IN FROM ACROSS THE DECADES

1940s

Wilson, Bonard. '40. From Bonard's wife Mary Ellen: "Bonard has been (totally) in bed for 10 months with no prospect to ever be able to walk. He is devastated by this situation, of course. He also has Alzheimers – he said to say he isn't as 'good' as he used to be."

Rundquist, Jack. '46. 124 Rundquist Lane, Butler, IL 62015. 217-532-5350. *Farmer.* Corn and soybean harvest brought in more bushels than we expected! After several hot days and scant rainfall, corn and soybean yields were quite good. A big thank you for all the great strides that have been made by the plant breeders!

Stone, Dick. '46. 1424 E. Pine St., Mason City, IL 62664. 217-482-5638. *Retired.* Wife, Ruth, passed award three years ago, moved to town two years ago. Had two heart attacks in Feb. '05. Daughter, Lois, and son-in-law Carl Duewer are moving to the farm.

Schilt, Leroy. '47. 2040 Osprey Pt., Greensboro, GA 30642. 706-453-3809. *Retired.* We have moved to Georgia where red clay (and little corn) grows. Still doing some traveling before we get old.

Duvick, Donald N. '48. 6837 NW Beaver Drive, PO Box 446, Johnston, IA 50131. 515-278-0861. *Retired plant breeder for Pioneer Hi-Bred.* No big news which at my age may be good news. Am still active in plant breeding and genetics circles; publishing and reviewing scientific papers for the most part.

Obal, Ted. '48. 739 Hillsdale Ave., Hillsdale, NJ 07642. 201-664-7836. *Retired.* Celebrated my 84th birthday with a big family reunion on the Obal Family Farm near O'Fallon, Ill. Would like to pay tributes to two of our Nabors who lost their lives in WWII – Garret Loy and Neil Reinerd. Neil and I were freshman in 1940-41. Garret was one of the organizers of Nabor House.

Potter, Carmen Y. '48. 1258 Potter Rd., Jacksonville, IL 62650. 217-243-2388. *Retired.* All's well here. Crops were good in spite of drought conditions this summer. We are expecting a great grandson in March.

1950s

Appenheimer, Clay. '50. 1015 4th Ave., Dixon, IL. 815-284-9722. *Retired.* 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren. Wife Rose and I both reasonable healthy. Rose volunteers at Alazon Home, Clay has a young orchard of 75 trees.

Lewis Jr., Dana M. '50. 815-759-0783. *Retired.* Just received a new right hip! Life is good. We are awaiting the arrival of our 14th grandchild early next year. If any Nabor

finds his way to McHenry, I'll buy the coffee and pie!

McCurdy, Jim. '50. 1301 E. 2nd Ave., Monmouth, IL 61462. 309-734-2638. *Retired.* jmccurdy@maplecity.com. Enjoying retirement and being able to volunteer with church, hospital auxiliary, and Extension. Enjoyed the special tent and food at Homecoming football game. I liked the opportunity to visit with members and alums. Also, good to see new members continuing to come from our area plus all over the state.

Gerlach, Elmer. '53. Retired since '88. Health still good. Visited Germany, Czech Republic, Slavakia, Hungary and Austria in March. Fishing was good. This year's weather disasters were unbelievable.

Masters, Don. '53. Auditing a course in literature at Illinois College. Trying to keep my mind from turning to mush. It's not working.

Schlueter, Clarence. '53. 217-351-6991. *Retired.* schlueter@insightbb.com. Our daughter has a place at Hideaway Beach on Marco Island, Florida and we will be spending ten days over Thanksgiving there and again in January. We are also planning on taking a river cruise with brother Mel and Ruth in Europe and a family get together at Breckenridge, Colorado next summer. Harvest is over and crops were pretty good! We are looking forward to a great U of I basketball season. Come see us!

Lewis, C. E. '54. 1003 1st Ave., Mendota, IL 61342. 815-539-7236. *Veterinarian.* Our granddaughter is a senior in HS. She received the Principal Award which is a national award. She was one of 150 in the nation out of 5,400 to win this \$1000 scholarship. She is doing well in athletics and scholarships.

Schertz, Cletus. '54. 651-777-9553. scher002@umn.edu. Unusually cold here in MN. But we will survive, I hope. Busy scratching my brain to figure out the Medicare Part D. It likely required a genius to write something so simple in such a confusing manner. But George says it is good. He's proud of it. I wonder if he read and understood what he signed. If those of you on Medicare haven't signed on yet be certain to get at least a "credible" plan. Some plans (Humana) that qualify are for zero or near zero \$\$\$\$\$. Get on board somehow. Then you can change during an open enrollment period without a penalty. Did you know that the respective health plan organizations receive a major portion of the Medicare Part B premium that is deducted from our SS payment? That's \$88++/ mo. in 2006. Then some add on a stiff additional premium. Sounds like I am peeved. I am.

FLASHBACK TO THE '40s: THADDEUS OBAL, 1944

Ted Obal, retired business economist and energy planner, Hillsdale, New Jersey

Tell us about your career.
4.5 years with the U.S. military, ended up with U.S. Military Government in Berlin in 1946-1947; Ph.D. in Ag Econ at UI in 1952; Congressional Joint Economic Committee, 1951-1953; Economist and later Mgr. of Economic Analysis, Ford Motor Co., 1953-1965; Senior Economist, Mgr. U.S. Economic Analysis, Senior Planner Long Term Energy Studies, Mobil Oil Corporation, 1965-1983.

What were the most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House?
I lucked out in the summer of 1940 when I met Don Norris '43 at a 4-H event on the U of I campus. He told me about Nabor House, which was then a year old ag student coop with very reasonable living costs. The next day he showed me the house and introduced me to a couple older Nabors. They invited me to join them in the fall. I was sold and never regretted it.



What is one piece of the Nabor House culture or routine that you still miss today?
Sundays were a special day at NH. Everyone attended his house of worship. There were no exceptions. I always helped with preparing Sunday dinner because Catholic services were held earlier than Protestant services.

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

Name one food dish from all of your NH meals that you'll always remember.
Mashed potatoes with beef gravy

Name two or three fellow Nabors that have been most influential on your life.
Don Norris '43 – sponsor, devout Catholic, hardworker; Earl Swanson '43 – common interest in economics, intellectual with a funny bone; Sam Ridlen '40 – always had time to talk with the younger Nabors

Share one special NH memory for you.
In retrospect, the importance of social graces and social development was implicit but clear in NH's overall code of life and behavior. In the early 40's the male to female student ratio on campus was 4 to 1. But that didn't discourage the youthful Nabors. Social life was encouraged.

Inside Wholesaler, American Funds. indypilot@comcast.net. Gina and I were blessed with the birth of our first child, a daughter, Kadence Parthenia, on Aug. 13, 2005. I can't believe I actually thought I was busy before she joined our family. Perspectives sure change quickly!

1990s

Softwedel, Keith M. '91. 9636 Club Valley Way, Raleigh, NC 27617. 919-405-7078[h], 919-804-2689[w]. *Operations Mgr. - John Deere Co.* SoftwedelKeithM@JohnDeere.com. I accepted the Operations Mgr. position for the John Deere Worldwide Commercial & Consumer Equip. division on Aug. 1. After spending nearly 15 yrs on the sales side for the Ag division, I'm looking forward to working on the marketing / operations side at the CCE head-quarters in Cary, NC. Christina's company, Express Scripts, is allowing her to keep her Account Mgr. position while working out of our new home in Raleigh, NC. Jenna turned 3 in Nov. and was very excited to move into (as she calls it) "my new house". We are two hours east of the mountains and two hours west of the ocean. If you are ever on the east coast, we've got plenty of room and would welcome any Nabors.

Wolff, Kurt. '91. 3 Horschu Dr., Altamont, IL 62411. 618-483-5511[h], 618-483-6171[w]. *Plant Superintendent for ADM Grain in Altamont.* afpd5@mchsi.com[h], kurt_wolff@admworld.com[w]. My wife Candy and I just celebrated our 13th anniversary. The kids, Klaiton 7 and Karsyn 5, are growing like weeds. Watching them grow definitely puts into perspective when we heard our parents say "it seems like only yesterday...". If anyone ever comes through the area feel free to stop in and say hello.

Fischer, Troy W. '92. 6779 E. Bluegrass, Stillman Valley, IL 61804. 815-234-2600. *Ag finance.* I enjoyed participating in the U of I Basketball Centennial Celebration in '05 (although my daughter was extremely disappointed that I didn't get near the applause that Kendal Gill got – ha!).

Stewart, Bob. '92. 7482 Audrey Avenue, Yorkville, IL 60560. 630-553-5053. *Farmer.* rks@centrec.com. Our family is doing well. We had a major transition this year. We moved off the farm into a subdivision. Part of the farm was sold off for development including the farmstead we were on. We are still farming with my family but in a year or two we will likely be moving south to some farmland we have traded into. Crop yields were variable up here with field averages for corn ranging from 50 to 170 bu/ac. I am fortunate to be currently enrolled in the IL Ag Leadership

Program. I am enjoying my time with my fellow classmates including Nabors Jason Anderson and Rusty Melhouse.

Meeker, Sam. '94. Susan, Blake and I are still plugging away in good ole Brimfield. Blake is almost two now, and has decided to start the terrible two's a little early. He loves to get into everything from flour to the computer to oil and dirt. I call him the walking grease rag, since he's between me and what I'm trying to work on! Susan cut back to 1/2 time to spend some more time raising the kiddo. She's still working on Natural Resource/Watershed/NEMO issues with UI Extension, and really enjoys it. The other half of her time is spent with Blake doing chores for the donkeys, mules, mini-horses, chickens, and rabbit the in-laws have acquired... quite the petting zoo. I finally graduated again, and believe I'm smart enough to get a job now. Per my 2-year job schedule, I exited Black Belt and took over the Small Wheel Loader marketing and commercial business for Cat in June. It's been a blast, marketing and all. Much more fun than that engineering and product support stuff. In my free time (HA), I wired the brother-in-law's house this summer, and bought a molder to make the trim. Around 1300 feet so far, and still grinding away at Red Oak. Production woodworking is much more boring than whipping up a table or dresser, but it pays the bills. We harvested what seemed to be miserable corn this year (140-160 bu) compared to the past couple of years, and surprisingly normal beans of 50 bu. I'm still waiting on all the summer rains to fill my well back up (anybody bore wells?)

Wolff, Kory. '94. 748 Woodcreek Court, Greenwood, IN 46142. 317-859-8920. wolff_family@sbcglobal.net. Started working for Conway CCX in August. Now I am professional truck driver pulling doubles. It is nice to finally have a job where I can get week-ends off. The girls are doing fine- Abigail is now 9 and starting to play basketball, Hanna is 6 and enjoying kindergarten. Lynn is still selling Pampered Chef kitchen products and doing well. She has earned us a 7-day cruise in April.

Hoerr, Brett. '95. 1927 E. Jefferson St., Morton, IL 61550. 309-208-6158[h], 309-266-8444[w]. *Veterinarian.* brettahoerr@bwsys.net. Was glad to see Jason Anderson and his undying scholastic prowess in action on the winning IFB Young Leaders Agri-Quiz Bowl team this summer. I also have the pleasure of seeing Sam and Susan Meeker and Blake now and then.

Robert, Matt. '95. 3309B Halifax Dr., Champaign. 217-898-8168. *Ag Engineer and entrepreneur.* mjr2104@msn.com. Doing normal. Developing Comprehensive

FLASHBACK TO THE '90s: COREY FLOURNOY, 1998

Corey Flournoy, leadership consultant, Okemos, Michigan

Tell us about your career.
Creative Outreach Consulting is a partnership I started in January 1996 with another University of Illinois graduate—



Raquel "Rocky" Lacey. I provide services for universities, non-profit organizations, and corporations throughout the country including: DuPont, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Boehringer–Ingelheim, AmeriCorps, Monsanto, & the US Dept. of Education.

What were the most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House?
Of the houses I considered on campus, Nabor House best fit my personality because the guys were more down-to-earth. I also wanted to challenge myself by living in an environment that was more different than I was accustomed (since I am originally from Chicago).

What is one piece of the NH culture or routine that you still miss today?
Having dinner or lunch at a set time on the table everyday (even if the food was not always good).

Besides "education, cooperation, and recreation," what are three words that best describe your Nabor House experience?
Challenging, humility, eye-opening.

What's one food dish from all of your NH meals that you'll always remember?
The Steak and Beans Dinners.

Name two or three fellow Nabors who have been most influential on your life.
John Spangler '95, Keith Kelroy '94, and Jason Tompkins '96.

What NH memory is special to you?
Remembering the special reception the house organized after I was elected National FFA President in November 1994. The support from the house was unbelievable.



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FLASHBACK TO THE '80s:
JAMES FARLEY, 1985

Jim Farley, ag processing manager, Omaha, Neb.

Tell us about your career.
Right out of college, I started as a grain merchandiser with ADM. In 1992, I moved to Omaha as a Feed Ingredient Buyer and Pricing Mgr. In 2001, I accepted my current responsibilities with Ag Processing, Inc. for marketing and logistics of crude soybean oil from nine soybean processing locations and three soybean oil refineries along with marketing co-products from the refineries, an ethanol plant & a soybean oil bio-diesel plant.

What were the most important reasons you chose to live at NH?
It represented a place that seemed rooted in similar values as my own home, with men possessing similar backgrounds, goals, and interests.



What is one piece of the NH culture or routine that you still miss today?
My wife won't let me sleep with the windows open. South Dorm rules. There was always Eu-chre in the afternoon. Is the buzzer still by the phone? (long-short-long)

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

Name one food dish from all of your NH meals that you'll always remember.
I always loved those horseshoe sandwiches covered with cheese sauce, but the one meal from the memory books were the ham and cheese sandwiches on our Turkey Run Little Sis canoe trip. We had made the sandwiches the night before and placed them in the cooler. The cooler was smelling kind of bad so it was cleaned with Lysol. Guess what those ham and cheese sandwiches tasted like!

Name two or three fellow Nabors that have been most influential on your life.
One influential person for me was a great Big Brother—**Kenny Eathington** '83. He got me started on the right track and was a mentor to look up to. Thanks Kenny! My classmates all made a difference in my life and I still keep tabs on **Lee Allen** '85 and **Jeff Elsas** '85.

Share one special NH memory for you.
There are many great memories involving the men and experiences at Nabor House. I never knew how far a mattress could fly. Lincoln Avenue was a very wide street. But the one that sticks with me was running into my wife. Carla lived around the corner at 4-H House and was a

ACES Board of Directors so I do make it back to the campus for more than just sports. I was pleased that I was able to present one of my pledge brothers, Kraig Krause, with the Good Nabor Award at the annual meeting.

Millard, Brian. '83. PO Box 303, Arenzville, IL 62611. 217-997-2195[h], 217-997-5546[w]. *Wells Fargo Financial Leasing-District Manager.* millard5@frontiernet.net. Children—Jessica, 17; Jacob, 14; and Joshua, 10 keep Cara and I busy going to ball games. Triopia High provided an exciting fall in FB, making it to the quarterfinals. Jessica is a senior and has been accepted and is leaning towards becoming an Illini! Jacob is a freshman and enjoyed being a part of the successful FB season. Joshua is in 5th grade and is also active in basketball, v-ball, and baseball. Cara is still teaching in Beardstown although she is threatening to retire. I am still providing financing solutions for ag and commercial businesses with Wells Fargo.

Bimes, Randy. '84. 2250 Old Bethlehem Pike, Quakertown, PA 18951. 215-538-7718[h], 215-538-2726[w]. *Veterinarian.* randy.bimes@comcast.net.

Farley, Jim. '85. 17221 K St., Omaha, NE 68135. 402-896-9519[h], 402-498-5585[w]. jfarley@tconl.com, jfarley@agp.com. Sarah (age 16) Sophomore, Joe (age 13) Seventh Gr. Need to connect more often. Lots of good friends and memories out there.

Neisler, Greg. '85. 815 W. Franklin St., Nokomis, IL 62075. 217-563-8345[h], 217-229-4237[w]. *6th Grade Teacher-Lincolnwood HS.* dneisler@consolidated.net. God has continued to smile on our family. After nearly 17 years, my wife Dee and I have been blessed with a very special little girl, Kylie Rheanne. She was born on Nov. 21, 2005, weighing 9 pounds and 3 ounces and was 21 inches long. At one day old and still in the hospital, Kylie was sporting her Illini outfit and cheering the Illini as they crushed Texas Southern. She joins my step-son, Brett, who is a freshman at SE Missouri State, and our daughter Mallory, who is a junior at Nokomis HS. Dee is teaching 3rd grade at Nokomis and I continue to teach and coach softball at Lincolnwood HS at Raymond, IL.

Chamberlain, Tom. '86. 34 Maywood Dr., Danville, IL 61832. 217-443-3513[h]. *Banking.* tom.chamberlain@sbcglobal.net. New job and house both great. Beth teaching physics and chem. at Danville. Kids growing faster than we want. Matt now a teenager.

Kramer, Bruce. '86. 220 West Central Ave., Missoula, MT 59801. 406-428-3725[h], 406-541-1700[w]. *Administrator of home care services company.* kramer@montana.com. Kids are busy with hockey and soccer. Wife busy running hand therapy business. I am busy just keeping up with them!

Vandermyde, Karl. '86. Marketing at CAT. Tina and the boys (Peter – 12 and Jacob – 10) are busy with church, school and sports.

Bingham, Wayne. '87. 30671 455th Lane, Griggsville, IL 62340. 217-833-2887[h], 217-833-2352[w]. I am in my 10th season as Sales Mgr. for Logan Agri-Service. We are selling through warehouses in IN and OH. Should be an interesting prepay season. Jaqueline 11, Allyson 9, Daniel 6 and Jennifer 3. Kristine is teaching 2nd grade in Griggsville. All is going well. It was nice to see some Nabors at the Farm Progress show in 2005. If you are ever in the area look us up.

Winterland, Dave. '87. 16 Brookwood Ct., Fairbury, IL 61739. 815-692-4280. *Farmer.* nwinterland@yahoo.com. Had a great time at the NH golf outing, Davestock, and the homecoming tailgate. Seems harder to hook up with other Nabors, but more rewarding as we get older. Nicole is selling houses and substitute teaching. Braden is 7, Katelind is 2½. The days never slow down!

Bossert, Dean. '88. 6144 Terry Ave., Port Arthur, TX 77640. 409-736-3677[h]. *Refuge Mgr., US Fish & Wildlife Service.* dean8115@excite.com. It was an eventful last couple of months. I spent a week in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina helping in search & rescue operations by driving a motorboat through neighborhoods going door to door looking for survivors. I returned home on a Friday and began a precautionary evacuation at work on Mon. When Hurricane Rita headed our way we left on Thurs., Sept. 22. The hurricane hit on the 24th almost directly on Port Arthur. It moved just east far enough that we missed the storm surge, but we had extensive wind damage. The coastal towns just across the state line were completely wiped out. Only foundations were left in two little towns. We were blessed to only have tree damage at our house. We were out of power for three weeks. Two weeks after the hurricane my boss took another job in Alaska, so I am temporarily running 2 refuges and trying to recover from the hurricane. My family is doing wonderful. We are tired of traveling so we'll be staying home for a while.

Harmon, Bill. '88. 549 E. 500 N. Road, Morrisonville, IL 62546. 217-526-3569[h], 217-886-2573[w]. *Professor.* bill.harmon@lcc.edu. Congratulations to all the Sox fans. This means there is hope for us Cub fans. Can't wait to see how the Illini basketball team does this winter.

Robert, Mark. '89. Beth and I are doing good. Our kids – Drake 9, Drew 7, Danielle 3 – are growing by leaps and bounds. Speaking of Bounds, Happy 40ths to Brian and to Dave Winterland – you old farts!

Wolff, Kerry '89.5. 6158 Connie Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46237. 317-889-0685.

FLASHBACK TO THE '50s:
RONALD SEIBEL, 1957

Ron Seibel, retired ag prof. and administrator, Adelphi, Maryland

Tell us about your career.
Taught HS and JC ag before being offered a teaching position at the U. of Maryland in 1967. After my PhD in 1972, I was the Director of the Institute of Applied Agriculture on the Maryland campus until my retirement in 1998. While at Maryland, I became an Assoc. Prof. in 1976 and served as an Asst. Dean in the College of Ag. from 1986-96. In retirement, I spend a great deal of time on community service work.

What were the most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House?
I applied to NH because I wanted to reduce the cost of attending college. I was the first in my family to go on to college, and getting accepted into NH was a key factor in making the final decision to attend. Fellowship, group support, and character development were house attributes unknown to me at pledging, but quickly became the factors influencing my desire to become a member.



What is one piece of the NH culture or routine that you still miss today?
Exchange dinners, faculty dinner guests, and Homecoming activities with alumni were always enjoyable. Since moving to the east coast, I have made it back for very few alumni events. I thought retirement would open the door to more opportunities, but have found scheduling conflicts continue to exist. I greatly appreciate the excellence of the Nubbins to keeping me updated.

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

What's one food dish from all of your NH meals that you'll always remember?
Corn bread with pork & beans and syrup sort of stands out in my mind.

Name two or three fellow Nabors who have been most influential on your life.
I am not sure I can create a list, but there is no doubt that the dedication and commitment to NH shown by **Sam Ridlen** '40 left a lasting impression on me.

What NH memory is special to you?
The weekend of a house dance the year I was social chairman. It was on that occasion that I met the young lady (the sister of a pledge) I married Feb. 20, 1960.

Duvick, Dick. '55. 162 Abbot Ave., Worthington, OH 43085. 614-436-4214. *Retired.* duvick.1@osu.edu. What a glorious fall! Went to OSU football games thru Nov. 12 and only needed a light jacket once. Ten years since I retired and highly recommend it. Will go to California over Thanksgiving to visit one of our sons. New knee last year, otherwise no additions or corrections.

Steffen, Jerry R. '55. PO Box 102, Goodfield, IL 61712. 309-965-2399. *Veterinarian.* All is well here. Still working. Will go to Branson, MO with Peoria Charter Bus to Christmas show on 12/6/05. Has quite on experience on Oct. 17 – got butted over a gate by a 1300 pound Angus bull. The only sore spots were where I landed on concrete.

Pettit, Roland. '56. 708 N. Main St., Canton, IL 61520. 309-647-1267. My son Tom and I traveled to Alaska in August. This made it very special. We stayed at a wilderness camp, hiked, fished and just enjoyed the great outdoors. It's always a treat to hear from you all. Look out for the Cubs in 2006.

Schairer, Lou. '56. 505 Opatrny Drive., Fox River Grove, IL 60021. 847-639-3325. *Retired teacher.* grnthumblou@yahoo.com. We will be traveling to LA to visit our daughter JoAnn. She is singing in a chorus and we will be there for the rehearsal and performance in Dec. Also going to Woodstock, Georgia to visit daughter Vicki, her husband Mike, our granddaughter Michelle and her husband Ty, and our 2 great grandchildren – Blake is 2 yrs 7 mos and Bailey is 1 yr. We are in good health and very busy.

Dintelmann, Bob. '57. 600 Lorenz Lane, Belleville, IL 62220. 618-233-3090. *dintelmann@aol.com.* Joyce and I are doing well with 5 children, 4 sons/daughters-in-law and 12 grandchildren. Oh the Joy. All in Belleville except one family in CA and one in FL. So travel to see then is a top priority. We took the whole group (23) on an Alaska cruise in July out of Seattle for our big trip this year. It was really great to have everyone in one place with no responsibilities for food, etc. It has been 9 years since I have been doing my own consulting in landscaping and nursery appraisal. Also we are active in our Church, Turkey Hill Grange, and the Optimist Club. I am also President of a Board to establish an air park called Scott Field Heritage Air Park at Scott Air Force Base, IL. We hope to break ground in Spring. Gods blessings to everyone and GO ILLINI.

Irwin, George. '57. 105 Parkview Drive, Bloomington, IL 61701. 309-662-6775. *Retired/Genealogy/Real Estate.* irwin.gs@gte.net. Two 2005 developments: 1.) I passed R.E. broker licensing test and became a broker associate with Soy Capital Ag Services. 2.) We privately published and are

marketing my wife's story of her father, a flying Tiger Pilot. Bishop, Lewis S. & Sheila G. Irwin. "Escape from Hell: An AVG Flying Tiger's Journey." Available in bookstores or from us, \$31 postage and handling.

James, Harold. '58. 2695 Allen Rd., Buncombe, IL 62912. 618-658-5678. *Veterinarian.* Still working half time at Vet Medicine. Farm actively involved in Christmas tree sales at present.

Hartley, David. '59. 1124 Deercroft Ct., Fort Collins, CO 80525. 970-225-6733. *Retired.* david.hartley@colostate.edu. Will retired (second time) from Colorado State University Horticulture Dept. in 2006. Enjoying life in Colorado with children and grandchildren.

1960s

Duewer, Lawrence A. '60. 261 Campground Rd., Livingston, TN 38570. 931-823-6042. *Retired.* leduewer@twilakes.net. It's been a while since I updated so I might not have reported our grandson Joshua Duewer – born May 13, 2004. Otherwise about the same. May be getting our of the Icelandic sheep business. We started '05 with 16, have sold 25 and have 6 left as of Nov. '05.

Higgs, Roger. '60. 14A105 Deer Run Lane, Apple River, IL 61001. 815-492-2613. *Retired.* higgs@uwplatt.edu. I am pleased to be appointed to the NH Board. If any Nabor who know me have ideas, please feel welcome to contact me. I'm retired and I recently finished a genealogy/social history book of my great-great-grandfather Thomas Huggs who immigrated to Peoria County in 1836. The farm is still in the family. I voluntarily coached the UW-Platteville crops team which recently won the national contest.

Christopherson, David '61. 11990 S.W. 103rd Tr., Miami, FL 33186. 305-989-3444[h], 305-595-6738[w]. *Owner – Fertilizer trading company.* fertiliz@bellsouth.net. Same business. New address. New wife. Rabid U of Miami football fan.

Higgs, L. Arlen. '61. 309-647-0837[h], 309-647-3429[w]. *Appraiser/Realtor.* higgsyes@yahoo.com. Still doing appraisal and real estate mostly on a full time basis. #2 son, Kevin, is taking over more and more of the appraisal assisted by his college sophomore, Tyler (WIU). Granddaughter Brooke married in September. We're enjoying our new 9 month old granddaughter Grace.

Campbell, Michael F. '64. 4603 Brittany Trails Drive, Champaign, IL 61822. 217-352-7641. *MFCamp4095@aol.com.* I retired on Sept. 30 after almost 35 years with Tate & Lyle (formerly A. E. Staley) as Director, Patent and Food Law. After a two week cruise around Italy during Oct. with two of my brothers and their wives, Sue and I

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FLASHBACK TO THE '60s: KEN McMILLAN, 1966.5

Ken McMillan, college economics & business teacher, Monmouth, Illinois



Tell us about your career. Blessed with never-boring opportunities, some of which were: IL & National FFA President; Lobbyist & executive, IL Farm Bureau; Aide to U.S. Congressman; Chief Speechwriter for U.S.

Secretary of Ag; Illinois State Senator; Candidate for Congress; Founding Chair of Illinois Ag Leadership Found.; VP of National Suffolk Sheep Assoc.; UI instructor; Corp. Secretary, Asst. to the President, & Exec. Dir. of Info. for IL Farm Bureau; and now Assoc. Prof. of Political Economy and Commerce at Monmouth College AND breeder of purebred Suffolk Sheep!

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

(a) I sought an excellent fraternity but knew we could not afford one unless it was a coop; (b) NH (at 811) was more attractive and comfortable (not as many holes in the dorm!) than the alternative; and (c) Nabors acted like they REALLY wanted me to stay there!!

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

Exchanges with 4-H House, the NH “steak and beans” suppers (never did get to eat beans!), AND the late weekend night treks to “Po-Boys” for...great chow!

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

Up-ladder, nurturing, brotherhood

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

My first attempt at frosting during Freshman Week. A smart cook starts with shortening and sugar—then a little milk. I started with milk...and, by the time I had added enough shortening and sugar to get it thick, I had enough white stuff to paint the house!

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

Sam Ridlen '40—no better example of unselfish service and sterling manhood; Earl Swanson '43—the BEST advisor who helped me carve out a rich and solid education at Illinois; Jim Schoonaert '62—rooming with him while he was president taught me a great deal about leadership...and friendship!

What NH memory is special to you?

All the hard work and pride in finding, converting, moving into, and making home the “new house” at 1002 S. Lincoln.

moved to Champaign in early Nov. We have been busy unpacking and furnishing our new house along with selling our house in Decatur. Hope to have more free time to fully enjoy retirement in a few months. We decided to stay in central Illinois as both of our children and their families are in the Decatur area. Moving to Champaign will give us a change and allow us to more closely follow the Illini.

Manhart, Fred F. '64. 701 W. Main St., Stewardson, IL 62463. 217-682-3851. *Retired.* fmanhart@mchsi.com. Retired Nov. 2002. Helping brother farm. Buying and selling antique farm toys and trucks. Bought house in Stewardson last year. I have been gone from this area for 44 years.

Schingoethe, Dave. '64, MS '65. 1606 Calumet Road, Brookings, SD 57006-3613. 605-692-9560[h], 605-688-5483[w]. *Professor of Dairy Science at South Dakota State U.* schingoethe@mchsi.com. Darlene and I enjoy seeing our grandchildren grow up. Because both daughters (Darcy and Deanna) live in South Dakota, we see their families fairly often; in the summer at our lake home at Watertown and other times of the year at our home or theirs. While Darlene "officially retired" from the Brookings school system a couple of years ago, she still substitute teaches almost half-time. I seem to be as busy as ever at SDSU with teaching and research. 2006 will find me speaking at several nutrition conferences about feeding distillers grains to dairy and beef cattle, one of our major research areas in recent years.

Schingoethe, R.E. '65. 1741 Canterbury Lane, Palatine, IL 60074. 847-934-9810. *Marketing/Comm.* reslimited@aol.com. Looks as if a super-busy '05 will launch an even busier '06. Feel free to holler anytime.

Soltwedel, Norbert. '65. soltk@effingham.net. Expecting two more grandchildren early in '06 which will make a total of 6. Weather had drastic impact on yields in our area with some beans below 20 bpa and corn average of 100 which was 40% below '04. I spent quick 6 weeks in Afghanistan as USDA ag advisor to US Military, which was an emotional experience. Our military is doing good things but economic development will go slow and cultural differences will always be an issue. Linda and I looking forward to an Ag tour of Australia in March. No retirement date yet with FSA but I am at least thinking about it. Back on NH Board and am impressed by the dedication of our leadership and Chapter Advisor, lots of challenges being met with great optimism.

McMillan, Ken. '67. PO Box 707, Monmouth, IL 61762. 309-734-8777[h], 309-457-2305[w]. *Associate Professor – Monmouth*

College. kgmcmillan@aol.com. Teaching Econ and Business Writing at Monmouth College (undefeated football team!) where I'm on a search committee for a new VP Academic Affairs. Raising purebred Suffolk Sheep. Growing dahlias, daylilies, hostas, roses – and all things that thrive on sheep manure! Board member and selection chair of the IL Ag Leadership Found. Involved in local and regional development authorities.

Conn, Richard. '69. 6713 Catskill Rd., Lorton, VA 22079-1113. 703-339-4199[h], 703-339-4199[w]. *Regulatory Consultant.* rconn@ix.netcom.com. In October '05 Cindy and I combined our existing pesticide regulatory consulting businesses into one: Conn & Smith, Inc. Check it out at www.connsmith.com. We officially launched the new business at the British Crop Protection Congress in Glasgow, Scotland with an exhibit booth. My son, Jeremy, and his wife Diana (both still cycling competitively) have a highly successful commercial real estate appraisal business in Raleigh, NC. No grandkids yet. Contact us when visiting the Washington, DC area – we have guest space!

Hendrickson, Bob. '69. Selling real estate for Coldwell Banker in the Springfield area. Linda and the family are doing well.

McMillan, Ed. '69. 1300 Rogier Dr., Greenville, IL 62246. 618-664-9628[h], 618664-9600[w]. *Consultant.* mcmillaned@sbcglobal.net. All is well. Stop by and see us in Greenville anytime. Go Illini!

1970s

Olson, Greg. '70. 324 Rowantree Rd., Sycamore, IL 60178. 815-895-3485[h], 815-751-2309[w]. glolson3@comcast.net. Two great things happened this year. Our second grandchild was born, Valerie. And the White Sox won the World Series! P.S. Really like the new Nubbins.

Slager, Larry. '72. Polo, IL 61064. 815-946-2255[h], 815-535-4080[w]. *Farmer.* lslager@insightbb.com. Farming has been difficult with dry weather and poor prices. Sons Tony and Matt (both Nabors) are married and gainfully employed. Son Levi in college in Michigan and playing FB. Wife Deb is driving school bus and involved in Boy Scouts.

Olson, Gaylord. '73. 509-229-3755[h], 509-229-3344[w]. *Fieldman for McGregor Co.* Still working and living in southeastern Washington. Still married to Karen, going on 30 years. Daughter Emily lives near Seattle and travels all over the U.S. and world with her job. Son Matt will graduate this spring ('06) from Washington State University in landscape architecture.

Martin, Kevin. '74. #4 Azalea Ct., Savoy, IL 61874. 217-352-0136. *Eastern Region*

Sales Manager - GS Robins & Co. kev-inm@gsrobins.com. Girls growing up – Daughter Terra finishing her last semester of law school at the University of Indiana. Daughter Kristi received her MBA from Florida Atlantic University and beginning a career with the federal government in the Office of Controller and Currency (federal bank examiner) in Indianapolis. Daughter Laura working on her Masters in Education at Eastern Illinois University. Enjoying the success of the Illini basketball program.

Dye, Rod. '75. 620 8th Ave., PO Box 616, Erie, IL 61250. 309-659-2189[h], 309-659-2541[w]. *Pastor.* b.dye@mchsi.com. I am now into my 3rd year as Pastor at Erie United Methodist Church. Brenda has been working at Illini Hospital for over a year as a registrar. We are now in-laws, Nick married Patty Zenkner in July, and I had the honor of officiating. Nick is still in the Army stationed at Ft. Sam Houston. Ben is still in the Air Force stationed at Cannon AFB. Brenda & I enjoyed seeing classmate Larry Dallas & other NH alums at Homecoming (although the game was one we would like to forget). I am still a die-hard CUBS fan patiently waiting for next year.

Huston, J. David DVM. '77. 475 West Walnut Street, Roseville, IL 61473. 309-426-2300[h], 309-772-2411[w]. *Veterinarian (private practice).* dhuston@winco.net. Wife, Suzanne, currently in 16th year working as a medical technologist at McDonough Dist. Hospital in Macomb. Son Mark is 11 years old and in 6th grade. This past spring the residents of both Roseville and Monmouth school districts voted to consolidate into a single district. Mark went from having 28 classmates to around 130. Should be interesting next year, in 7th-grade, when they are all thrown together for the first time. I remain busy as a veterinarian and partner at the Bushnell Veterinary Service. I enjoy the proximity of other NH alums in the area, including another veterinarian at the clinic, Shawn McKim. All four vets at our practice are also UI grads, providing a shared interest in the university. Support the Chief!!

Schick, Stan. '78. It was amazing what '05 crops yielded considering we had less than 6" rain from May – Sept. Machinery sales are better than I thought. Andy is a senior at Bradley in Mech. Eng., Kevin at ICC in Econ., with Heidi in 10th, Katie in 8th, and Hannah in 4th grade - all still being home schooled by Margie. We have out 25th anniversary coming in late Dec. and have made plans to go to Hawaii in Jan. '07. Heidi got her driver's license on her 16th b-day. Driving with her was a breeze compared to what it was like riding in somebody's red '74 Mustang (powered by 4 rubber bands and a

come-along) cruising on a narrow strip of concrete surrounded by large buildings in a big rectangular area on campus late at night with the lights not working asking innocent bystanders for directions to I-74. Well Sam, Bruce, Randy, Joe, Norman, Phil, Gary, and Kurt the big 5-0 is staring at us this year (no, Randy, you can't sign up for Medicare yet). Hard to believe, but if we keep breathing, these things are going to happen! It's sad with Easter fast approaching how so much emphasis is put on Christmas and hardly any on Easter. Let's remember that what counts most in life is what happened on Good Friday and Easter morning and then what we do about it individually.

Schwarm, Gene. '78. RR 1 Box 162, Loogootee, IL 62857. 618-34-8844[h], 618-283-5010[w]. *Circuit Judge.* sgsfourth@swetlandcom.com. Ann and I are enjoying the “empty nest.” Andy is a junior at William & Mary and Alex is a freshman at Northwestern. I sure like paying college tuition. Ann still with Reg. Office of Education and I'm still Chief Judge of 4th Circuit.

DeSutter, Randy. '79. 2947 Knox Hwy 6, Woodhull, IL 61490. 309-334-2605. *Farmer.* rsmkdesutter@winco.net. Matthew is a senior and Kristin is learning to drive so there is never a dull moment. The drought hurt our corn but the beans were good.

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Pessman, Craig. '81. 217-351-9249[h], 217-783-5667[w]. *IBM Software Rep.* cpessman@insightbb.com. Hello to all the Nabors I worked with as house advisor. The world of IBM keeps me busy. I have been growing my photography business. Web site is www.cpessman.smugmug.com. Go Illini!

Langham, Nathan. '82. 327 15th Rd., Keyesport, IL 62253. 618-664-1312[h], 618-292-9412[w]. *Farmer/Auctioneer.* Four kids – Ted & Riley are 12 yr old twins, Molly is 9 yrs and Luke is 8yrs. Wife Anne is a teacher in Bond Co. Schools. Corn harvest average. Beans above average. We have been busy with farm sales and land auctions due to high prices. Stop by.

Eathington, Kenny. '83, JD '91. 11715 Strathmoore Court, Dunlap, IL 61525. 309-243-7045[h], 309-637-4900[w]. *Attorney.* I am trying to decide if Illini FB will ever be competitive again. This year was worse than the Moeller years. I still practice law and live in the Peoria area. Amy is a health care nurse at Bradley U. Our oldest son, Adam, is a freshman at the U of I in the College of ACES. I don't remember tuition, fees, room and board being so expensive when I was at the U of I. Our other son, Tyler, is a freshman at Dunlap HS. I am currently serving as the District 3 Board Member of the College of

FLASHBACK TO THE '70s: J. BRUCE SMITH, 1974

Bruce Smith, attorney, Bellingham, Wash.

Tell us about your career.

My first eight years out of law school I worked for an organization that provided free legal services for low income people. For the past eighteen years, I have been in private practice in a small firm in Bellingham. These days many of my clients are wealthy people, and I am fortunate to assist some of them in making significant charitable gifts. Our website is www.brettlaw.com.

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

I was impressed with the caliber of the active and alumni members, and proud to join a house of leaders on the ag campus. The emphasis on studying was important. As I recall the house GPA was regularly 4.0 - 4.5 on 5.0 scale. The house felt like a safe and welcoming place for a sheltered boy from a small town.

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

I fondly remember some of the rituals and customs, like wake-up duty, work duty, the “Spaz Award,” ice cream parties, & meals.

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

Only two words: brotherhood and fun.

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

I still remember the fried, breaded pork tenderloins. I loved them then and wouldn't mind a chance to eat another today.

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

Ken McMillan '66.5 was my mentor. He was (and I am sure still is) a classy guy and a big thinker. Ken was the first to encourage me to see how far I could go in life. **Kevin Martin** '74 was a classmate and good friend. Kevin didn't take things too seriously in school, and I needed and enjoyed his balance.

Which NH memory is most special to you?

Randy Hartstirn '74 was hard to wake up. I don't think I will every forget the expression on his face and his religious exhortation the morning I woke him up by packing a snowball in a place where “the sun didn't shine”.

