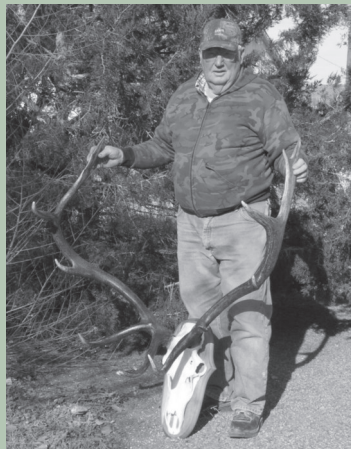


BYRON’S TROPHY RACK



Norbert Soltwedel '65 shared this picture of Byron Geissler '64 and the antlers of the elk he shot in Wyoming in October 2008. Byron commented that it was 10:30 in the morning when he shot him, and dark when he finally got him in the truck. Congratulations Byron!

SAVE THE DATE!
THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING IS JUNE 28

WHO: All Nabor alumni and actives.

WHAT: 2009 Nabor House Annual Meeting and NH Educational Foundation Golf Outing

WHEN: Saturday, June 27th at 9am

WHERE: ACES Library and the U of I Orange & Blue Golf Course

WHY: Make plans to hear the latest news on the rezoning progress, touch base with old friends, visit with current Nabors, and test your golf skills while supporting scholarships. Members of the **NH Pledge Class of 1959, 1984, and 1998** will want to make special plans to attend, as you'll be featured for your 50th, 25th, and 10th respective anniversaries. Watch your mail for registration information.

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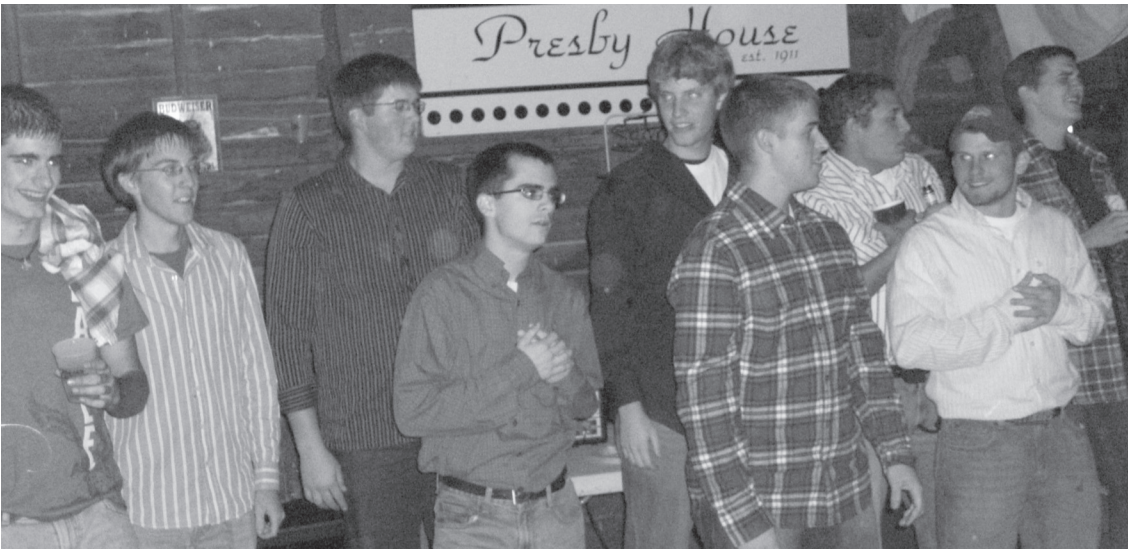
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Around the House (Clockwise from top): Ice cream with Sigma Alpha, dish duties, relaxing with video games, pledge serenade at barn-dance, and scholarship dinner.



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FRATERNITY BOARD UPDATES POLICIES

This year the Fraternity Board and the Active Chapter were successful at bringing closure to two of the main issues we have been wrestling with for several years. The Active Chapter alcohol policy and lease are now revised and in place. The revised alcohol policy helps to better protect the Fraternity and the Active Chapter from alcohol related risks. The policy was written and adopted by the Active Chapter. With the high level of input and buy-in of the Active Chapter related to this policy, I believe we have a good policy in place that the Active Chapter will be able to follow. The Board will continue to monitor alcohol related issues but in the spirit of Nabor House, it is the responsibility of the current men of the House to watch over each other and hold themselves to the policies they have adopted. The Alcohol policy has been a tough issue that we have dealt with as long as I have served on the Board and I am very thankful for the leadership of the Active Chapter and the Board members who worked on this issue.

The main issue we continue to work on is the property development plans for the House. Getting the plans drafted and making another attempt at rezoning our empty lots continues to take more time than we expected. We continue to work with local neighborhood organization and the City of Urbana to make changes to our plans in an effort to increase our chances of rezoning the property. We will be going forward with the rezoning attempt this spring.

Finally, we are making some improvements to the House including new carpeting in the common areas. The old carpet is looking pretty shabby and given the slow process of the property development effort, we needed to make some cosmetic enhancements to the House now versus waiting until we make some more major renovations.

We welcomed two new members onto the Board this year. Josh Daugherty '07 and Kraig Soltwedel '01 are now serving, replacing Ron Starr '76 and Norbert Soltwedel '65. We thank Ron and Norbert for their dedicated service to Nabor House. Your other Fraternity Board members are Mike Kinate '01, John Spangler '95, Jeff Ray '94, Brain Millard '83, Roger Higgs '60, Jerry Brookhart '63, and myself.

As always, the Board welcomes your input.



Bob Stewart '92
President,
Nabor House
Fraternity Board



Mitch Hiett, Freshman

NH has made my first semester at U of I very enjoyable. Pledging is not the best thing in the world, but it had still been fun. The study hours have taught me to be a better student. I am looking forward to the rest of my college career at NH.

Wes Hornback, Senior

With classes getting tougher and working at the dairy farm I haven't had much time to even think! But, even though it was busy, this was one of my favorite semesters so far.

Ben Wendling, Junior

Mitch, Tyler, Wes, and I had a lot of fun living together this year. We always enjoy meeting and corrupting new pledges.

ROOM 5

Justin Beitz, Freshman

Room 5 has been a lot of fun. I've enjoyed the days of doing nothing but watching as many movies as possible and getting to know the guys in the room. I'm looking forward to many more semesters here at NH and the UI!

Brian Craine, Junior

The semester was quite busy but we all still managed to have our fun. It went by fast. There are some things that I'm glad to be done with, but there were also lots of memories that will last a lifetime.

Victor Johnson, Sophomore

This semester was quite an experience. With class only three days a week and chemistry at Parkland, I received a lot of joking about never having class and making an easy A. But all of this was definitely worthwhile, as my first term as work chair allowed me to contribute all of my talents to the house. Myself aside, the many antics of Room 5 never let times become too dull. Whether it be the jokes about Brian dating his better half, the all too common pranks, or 48-hour movie marathons, all times were good.

Matt Schallenberg, Freshman

This semester was a blast. I was able to establish a decent social life, meet lots of new people and am looking forward to the coming years.

ROOM 6

John Lock, Sophomore

We got a good draw of freshmen, starting with Ryan DeWerff and Lars Bars, and ending with Danny Meister and Reece

Pierson. I have enjoyed being co-Rush Chairman, but I am always looking for more interested people! If you know someone who may attend the U of I, email me their contact information at jtllock2@illinois.edu.

Danny Meister, Freshman

It was a quick semester. I made a lot of new friends and it has been a good time. My hopes are high for next semester!

Reece Pierson, Freshman

I enjoyed living in NH and think that living here was a good choice.

Joe Tolley, Junior

It has been really great having supreme authority in room 6. It's been fun living with John and the four pledges that lived in our room. The new pledges are good, and it was fun getting to know them.

ROOM 7

Rob Johnson, Senior

I can't believe I am writing this as a senior. It has been an awesome semester at NH full of great memories. I enjoyed getting to know all of the new guys. I am going to miss this place a lot but can't wait for one last hoorah next semester!

Matt Olin, Freshman

My first semester at NH and the UI has been one big learning experience. I have learned how to work together with a bunch of guys to get one job done. I have also learned that there is a time for fun and a time when work needs to be done. NH has also given me memories I won't forget, like walk-out, walk-in, ICP, etc.

Curt Zurliene, Senior

The year began in May, as I assumed the role of active chapter president. Eight of us lived at the house over the summer months, and Rob and I made the move from Room 3 to Room 8 after 2.5 years. Moving into a new, renovated room, along with the changes in curriculum and office, was plenty of change for a semester. I've had the pleasure of living with 3 great pledges this semester, and assisting 13 men come together as the next generation of NH actives has been one of the most challenging, yet rewarding, experiences of my college career.

ROOM 8

Andrew Fulton, Junior

I made a lot of good memories during the fall semester as VP. Getting to know

the thirteen pledges was quite an experience. There were some very unique individuals in this year's pledge class and it was a pleasure getting to know each of them and hopefully teach them what it means to be a member of NH. With a full load of classes and teaching an introductory course for the department my fall semester went by rather quickly. Living at the house over the summer has made the winter break even more anticipated.

Lawrence Knott, Freshman

My first semester at NH has been memorable and fun-filled. I have gained so much by coming here. All of the guys are great and it has been a joy getting to know them. It seems impossible that only a few months ago, I didn't know any of these people. Classes have definitely been a challenge and an adjustment, but it has only served to strengthen and enlighten me. I believe that everything that I have learned this semester will serve me well in the years to come. The time has flown by, and while I'm ready for winter break, I look forward to all of the good times next semester.

Andy Morehouse, Senior

Living in room 8 has been another fun experience for me this semester. This year's pledge class is very talented group and I have enjoyed getting to know each and every one of them. It is hard to believe that there is only one more semester left for me at the house, but I have cherished every moment and experience. I can't imagine what my last semester at NH will bring me, but I do know that it will be full of memories and spent with some of the greatest guys I will ever know.

Josh Vonk, Senior

The semester this fall flown by and it has been a great interacting and getting to know the thirteen new pledges. All of the extracurriculars have been a lot of fun as well (especially intramural football and the Fighting Illini football games).



Buzz Chart: Members Stay on the Move

Room -1

Ryan DeWerff, Freshman

My first semester as a pledge at NH has been a great experience. My first eight weeks here I lived in room 6 with John Lock, Joe Tolley, and Lawrence. Living with these guys was a great way to get broken in to life at NH and the university. The second half of the semester I lived in the basement with David Shier and the two Traveses, where I have enjoyed my larger desk and watching movies with Travis W (maybe even a few during study hours). I look forward to being done with the pledging process next semester and living back in room 6 as a little active.

Travis Markley, Sophomore

My sophomore year has gone a lot like expected. I have had a lot of fun times with the guys and have learned a lot from my classes. This has been a very enjoyable semester and I can't wait for more good times with my fellow Nabors!

David Shier, Junior

My semester was overwhelming between many clubs and my homework load. I worked hard to balance my workload and fighting to return the university to its storied traditions. I learned that you must continue to fight even when you aren't ready for something that may be coming but you must try to do your best.

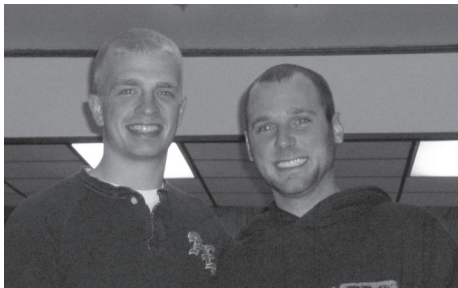
Travis Wilkinson, Junior

I can say that this semester has been one of my most interesting on record! Transferring from Black Hawk East to UI has been relatively easy and I believe NH has helped make that easier. This semester has absolutely flown by and the pledging process, albeit it difficult at times, has been an adventure nonetheless. It's been great to meet new people, as I would not have had these opportunities anywhere else on campus.

Room 00

Brandon Bozarth, Senior

This semester was quite different, possibly even awkward and I have been the only remnant of my pledge class still at the house. Nonetheless, I was very thankful for the brothers I still had and they continued to make me feel welcome and at home this semester. All the while, God has had a plan for me being in the house this last semester and also a plan after graduation. It is tough not knowing



what those plans are and realizing that I don't need to as long as I follow the stretch of road that God reveals to me. I will miss my times at NH, but I am excited at the possibility of being in town for this next semester or until God decided to lead me elsewhere. Thanks to you all for the fond memories, friendships, and always trust in the Lord!

John Carson, Junior

This semester has been extremely busy. It has been pretty fun as well.

Daniel Garret, Freshman

I really enjoyed my semester at NH. I must admit that I regretted coming at first, but now I am so glad I decided to become a part of the house. I've met a lot of new friends and feel like the house is accomplishing a lot as a whole. There were a lot of tough things to work through, but in the end, I think it was all worth it. It was a great semester.

Ben Plumier, Sophomore

This semester was odd but welcome as I adjusted to no longer being a pledge and making friends with the new pledge class. Classes were harder than I expected, but I guess sophomore year is supposed to be more challenging.

Room 2

Landon Frye, Freshman

Life at the U of I is just as challenging and rewarding as I hoped it would be. I have adjusted well to classes and have taken interest in several organizations in ACES and on campus. There is a great group of active members here at NH.

Brad Nelson, Senior

I enjoyed guiding a new group of men into the ideas and lifestyles of being a Nabor. While my classes were a chore at times, the men and environment that NH provides guided me through them. From working on homework to taking a break with some video games or movies, this fall semester was once again enjoyable.

Joe Zimmerman, Junior

The semester has been really nice. It's great to see the pledges I recruited grow and turn into Nabors and adapt to the house. I enjoyed being an upper classman to help anyone who needed it.

Room 3

Devin Bergman, Sophomore

This semester was much more fun than second semester of last year. Casey and I completely overhauled Room 3, and we did a pretty awesome job if I could say so myself. Though my classes got much harder, I also began to enjoy them more, and I was able to work closely with some of my pledge brothers on homework.

Casey Campbell, Sophomore

This semester has been both challenging and exciting for me. Making a list of the highlights would be long and include kicking off the semester with a with a few Nabors at a Brooks and Dunn/ZZ-Top concert, initiating a pledge brother, planning and buying meals for the house, finals week shenanigans and 22 consecutive hours of movies. Some other notable parts include putting up with Devin's addiction to MSNBC during the election and TAM parties in which homework, random music, and late nights became rolled into one. Despite the stress of class and house obligations, this semester is one to remember.

Adam Coers, Freshman

It has been a pretty smooth first semester. It's really been fun, and I'm anxious to see how the next one is.

Ross Johnson, Freshman

My first semester here was a great experience. I really enjoyed getting to know all of the guys; it's amazing how fast we got to know one another. Living at the house taught me a great deal about responsibility, something which I know will be useful for the rest of my life. The guys here were all very helpful when it came to transitioning to the college atmosphere, and we had a blast along the way. I lived in rooms 7 and 3, both of which had some great guys in them. I can't wait for another fun-filled semester!

Room 4

Tyler Helgen, Junior

Mitch, Ben, Wes, and I had an enjoyable time together this semester. We had a lot of fun and made a lot of memories.

Pat O'Rourke '69 Presented With 2008 Good Nabor Award

Pat O'Rourke '69 was presented with the 2008 Good Nabor Award at the NH Homecoming festivities in October. After the award presentation, Pat spoke to the group and encouraged the current NH members to be involved in as many activities as they could and gain as much as possible from their college experience. As shown by his broad range of accomplishments and service to the organizations that he has been involved with, Pat has led by example and is a very worthy recipient of the Good Nabor Award.



Pat O'Rourke '69
2008 Good Nabor
Award Recipient

Pat is currently a Professor of Agribusiness Management at Illinois State University where he continues to teach and conduct research. Throughout his more than 25 years at Illinois State he has developed and taught a wide range of agricultural related courses ranging from entry level economics to 400 level research methods. He is known for developing new and innovative ways to help students learn and apply knowledge. He has helped to bring much success to the Department of Agricultural Economics at Illinois State and the many students he has had contact with throughout his career.

Q & A with 2008 Good Nabor Award recipient Patrick O'Rourke '69 of Normal

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

A: Following graduation I attended Purdue for an MS in Ag Econ and married Helen Collins in 1970. We spent four plus years in the Army with three of those in West Germany and had three children [Patrick, Erin and Kristin] before returning to Purdue for a PhD. I was on their faculty from 1979-83 when I took my current faculty position at Illinois State in agribusiness management. We now have six grand children and are looking for the next challenge.

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

A: The ability to use greater and greater amounts of information to make management decisions about smaller and smaller identified parts of businesses and processes. A close second would be the changes that have increased the globalization of the food and agriculture parts of our economy.

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

A: That it was friendly, convenient and low cost. Only later did I realize how very high was the value of my fellow Nabors and their impact on my life.

Q: You've been very involved with both Nabor House and the University of Illinois since graduation. What factors played a role in your decision to stay active with these organizations?

A: I think for all of us the idea of payback or pay forward has something to do with it. I always dreamt of starting a NH chapter at another university. It hasn't happened yet but there is still time.

Q: How did the University of Illinois and Nabor House help to prepare you for your career?

A: I will paste in here the list of attributes Dean Wessels told us employers were looking for in the fall of 1965. Some are kind of old fashion now. Others were learned to some degree in the lives we lived at Nabor House more than in the classrooms and laboratories. Dean Wessels list:

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| 1) Integrity | 9) Leadership ability | 16) Good manners |
| 2) Ability to think logically | 10) Interest in career field | 17) Recognition of obligations |
| 3) Enthusiasm, initiative, drive | 11) Maturity | 18) Physical appearance |
| 4) Dependability | 12) Adaptability | 19) Scholastic standing |
| 5) Ability to communicate | 13) Interest in work and employer | 20) Sense of humor |
| 6) Emotional stability | 14) Bearing and poise | 21) Marital happiness |
| 7) Ability to get along with others | 15) Good health | 22) Technical competence |
| 8) Good judgment | | |

Q: What is your favorite Nabor House memory?

A: Seeing my future wife coming up the front walk at Nabor House to deliver her first letter to me in the Spring of 1969. That is my favorite memory from the house and also my luckiest day.

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

A: First, imagine someone like you in similar circumstances to your own. Second, assume he asks you for advice. Then, take the advice. My mentors taught me to take risks when the reward would be worth it and to always remember how fortunate you really are.

FALL HOUSE PRESIDENT TREASURES LEADERSHIP ROLE

Going in to my tenure as active chapter President for the fall of 2008, I was honored to serve Nabor House in this leadership role but wary of the challenge I had ahead of me. We had one of the largest incoming pledge classes in NH history, and managing the house dynamic would be a full-time responsibility.

Looking back, however, things were not nearly as difficult as I originally thought. While there were challenges and obstacles, there were also many things that I worried about initially that didn't turn out to be challenges at all. For starters, the summer residents of NH did a fantastic job of doing some renovations and aesthetic work on the house. Upon returning from a summer study tour in South Africa just a few days before classes began, I found that my Vice President had taken care of many of the mundane details that normally face the fall President, and had capably handled the initiation of a re-pledge. The pledges as a whole were a well-motivated group, and although they initially asked questions on what seemed like EVERYTHING, they caught on soon enough and did a great job from there on out. Lastly, the active chapter did an excellent job of keeping me on track. As I'm sure most of you know, the vast majority of the proceedings of NH are not written on paper; they are thoughts, ideas, and actions that are passed down from class to class, making your experience at NH something that is truly unscripted. While this

mode of information transfer can make things interesting, it certainly helps in the regard that with a little effort, things at Nabor House can always change for the better.

It should come to me as no surprise, though, that the semester should have gone this way. After all, the pillar of NH's existence is cooperation. Of the three core values of education, cooperation, and recreation, the house could function without the last value, and sometimes appears to function without any of the first, but we would surely be lost without cooperation. I don't think a person truly realizes how much cooperation is actually involved at NH until he stands before his brothers at a chapter meeting, sees all the work that he is responsible for overseeing and realizes that the vast majority of it takes place without any pushing or prodding on his part. The greatest honor I received from my term as President was to act as the leader for such an outstanding group of men.



Curt Zurliene
House President, Fall 2008

I'm sure that for most of us, there are times when we question whether or not Nabor House will survive long into the future. After all, so much has changed since five men laid forth the ground work for the house so many years ago. And certainly the house faces many challenges in the near future. However, now I can say with confidence that Nabor House will go on for many years to come. The past several months have allowed me to witness a commitment in 33 outstanding men to education, cooperation, and recreation, as well as core values of religion and frugality. I have every confidence in the fine men that will come after me, and it has truly been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.



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	Joe Zimmerman

FALL 2008
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Canoe Trip
Big Sis / Lil' Sis Cookouts
Sigma Alpha Exchange
Barn Dance
Homecoming
Halloween Auction
Dad's Day
Scholarship Dinner
Vespers
Rush Weekend
Thanksgiving Dinner
Christmas Party

NH SENIORS PLAN FOR FUTURE

Brandon Bozarth, Fairfield

Major: Agriculture Engineering
Graduates: December 2008
Career path: "Enter the manager trainee program with the Illinois Farm Bureau."
5-year plan: "Living in the Northwest corner of the state, working for John Deere or Caterpillar as a test/design engineer, married, and hopefully a father."
25-year plan: "Sending my first kids to college with the true orange and blue, and agonizing over how expensive it is."

Andy Morehouse, Pawnee

Major: Agribusiness, Farm, & Financial Mgmt
Graduates: May 2009
Career path: "Attend graduate school at the University of Illinois in the Crop Sciences/Integrated Pest Management Department."
5-year plan: "I would like to be working within the agricultural industry, either using my undergraduate Farm Management degree or my future M.S. in Integrated Pest Mgmt where I would be helping farmers with economic thresholds and injury levels of many different pests of field crops. Using my M.S. degree would probably involve getting a job in an Extension entomology position, and hopefully in five years our state's Extension program will be better off!"
25-year plan: "Twenty five years is a long time, but hopefully I will be enjoying life with my wife and family and enjoying a successful and stationary career."

Bradley Nelson, Monmouth

Major: Technical Systems Management
Graduates: May 2009
Career path: "Return to the family grain farm, try out farming and open up a technology consultant side-business (computers, etc.)."

5-year plan: "Have new Ag technologies integrated into the business (GPS, yield monitoring, guidance systems), and expand my technology consultant business (help farmers use new technologies, computers, TVs, website building, etc.)."
25-year plan: "Get married sometime, farm on my own, continue Nelson Technologies business (maybe even start selling products along with services)."

Joshua Vonk, Chillicothe

Major: Agricultural & Biological Engineering
Graduates: May 2009
Career path: "Engineering in the Ag industry
5-year plan: "Working in the Midwest for an Ag engineering company and still helping my family farm. Starting a family in the next five years is also on the list."
25-year plan: "I hope to have a family with kids about ready to head off to college. I also hope to be able to transition into farming independently of my family."

Curt Zurliene, Pocahontas

Major: Agricultural Engineering
Graduates: May 2009
Career path: Graduate school at Illinois
5-year plan: "Young professional, hopefully with a job in the NRCS or ARS, and possibly doing some charity work helping establish good agricultural practices in 3rd world countries. I also hope to be married, maybe with a couple of kids by then (at least one)."
25-year plan: "I plan to be a fully licensed Professional Engineer, still doing conservation work or research. Would still like to be married, and be looking forward to sending kids of to college. Probably traveling less often and will have settled down for the most part somewhere around St. Louis to stay close to home and family."

REPEATING AN
I.D.E.A.L. DESIGNATION



Lucas Martin

Lucas Martin '08 completed his senior year the same way he finished his freshmen year. His active chapter peers rated him as the I.D.E.A.L. Nabor award recipient in both 2005 and 2008. Each spring, every NH resident

completes an I.D.E.A.L. Nabor scorecard for each of his peers that rates each Nabor on how well he exemplified the core values of Integrity, Dedication, Excellence, positive Attitude, and servant Leadership during the year.

Originally from Biggsville, he received a B.S. in May in Animal Sciences and is a missionary with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) at North Dakota State U serving as .

NH classmate **Lee Brokaw '08** shares, "Lucas challenged me to live excellence each day and encouraged me to not take for granted my faith, but rather to live it out." **Andy Morehouse '09** adds "Lucas radiates the meaning of a Nabor. This award shows he lives his life with integrity, dedication, excellence, a good attitude, and leadership principles." Congratulations to Lucas Martin on his repeat recognition as an IDEAL Nabor!

13 FALL PLEDGES START THEIR NABOR HOUSE CAREERS

Listed below are each new member's name, hometown (county), major, and a couple interesting facts:

- **Justin Beitz**, Stewardson (Shelby County), Ag Business, served as class president, earned state FFA degree & wants to follow in Uncle Don's footsteps and become a college professor
- **Adam Coers**, Mason City (Mason County), Architecture, enjoys showing sheep, hopes to study abroad, and work as an architect
- **Ryan DeWerff**, Nokomis (Montgomery County), Crop Sciences, graduated valedictorian, won state poultry contest, wants to be a seed technologist & little bro to NH Alum Eric DeWerff
- **Landon Frye**, Easton (Mason County), Ag Economics, a Wendy's High School Heisman scholar-athlete state finalist & hopes to work for large corporation
- **Daniel Garrett**, Galesburg (Knox County), Engineering Physics, won state male vocal solo teen talent contest & hopes to become radiologist and ordained bishop
- **Mitch Hiett**, Avon (Fulton County), Ag Economics, was in All State Choir & would enjoy being in a Guns N'Roses cover band one day
- **Ross Johnson**, Illiopolis (Sangamon County), Biology, named high school's Senior Athlete of the Year & hopes to become a doctor
- **Lawrence Knott**, Ellisville (Fulton County), Ag Engineering, graduated class salutatorian, participated in "Youth to Washington Tour" & would enjoy working as a rancher
- **Danny Meister**, Chillicothe (Peoria County), Mechanical Engineering, was a starting lineman on high school football team & has worked for Caterpillar with hopes of owning his own business
- **Matthew Olin**, Aledo (Mercer County), Civil Engineering, named an All-Conference baseball player & wants to work as a civil engineer
- **Reece Pierson**, Walnut (Bureau County), Ag Economics, earned Eagle Scout and hopes to return to family farm
- **Matt Schallenberg**, New Douglas (Madison County), TSM (Ag Mech), had perfect attendance in 4 years of high school & brother to NH Alum Bryan "Bear" Schallenberg
- **Travis Wilkinson**, Wyoming (Stark County), History, coached Jr high track & served as a camp counselor and hopes to be a military officer

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NABOR HOUSE MOURNS THE PASSING OF SIX ALUMNI

A. CLAY APPENHEIMER '50

Alpheus Clay Appenheimer '50, of Dixon, died August 29 at the age of 81. Clay was born Feb. 15, 1927, near Toulon, the son of Alpheus Ray and America (Swango) Appenheimer. He graduated from Toulon High School in 1944. He served as vice president of his pledge class at Nabor House. After studying agriculture at the University of Illinois, Clay farmed the family farm in Toulon for the next 6 years. He married Rosemary Dolk on Oct. 29, 1950, in Galva.

The family moved to Paw Paw in 1956, where Clay took a position as a Country Companies insurance agent. He transferred to Dixon in 1965, where he became involved in the community through a variety of organizations, Kiwanis Club, Master Gardener, and "Fat Man's Club." He enjoyed spending time with family, living on the river, making home-made ice cream, gardening, and raising fruit trees.

Clay was an active member of the Dixon Church of the Brethren. Survivors include his wife, Rosemary; four children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Clay was preceded in death by one son.

TIM G. CLARK '89

Timothy Clark '89, of Vermillion, SD died at the age of 41 on January 12 in Hartington, NE as a result of an automobile accident. Tim was born January 14, 1967 in Columbia, MO to Jack and Peggy (Stephens) Clark, and married Melanee Olson on April 2, 1996 in Bozeman, MT. Tim graduated from Lewiston High School in 1985.

While at Nabor House, Tim received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois, and went on to received a PhD from Montana State University. He was currently employed as an Associate Professor at the Sanford School of Medicine at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. He is survived by his parents, his wife Melanee, and three children.

BILL L. RICH '57

Bill Rich '57, of Sullivan, died February 12, 2008 in Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Care Center, Mattoon at the age of 72. Mr. Rich was born May 7, 1935 in Arcola, Illinois, the son of Carlus and Gretchen Marie Rich. During his time at Nabor House, he served as work chairman, treasurer, and as a member of the executive committee.

Bill had been an Agricultural teacher at Sullivan High School and Lake Land College. He held several administrative positions at Lake Land College, retiring in 1991 as the Academic Vice President. Bill was the coordinator for CIDEN (Central IL Distance Education Network) and for the Illinois Prairie Higher Education Consortium. Bill had been the administrator for the Sullivan Health Care Center and was the owner-operator of 'Nature's Bounty' in Sullivan. Bill served as Sullivan School Board President, was past president of the Sullivan Kiwanis, the Sullivan Community Education Foundation, and the Illinois Herb Association, was a Certified Master Gardener, was a member of the Sullivan First Christian Church. Bill married Peggy A. Bonnette on December 22, 1958 in Danville. He married Cheri (Thomas) Phillips on July 16, 1994 and she survives. Also surviving are four children and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter and his first wife.

LYLE P. SCHERTZ '53

Lyle Schertz '53, a USDA program administrator during most of his professional life, died August 29. He was 79 years of age and died from leukemia. Schertz was born and raised on a farm in central Illinois. He was active in 4-H and Future Farmers of America. At Nabor House, Lyle was president of his pledge class, treasurer, and vice president.

After receiving his Masters degree from the UI in 1953, he spent two years in the Air Force and four years with the Pillsbury Company before earning his PhD in Ag economics at the Univ. of Minnesota in 1962. With the USDA, Schertz was Deputy Administrator of the International Agricultural Development Service and the Economic Research Service. He was active in the American Agricultural Economics Assoc., was the founding editor of the magazine, CHOICES, the Magazine of Food, Farm and Resource Issues, and was named a fellow of the association in 1995. Subsequent to retiring from the USDA in the late 1980s he did consulting work, part of this time on the staff of the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee. He is survived by Rita, his wife of 54 years, six children and nineteen grandchildren.

FLOYDE S. WALKER '46.5

Floyde S. Walker '46.5, age 87, of Urbana, formerly of Gibson City, died Dec. 22, 2008 at Meadowbrook Health Center, Clark-Lindsey Village in Urbana. Mr. Walker was born June 20, 1921, in Mazon, a son of Floyde E. and Myrtle (Symons) Walker. He married Emma Nathalia "Jac" Jacob on Aug. 30, 1946. She died Nov. 21, 2008.

He was a World War II Army veteran, serving in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He graduated from Drummer Township HS and received a B.S. from the College of Agriculture at UI in 1947. At Nabor House he served as pledge class vice president, chapter secretary, and commissar. He farmed east of Gibson City for many years before he retired and operated Walker Real Estate. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Gibson City. He was also a member of the Gibson City Lions Club, a 4-H sponsor, a Mason and a Shriner. Surviving are four children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

KENNETH N. WRIGHT '45

Kenneth Newell Wright '45, of Decatur, Illinois passed away on October 5 at the age of 85. He was born the son of Lyman Newell and Ella D. Wright on September 2, 1923 in Allendale. Kenneth graduated from the Allendale HS in 1941. He entered the UI the following fall, and voluntarily enlisted in the United States Army. After receiving his honorable discharge, Kenneth returned to the UI. While at Nabor House he served as chapter vice president. After graduating with honors with his B.S. in Animal Husbandry, he went on to receive an M.S. in Nutrition.

Kenneth worked over thirty-eight years for A.E. Staley Company of Decatur, retiring in 1985. He was an accomplished scientist who introduced the use of dehulled soybean meal, and many other new products and innovations. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Decatur. He owned and loved managing the Wright farm which has had a continuous family ownership since 1803. He also loved boating, and taking the family on vacations across the United States. Kenneth is survived by his beloved wife Elizabeth, to whom he was married over 58 years. He is also survived by his four sons, their wives and 5 grandchildren.

NEW NH PRESIDENT PROVIDES POSITIVE INFLUENCE

As the Spring 2009 Nabor House Active Chapter President, I would like to introduce myself; I am a senior majoring in Agricultural and Biological Engineering planning to graduate this spring. I was raised on a grain farm near Chillicothe, IL in northern Peoria County.

This spring semester looks to be a great one as I switch from my role as treasurer to President. I am looking forward to keeping the active chapter running smoothly, just as it has for the last several semesters. Nabor House has really had a great cooperative atmosphere lately, especially because so many upperclassmen are taking it upon themselves to encourage and advise the new officers as they take on their duties this spring. To start this semester, Nabor House will be saying farewell to Brandon Bozarth as he graduates with a degree in Agricultural and Biological Engineering. Congratulations and good luck.



Josh Vonk
House President, Spring 2009

We are looking forward to many of our traditional events which include set-up dance in February, formal which is being planned in Springfield, a couple of brotherhood events, Scholarship Dinner, Vespers, and Initiation. We do not limit ourselves to just our traditional activities as we participate in many random movie nights, instant parties in the back lot, pickup basketball games, and events such as these.

This past fall was a bit of a disappointment for the Illinois football team finishing 5-7 after a trip to the Rose Bowl the year before and being ranked 20th to start the season. However, Ron Zook has shown us he has the football program headed in the right direction and I am looking forward to watch next season. Bruce Weber, on the other hand, has the men's basketball team off to an unexpected hot start of 9 wins and only 1 loss. With finals finishing, the basketball team is looking forward to Alex Legion joining the team on the court after transferring from Kentucky and redshirting for a year.

We were given the opportunity to watch Chief Illiniwek dance this fall following the Ohio State game. This dance and brief tribute to the history of Chief Illiniwek was very interesting. I personally did not know that Chief Illiniwek had danced at the Inauguration of President Dwight Eisenhower or toured many of the nation's monuments in full ceremonial attire. There were more than 9000 attendees at the tribute and it offered hope that he will not be forgotten.

I know I will gain a lot of useful experience from being the active chapter President, just as I have from the rest of my time at Nabor House. I hope to pass on the understanding I have gained during my tenure at Nabor House, not just as a President, but also as a pledge and a brother. Our motto: *Educate, cooperate, and recreate to make farm life the best life of all* has been invaluable and taught me not to take my brothers or Nabor House for granted. During my term, I am confident that we can continue the positive influence on the soon to be actives.

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	Wes Hornback
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Mom's Day	Rob Johnson
	Curt Zurliene
Sports	Ryan Dewerff
Scholarship	Justin Beitz
	Daniel Garret
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Fundraising	Casey Campbell
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	John Lock
Asst. Rush	Danny Meister
	Matt Olin
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	Andrew Fulton
	John Lock
	Joe Zimmerman

SPRING 2009 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Initiation
Valentine's Set-up Dance
Lil' Sister Social
Formal
Rush Weekends
Scholarship Dinner
Mom's Day
Brotherhood Night

Features: Nabors Helping Neighbors

JUSTIN MOFFITT '98.5: PROVIDING POWER IN AFGHANISTAN



Having returned from a deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, I was asked to share a few of my experiences over seas and how my stay at Nabor House influenced my military career. I know that many Nabors are veterans, are currently guardsman/reservists, or have family in the service. I would like to thank them for their service in what I feel is a very worthwhile cause.

For those of you who don't know me, I am an Agricultural Mechanization graduate from the class of 1998.5. I spent my entire college career at Nabor House, and enjoyed every minute. I was born near Knoxville, IL, and returned home after college to operate the family farm. I have also work full time as a firefighter/EMT for the city of Galesburg since '02. I joined the Air National Guard in Peoria in '99 and am currently in my second 6-year enlistment.

In January of last year I received a call that my squadron, the 168th ASOS, had been activated for a 1 year deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan. I was pleased to hear that my commander said he had enough man power to divide us into three-man teams, so each of us would serve just over a four-month rotation. This allowed me to complete most of my spring planting, and return in time for a slightly late harvest. This was not without its challenges, but I'm grateful to be in a squadron and under a command that cares about its troops. I am also grateful to be surrounded by the best farm neighbors that I could ever ask for.

In the Guard, I serve as an Electrical Power Producer (generator mechanic). In the Middle East, electrical power is commonly unavailable or of low quality. For that reason, we produce our own electricity via diesel powered generators. With my background in the emergency medical service, I also became certified as a Combat Life Saver (convoy medic) while deployed. Both of these jobs interest me as they relate to my civilian jobs at home. I also had the opportunity to volunteer for humanitarian aid missions that assist the impoverished Afghan people. I cannot tell you just how humbling and rewarding this experience was for me.

It probably goes without saying that life in a deployed location has many parallels with life in a fraternity. You live in very close proximity with many other people, and you use your social and cooperation skills regularly. I built friendships with my fellow soldiers much like those of fellow Nabors. When I think of Nabor House, I think of Education, Cooperation, and Recreation. Just like my time at NH, this experience involved all three. Many of my skills for this deployment were learned on-the-job. Working in a war zone is so much different that training back home. I learned so much is a short time and being resourceful took on a whole new meaning. A deployment is a very "educational" experience.

While I was deployed with about fifteen other troops from my Peoria base, I was stationed at a base with 1800 troops. My base was NATO, so there were troops from other ally nations. I worked daily with US troops from other bases and branches of service as well as troops from other countries. This is Cooperation at its finest and I made some friends for life.

The final point I want to make is Recreation. I don't think that life in over-populated capitol city of a third world country could me much more different from the life I enjoy at the farm in rural Knox County. I think many of you can also relate to just how difficult it is to go an entire growing season without actually seeing, touching, smelling, or walking in the crops that provide our livelihood. If it weren't for recreation, I think we would loose our sanity. Despite our surroundings, we took time for this. Sometimes it was in the form of entertainers or dignitaries who visited our post. Other times it was sporting activities and tournaments such as volleyball, wiffle ball, basketball, or other sports that can be played in a very confined area. Other times it was watching movies in the shop. I appreciate just how well America supports its troops, as we all received care packages and letters regularly.



In closing, I want to wish you all the best and thank you for your support of the Nabor House ideals and the members of our military. It's not my intention to share any of my political views, but I can tell you that seeing this situation from the inside is entirely different from what you see on TV. I leave you with this quote: "It's about life, liberty, and the pursuit...of anyone who threatens it."



the Columbia/Kansas City area, look me up. **Waldeck, Jarrod** '05. 705 W. Queen Creek Rd. #2072, Chandler, AZ 85248. *Process Engineer*. Still living in Phoenix area & working for Intel. Married life is great - just celebrated our 2nd anniversary. No kids yet, but starting to lean in that direction. Traveling as much as possible. Working on my MBA through Arizona State. Looking forward to another trip (hopefully more successful this time) to the Rose Bowl next year. Go Illini!

Shute, Nick '05.5. 8320 Rutledge St., Merrillville, IN 46410. (219)796-9151 [H]. *Assembly Supervisor for Balemaster, Division of East Chicago Machine Tool Corp.* *n.w.shute@gmail.com*. Had a baby boy 1-19-08, Benjamin James. Still in Northwest Indiana, but now I have a position that doesn't require travel, so I'm home every night to spend time with the family.

Coers, Larry '06. 504 N. McKinley Ave. Apt. H, Mansfield, IL 61854. *Chemist with Sigma-Aldrech*. *lcoers@gmail.com*.

Rowley, Tony '06. 3226 Eden St., Camp Lejeune, NC 28547. (815)757-1212 [H]. *1stLt in the Marine Corps. Engineer Equipment Platoon Commander.* *adrowley@gmail.com*. I am currently deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I have an Engineer Platoon of over 70 Marines which includes Heavy Equipment, Motor Transportation, Utilities, and Bulk Fuel with over 18 million dollars worth of equipment. I am serving as a mission commander traveling around Al Anbar Province, building combat outposts for different units.

Tinsley, Nick '06. P.O. Box 553, Catlin, IL 61817. (217)304-3319 [H], (217)244-2687 [W]. *Graduate Student.* *natinsley@gmail.com*.

Wagahoff, Neil '06. P.O. Box 121, Raymond, IL 62560. (217)565-3665 [H], (217)229-3213 [W]. *Fuel Salesman, Home Oil Co.* *neil_wagahoff@illinoisalumni.org*. Still working for the parents and it's going good. Not much else new. Enjoy getting together with friends from the House every chance I get and watching the Illini.

DeWerff, Eric '07. 4820 Tree Summit Pkwy, Duluth, GA 30096. (678)215-7355 [H]. *AGCO Corporation, Demand Planning Analyst.* *eric.dewerff@agcocorp.com*. Been living in the south now for a year and half and I'm still trying to get used to the horrible Atlanta traffic. AGCO's been a good company to work for so far, I can't complain. It was great to get back for Homecoming and see some of the guys again despite the loss to Minny. I'm hoping to travel to a bowl game this winter if our team decides to put some wins together. GO ILLINI!!

Foerder, Bob '07. 313 Sherman Ave A, Dixon, IL 61021. (309)944-7060 [H]. *Loan Officer.* *bob.foerder@gmail.com*.

Shaner, Nick '07. R.R.1 Box 157, Bradford, IL 61421. (309)397-3736 [H]. *Ag Teacher.* *nshaner@kcud229.org*. Got married on March 8, 2008 to Karen Nelson (4-H House). Started at Kewanee High School as Ag teacher in Aug. 2008. Karen's email is kanelson16@hotmail.com.

Wessel, Scott '07. PO Box 691, Pierron, IL 62273. (618)971-8033 [H], (618)406-8263 [W]. *Soybean Research Associate for Syngenta.* *scott.j.wessel@syngenta.com*.

Kelley, Jay '07.5. 12833 Tradd Street, Apartment 2-D, Carmel, IN 46032. (309)369-2715 [H], (317)415-0658 [W]. *Business Development Manager - ABG, Inc.* *jtkelley@gmail.com*.

Brokaw, Lee '08. 304 1/2 N Commercial St., Atchison, KS 66002. (309)337-9756 [H], (309)337-9756 [W]. *Campus Missionary with FOCUS-Fellowship of Catholic University Students at Benedictine College.* *lbrokaw@focusonline.org*. I am currently a FOCUS missionary at Benedictine College in Atchison, KS. FOCUS is the largest Catholic campus ministry program in the United States. FOCUS takes recent college graduates, trains them, and puts them back onto the college campus where they work alongside students building them up in their faith and leadership skills while giving them the tools so they are equipped to teach others. FOCUS was founded in 1998 and is now on 39 campuses in 21 states across the country.

Hannah, Grant '08. Urbana, IL 61801. (217) 778-4550 [H]. *Campus Crusade for Christ Staff.* *grant.hannah85@gmail.com*. I just got married and am learning how to live with one girl rather than 30-some Nabors.

Lindgren, Randy '08. 109 E 2nd St. Apt 9, Prophetstown, IL 61277. (217)249-2445 [C], (815)535-1635 [W]. *Crops Associate- Gold Star FS.* *rlindgr2@gmail.com*.

Martin, Lucas '08. 1129 N University Dr., Fargo, ND 58102. (309)221-9394 [H]. *FOCUS Missionary.* *lmartin@focusonline.org*. Missionary life is going great up here at North Dakota State University. God is really blessing us as we serve him in transforming the college culture for Christ.

Perkins, Michael '08. 512 S. Third St., Champaign, IL 61820. (309)360-4815 [H], (309) 360-4815 [W]. *Master's candidate, Research Assistant.* *mikeperkins7@gmail.com*. I will be finishing my master's this May. At that point I will move to Chicago to teach early child-



ANNUAL MEETING: FUN & INFORMATIVE

Nabor House alumni, actives, pledges and family members got an up-close look at some different U of I scenery during the 2008 NH Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 28th. After maneuvering their way through summer construction in and around Peabody

Residence Hall, attendees from around the state and county were treated to a full morning of business items and fraternity

updates. Following the business meeting, the pledge classes of 1958, 1983, and 1998 were recognized for their reunions, as well as the NH Class of 2008 and the incoming pledge class. The I.D.E.A.L Nabor Award was presented to **Lucas Martin**, NH senior from Biggsville. The pledge classes of 1958, 1983, 1998 and the class of 2008 then wowed the crowd with their knowledge during the 7th Annual Nabor House Trivia Contest.

After a delicious lunch, Nabors young and "experienced" took to the links for a beautiful day of golf at the University of Illinois Golf Course. Fun was had by all, and Nabors for years to come will benefit from the scholarship support of the NH Educational Foundation. Please mark your calendars for the 2009 Annual Meeting and Golf Outing, scheduled for Saturday, June 27th.

GOLF CHAMPIONS

Orange Course
Don Beitz '62, Ryan Harms '00, Dave Winterland '87, & Jim Schoonaert '62

Blue Course
Nate Edlefson '02, Steve Nightingale '02, Jared Schroeder '01.5, Tony Slager '02, & Matt Starr '02.5

Hole Prizes
Longest Putt: Brian Millard '83 & Sam Serven '03
Longest Drive: Dave Winterland '87 & Kraig Soltwedel '01
Closest to Pin: Errol Maul '01

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FLASHBACK TO THE '00S:
DAVID JORDAN, 2000

David Jordan, marketing/advertising, Clinton, Illinois



Tell us about your career. I work for the marketing firm Bader Rutter & Associates, which is headquartered in Milwaukee — where I spent three years. We also have offices in Lincoln, NE and Chicago, IL and have a few satellite offices, like mine, out of employee homes. Bader Rutter is the nation’s leading agri-marketing firm. I am the team leader on the Merial business. Merial is the world’s largest animal health company and manufactures products for pets and livestock, like: FRONT-LINE, HEARTGARD, IVOMEK, CORID, CYS-TORELIN, ZIMECTERIN and many others. I work closely with the client and agency teams to direct brand and business strategy; as well as help our team meet goals in all areas of integrated marketing communication.

Prior to joining Bader Rutter in '03, I worked for the American Jersey Cattle Association in Columbus, Ohio for two years and World Wide Sires in Visalia, California for a year.

What were the most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House? Growing up in a small town of 1,400 people I wanted to find a place where I could relate to and identify with the guys. NH was a great fit for me. It combined many of the values I knew with an opportunity to be part of an organization. Also, the cost was a big factor for me as I was paying for my own college.

What is one piece of the Nabor House culture or routine that you still miss today? Wake-ups. An alarm clock just can’t replace the hearty good morning you get from the wake-up man.

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

Name one NH food dish you'll never forget. Bagel Cheddarwurst were a favorite, but no one can forget the green bean casserole.

Name two or three fellow Nabors who have been most influential on your life. Two names and one event instantly surface — Mark Farrell '00, David "Barney" Vaughan '00 and Beach Party 2000.

What NH memory is most special to you? The true NH experience transcends the time you spend in the house to a lifetime of remarkable experiences and memories. The entirety of the NH journey — then and now — is the extraordinary memory.

same company that I have been working for the past 5 years, so I jumped at the chance to get a change of scenery. The weather is gorgeous here and I'm looking forward to a warm winter!

Maul, Errol '01. 644 CR 700N, Tolono, IL 61880. (217)370-8788 [H], (217)892-6000 [W]. *Farm Credit Services of IL - Crop Insurance Agent.* errolmaul@hotmail.com. Ashley and I are doing well living in Champaign County. I started selling crop insurance for Farm Credit Services of IL in December 2007. I am enjoying the job and Ashley is doing well in Vet school. The yields on the farm in the Jacksonville area have been very good in '08! If you are ever in Mahomet, stop at the new office and look me up!

Softwedel, Kraig '01. 1756 CR 2275 E., St. Joseph, IL 61873. (217)469-0181 [H], (217)841-2568 [W]. *Seed Specialist at Illini FS.* softwedel@illinoisalumni.org. Jodie, Alivia, Addyson and I are getting settled now that we've been in St. Joseph for nearly a year. I am working for Illini FS as a Seed Specialist and Jodie is working in the pharmacy at Carle. We are expecting our third child in three years in December so needless to say we've had our hands full but loving every minute. Also this fall I enjoyed a hunting trip to Alaska with my dad Norbert and brother Kevin.

Stierwalt, Greg '01. 645 CR 700 E., Sadorus, IL 61872. (217)598-2330 [H], (217)202-8947 [W]. *Equipment Sales / Farming.* gstierwalt@birkeys.com. Things have been very busy this year. Equipment sales at Birkey's have been very good, but keeping me going. In February we had twins which are now 8 months old and crawling. Our oldest just turned 3 this week along with Halloween, Harvest and wedding anniversary. If anyone is in town look us up, might be easy to get basketball tickets this year

Wendling, Jake '01. *General Manager- Direct Lines Trucking.* Hayden is now 6 months old. I am getting ready for fall and hopefully a good harvest.

White, Andrew '01. Yorkville, IL. (217)371-0287 [C], (630)859-3300 [W]. *Attorney, Dickson & Hasenbalg, Aurora, IL.* andrewgwhite2@yahoo.com. Still working in Aurora. Currently semi-homeless, but closing on a house in late December near Yorkville. If any Nabors are in the area and need a place to stay - just call or email because I'll have plenty of room. As of writing this Illinois b-ball team is 6-0 so things are looking up. Congrats to Barney on being fertile and I look forward to Kellogg having his own daytime talk-show very soon.

Edlefson, Nate '02. 620 S. Chestnut St., Princeton, IL 61356. (815)875-4050 [H], (309)883-1455 [W]. *FBFM Fieldstaff.* edlefsonn@mchsi.com.

Feeney, Luke '02. 610 W. Main, Monticello, IL 61856. (217)714-1626 [H], (217)762-9416 [W]. *Attorney.* lfeeney@millertracy.com. Got married to Hayley Smith on 7-12-08.

Honeymoon in Hawaii (Kauai) was awesome.

McCormick , Nick '02. RR 1 Box 334, Windsor, IL 61957. (217)254-4167 [H], (217)682-3339 [W]. *Mechanic/Farmer.* nmccormick@consolidated.net. Kelly and I are expecting our first child in January. Harvest went well but it seemed like we farmed all year. Heath and I are in the process of building new tractor for the 2009 season, it is coming along quite nicely, of course anything red usually is quite nice.

Nightingale, Steve '02. 8541 N 1300 Ave., Osco, IL 61274. (309)522-5044 [H], (309)781-3416 [W]. *Farmer.* nightngl@theinter.com. Lia and I are expecting our first child in May.

Leary, Aaron '03. R.R. 1 Box 42, Little York, IL 61453. (309)729-5282 [H], (309)371-9675 [W]. *Agriculture Education Program Advisor.* learyswinefarm@yahoo.com. Rachel turned 3 in November and Rose turned 1 in September. Between the girls, work, raising show pigs, deer hunting, helping Dad farm and trying to keep the "honey-do" list short... I am staying busy. Sara is doing great as well. She has started a quilting business where she takes pictures of homes and farmsteads and quilts them. www.frontporchpatterns.com She also joined our church's praise band. She plays the guitar. The girls are a blast. I can't imagine life without them. Rachel is saying the darndest things and Rose is walking everywhere. Life in Western IL is going great.

Serven, Sam '03. 329 Knox Road 300E, St. Augustine, IL 61474. (309)368-8936 [H], (309)368-7053 [W]. *John Deere Sales & AMS for Neff Co. in Avon, IL.* sserven@hotmail.com.

Elvidge, Kendal '04. 114 Faye St., Farmersville, IL 62533. (217)227-3303 [H], (217)854-3104 [W]. *Ag Teacher.* elvidge82@yahoo.com. Nothing new. Teaching and living.

Lawless, Steve '04.5. 1033 Wild St., Sycamore, IL 60178. (309)838-2812 [H], (630)406-3421 [W]. *Product Manager, Application Equipment for AGCO Parts Division.* steve.lawless@agcocorp.com. Livin' the dream...

Knapp, Kevin '05. 21 Village Dr., Leola, PA 17540. (717)725-0885 [H]. *Field Test Engineer.* kevinknapp@illinoisalumni.org. I am still traveling the world testing combines. I made two trips to Brazil in 2008 and still spent most of the summer in the plains, early fall in Canada, and late fall in the mid-west. 2008 was a great harvest at Knapp Farms in Magnolia, and I somehow made it home several weekends to spend even more time in the combine there.

Wagahoff, Blake '05. 1204 S Benton Ave., Marshall, MO 65340. (217)891-9979 [H], (660)631-5639 [W]. *Operations Supervisor – Monsanto Soybean Production.* blake_wagahoff@illinoisalumni.org. Laura and I are approaching our 1 year anniversary. Still living in Marshall working for Monsanto. Looking forward to trips back to IL. If anyone is ever in

ANTHONY ROWLEY '06: ENGINEERING PEACE IN IRAQ

I am currently serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. My tour will consist of 7 months in Al Anbar Province. As a part of Combat Logistics Battalion – 2, we provide general engineering support for all of western Iraq. I am the platoon commander for an Equipment Platoon consisting of heavy equipment, motor transportation, bulk fuel, and utility sections. I am responsible for more than 60 Marines and over 18 million dollars of gear. We have done several large and many small projects throughout our area of responsibility. Some of the missions are on base where we live, while the farthest has been several hundred miles away. Our first mission lasted over 30 days as we constructed complete living facilities, to include showers, electricity, and a protective wall for a couple hundred Marines. We have also constructed a road and leveled more than 80 acres for future base expansion. During my last mission, the local mayor prepared a traditional Iraqi style dinner. Our interaction with the Iraqi civilians is limited, but memorable to say the least.



As a Marine Officer, leadership and management is one of the most important aspects of my job. I am constantly working with people and building working relationships. My experience at Nabor House certainly has played a role in my personal development. Nabor House gave me the opportunity to interact with men from different backgrounds and beliefs. It was there where I gained a foundation in my interpersonal skills. These skills have allowed me to effectively lead a platoon of Marines in combat. While Nabor House did not prepare me for the technical aspects of my job, there have been a couple moments, under less than desirable conditions, where I have admitted "it could be worse." After experiencing several difficulties and delays on one mission, we found ourselves staying the night before returning to base. Forgetting to pack my sleeping bag, I was looking at a long, cold, and sleepless night. A Marine beside me exclaimed, "I have never been this cold at night before!" I thought to myself, "I have, this one night in January..."

THREE-TIME NABOR HOUSE DAD HONORED

A scholarship endowment at the University of Illinois was established in the spring of '08 as a tribute to longtime Illinois dairy farm manager, Jack Bingham, whose three sons are alumni of Nabor House. The John H. Bingham Scholarship Endowment was established with gifts totaling more than \$80,000. Annual scholarship recipients will be made to UI juniors and seniors interested in the dairy industry who demonstrate strong communication and people management skills. Jack was recognized at the 2008 Illini Dairy Club banquet on campus in April where the Jack Bingham Family was honored with the dedication of the club's annual *Pipeline* publication. Jack passed away at his home in McHenry on September 27, 2008.

A 1951 UI dairy science graduate, Jack was raised on Buffalo Creek Dairy Farm near Highland Park. During a dairy industry career that spanned more than 40 years, Jack managed Hickory Creek Farms in McHenry, Lamkin Land Farm in Watson, and Golden Oaks Farm in Wauconda. Jack was respected throughout the state and country for both his accomplished cow and people skills. Not only did he help develop many registered Holstein cow families, he also mentored and developed many young people that worked for him and with him in the Illinois dairy industry.

Although Jack was an alumnus of Farm House Fraternity, all three of his sons lived at Nabor House. Steven '76 and his wife Nancy reside in Woodstock; Thomas '80 and his wife Barbara live in Westville IN; and Wayne '87 and his wife Kristine reside in Griggsville. Besides his sons and daughters-in-law, Jack is survived by his wife of 55 years, Charlotte, and seven grandchildren.



The Bingham Family: (clockwise from top left): Wayne, Tom, Steve, Charlotte and Jack

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION: NABORS SUPPORTING NABORS



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The Nabor House Educational Foundation will meet in mid-February to select the 2009 scholarship winners from the Active Chapter. The scholarship winner’s names will be announced at the Nabor House Annual Meeting this summer and in a future issue of the Nubbins.

As we have reported here each year, your contributions to the Foundation are fully tax deductible. Therefore, we would encourage you to make any donation, large or small, to allow the Foundation to continue to fund the following scholarships and other projects:

- 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, based upon applications and personal interview;
- 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 Alumni and Active Chapter members alike, the annual Nabor House Golf Outing supports the Educational Foundation, as well. I encourage each of you to consider participating in this event in 2009.

If you wish to have additional information on these matters please feel free to contact me, any member or the foundation board or **Larry Dallas ‘75**, Nabor House business manager. To make a gift to support students, make checks payable to the **NH Educational Foundation** and send to: Nabor House, P.O. Box 2653,Champaign, IL 61825.

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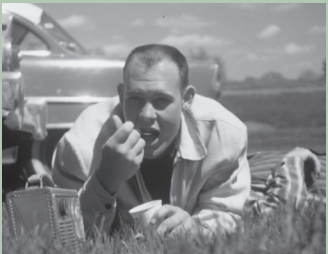
- **Lee Brokaw**, senior in Ag Business
- **Robert Johnson**, junior in Biology
- **Andrew Fulton**, sophomore in Ag Engineering
- **Race Higgins**, freshman in Crop Science
- **Ben Plumier**, freshman in Ag Engineering (Kelroy Memorial Scholarship)

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- Jay Hageman, '74
- Greg Hart, '98
- Kevin Martin, '74
- Greg Olson, '70

NABOR HOUSE REMEMBERED: 1958-1960

A collection of pictures Glen Broom ‘62.5 shared with the attendees of the 2008 NH Annual Meeting. (Clockwise from top left): Glen Broom & Mike Lippincott (Fall 1959); the 1958 pledges at Christmas Party; Doctor’s set for Dale “Doc” Burton (Dec. 1958); Dale Burton, Bob Reiners & Jim Melton during Finals Week (Jan. 1959); Mike Lippincott enjoys Mother’s Day Picnic; Jim Melton & Bob Coffman study by street light during snow storm power outage (Winter 1959)



Ethan Andrew (20 months) on November 3rd. Everyone is healthy and adjusting well.

Mohr, Mark '96. 14119 350th St., Lindstrom, MN 55045. (651)213-6798 [H], (651)766-6322 [W]. *Product Mgr, Spray Technology – Hypro LLC. mfmohr@yahoo.com*. Most importantly Joseph (4) and Rachel (1.5) are in good health and growing. Joseph is in preschool and there's no end to his curiosity on how things work, mostly mechanical and electrical. Rachel can pull off a decent conversation on a variety of toddler-favored topics (like kitties) and has been hard at play in order to keep up with her big brother. Carrie is busy managing the household, puttin' up the garden, raisin' up the li'l ones, and has done some voiceover work lately. I am busy at Hypro devising spray technologies. If you're out-and-about I can sometimes be found in a booth at the bigger Ag equipment shows if I've been set free from the office or other travels. I've run into several Nabors at shows and meetings in the last year and it is good to see friends on the road. We're all in good humor up here. Come on up if you get too warm.

Propst, Jason '96. 887 Co. Rd. 500E, Toledo, IL 62468. (217)895-2563 [H], (217)246-2589 [W]. *Swine Enterprise Specialist for FS Total Livestock Services. jpropst@effclay-fs.com*. All is well in the southern part of the state. Jen and Matthew are doing fine and Matthew is into EVERYTHING!!! I call him Mini-Me. Feel sorry for Jen having to deal with two of me.

Stuepfert, Phil '96. 330 Emily Court, Yorkville, IL 60560. (630)553-3978 [H]. *Land Planner. pstuepfert@secgroupinc.com*. Doing well and the Stuepfert clan keeps growing! Carissa and I have 4 now. 2 girls and 2 boys. Briana (14), Brook (12), Andrew (5) and Aaron (6 months). One more and we will have a basketball team on our hands.

Anderson, Adam '97. 14219 Illinois Route 127, Butler, IL 62015. (217)532-6744 [H]. *Farmer. ahanderson@consolidated.net*. 2 kids - Ian is 3, Milla is 1. Farming full time now.

McCormick, Heath '97. RR1 Box 188, Shumway, IL 62461. (217)868-2366 [H], (217) 412-2483 [W]. *Sales Manager. hmccormick@hydro-gear.com, hmccormick@stewstras.net*. In March Autumn and I were bless with a baby boy named Ross. Claire is growing and enjoying being a big sister. The grandparents are a lot of help with the kids. The kids are working on teaching me patience, I still have room for improvement. Wife is still working in ICU and keeping me busy with projects.

Wilson, Ryan '97. 1161 Kasting Lane, Mundelein, IL 60060. (847)949-4093 [H], (847)777-2235 [W]. *Director, Customer Marketing & Sales Strategy (Johnson & Johnson). rwilson8@its.jnj.com*. Christina and I are expecting child #3 in late January. Our two

girls (Tess & Rowan) are hoping for another girl – just what I need! Also, happy to report that I am wrapping up my second pass through college, and will earn my MBA from Kellogg (Northwestern) December 13th, 2008. We have been in Chicago for nearly 3 years now, which is the longest I have been anywhere since graduation from the U of I. With that said, sure they will be moving us again very soon. Hope to catch-up with a few of my good Nabor House friends before we pull-up the tent stakes again. Go Illini!

Jahraus, Jared C. '98. 7550 Kirby Dr. #644, Houston, TX 77030. (217)714-5803[H]. *HS Science Teacher. jahraus@gmail.com*. Married on June 21, 2008 to Megan Swearingen (2002) of 4-H House. Moved to Houston, TX where Megan works as a physical therapist at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Kellogg, Matt '98. 9750 Schlapp Rd., Yorkville, IL 60560. (630)554 5458 [H], (630)546-3559 [W]. *Pig Slopper / Corn Grower. mkellogg@cin.net*. Not much new in Yorkville, Just watching my daughter Kamryn grow and out-smart her daddy. She will be 4 December 14th and has already decided to become a Vet and attend the “go Illini” school... Other than preventing the humanization of all animals on Oprah, not much happening in Kendall County. Oh, my 15 seconds of fame are done... now I just want to move into the “Old School” house with Jeff Duncan!!!

Moffitt, Justin '99. 1040 Knox Hwy 17, Gilson, IL 61436. (309)221-9496 [H]. *Galesburg Fire, Farmer. justinmoffitt@yahoo.com*. Returned home from my National Guard deployment to Afghanistan, just in time for harvest. Have since become engaged to Jennifer Johnson (UI alum and sister to 2 active Nabors!) Life is good.

Windish, Ryan '99. Nelson, New Zealand. *Emergency physician. mcwindish@hotmail.com*. Completed my ER residency in Denver in June, and moved down to New Zealand in August to take a job as an ER doctor at the regional hospital. NZ is amazing, and a great place to live. Anything you could want in the outdoors. If any Nobs are down in this part of the Southern Hemisphere, look me up. The toilets also don't flush the opposite way like they say, Ha Ha!

Barto, Kevin '99.5. 14855 Meadow Ln., Plainfield, IL 60544. (815)474-3465 [H], (708)235-7458 [W]. *Supt. of Grounds, Governors State University. kbarto42@hotmail.com*. Work has been busy with many construction activities around the University. I spent a lot of the past summer playing sand volleyball in the city and suburbs. I have been dating Katie for over a year now. She graduated from Eastern in '01 and then went to UIC for dental school. She is a dentist currently working out of offices in Plainfield and Elmwood Park.

2000s

Farrell, Mark '00. 19 Cambridge Ct., Fairbury, IL 61739. (815)692-2464 [H]. *mlfarrel@hotmail.com*.

Harms, Ryan '00. 512 Ely Dr., Carroll, IA 51401. (712)292-4636 [H], (515)509-1996 [C]. *Director of Development, Iowa State Univ. Foundation. rjharms@illinoisalumni.org*. Job changes caused a move to Iowa in February 2009. Brea is now a Territory Manager for Deere, and I'm raising money for the College of Ag & Life Sciences at Iowa State. Carter (2.5) and Addison (1) continue to keep our days fun and eventful. After 5 moves in 6.5 years, I think we have this moving thing down pat!

Jordan, David '00. 824 N. Center St., Clinton, IL 61727. (414)708-2289 [H], (217)935-7573 [W]. *Marketing Consultant. nabor520@hotmail.com*. Enjoying life in the thriving metropolis of Clinton. Stop by if in the area.

Melhouse, Rusty '00. 804 Oakview Dr., Macomb, IL 61455. (309)333-0095 [H], (309)837-2704 [W]. *Financial Advisor-Edward Jones. itsjustrusty@yahoo.com*.

Olson, John '00. 115 E. Franklin Ave., Naperville, IL 60540. (331)643-2604 [H]. *Sales/Marketing for The New York Blower Co. jgolson22@yahoo.com*. Nothing new on my end. Still leaving the dream in the western suburbs.

Vaughan, David '00. 529 E. Ash St., Elmwood, IL 61529. (309)742-8128 [H], (309)712-3575 [C]. *nabor517@illinoisalumni.org*. It's certainly been an exciting and eventful year. Katie and I decided that my 600 square foot bachelor pad was a little small so we bought a bigger house and moved in June. It's a good thing we did because in August, we found out we are expecting our first child. We have a due date of April 10 and the sonograms are telling us it's a girl! We were able to get away for a few days later on in the year with Mark and Courtney Farrell as we spent our vacation at a resort in Mexico. And to top off the year, thanks to a recommendation from Nabor Alum Tom Kelley, I am in the process of switching careers as I have accepted a position with Country Insurance. As I write this, I am still in the process of obtaining the required licenses and hope to make the switch sometime in early January. So if you need an insurance quote, feel free to call!

Lacey, Hunt '01. 420 Old Wells Rd., Eau Claire, WI 54703. (715)456-7476 [H]. *Territory Manager. hlacey23@yahoo.com*. We just had a baby August 1st. Her name is Arabella Ann Lacey.

Larson, Dirk '01. 4202 East Cactus Road, #6301, Phoenix, AZ 85032. (630)542-2667 [H]. *Operational Auditor (Apartment Mgmt). dirk522@hotmail.com*. After 29 years in Illinois, I picked up and moved to Phoenix in November. I was able to change regions and stay with the

CONTINUED: ALUMNI REPORTS, 1990s TO 2000s

FLASHBACK TO THE '90s:
BRIAN CARLSON, 1996



Brian Carlson, technical marketing specialist, Princeton, Illinois
Tell us about your career.
Harold Reetz '70 inspired me to pursue a career in Precision Ag when I heard a few of his presentations on site specific mgmt. Upon graduation in '96, I was employed by Richland Sales Corp. as a Precision Ag Rep. During my 6 years at Richland Sales I gained valuable skills in sales and service of GPS, variable rate technology, and GIS software. In '01, I joined Patten Caterpillar in Elmhurst as a Regional Sales Mgr. In the fall of '03, I was hired by Trimble Navigation located in Sunnyvale, CA. I was assigned to CNH in Racine, WI as the head of Autoguidance Technical Support for Case IH and New Holland. During '07 I became an RTK/Systems Specialist and am now consulting and training on RTK Networks and similar emerging technologies globally.

What were the most important reasons you chose to live at NH?
NH shrunk a 36,000 student university down to 35 guys. It was a very close-knit group of that had fun and worked together. I am passionate about continuing its rich traditions.

What is one piece of the Nabor House culture or routine that you still miss today?
Talking with **Brett Hoerr '95** about the moral values of life. I still can remember Brett explaining to the new members how to make a proper brew of coffee.

Besides "education, cooperation, and recreation", what are three words that best describe your Nabor House experience?
Faith, Family, and Friends. I believe in the faith of the NH founders for creating a structure of education, cooperation, and recreation. I also believe that NH creates a family atmosphere that fosters life-long friendships.

What NH food dish with you never forget?
Round Up – I never understood the fascination of mixing hamburger with baked beans and serving cornbread.

Name two or three fellow Nabors who have been most influential on your life.
Jason Tompkins '96, John Spangler '95 and Matt Kellogg '98

Which NH memory is most special to you?
It would be a toss-up between Beach Party, Barn Dance or serving as Commissar during our annual Thanksgiving Meal with 4-H House. I received many complements that the meal was better than their moms.

showing for the Illini but we enjoyed visiting the campus and getting the kids enthused about Illinois. We are ready for the 2008 crop year to be over. Dealing with a wet spring, replanting, and now a drawn out harvest have made this year a challenge. I am looking forward to catching up on family time and some of my NH Board duties over the winter.

Ummel, Kregg '92. 114 Meadow Creek Ct., Lexington, IL 61753. (309)365-7018 [H], (309)662-4444 [W]. *Commercial/Ag Lender with Heartland Bank.* Four kids keep Wendy and I busy. In fact, this past August my two boys and I missed the 14th Annual Davestock Golf Outing because of youth Football jamboree. Both of my boys were disappointed with the conflict as well. A good time is always had at Dave Winterland's annual outing. I was wondering; Did Rod Stoll get honored since it was the 14th outing? Did The Legend give away any of DeKalb's secret's after his 3rd beer? Did FATT get a date with the beer girl? Projected cash flows are very interesting for the 2009 growing season. \$530/acre for corn inputs, not including cash rent, doesn't leave much room for cash rent over \$200/acre. I suppose it's a matter of prospective, just like everything else in life.

Block, Dan '94. 5951 McKee Rd, Suite 201, Fitchburg, WI 53719. (815)297-2750 [H], (608)215-8266 [W]. *International Dairy Sales, danblock12@yahoo.com.*

Denton, Darrin '94. 20076 Lamong Rd., Sheridan, IN 46069. (317)431-8240 [H]. *Agent - Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, darrin.denton@infarmbureau.com.*

Engel, Keith '94. (630)640-3665 [H]. *Keith.Engel@geagroup.com.* Hello Fellow Nabors! I am doing great and keeping very busy. I am writing this email as my plane takes-off from Frankfurt Airport in Germany. This year has been full of opportunities for me to travel and gain new experiences. I work for GEA WestfaliaSurge and still live in Madison, WI. I still work for the same company, they just added our parent companies name to the front when we acquired Houle and Norbco. I hope everyone is doing well and have a great holiday season. If anyone gets to Madison, feel free to drop me a line and we can have a beer together.

Meeker, Sam '94. 17115 W. Kelstadt Rd., Brimfield, IL 61517. (309)208-3098 [H], (309)675-5084 [W]. *Caterpillar Marketing, yieldmap@hotmail.com.* Susan, Blake and I are doing well. Blake is 4 and quite a handful. I'm still farming on the weekends with dad and enjoy playing with tractors. A few new Olivers hit the farm, and we're working on a collection of Cat's. I found the first D2 ever made, s/n 5j1. I have become a Cat lifer, and cover the marketing and commercial business for the smaller half of the Wheel Loader line, 904 - 930 size.

Ray, Jeff '94. 401 Menominee Ln., Naperville, IL 60963. (630)416-7780[H]. (630)829-4678[W] *Loan Officer for the Prudential Insurance Co. of America. jeffrey.ray@prudential.com.* Married on 12/28/2007 to Carrie, a teacher here in Naperville. We are excited to be expecting a baby in April 2009!

Soltwedel, Kevin '94. 5425 Greenbriar, Quincy, IL 62305. (217)223-7432 [H], (217)357-2811 [W]. *Swine Nutritionist. ksoltwedel@hogvet.com.* Just finished my second year with Professional Swine Mgmt and all continues to go well. It is amazing how fast time flies. This year we added number 5 to the family. Bennett Lewis was born May 3 joining his 4 siblings Isabella (9), Sophia (7), Ava (4), and Blaine (2.5).We also added Lilly, a black lab pup to the family in October. Michelle continues to work from home as a recruiter for Trillium Staffing. Don't hesitate to call if ever in the Quincy area.

Vandeburg, Jay W. '94. 4397 E. SR 218, Walton, IN 46994. (574)626-2307[H]. (765)432-2706[cell]. *Hog Farm Manager.* Jennifer is teaching agriculture at Ivy Tech. Ben and Josh are doing well. I am going to take accounting and finance classes at Ivy Tech.

England, Max '95. 239 Kodiak Ct., Kechi, KS 67067. (316)706-0336 [H], (316)832-7705 [W]. *Research Director, Cargill Pork. max.england@hotmail.com.*

Powell, David '95. 27 W 650 Mack Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189. *GM/VP. wheatonpowells@yahoo.com.* Blessed with our fourth child: a daughter (Shaylee Grace) born August 9th. The lord continues to bless our family and we hope He is doing the same for you.

Robert, Matt '95. 3309B Halifax Dr., Champaign, IL 61822. (217)355-9669 [H], (217) 244-0083 [W]. *Ag Engineer. mjr2104@msn.com.* Working for the Agricultural and Biological Engineering Dept. for UI. Teaching a "Green" Construction course for TSM majors. Still doing consulting work on the side for livestock producers around the state.

Birnbaum, Keith '96. 1860 1550th Ave., Lincoln, IL 62656. (217)735-5173 [H], (217)306-5506 [W]. *Field Operations Manger for Remington Seeds, LLC. keith.birnbaum@remingtonseeds.com.* Obviously commercial yields were exceptional in our part of the country. Our seed corn yields were the best ever. Bring on Pro-Stack and Smart- Stack!

Carlson, Brian '96. 24396 1900 North Ave., Princeton, IL 61356. (815)878-2084 [H]. *RTK Systems Specialist – Trimble Navigation. brian_carlson@trimble.com.*

McKim, Shawn '96. 165 W. Twyman, Bushnell, IL 61422. (309)772-9924 [H], (309)772-2411 [W]. *Veterinarian. mckim@logonix.net.* Reagan Renee joined big brother

DEAN OLSON RECOGNIZED AS HONORARY NABOR



Dr. Charles E. Olson

Dr. Charles E. Olson, longtime assistant dean in the College of ACES, was formally bestowed with honorary membership into Nabor House Fraternity on April 19, 2008. More than 50 members of the Nabor family participated in a recognition program honoring Dean Olson's extraordinary service to the University of Illinois, College of Agriculture (& ACES), and Nabor House over more than three decades.

A native of Wataga and graduate of ROVA High School, Dean Olson is the son of a farmer and a teacher. He was active in 4-H, FFA, and music as a youth and graduated in the Top Six of his high school class. After beginning his collegiate career as a vocational agriculture student at Illinois State University, Chuck transferred to the University of Illinois his junior year and earned a B.S. in agricultural economics in 1968. Following graduation, he spent two years as a non-commissioned officer with the U.S. Army Training Center in Louisiana. In 1970, he married 4-H House alumna Janice Vaughn. They are parents to three married daughters and became grandparents in September 2008.

Chuck worked as an administrative intern for the Illinois Soil & Water Conservation office before completing a master's degree in higher education at Illinois and then taking a position at U of I as an assistant director of admissions. In 1979, Chuck earned a Ph.D. in higher education and was hired by Associate Dean John Campbell to serve as an assistant dean in the College of Agriculture.

Dean Olson helped launch the College of Agriculture's Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholarship and successfully sustained the program's growth and prestige over 30 years. He managed and awarded more than \$1 million of undergraduate scholarships annually to ACES students and was responsible for the ACES Career Student Services. Dean Olson served as the staff secretary for the College of Agriculture Alumni Association for about 20 years. He had a reputation for making mothers and fathers feel safe and assured in leaving their sons and daughters at the U of I.

Dean Olson retired as assistant dean on August 31, 2008.



Fraternity President Bob Stewart '92 watches the signing of the NH membership book



Fraternity President Bob Stewart '92, Jan & Chuck Olson, Spring '08 Active Chapter President Rob Johnson

EXCERPTS OF TRIBUTES
TO DEAN OLSON

Kelly Beaty '84, Taylorville; President, Standard Bank and Trust, Morris
●Dean Olson would call you by name and take time to visit, even though he had 1,000 things to do. How did he remember all of the students? Thanks for always taking time to talk and give encouragement.

Rod Bray '88, Arrowsmith; State Farm Insurance, Murfreesboro TN
●I lost my father to a farming accident my freshman year and you took the time to visit with me about the many decisions I faced and how you would support me in any way possible to get through that valley in my life. I did not expect that from a large university. Thank you for your many years of service.

Jason Propst '96, Smithfield; Swine Enterprise Specialist, Effingham-Clay FS, Toledo
●Your integrity and ingenuity have influenced the character and leadership development of so many young people over the years.

Harold Reetz '70, Milford; Director of External Support and FAR, International Plant Nutrition Institute, Monticello
●I have appreciated your friendship, and the leadership you have given to the young agriculturalists of Illinois.

Keith Soltwedel '91, Shumway; Mgr. of Strategic Marketing, Deere, Overland Park, KS
●Charles Olson was much more than a Dean. He was an advisor, a father, and more than anything—a friend that was always there when a student needed some advice.

Earl Swanson '43, Rankin; Professor Emeritus, College of ACES, Urbana
●As your adviser, I recall letting you take whatever courses you liked, and in retrospect that gave you the best outcome. I still recall with pleasure our chance meeting in the basement museum of the Kremlin in Moscow many years later. Thanks for providing a steady hand in the Dean's office for a long string of students.

David Winterland '86, Fairbury; Farmer
●You were always there to help, with a smile on your face. I hope after reading these notes you will have an understanding of how much respect and admiration the men of Nabor House have for you. It is truly a blessing and an honor to have you join our brotherhood. You were larger than life to us in college. Thank you for being you.

ALUMNI REPORTS: NABORS CHECK IN FROM ACROSS THE DECADES

1940s

Ridlen, Sam '40. 1901 Lakeside Dr., Unit C, Champaign, IL 61821. (217)359-8102 [H]. *Professor Emeritus. ridlen@uiuc.edu*. Helen and I are still able to maintain our home and enjoy reasonably good health. As with most our age, we spend a considerable time at doctor's appointments and physical therapy. We still enjoy following our family and their many activities as well as church. Six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren are our pride and joy. I do look forward to receiving Nabor Nubbins and news regarding the activities of all Nabors.

Buchanan, Paul '42. Will go to home in Arizona about Nov. 4, return in April o9. Sorry, no chance to attend planned annual meeting. Last meeting I was able to attend was August 1989. 87th birthday and senior stroke in August 2007 have slowed me down. Will look forward to next Nabor Nubbins.

Swanson, Earl '43. 1907 S. Harding Dr., Urbana, IL 61801. (217)367-7372 [H]. *Retired. EARL_SWANSON_534@comcast.net*. 2008 has been the occasion for a number of cardio-vascular events, this is to be expected for an 88-year old! Things are going well now. We still live in the same house that I helped build in 1954. Pure inertia keeps us here. Last week saw the passing of fellow Nabor Floyd Walker's wife, Jac.

Mueller, Allan G. '45. Still alive and well, and enjoying retirement. It is good to meet each crop of new initiates as they go through their initiation ritual every year, obtaining signatures of NH Alumni in the C-U area.

Litchfield, James H. '47. 312 Galesburg Rd., Knoxville, IL 61448-1014. (309)289-2923 [H]. *Retired Vo-Ag Instructor/Farming*. Congratulations Nabor House on continued honors. Western Illinois was blessed with good corn and bean yields. Our family had a very good year. Jim and Virginia Litchfield.

Potter, Carman '48. 1258 Potter Rd., Jacksonville, IL 62650. (217)243-2388 [H]. I am in good health. The crops are good.

1950s

Appenheimer, Alpheus "Clay" '50. Clay died of cancer on Aug. 29 at the age of 81. He enjoyed watching his garden and orchard during the spring and summer. His favorite hymn was "For the Beauty of the Earth."

McCurdy, James G. '50. 1301 E 2nd Ave., Monmouth, IL 61462. (309)734-2638 [H]. *Retired from U of I Extension in 1994*. Quite a few Nabors live in the Warren County area. Lynn Shimmin raises lots of hogs but is also very active with 4-H Club work. He involved over 30 4-Hers in judging livestock winding up with the top team in the state. Ken

McMillan continues to be one of the top instructors at Monmouth College and does some sheep production on the side. Dana Lewis (class of 49 1/2) and his wife, Anita, came through Monmouth recently and treated us to lunch. Would welcome more Nabors to stop by.

Gerlach, Elmer '53. 724 E. Washington St, Mount Carroll, IL 61053. (815)244-6543 [H]. *Ag Teacher Retired*. I have been retired for 20 years and it's been 55 years since I left the house. I have lived a good life, but consider my days at NH as the best of my life. We are still active with travel, fishing, and home and yard work. Keep up the good work.

Masters, Don '53. P.O. Box 82, Jacksonville, FL 62651. *Retired*. Corn at our house averaged 220. When I think how seldom I got 100, it makes my head swim.

Schlueter, Clarence '53. 2208 Valley Brook Drive, Champaign, IL 61822. (217)351-6991 [H]. *Retired*. All is well! We now have 9 grandchildren ages 2-18. Time is flying. Still traveling a lot. Visited the new stadium Saturday. It is impressive, but we miss the chief!

Webb, Ryland '54. Sorry to inform you that my first cousin and fellow Nabor House alumnus, Kenneth Wright, passed away on October 5, 2008 at his home in Decatur, Illinois.

Burgess, Van '55. We had an amazing autumn here in Colorado. Mary Etta and I spent a week at the end of September touring the aspen country while it was at peak color, driving from Vail to Silverton along the San Juan Skyway, over to the Black Canyon of the Gunnison, across Grand Mesa and home through Glenwood Canyon. Just gorgeous color everywhere! In late October my two sons and I went elk hunting and got a nice bull. All is well with the family as I write this (Thank You, Lord) except my grandkids are turning into teenagers much too rapidly, leaving me to wonder why they are getting older and I am not? Ha!

Duvick, Dick '55. 8355 Fossil Dr., Sylvania, OH 43560. (419)885-2092 [H], (614)284-8666 [C]. *Retired. duvick.1@osu.edu*. Still enjoying our condo in Sylvania, Ohio. If it wasn't for the grandkids' activities, plus doctor and dentist appointments, our social life would be nil. Enjoy keeping up with Nabors via the computer.

Schlueter, Melvin '55. (309)728-2729 [H]. *Retired*. Enjoying retirement – good health, travel, grandchildren – life is good! I'm glad to see Nabor House continue to attract quality young men who are proud to uphold the high standards it is known for: Christian fellowship, top leadership, and scholastic achievement. Keep it up men!! You will always be proud of your years at NH.

Pettit, Roland G. '56. 708 N. Main St., Canton, IL 61520. (309)647-1267[H]. My son, Tom, was married this spring for the first time. He found the right girl. A match made in Heaven. My friend Sally and I have been traveling! Went to California for my birthday in August. Looking forward to an eventful winter in Illinois.

Schairer, Lou '56. 505 Opatrny Drive, Fox River Grove, IL 60021. (847)639-3325[H]. *Retired Teacher. grnthumblou@yahoo.com*. We are trying to remain healthy and wise! Wealthy??? Keeping aware of our daughter Jo's activities in Long Beach, Ca., daughter Vicki and her husband Mike in Woodstock, GA, granddaughter Michelle and our great-grandson Blake(5) and great-granddaughter Bailey(3). We also have a little Mexican "god daughter" Cherrylou- named after Sherry and me. Sherry and I are involved with adult literacy and other activities in the community. The Cubs did it again!

Dintelmann, Bob '57. 600 Lorenz Lane, Belleville, IL 62220. (618)233-3090 [H], (618)530-3090 [C]. *dintelmann@aol.com*. All is well here. We are married 51 years with 5 children and 12 grandchildren. I still do some consulting in landscaping and nursery evaluations. We enjoyed going to the Rose Bowl to cheer on the Illini. We had a great family reunion this summer with everyone here for a while. Then the market went downhill thanks to all of our wonderful government elected officials. I expect it will come back if the elected officials stay out of the way.

Eidman, Vernon '58. 90 Mid Oaks Lane, Roseville, MN 55113. (651)644-5094 [H], (612) 625-6245 [W]. *Professor Emeritus of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota. vbeidman@comcast.net* and *veidman@umn.edu*. We are doing very well. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

James, Harold '58. 2695 Allen Rd., Buncombe, IL 62912. (618)658-5678 [H]. *Veterinarian (Semi-retired). hjames@shawneelink.net*. Just finished our first weekend of tree sales for the Christmas tree season. Sales were good, but we need more trees! Cattle prices not too great for the cow/calf folk right now, and feed prices too high. I guess it's a good thing the football season is over! Maybe basketball will be more entertaining. Go Illini!

Hartley, David '59. 1124 Deercroft Court, Fort Collins, CO 80525. (970)225-6733 [H]. *Horticulturist. david.hartley@colostate.edu*. Have been completely retired for two years. Both children and 5 grandchildren live within 7 miles. Sold the farm property this fall that we bought when we first moved to Colorado in 1974. We keep plenty busy with church activities, volunteering, birding, traveling, and playing with the grandkids Stop and see us when you are in Colorado.

experts on the many choices you get to make. Our boys, Peter and Jacob, are both enjoying the "proper" sports of Rugby, Rowing, and Sailing. We still manage to play a little golf and basketball as well!

Waibel, Brian '86. *bww1188@mchsi.com*. Oldest daughter, Hannah, started at Illinois State in Fall '08, majoring in Spanish Education. Youngest daughter, Addie, started kindergarten. Leah is freshman, Seth in 7th grade. Thankful for each one! Marked 22 years in farm management/ appraisal/brokerage this summer with same firm, although now Busey Ag Services after merger in Nov. 2007

Weber, Joe '86. 11318 Magnolia Pl., Smithfield, VA 23430. (757)357-1789 [H], (757) 620-9438 [W]. *joeweber@smithfield.com*.

Myers, Steve '87. 33301 452nd St., Griggsville, IL 62340. (217)833-2018 [H]. *Farmer. srmfarms@adams.net*. I'm farming and Lori is a CPA working at home. Our 5 boys are Clayton (15), Joseph (12) Jonathon (10) Matthew (8) and Michael (3). We are busy going to lots of ballgames - football, basketball and baseball!

Spangler, Bob '87. 10633 E. IL 9 HWY, Ellisville, IL 61431. (309)789-6345 [H], (309)208-3346 [W]. *Account Executive for a scrap metal recycling company. rvspangler87@yahoo.com*.

Winterland, Dave '87. 16 Brookwood Ct., Fairbury, IL 61739. (815)692-4280 [H], (815)848-5989 [W]. *Farmer. dwinterland@yahoo.com*. Enjoyed touching base with my pledge brothers this summer as we celebrated 25 years since we stepped onto campus. How can we be that old? Nothing more entertaining than watching Rod Stoll host U of I/ NH Jeopardy. Corn was, for the most part, very good. Bean crop was average.

Bray, Rod '88. 2326 Garrison Cove, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. (615)848-5269 [H], (615) 692-6564 [W]. *P&C Section Manager – TN. gabrielz3@hotmail.com*.

Harmon, Bill '88. 549 East, 500 North Rd., Morrisonville, IL 62546. (217)526-3569 [H], (217)786-2573 [W]. *Professor, Lincoln Land C. C. bill.harmon@llcc.edu*. Everything in Morrisonville is about the same. Yields were tremendous, and so are input and land costs. The kids keep growing out of their clothes, and the Illini football team can't win a big game. Good luck to the basketball team, and the graduating seniors.

Hawbaker, Scott '88. 6584 W. Duroc Rd., Maroa, IL 61756. (217)794-2431 [H], (217)794-5900 [W]. *Exec. Director National Association of County Agricultural Agents/ Owner Greendell Publishing Company. greenpub1@aol.com*. Sold my commercial building in downtown Decatur and moved my

office to home. Save big \$ on daily commute. NACAA is doing fine...just received 4 year extension on my contract. Enjoyed watching my son Spencer (9) play his first year of flag football. Turns out he's a good athlete...not sure where he gets it from...as we all know how pitiful I was in sports. Mallory (5) enjoys gymnastics. Looking forward to future athletic scholarships for both :) Melinda and I celebrated our 10-year anniversary this year. She enjoys her new position at ADM in International Accounting.

Miller, Keith '88. 120 Oakland Dr., Troy, IL 62294. (618)667-3244[H]. (314)306-7444 [W]. *Area Business Manager. kmiller@manainc.com*.

Hall Jr., Glen '89. 9916 E 124th St. S., Bixby, OK 74008. (918)970-6024 [H], (734)751-0791 [W]. *Diaper Changer, Chauffeur, Arm-Chair Athlete. glen.hall@gmail.com*. Our 3rd boy (puppy for some) was born in Oct '08 (Aaron Grady). We moved to the Tulsa area to be near my family since I was booted out of the auto biz after nearly 20 yrs. I had a job but it got eliminated as we moved. Hopefully I'll be employed when you read this.

Robert, Mark '89. *Food Scientist. mark.robert@tateandlyle.com*. After working for Elgin Dairy since 1989 (18 years!), I took a position with Tate and Lyle. I now work in Sycamore, but still live in Fairbury-same crazy work schedule and long commutes. Beth is working on her Masters in Nursing. The kids are growing so fast!

Stoll, Rod '89. 406 W. Tomaras Ave., Savoy, IL 61874. (217)649-4312 [C], (217)892-6174 [W]. *Vice President, Public Relations, Farm Credit Services of Illinois. rod.stoll@fcsillinois.com*. Fun to enjoy ILLINI football victories this season with a couple pledge bros. "Dog" joined me in Ann Arbor and "House" made it to the Hoosier bashing. Hoping to see "BC" and Dr. Cannon – the most patriotic Nabor – at Ohio State game.

Vandeburg, Steve '89. 547 W State St., Sycamore, IL 60178. (815)895-4576 [H]. *AgReliant Genetics Research Associate. svandeburg@hotmail.com*. Getting adjusted to living in town. Kids are doing well and starting to get very active in everything. My wife Heather's Acupuncture business is doing very well out of our new home just off of downtown Sycamore. Wishing everyone a joyous and prosperous 2009.

ZumMallen, Merril '89. 1154 N. 1600 East Rd., Milford, IL 60953. (815)889-5108 [H]. *Farmer, Firearms Dealer, Overhead Door Technician. detweiler02@juno.com*.

Wolff, Kerry '89.5. 7605 Franklin Parke Woods, Indianapolis, IN 46259. (317)862-8604 [H]. *kwolff1@comcast.net*. Kadence (3) and Adam (1) are wonderful blessings to Gina and I. Hope all Nabors are well.

1990s

Cannon, Jerry '90. 2703 5th Ave. SW, Austin, MN 55912. (507)434-7751 [H], (507)437-5595 [W]. *Research Scientist Hormel Foods Corporation, jecannon@hormel.com*. Welcomed Chloe Ann into the world on August 7. Cole (5) is now in kindergarten, Carson (3) is now in preschool. Continue to work in Hormel's R&D group and enjoying Minnesota, except winter. Anyone looking to road trip to the 2009 Illini vs. Gophers game at Minnesota's new stadium is welcome to stop by for a tailgate.

Van Hoveln, Doug '90. 1883 E 1200 North Rd., Milford, IL 60953. (815)473-4380 [H], (815)473-4466 [W]. *Farmer/Farm Manager / Rural Appraiser, vhfi@dtnspeed.net*. Jeanne and the kids are doing great. We just completed another great harvest. Go Illini!

Foulke, David '91. 957 East Hampshire Rd., Maroa, IL 61756. (217)794-3512 [H], (217) 325-4317 [W]. *Corn Research Associate, angeladave@2techs.com*. Working in Stonington, IL as Corn Research Associate for Monsanto. Angela is a family case manager for the Macon County Health Department. Will is 7 and in second grade, while Valerie is 3. Going to Illini football games with Smitty and Scott Block, as well as staying in touch with the Nabors in the Illini Fantasy Football League. See Chow occasionally at Maroa football games or little league baseball. If you are around Maroa, give me a call, but not if the Steelers are on.

Soitwedel, Keith '91. 9506 W. 161st Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66085. (913)499-1072 [H], (913)310-8504 [W], (612)616-1958 [C]. *Manager, Strategic Marketing - Traditional Ag Segment, SoitwedelKeithM@JohnDeere.com*. Christina took a job with Abbott but is still able to work from the home. Jenna started kindergarten and Cole turned one. Please let us know if you are ever in Kansas City.

Wolf, Bryan '91. 20798 E. US 24 Hwy, Lewistown, IL 61542. (309)668-2134 [H]. *Missionary, thewolfs91@yahoo.com*. Greetings fellow Nabors! We are enjoying some time back in the USA by catching up with family and friends. Our five children are doing great and have adjusted well to the US culture. Lord willing, we will be returning to Chile the first part of February 2009. If you would like to receive our prayer updates from the field, just send us an email. Blessings!

Stewart, Bob '92. 7482 Audrey Ave., Yorkville, IL 60560. (630)553-5053 [H], (630)606-0689 [W]. *Farmer, bob@stewart-farms.com*. The family and farm are doing well. We took a day off from the hectic harvest schedule to take the kids (Kristine, 11; Karoline, 8; Keith, 5) to their first Illini game on Homecoming. It was not a good

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1980s

Bingham, Tom '80. 6529 Promontory Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55346. (952)426-1125 [H], (952)836-9967 [C]. *BASF - Seed Treatment / Crop Protection Products - MN, SD, ND. thbingham@comcast.net*. Got married in April and moved to Minneapolis in June 2008.

Conlin, Dave '80. 1511 Sleepy Hollow Lane, DeKalb, IL 60115. (815)756-5377 [H], (815)754-8074 [W]. *Banker. dconlin@castlebank.com*. Condolences to the Bingham family on the passing of Jack Bingham this year. Was all too brief but good to see the family at the visitation. Especially enjoyed seeing Tom looking like he could still win a cross country race and who was accompanied by his new bride, congratulations.

Frye, D. Jay '82. *Insurance Sales/Farmer*. I am getting reacquainted with all the details of being as pledge as my son Landon is a pledge this fall. I am impressed with how it remains a great place to call home on campus. Logan is a Senior and Lucas a Sophomore at Illini Central in Mason City, IL. Noreen and I celebrate twenty-five years on October 21st. Go Illini!

Jones, Terry '82. 107 Edlen Lane, Jacksonville, IL 62650. (217)245-1311 [H], (217)243-2212 [W]. *Owner of Jones Meat and Locker. marcyterry@aol.com*. I'm still running our family meat locker and hoping to win the lottery! Marcy is selling real estate and still doing graphic design. Cameron is now a freshman at SIU Carbondale in Civil Engineering. Madison is a junior and Holden a freshman at Jacksonville High School. After our first parents weekend, we decided we don't feel nearly as old as we thought our parents were when we were in college!

Eathington, Kenny '83. 11715 Strathmoore Court, Dunlap, IL 61525. (309)243-7045 [H], (309)497-3234 [W]. *Attorney. kreone@comcast.net*. While I did not plan on attending the Rose Bowl again this year, I certainly did not think the Illini football team would do as poorly as it has. Between the Bears, the Cubs, the Dow Jones and the Illini, I am ready for 2008 to be over and looking forward to a better 2009 (at least after the Illini basketball season is over).

Millard, Brian '83. PO Box 303, Arenzville, IL 62611. (217)997-2195 [H], (217)997-5817 [W]. *Metlife Ag Investments-farm real estate lender. millardbr@frontiernet.net*. Work is going well with Metlife despite the credit conditions. Cara is still actively involved in teaching at Beardstown High School and counting the days (years) to retirement. Jessica is a junior at the U of I majoring in speech pathology. Jacob is a senior in high school and is hoping to either get into the U of I or to go to a small school and play

football. Josh is an 8th grader and is keeping busy with sports and school. Hoping to revive a South Dorm Open next summer for anyone that is interested. Will try to get organized early next year.

Bane, Charles '84. 5 Volusia Ave., Dayton, OH 45409. (937)299-5525 [H], (937)832-1093 [W]. *Physician, Hematology & Medical Oncology. clbane@earthlink.net*. Patient care and economic issues keep professional life interesting. Having three teenage daughters makes home life a bit challenging as well. Wife, Mary, and I both happy and healthy.

Bimes, Randy '84. 2250 Old Bethlehem Pike, Quakertown, PA 18951. (215)538-7718 [H]. (215)536-2726 [W]. *Veterinarian. randy.bimes@comcast.net*.

Gates, Harold '84. 102 Pebble Lane, Jacksonville, IL 62650. (217)243-2456 [H], (217)742-3134 [W]. *V.P. Loan Officer, The First State Bank of Winchester. hgates@irtc.ne or haroldga@fsbwin.com*. My wife Jeanne and I are doing fine. We have three grandchildren to enjoy: Aydin 5, Maekenzie 2, and Tysyn 4. I have enjoyed being at the Illini Football games - looks like the 2009 season may be exciting. Give us a call if you're near Jacksonville.

Ray, Doug '84. 226 Prarie Lane W. Princeton, IL 61356. (815)875-8815[H]. (815)872-3276 [W]. *Farm Management Farm Real Estate. rayfarm1@comcast.net*.

Swearingen, Rick '84. 260 Deerview Drive, Hainesville, IL 60030. (847)548-9892 [H], (847)918-4088 [W]. *Civil Engineer/ General Contractor. rick.swearingen@westonsolutions.com*. Ashleigh, junior at the U of I in Applied Life Sciences/premed; Haley came under our guardianship in 2006 is freshman at the U of I wanting to be a nurse; Stephani is HS Senior looking around to find the best fit for her (still trying to decide whether to play soccer at the collegiate level or just focus on academics); Brooke, HS sophomore, is enjoying the HS life/playing soccer and just hanging out; Jacob has hit the 7th grade really taking to being competitive not only in sports, but in the classroom against his best friends & classmates (all very intelligent kids); Koryn is practicing less than 5 mi. from the house & is realizing the dream of working, but getting to be a part of the kids life; I spend 2 days/week traveling to project sites around the great Lakes & central part of the country; Became a U of I football season ticket holder again after 20 years away from the place allowing me to spend time w/the 2 @ the U of I.

Anderson, Chris '85. 101 Idlewild Ave., Easton, MD 21601. (217)415-3600 [C], (310)314-7187 [W]. *University of Maryland Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development. canders2@umd.edu*.

Farley, Jim '85. 17221 K St., Omaha, NE 68135. (402)896-9519 [H], (402)498-5585 [W]. *Sales Manager Vegetable Oils - Ag Processing, Inc. jfarley@tconl.com*. Doing well in Omaha. If ever passing thru look us up. Coffee is always warm.

King, E. Timothy '85. 2037 N Shady Rest Rd., Monticello, IL 61856. (217)762-5464 [H], (217)762-4578 [W]. *Investment Banker. tim.king@bmo.com*. The world of investment banking has been turned upside down with the recent bankruptcies, mergers, government bailouts, etc. Fortunately, I'm still employed as of this update! Family doing great with two now at the U of I and many bluegrass/gospel band gigs lined up.

Newport, Curtis '85. (815)494-5294[H]. (815)544-2666[W]. *County Treasurer. curt@performancphoto.us*. Elected Boone County Treasurer in November. Have you paid your property taxes yet?

Chamberlain, Tom '86. 34 Maywood Drive, Danville, IL 61832. (217)443-3513 [H], (217)446-0184 [W], (217)304-7789 [C]. *VP, Manager - Danville Office, Iroquois Federal. tom.chamberlain@sbcglobal.net*.

Masters, Frank '86. 2411 Lombard Ave., Janesville, WI 53545. *Territory Manager, Twin State Inc*. Life is fine in Wisconsin. Elaine is Teacher's Aide at Elementary level. Derek(14) is freshman at Craig HS in Janesville. Adam (11) is 6th grader in middle school. I'm still selling wholesale Fertilizer in WI and No. Illinois. Selling may not be the right word. Holding for ransom might be more accurate, but that may be about to slowdown.

Nelson, Darald '86. 6 West Taylor, Newark, IL 60541. (815)695-5342 [H], (815)228-2380 [W]. *Commercial Loan Officer First National Bank of Yorkville. dnelson@uti.com*.

Urish, Tim '86. 20544 CR 1100N, Kilbourne, IL 62655. (309)562-7337 [H], (309)360-8563 [W]. *Farmer. teamurish@yahoo.com*. Proud to have a second generation attending the U of I. Nick is a Freshman earning a degree in Crop Science/Ag Business. Gavin is a High School Freshman and Eileen is a studious 5th grader. Still farming and raising hogs and Deb is busy with the family and her business. Go Illini !!!!

Vandermyde, Karl '86. The Old School House, Southorpe near Stamford, United Kingdom, PE9 3BX. Still with Caterpillar and now as Director of Industrial Engine Sales and Distribution for Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia based in England. Some of you will know that Tina is now a breast cancer survivor. I hope that none of you will have to watch your better half go through this but we all know that some of you already have and more will. If any of my Nabor brothers needs help or support with disease this then do not hesitate to call Tina or myself. We are now

Stoller, Jerry H. '59. 11907 Churchill Ct., Houston, TX 77024. (713)468-1007 [H], (713)461-1493 [W]. *President/Owner*. Stoller Group, Inc. is now doing business in 50 countries. For the first time, sales have exceeded 200 million dollars per year.

1960s

Higgs, Roger '60. (815)492-2613 [H]. *higgs@uw-platt.edu*. I enjoy meeting Nabors at board meetings. I hope we can get our property rezoned! Fran and I enjoyed our biennial ten game baseball trip in June. I still coach the UW-Platville Collegiate Crops Team, but a replacement is on board. I am in the process of organizing/writing two more family genealogy books. Nabors always welcome in northwest Illinois.

Reiners, Robert H. '60. 142 E. 300 N. Rd., Gibson City, IL 60936. (217)784-4543 [H]. *Farmer. reiners@prairieinet.net*. Still farming. I want to keep going for a few more years before retirement. Have to save up more since the market has gone to pot.

Christopherson, David '61. 11990 S. W. 103rd Tr., Miami, FL 33186. (305)275-6552 [H]. (305)595-6738[W]. *Business Owner*. I am the owner of 8 different businesses all related to fertilizer. This includes production, packaging, shipping, distribution, and physical mixing. All businesses are in southeast Caribbean islands and northern South America. Miami is the home base for all. Agricultural futures appear very promising Retirement plans are for 2014.

Higgs, L. Arlen '61. (309)647-0837[H]. (309)647-3429[W]. *Realtor/Appraiser. higgsres@yahoo.com*. Joan and I made it to campus for the September 13th game and the Illinois Connection meeting. We're looking forward to a 12 day trip to France in late October through November 4th. Crops look good here. Lets hope prices stay reasonable.

Beitz, Donald '62. 2010 Indian Grass Ct, Ames, IA 50014. (515)292-4127 [H]. (515)294-5626 [W]. *Professor. dcbeitz@iastate.edu*. As David Schingoethe did a few years ago, I am now President of American Dairy Science Assoc. Judy and I can hardly believe we have two grand-daughters in high school and three boys to follow. Thanks to all who organized the 50th anniversary celebration for my Nabor House Pledge Class this past summer.

Close, David '62. (309)937-3209 [H]. *Farmer. dcland@winco.net*. Completely retired from insurance business. I farm fulltime with my son except for when I am playing 1 of 125 rounds of golf per year. Soybeans are okay at over 60 bushels

per acre. Corn is very wet, but in the 200 bushels to the acre range. Carol, children and the grandchildren are all great! Off to New Zealand again this winter.

Schoonaert, Jim '62. 5300 W. 96th St. 13WDS, Indianapolis, IN 46268. (317)733-3560 [H], (317)840-8581 [C]. *Retired. jschoons@sbcglobal.net*. The pledge class of '57 had a great reunion at the '08 Summer meeting. It was great for Marcia and I to see Glen and Betty Broom and Don and Judy Beitz again. Unfortunately, Dave Close, Gordon Gullakson and Bill Washburn were unable to attend because of other commitments. I had the opportunity to summarize 50 years of accomplishments of this successful pledge class and wished that all alums could have heard what these pledge brothers have achieved since 1957.

Broom, Glen '62.5. 6405 Wandermere Dr., San Diego, CA 92120. (619)589-6007 [H]. *Professor Emeritus. gbroom@mail.sdsu.edu*. In November, I began my two-year "retirement," as I will not have to work full-time on revising my textbook for the next two years. The tenth edition of *Effective Public Relations* (Pearson Prentice Hall) was shipped in October and I finished the supplemental materials in early November. Betty is still teaching part-time at San Diego State because her replacement left the university after one year when her husband's company relocated. The big news here is a major house remodel, beginning with a new kitchen in early 2009. Life is good.

Cole, Buddy '63. (618)580-0244[H]. (618)593-1061[Jordy's]. *Retired*. Enjoying Fairview Hts. and my Fayette County farm. I bought an eleven foot blow-up water slide for my three grandkids: 5, 6, and 9 years. They really love it. Call after 9 or weekends.

Zimmerman, Mark D. '63. 2816 Thayer Dr., St. Joseph, MI 49085. (269)983-4900 [H]. From my '07 report to '57 pledgemate Arlen Higgs: I was blessed as dad to 5 children (with 3 mothers). My '60s wife and I had a daughter (in IL) and a son (in Kansas City). In Ohio she became ill, partially recovered, relapsed, and moved 2 states away. Divorce. Just the kids and I forged ahead together through the '70s. A Cleveland wife (an ex-Dominican nun) and I adopted a biracial daughter. After a few years, those 2 parted ways from my 3-person family. The present MI wife (with 2 stepsons) traces back to my HQ job with an Ag engineering society. Our ties spanned a MI stint, some OH years, and my MI return. Among the children, are an Eagle Scout, a D.D.S., a state Science Olympiad winner, an M.D., and a record-setting saleswoman (plus 2 grandchildren). Thank goodness they survived my parental mistakes and personal shortcomings—and still talk to me.

FLASHBACK TO THE '50s: W. VAN BURGESS, 1955

Van Burgess, Professor emeritus, Westminster, Colorado

Tell us about your career.
I taught vo-ag at Rosiclare a year before being drafted into the Army. After two years in Germany, taught vo-ag at St. Francisville where I met and married Mary Etta Layman. Moved to Mt. Auburn in '63 and at the end of that school year I was appointed school superintendent. In '65 we moved to California and I got my PhD at UC-Berkeley in '70. For 25 years I was on the faculty at the U. of San Francisco, retiring in '92 as Assoc. Dean of the School of Education. We now live in Colorado, except for a few months each year on the family farm in Pope County. The farm has been in the family for 172 years, so I think I will keep it.

What were the most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House?
My vo-ag teacher, Ned Trivillion, told me about it. I went up for rush week and met some guys who could help me get through a big university like Illinois. If not for men like **John Duewer** '52.5, I could have been lost in the crowd.

What is one piece of the NH culture or routine that you still miss today?
The 'counting-off' for the last bit of food on the table at the end of the meal. **Chuck Lewis** '54 won the count one day for a huge piece of cake. We told him he could have it all only if he could eat it in one bite. He almost broke his jaw, but he did it.

Besides "education, cooperation, and recreation," what are three words that best describe your Nabor House experience?
811 W. Oregon. That place was a treasure.

What's one NH food dish you'll never forget?
The limit of one piece of bacon and one egg at breakfast. I grew up hungry at breakfast time and was used to a much bigger meal. I'm still an early riser and eat a whopping breakfast.

Name two or three fellow Nabors who have been most influential on your life.
Sam Buck '52 was NH President my first year there and he taught me to be always courteous. **Don Masters** '53 was (and still is) the funniest guy with a one-liner I've ever met. **Ryland Webb** '54 was probably the smartest of my contemporaries in NH and I've tried to emulate him but never came close.

What NH memory is special to you?
Those cold winter nights in the open-air dorm area at 811 W. Oregon. Everyone slept in sweatshirts and pants, wore woolen socks to bed, and covered themselves with three or four blankets. Wow!



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FLASHBACK TO THE '60s: RICHARD CONN, 1969



Richard Conn, pesticide regulatory consultant, Lorton, Virginia

Tell us about your career. After an MS in Agronomy, I took a Registration Specialist job at Geigy Agricultural Chemicals in New York. Geigy became Ciba-Geigy two months after I joined, and the whole company moved to Greensboro in '73. In '88 I was recruited to head up a new consulting firm's DC office, and after doing that for 7 years, I formed my own company along with 2 scientists. That operation merged with my wife's business 3 years ago. We operate as Conn & Smith, Inc. (www.connsmith.com).

What were the most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House? I lived in dorms the first 3 semesters, but some of my agronomy buddies lived in NH. Actually, all I had to do was recognize the character of folks like Roger Smith '69 to realize NH was second to none. I knew some of the great qualities of Nabors might rub off onto me, so for me the most important reason to live at NH was to get a real dose of what excellence is all about. The fact that it was less expensive than the dorms was icing on the cake. Monthly house bills back then were roughly \$65.

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

What's one food dish from all of your NH meals that you'll always remember? The beans from the steak and beans dinners were actually pretty decent.

Name two or three fellow Nabors that have been most influential on your life. Roger Smith '69, Don Moffitt '69, and both Ed ('69) and Ken ('66.5) McMillan. All of them inspired me 40 years ago, and even though they don't realize it (until they read this), they still do. I recall in '72 stopping by to see Ken at the USDA building in DC when he was writing speeches for Sec. of Ag Earl Butz. Ken's words have always been artful.

What NH memory is special to you? The initiation process wins this prize without question.

Campbell, Michael F. '64. 4603 Brittany Trail Dr., Champaign, IL 61822. (217)352-7641 [H]. Retired (Director, Patent and Food Law, Tate & Lyle Americas, Inc.). MFCamp4095@aol.com. I retired 3 years ago and we moved to Champaign from Decatur. I occasionally provide consulting services to my old employer. We keep busy with 6 grand-daughters (1.5 to 16) and taking care of mothers. Last May we moved Sue's 96 year old mother from Joliet to a Champaign nursing home. We still spend about 3 weeks in Kauai, Hawaii every March. In September we went on a Mediterranean Cruise to Italy (Venice), Croatia, Turkey and Greece with my brother, Tim and his wife. We enjoy living in Champaign which enables us to attend University events. I like attending University seminars and other public lectures. It is easier to go to lectures when you do not have to worry about a test. Enjoyed seeing other elderly Nabors at the Annual Meeting this past summer.

Schingoethe, Dave '64. 1606 Calumet Rd., Brookings, SD 57006. (605)692-9560 [H], (605)688-5483 [W]. Professor of Dairy Science at South Dakota State. schingoethe@mchsi.com. We welcomed our fifth grandchild to the family last spring, Riley David Gall, who joined his older brother Preston and sister Kahli as well as cousins Brandon and Hailey Haber. They and their parents are all doing fine. I will start my 41st year at SDSU in January - how time flies - but I still enjoy the teaching and research. Darlene continues to substitute teach half-time but also spends time with grand-children and can go on some of my trips. We were all back to northern IL in Oct. to celebrate her mom's 90th b-day and to attend the wedding of my brother Dick's son, Guy.

Schingoethe, R.E. '65. 1741 Canterbury Ln., Palatine, IL 60074. (847)934-9810 [H]. Marketing Communications + Books & Songs. res@canterburylane.com and res-ltd@comcast.net. New daughter-in-Law, Ericka, married son Guy on October 18th. Both are active in theatre & music as well as day jobs; now reside in south suburban Hazel Crest. Son Grant in Chi-town's East Village, keeps busy as an online editor and web site ontologist. Plus more-fun stuff. I continue to do as little as possible — and try to get paid for it! Call or visit anytime, y'all.

Soltwedel, Norbert L. '65. 9414 E 1800th Ave., Shumway, IL 62461. (217)868-2833 [H]. Farmer and part time real estate appraiser. soltk@effingham.net. Linda and I took 6 week road/ferry tour to Alaska in August-Sep. Had great visit with Byron Geisler while driving through WY. Hunted Caribou on North Slope for 11 days in the rough with son's Kevin and Kraig plus two other friends;

we all shot our bull. (Sara Palin has nothing on us). Lots of beautiful space and quality time with family. Toured Morocco and Spain in January, retired from USDA in April, and was in Ukraine with CNFA for two weeks. Found out you can plant in late May and still harvest 200 B/A corn on these southern IL soils if you have rain!

Cluskey, Fred '66. 970 W. Broadway-No. 474, Jackson, WY 83001. (619)204-0366 [H]. fcluskey@hotmail.com. Moved to Jackson in February. Better winter than Minnesota. Lots of wildlife and beauty.

Robinson, William C. '68. 1023 W. Knox Rd., Galesburg, IL 61401-8749. (309)462-3800 [H]. (309)368-3800 [W]. Cattle Feeder, Farmer. robinson@monmouthnet.net. Having the web on your phone can be depressing. 8 grandchildren growing fast. Age range 1-10 years. Mark and family in Galesburg- working with our operation. Brian and family in Lake St Louis, MO in new home. Our kids moves keep my electrical and carpentry skills in practice, esp. Mark's 3 story Victorian.

McMillan, Ed '69. Second granddaughter to Kelly and Brian on July 28th. Life is good!

Moffitt, Don '69. 1006 Knox Highway 17, Gilson, IL 61436. (309)289-6521 [H]. (309)343-8000 [W]. State. dcmoffitt@grics.net. We are very thankful for our son, Justin's, safe return from serving in Afghanistan! Our family is doing great, we have a lot of fun with our two year old granddaughter! I serve as chair of the Fire Protection Committee in the Illinois House and I am running for re-election in the 74th District. Carolyn keeps very busy helping with farm, campaign, family, church, and community activities.

Duewer, Lawrence A. '69.5. 261 Campground Rd., Livingston, TN 38570. (931)823-6042 [H]. Retired. leduewer@twlakes.net. Not much news. Have sold the sheep, chickens, and geese so I may not qualify as a gentleman farmer any more. Come Feb.14 all my kids (3) will be married and scattered: Virginia, Texas, and Malaysia.

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Manhart, Mike '70. 515 N Shelby, Moweaqua, IL 62550. (217)768-3546 [H], (217)855-8365 [W]. Air Evac Lifeteam Pilot. manhart@frontiernet.net or manhartmichael@air-evac.com. Added our 10th grandchild this summer. Saw The Eagles in concert this fall. Not planning to retire anytime in the near future.

Olson, Greg '70. 324 Rowantree Rd., Sycamore, IL 60178. (815)895-3485 [H]. Retired. glolson3@comcast.net. Luan and I

celebrated 40 years together this summer. Don't know how she's stood it.

Reetz, Harold '70. 1497 N 1050 East Rd., Monticello, IL 61856. (217)762-2923 [H], (217)762-2074 [W]. Agronomist, International Plant Nutrition Institute. hreetz@ipni.net. Re-organization of the Potash & Phosphate Institute into the International Plant Nutrition Institute has made our programs more global. My main job is external fundraising for our research. I also lead our new Global Maize project, a corn management system comparison study with 15 major sites throughout the world, forming a network of research sites and scientists working with local farmers and agribusiness to narrow the yield gap between current farmer practices and the intensive management yield potential for the area. I am also still organizing international conferences on precision agriculture technology each summer. Chris (now retired from Extension) and I enjoy traveling to visit our 4 grandkids in Kansas City and Peoria.

Slayton, Paul '71. 2272 Dibert Rd., Bedford, PA 15522. (817)623-0772 [H], (888) 4BEEFPA [W]. Executive Director Pennsylvania Beef Council. pslayton@pabeef.org.

Mealiff, Dave '72. 410 N. Hersey Ave., Beloit, KS 67420. (785)738-5159 [H], (785)738-3071 [W]. (785)738-0039 [C]. Associate Pastor of Caring at Beloit First Christian Church. Church web page: www.beloitfcc.org. dmealiff@beloitfcc.org or dmealiff@nckcn.com. Same job, same family and same blessings. I want to say thank you to NH and the men who made it possible when I was living there. It was a very positive experience and great fellowship for college men finding their way in life. The religious based, character building and service oriented program was very valuable. I want to invite any Nabors traveling through Kansas to give me a call and stop for a chat if you can. Give me a call even if you aren't traveling through the fine state of Kansas. God bless you all!

Doll, Steve '73. 2202 McAdams Dr., Tomah, WI 54660. (608)372-6951 [H], (608)372-2698 [W]. Veterinarian. fdoll@charter.net. Kids gone. Working on enjoying grandkids. Doing only cows in vet practice.

Campion, Bill '75.5. 1188 County Road 00E, Wyoming, IL 61491. (309)493-5161 [H], (309)238-5161 [W]. Farmer. campionbros@plantpioneer.com. Terri is doing great work in development for the Central Illinois Alzheimer's Association, Maureen is a freshman at Purdue pursuing pharmacy and Matthew is a junior in high school. We have been blessed with career high yields in both corn and soybeans in this part of the state. Went to Ireland this past summer with Terri and the kids and it is as wonderful a

place as you can imagine. You guys just thought I was bad before; now I have kissed the Blarney Stone.

Starr, Ron '76. 1996 N. County Rd 1000, Nauvoo, IL 63254. (217)453-2768 [H]. rpstarr2@hotmail.com. Harvest looking good even if a little later than some years. Enjoying son Matthew (Nabor '02.5) in our operation. Married off youngest daughter, Kathleen (U of I 4-H '05.5) in June. That's three weddings in 3 years and two daughters married to North Carolina southern gentlemen. Daughter Magen (U of I 4-H '04) finishing doctorate in corn genetics at NC State. Kathleen finishing masters in family counseling at East Carolina. Just so you know no one is a Tarheel fan. Patti and I enjoying this new phase of life. Come see us if you are in the area.

Barton, Mike '77. 120 Vicar Dr., Riverton, IL 62561. (217)629-8382 [H], (217)793-9300 [W]. Ag Attorney. mbarton@warpNet.net

Huston, Dave '77. 475 West Walnut St., Roseville, IL 61473. (309)426-2300 [H], (309) 255-9680 [W]. Veterinarian. ds_huston.1985@mchsi.com. Suzanne still works in the lab at the McDonough District Hospital in Macomb, IL. I'm a co-owner and partner of the Bushnell Veterinary Service in Bushnell, IL. My two partners are Dr. Allen Barclay (Farmhouse alum) and Dr. Shawn McKim (another Nabor alumnus). A fourth veterinarian, Dr. Terry Grandt, is semi-retired and works with us part-time. All four of us graduated from the University of Illinois and are proud to be part of the Fighting Illini tradition! Suzanne and I have one child, Mark. He is 14 years old and is already 5' 11" tall (grew 5" this past year). He'll end up at a better height than did his old man (which I'm glad of). Not quite ready to start driving yet but that's just around the corner. Best regards to my fellow Nabors.

Hill Jr., Norman '78. RR # 3 Box 215, Golconda, IL 62938. (618)683-2145 [H]. Union millwright. Lived eight months in hotel in '08 working in MO, TX, AK and IN. I work on turbines at electrical plants mostly. Building an Angus cow herd on the home farm. Wife and children doing fine! Carmen has two children: girl 6 yrs. and boy 5 mos. Elisa is a marine helicopter mechanic at Cherry Point, NC. Danielle is going to local junior college to be a massage therapist. Isaiah is in the eighth grade in marching band.

Schick, Stan '78. 4226 Akron Rd., Edelstein, IL 61526. (309)243-9281 [H], (309)337-8331 [W]. John Deere Sales and Farmer. sschick@kleine-eq.com. A lot happened in '08. In March we went to Biloxi again to help rebuild from Hurricane Katrina. If the volunteer help from all over the country wasn't there, it would still look like it did 3 days after it hit. No government presence at

all. In late September, Andy got married in Morton. He's still with Cat in South Carolina. Kevin graduated from Bradley in May. He's working in Peoria and lives with us. Heidi is in her first year at Bradley majoring in business music (what is that?). We decided not to actually figure how many violin and piano lessons it takes to recoup \$23,000 a year! Katie is a junior schooled at home. On Nov. 30th she was baptized at church. What a blessed time. Hannah is a 7th grader at home and loving every minute of it! Margie got new glasses and several people thought she was Sarah Palin. However, Margie is much better looking!! She did over 80% of the combining this fall. It was the best corn and beans ever, with corn being 25 bushels better than the previous best. I've had my best year ever in equipment sales, but next year might not be so rosy. My grain marketing plan needs to be revised. For the past 26 years its unintended primary emphasis has been on income tax savings. It is time to do something different! Even with the economic turmoil going on, I don't think any of us will have to skip meals because we can't afford to buy food. God has really blessed us all; we need to count our blessings and not worry about what we don't have.

DeSutter, Randy '79. 2947 Knox Highway 6, Woodhull, IL 61490. (309)334-2605 [H]. (309)368-4802 [W]. Farmer. rsmkdesutter@winco.net. Kristin is a Freshman and Matthew is a Junior at U of I. It now costs about as much to go one semester as it did for my whole four years. Also helping to pay for the education of Stan Schick's kids, since I buy John Deere equipment from him.

Hall, Merle '79. RR2 Box 14, Bradford, IL 61421. (309)897-8363 [H], (309)852-2121 [W]. Agent, CFP, for COUNTRY Insurance in Kewanee, IL. mwhall@cin.net. I can't believe it's been almost 30 years since we graduated! I have been working for COUNTRY for the last 9 years. Sharon has been teaching for the Stark Co School District, currently HS special ed. Michelle is a Junior at U of I, majoring in Recreation, Sports, and Tourism staying at 4-H House. Lisa is a freshman at NIU majoring in nursing. Jon is a freshman in high school. We stay busy going to Jon's football, swim meets, track meets, etc. I have been coaching the Kewanee YMCA Swim Team for the last 10 years.

