



**Around the House** *(Clockwise from top):* Pledges singing and dancing for the ladies, getting ready for intramurals, the spoils of a water fight, Homecoming fun, house members posing with the new Red Grange statue at Memorial Stadium.



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## CITY OF URBANA APPROVES NH PLANS

The Fraternity cleared a major hurdle this year in our property development efforts. We received approval from the City of Urbana for our development plans for our two lots. Our plans were unanimously approved by the City. The City committee members and staff that we worked with us commended the Fraternity for its well thought out plans and our willingness to work with the neighborhood to address the residents' concerns.



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

Now that we have cleared the zoning hurdle we are now moving on the other challenges in this process. We need to determine if the project is financially feasible and if a new house is in the best interest of the Fraternity. The total cost of the new building project is estimated to be nearly \$2 million dollars. Some of these funds will come from alumni donations, some will come from debt, and some will come from the small level of investments we now have. Figuring out what level of giving we can expect from the alumni for this project is one of our first steps in determining if the project is feasible. We will be talking with alumni to gauge your interest in the project and the level of contributions that you might be willing to make. Once we have the alumni portion of the financing estimated we can see how much debt the Fraternity might have to take on to complete the project and determine the overall financial feasibility of the project.

While the financial portion of the property development project is important, it is also critical for us to look at how a new house might impact the Active Chapter. How will the new house impact recruitment? What will happen to the house bills? How will the culture of the house change? What will happen to the Active Chapter during construction? We will be working with the alumni and the Active Chapter to gain answers to these and other important questions before we proceed too far down the development path.

Please contact me or any of the other Board members if you have any questions or comments on the property development efforts. Your Fraternity Board members are Mike Kinate, John Spangler, Jeff Ray, Brain Millard, Roger Higgs, Jerry Brookhart, Josh Daugherty, and Kraig Soltwedel.

Even though we have been spending much of our time as the Board on property development efforts, we have also been dealing with the ongoing operation of the House. This task has been made easy lately thanks to the leadership of the Active Chapter who continue to manage the House well and give me great confidence in the future of Nabor House.

## JERRY STOLLER '59 PRESENTED WITH 2009 GOOD NABOR AWARD

Jerry Stoller '59 was presented with the 2009 Good Nabor Award at the Annual Meeting festivities. As President and CEO of Stoller Group Inc., Dr. Stoller is a very worthy recipient of this award.

### Q & A with 2009 Good Nabor Award recipient Jerry Stoller '59 of Houston, TX

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

**A:** After graduating from the U of I in 1959, I received a Masters Degree from Cornell University in Soil Science. This was followed by six years of employment as an agronomist by two different major fertilizer companies. As an agronomist I travelled extensively to different farm communities and fields and often assisted company sales people. The geographical areas which I covered were the Midwestern United States and the Southeastern United States.

In 1968 my family and I moved to Springfield Illinois where I established a micronutrient business for Brandt Consolidated. This was followed by establishment of the Stoller companies in 1970. In 1973, we moved to Houston, Texas and established our International Headquarters. The Stoller Group has since established wholly owned subsidiaries which are mostly located and operate in every country in Latin America. In addition, companies are owned in Australia, the Philippines, The Republic of China, and also in India. In addition to the wholly owned subsidiaries, the company does business with distributors in the rest of the world. At the present time, the company does business in over 50 countries, and I have been fortunate enough to work in every one of these countries.

When the Stoller Group Inc. was established, the first group of products which were secondary and micronutrient products. In the early 1990's the company became involved in production and marketing of plant growth regulators. These primarily included the use of plant growth hormones and methods of application thereof. More recently, the research and development process concerning various microbes and their interaction in plant growth and plant health. The company now has worldwide sales exceeding \$120 million per year. Our ten-year company projections forecast us to be \$1 billion company by the year 2020.

My greatest area of interest is in research and development. Each year the company invests well over one million dollars per year in this effort. It has presented both an interesting and rewarding endeavor for me personally. This past year we set the world record soybean yield at 166.8 bushels which was conducted in conjunction with Texas A & M University on their research plots. This is just the beginning of our quest to conquer the epigenetic effects for plant production.

The Stoller Foundation has been established as a charitable organization. Each year a certain percentage of our company profits are deposited in the Stoller Foundation for charitable purposes. Hopefully, this will continue long after my death.

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

**A:** There have been two tremendous changes. On a local scale the biggest change has been the mechanization of agriculture. We have come a long way in the method of tillage, planting, and harvesting crops since I was a boy. On a worldwide scale, the biggest change has been the globalization of agriculture which is still in its infancy. Many of the industrialized countries will establish (either lease or own) large tracts of land in Africa, Northern Brazil, Eastern Europe and other areas where they will move whole populations of their farming communities and establish colonies to produce food and fiber. By doing so, they will build the infrastructure in all of these lesser developed countries in order to support future civilizations. This is going to turn out to be a monstrous effort for the improvement of the civilization and diets of all civilization.

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

**A:** I only had one reason. Ellery Knake was my vocational agriculture teacher. For 2 1/2 years after graduation from high school he pursued me to attend the U of I. He directed me towards applying and was probably influential in getting me accepted at NH.

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

**A:** When I attended the U of I and lived at NH, it was my first experience of being away from home for any period of time. The mentoring and discipline that I received while living at the house were extremely important for setting my school habits and study habits; habits which I continue to utilize today. My experience at the U of I taught me about the importance of education. Among other things, knowledge is power. This should be emphasized to anybody who wants to obtain a special goal in life.

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

**A:** My advice for all current Nabors and anybody who would accept an old man's advice would be: "When you pray, please spend more time trying to listen and less time doing the talking." Many of us are too anxious to have questions answered. Sometimes it takes a long time and patience to wait for the answer for what you are looking for in life. With enough faith, the correct answer will come. It then depends upon you to act upon the answer that you hear.

In closing, I have been a very fortunate man in life. There are not many people that have received the opportunity which has been presented to me. It was an honor to be the Good Nabor Award recipient for Nabor House. When people think about the life of Jerry Stoller I only wish that they could understand that he was given the ability to see both the "trees" and the "forest".



## FALL HOUSE PRESIDENT VALUES LEADERSHIP ROLE

I was honored to be given the chance to serve as active chapter president for the fall 2009 semester. I will admit going into the semester I was wondering if I had taken on more than I could handle, but I knew with the cooperation of the house I would be able to handle any challenges that would come. Looking back at the semester, it did bring some difficult circumstances, but it was not nearly as complicated as I had originally thought it might be.

The semester started off with the initiation of a re-pledge. Then we got the ball rolling with the new 2009 pledges moving in. The pledges got off to a little bit of a rough start and took them a while to get accustomed to the routine of the house, but they soon got settled in and figured things out. It did not take them long to realize the great importance of cooperation. I would have to say that the emphasis put on cooperation is one of the best qualities of this house. This house could not stand as it is without the great deal of team work and cooperation that is put in by everyone regardless of age, class, or office. Some of the roles within the house may be more transparent than others, but everyone puts in their time and effort to make the house move forward. As a result of this effort, everyone can leave their own mark on the house as well as the house leaving a lasting impression on everyone that comes through here.

Cooperation is not the only ideal that this house was founded on. As we all know from the motto, the house was founded on the ideals of Education, Cooperation, and Recreation and because of that all three play a role in how this house operates. Yes, we know that education is the reason why we are all here at the University of Illinois. We work hard towards our education and strive to do our best, but we may not spend all of our time studying. In the midst of our studying and house work, we do find time for some recreational activities as well. I would have to say that this past semester we did a good job of balancing all three of these. This past semester was probably the most fun I have had in my time here at the University of Illinois while achieving one of my best GPAs as well. I hope the good times and good grades can continue as I finish up my senior year.

The values that this house is based on are truly what make Nabor House such a great place to live. In my mind Nabor House truly is the best place to live here at the University of Illinois. Deciding to live at Nabor House was definitely one of the best decisions I have ever made. I have truly made some of the best friends I will ever have and will continue to have lasting relationships with. That is what I think makes us so much different from other places. We are not just a group of guys living together, we are much more, and we truly do become a family.

*Brian Craine  
House President, Fall 2009*

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NEW NH PRESIDENT LEADS HOUSE IN TIME OF CHANGE

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I am a senior studying Agricultural Engineering and concentrating in Soil and Water Resources Engineering. I will be graduating this spring and hopefully continuing on to graduate school with my current employer, the Army Corp of Engineers at their Construction Engineering Research Laboratory. I grew up on a small farm north of Lincoln, IL with my two younger brothers who will hopefully be accepted this spring and live at Nabor House in the fall.

This spring the house is trying a couple new things including two spring pledges and a new website. The two new pledges transferred from a junior college in southern Illinois and seem to be a great fit for the house. They will be a great asset to the current pledge class and will make up for the two who moved out. As a side note, good luck to Rob Johnson and his student teaching this semester. He was a great source of advice during the years he lived at the house. As for the website, it should be fully operational within a few weeks of the semester starting; kudos to Casey Campbell and all of his hard work on the development and programming of the new website.

As president I plan to encourage good times, better study habits, and more organization. The fall semester was a great way to kick off the 2009-2010 school year and I plan to do everything possible to continue the good times and well being in the house. In anticipation of the new semester and a new house we have increased the number of work and social chairmen as well as reinstated the fundraising chairman and also have volunteers to become co-chairmen to help in fundraising activities. With the semester about to start I can't wait to work with the new officers to develop some achievable goals in order to help boost our involvement with the community and the alumni.

With the State of Illinois and the University consumed in scandal, small talk has involved more politics than I've ever experienced on campus. Our president, chancellor, and provost have left their positions, or will be leaving. Such events have caused some reorganization including the College of ACES with Dean Easter becoming Interim Provost and Crop Science Department Head, Robert Hoeft, becoming Interim Associate Dean of Extension and Outreach. There is quite a bit of confusion as to the future of the University with the threats of furlough days, the state money problems, and the graduate students going on strike. Despite all the turmoil Nabor House continues to provide affordable housing while furthering its causes and living up to the motto to make better men and future leaders.

On a lighter note, a few of us stayed at the house over Christmas break and we were reminded of just how cold it gets in January. The same pipe froze twice one week. So, with the heat on a little higher and the hot water back we look forward to initiating a new pledge class this next week.

As the days continue to get longer we look forward to seeing the house evolve as it does every semester there are new faces and new leaders. I hope that my time served as president will be an experience I never forget and the changes being made are in the best interest of Nabor House now and in the future. Best wishes and God bless.

Andrew Fulton  
House President, Spring 2010

# ED McMILLAN '69 NAMED UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS TRUSTEE

As the University of Illinois embarks on a period of leadership transition and financial uncertainty, Nabor House alumni can take solace in the fact that one of their own will be helping to guide the University to future success. In May 2009, Nabor House alumnus Edward L. McMillan '69 of Greenville, IL was named as a new member of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees. In this role, McMillan and the other Trustees will be responsible for providing the support and leadership needed to help the University recover from the admissions scandal of 2009 and from the current financial crisis.



Shortly after McMillan joined the board, major changes in the board membership and University leadership occurred due to the admissions investigation which took place last May. According to McMillan, as a result of these changes the Board has:

- reconstituted the board membership;
- restructured the board committees;
- established new leadership responsibilities on the board committees (McMillan's roles include being a member of the three person Executive Committee and Chair of the new Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee);
- accepted the resignations of the University President and Chancellor;
- named an Interim President, Dr. Stan Ikenberry (former U of I President);
- named an Interim Chancellor/Provost, Dr. Bob Easter (former College of ACES Dean);
- hired an external search firm to execute the new presidential search;
- named and staffed a Committee to Assist in the Presidential Search;
- and most recently, supported University leadership's initiative to take aggressive actions in an effort to deal with the financial crisis created by the State of Illinois's "financial difficulties."

The son of a tenant farmer in rural Bushnell, Illinois, McMillan enrolled at the University of Illinois and pledged Nabor House. By joining his older brother Ken (NH Class of '66.5) at Nabor House, McMillan fulfilled his need for an affordable housing option and a "home away from home for a farm kid." During his four years at NH, McMillan says he "came to appreciate the Christian base and the cooperative, fraternal spirit of Nabor House." While at NH McMillan served as pledge class president, house president, and on the executive committee. On the University level he was a member of the University Centennial Committee and a finalist for the Outstand Senior in the College of Agriculture. When asked about his favorite Nabor House memory, McMillan remembered the first fall exchange with 4-H House in 1967 where he met a young co-ed named Judy Schaufelberger, who would later become his wife. He continued that "numerous ice cream parties come in a distant second!"



*The McMillan Family*

After graduation, McMillan spent nearly 28 years with the US animal feed company Purina Mills, including the last eight years serving as President and CEO. Since retiring in the mid-1990s, he has been providing transaction consulting (M&A) to companies in food and agribusiness industries. He serves on two public and four private corporate boards of directors, and is Chair of the Research Park LLC for the University of Illinois.

McMillan says the principles he learned at Nabor House helped form the foundation for a successful professional career. He commented that "being a Nabor and learning to live in a Christian based, cooperative, fraternal environment is excellent preparation and training for whatever direction one might take in life... back home to farm or to become CEO of a major corporation." He continued that "the U of I education, and the contacts and associations which go along with, are more valuable and significant than anyone can possibly understand while in college or even immediately after graduation." In his case, he credits former Associate Dean Warren Wessels (NH Honorary Member) with helping him find a summer internship with Ralston Purina Company which ultimately led to a business career which he did not even imagine growing up. "The U of I provides opportunities that are only as limited as one's imagination and desire to study, explore, work, and seek opportunities to apply themselves," McMillan said.

During his career, McMillan states that the biggest change in the agricultural industry has been technology: “From computer technology, with all its capacity, speed, and efficiency of process, access, and retention, etc; to genetic technology, with genetic modification, cloning, genetic markers, DNA mapping, etc; to robotic technology, with manufacturing automation, GPS driven application and harvest, online/real time sampling and testing, etc; and information technology, with instant access to markets, data, communications, transactions globally, etc. Technology must continually expand to enable us to meet the food needs of an exploding global population!”

McMillan and his wife Judy have been married 40 years and live on a lake near Greenville, IL (Judy’s home community). They have two children. Son Kyle (Illinois Ag Econ BS ‘97) and his wife Jodi (Illinois Ag Ed ‘96) live near Ohio, Illinois with their eight year old daughter Lauren. Kyle is NutriDense National Sales Manager, the corn seed genetic design business of BASF. Jodi is a full time mom and a teacher’s aide in Princeton. Daughter Kelly (Texas A & M, Ag Bus ‘00) and her husband Brian McComb (U of Minn. DVM ‘02) live near Willmar, MN with their two year old daughter Claire. Kelly is a full-time mom and is starting a consulting business after nine years in marketing and product/brand management with Elanco Animal Health and Jenni-O/Turkey Store. Brian is a veterinarian for Jenni-O/Turkey Store.

*“I have enjoyed the opportunity to be of service and hopefully add value to my Alma Mater.”*

Despite a busy personal and professional career, McMillan stayed involved with Nabor House by serving on the Fraternity Board and in advisory capacities. As he sees it, this volunteer role “is a little bit of repayment to the House for all it has done for me during my time at the U of I and in subsequent years.” In 1992 he was presented with the distinguished Good Nabor Alumni Award for achievements in his post-college career. In addition to his new role on the Board of Trustees, McMillan has also represented Nabor House as an advisor to the U of I Ag Econ and Animal Science Departments, and to three different U of I College of Ag/ACES Deans. He has been a member of the College of Ag/ACES Alumni Association board of directors, a member and Chair of the University of Illinois Alumni Association board of directors and a member of the U of I Foundation board of directors. “While I have not sought specific ways to be of service, I have taken the call to fulfill these various volunteer roles and have enjoyed the opportunity to be of service and hopefully add value to my Alma Mater,” McMillan says.



*Ed McMillan with wife Judy, daughter Kelly and granddaughter Claire.*

When asked about advice to current Nabors, he encouraged them to take advantage of all the opportunities the House and the University provide. He stressed the importance of finding a career direction early in your time at the University; perhaps as the result of work experiences like a summer internship, work experiences while in college, or work experience in your home area. “The sooner you have a career in mind, the sooner your 200, 300 and 400 level courses will begin to mean something significant in their potential application to your life and your future career,” he said. He encouraged house members to take advantage of activities on campus which further develop their leadership skills, interpersonal relationship skills (both social and potential career related), and potential contacts and relationships which may assist them in finding a job or expanding their network during and after college. He also stressed the value of “experiential activities” provided by some clubs/organizations on campus and as a part of some career related classes. “While you are busy during your time in college” McMillan said, “you will have more time to take part in these activities and experiences during college that you will during the first 10-15 years after you start your career and your family.”

McMillan commented that it is “an honor and privilege to serve as a Trustee of the University of Illinois. I hope to provide the support and leadership needed to help the University recover from the admissions scandal of 2009 and from the current financial crisis which will not go away quickly. The U of I is a world class, global institution of higher education, research and service. The U of I developed and maintained an exceptional global reputation from its humble beginnings in the 1867 as a result of President Lincoln’s Land Grant Vision to today’s recognition as both a high quality and best value public University. That reputation will be retained and enhanced as a result of the continuing efforts by all involved... including the Board of Trustees.”

## SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF ELLERY KNAKE '49 ESTABLISHED

A scholarship has been established at the Nabor House Educational Foundation in memory of Dr. Ellery L. Knake '49, who passed away on March 1, 2009. This scholarship was created by fellow Nabor House alumnus Dr. Jerry H. Stoller '59 to commemorate the impact that Dr. Knake has on his career. All active chapter members of Nabor House who demonstrate outstanding academic promise and initiative and the ability to become industry leaders will be eligible for this scholarship, with preference given to applicants who demonstrate substantial financial need. The first Dr. Ellery L. Knake Memorial Scholarship recipient will be announced at the 2010 Nabor House Annual Meeting.

Ellery L. Knake was born Aug. 26, 1927 in Gibson City, IL. After high school, he served his country in the Army from 1945 to 1946. He then entered the University of Illinois, where he received his B.S. in Agriculture Education with Highest Honors in 1949 and his M.S. in 1950. As an undergrad, he lived at Nabor House Fraternity and served as Vice President and was on the Executive Board. He married Colleen "Connie" Mary Wilken on June 23, 1951.

Ellery was a vocational agriculture teacher at Barrington, IL Consolidated High School from 1951-1956. He then returned to the University of Illinois to pursue a Ph.D., which he received in 1960. He then began a long and distinguished 30-year career as an Agronomy Professor at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Knake was one of the first scientists to spearhead sustainable agriculture by finding ways to reduce the need to till. As a result, he soon became an internationally recognized authority in weed science and conservation tillage. Knake demonstrated an unrivaled passion for innovation during his career as a professor of weed science and agronomy. Much of his early research centered on how to evaluate the impact of weeds on crop yields and the use of soil residual herbicides that would prevent new weed establishment without tillage.



*Dr. Jerry Stoller '59*

Knake's work involving crop yields, economics, the environment and the measurement of weed populations was an early precursor to integrated pest management (IPM) techniques that have become a mainstay of modern agriculture. During his career, he served on various national committees and as editors of weed science magazines, and received awards too numerous to mention. When he passed away on March 1, 2009, Dr. Knake left behind a body of work that has made a lasting impact on both agriculture and weed science around the globe.

When asked why he created this scholarship, Dr. Jerry Stoller said "First and foremost, Ellery was a good man. Second, Ellery was responsible for me leaving home and attending the University since neither of my parents studied beyond the eighth grade." Dr. Stoller was a high school student in Dr. Knake's vocational agriculture class in Barrington, IL. It was Dr. Knake who encouraged Dr. Stoller to attend the University of Illinois and live at Nabor House, and thus created the spark that allowed Dr. Stoller to develop a career that has led to the creation of Stoller, Inc. Dr. Knake was a truly wonderful person who had an impact on countless farmers, scientists, and researchers around the globe. Through this scholarship Dr. Stoller ensures that all future members of Nabor House will gain an understanding of the life and impact of Dr. Ellery L. Knake. "Ellery Knake made a tremendous contribution to agriculture in Illinois and in the area of weed science. He deserves to have somebody establish a memorial so that he can serve as an example to those who follow," Dr. Stoller said.



*Dr. Ellery L. Knake '49*

## ROD STOLL '89 RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE AS CHAPTER ADVISOR



Rod Stoll '89

In May 2009, Rod Stoll officially retired as Advisor for the Illinois Chapter of Nabor House. Having served informally since 1997 and formally since 2001, Rod has been a mentor to hundreds of Nabors. His thoughtfulness, unlimited energy, and friendly demeanor made “Uncle Rod” the first stop for many a Nabor looking for advice, counseling, or just someone to listen. Add in Rod’s unique personality and never-ending catch phrases and three-letter-acronyms (TLAs), and every Nabor has a favorite story of Rod’s impact in their house experience.

Rod’s passion for Nabor House is a model for all alumni. He worked tirelessly to enhance the active chapter experience, developing such new traditions as officer retreats, the I.D.E.A.L. Nabor Award, and a Senior Sendoff tribute program. As a special thank you for Rod’s service, the active chapter asked alumni to provide their own tributes to Rod. These tributes were then presented as a “Stoll Sendoff” at the 2009 Nabor House Annual Meeting in June. A short sampling of those tributes is found below. A special thanks to Rod Stoll for all his work to better Nabor House. In Rod We Trust!

### EXCERPTS OF TRIBUTES TO ROD STOLL '89

- Thanks for all you've done for the house. You've put more time and energy into the house than anyone I know. You've done a tremendous deed for the house that can't be justly compensated. I've always wondered how you can remember what county someone's from and every single school mascot in the state. – **John Carson '10**
- I will always remember the impact that Rod had on my life. Much more than just an advisor, Rod was a mentor and friend who helped to form my character in a way that made my experience at NH one of much personal growth. Rod taught me how to appreciate differences of opinion without compromising integrity. He taught me the importance of bringing about change by changing hearts rather than just changing laws. – **Lucas Martin '08**
- You’ve acted as a friend, a confidant, and an advisor to all the men of NH, from the three-day-old pledge to the active chapter presidents to alumni. While no written comments can really do your service justice, rest assured you have the respect of many fine men. Hopefully these can be your true reward, as they will surely solidify your place as one of the great members of Nabor House. Thanks for all you have done. – **Curt Zurliene '10**
- Speaking as a recent alum, I can personally say that Rod’s involvement served to make my time a better, more memorable experience. The meeting at the beginning of our pledge semester that Rod organized really helped begin the process forming bonds with our pledge brothers and thinking about what we wanted to do with the next four years. Rod’s senior sendoff then helped us reflect on what our experience in the House and those we shared it with have meant to us. But Rod’s value to the house goes well beyond being MC for some memorable moments. Rod always

- understood that the house was ours to shape and direct and he provided a soft, impartial leadership that facilitated, not dictated. Rod served an invaluable role in helping and sometimes challenging us to do our best as active members and leaders. I feel privileged to have come through NH during Rod’s time as advisor.
- **Mike Perkins '08**
- I will always remember the heated ping pong matches in Rod’s basement. Rod was a great player, and his intense (and sometimes R-rated) expressions after every point always added to the experience. His positive influence as a house advisor has created a ripple effect that will be felt for many NH generations to come. Rod bless us. – **Jarrold Waldeck '05.5**
  - Rod was a perfect advisor because he stayed behind the scenes seeking no credit but doing everything to help keep the house well balanced and moving forward. His contributions will be missed and rather challenging to replace. – **Joe Zimmerman (Active)**
  - NH will never be quite the same without Rod Stoll around on a regular basis!!! Your positive attitude and your spontaneous smile... Your unwavering support for Nabors, collectively and individually... Your external relations efforts at the University, in the local community, and among Alumni and prospective members everywhere... You have been a part of the “glue and mortar” that has kept NH strong and progressive during some very challenging times...YOU WILL BE MISSED... YOU TRULY MADE A DIFFERENCE!!! Best wishes as you move on to a successful career in Farm Credit or whatever you chose to do!!! – **Ed McMillan '69**
  - I don't know his county or his hometown or his high school's mascot. I know that Rod Stoll has been more important to NH over

- the past fifteen years than any of the countless Nabors whom Rod knows by hometown and mascot. You don't just get to go away quietly, as Rod wanted to, when you put so much into a house benefiting so many. We send tributes out to Rod, but his tribute was his constant support for the house. He's one of the very few who can honestly say he put back into the house what he got out. His passion for the house is unparalleled, and I wish it could be duplicated 635 times. Integrity, Dedication, Excellence, Attitude, and Leadership make up the IDEAL Nabor. Is there any doubt who defines these traits? – **John Lock '09**
- I have always known you as the one with the voice that could fill a room. I have always seen you with a smile and a hearty laugh, and you were always willing to put up with my dry sense of humor. Most importantly, no one could place value on the amount of leadership and guidance you have given to NH over all these years. Many Nabors today are much better men because of it. – **Brandon Bozarth '08.5**
  - To think about what it means to be a Nabor, it brings to mind everything that Rod has done for all of us at the house. He is always willing to help us out with anything and never is expecting credit for it. This is easily seen by the way he has helped the house with being an advisor for so many years. Also anytime you told him where you are from he would know what county you were from and probably the school as well. – **Brian Craine '10**



ALUMNI REPORTS: NABORS CHECK IN FROM ACROSS THE DECADES

1940s

**Parks, Walter** '40. 116 Apple Lane, Anna, IL 62906. As we started to write this 2009 –2010 season’s letter, we noticed an almost rhythmic series of dates in our life together. We’re using them for our subject this year.

- 90 Years Ago: Mary Ada was born at Yorkville, just over a year after Walt was born at Moweaqua.
- 72 Years Ago: Walt took a chance and helped open the doors to the house that became Nabor House.
- 70 Years Ago: Walt met Mary Ada at Wesley Foundation at the U of I.
- 65 Years Ago: Mary Ada and Walt were married when Walt was home from Italy for his first and only Army furlough.
- 55 Years Ago: We moved from the green fields of northern Illinois to the green hills of southern Illinois.
- 50 Years Ago: We built and moved into our house in Anna, where we still live.
- 25 Years Ago: We both retired, in the same month of the same year.
- Today: We give thanks for being allowed this long and wonderful life together; and for the coming new year as we continue to enjoy our four children, five grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

P.S. We also enjoy our extended family, as brothers, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins have made trips to see us, and as we’ve been able to travel to Moweaqua and to northern IL for the annual Pope-Austin reunion. In addition, we have especially enjoyed having several of Darryl’s friends from other states visit us as they passed through Illinois.

**Ridlen, Samuel F.** '40. 1901 Lakeside Dr., Unit C, Champaign, IL 61821. (217)359-8102 [H]. *Professor Emeritus of Animal Science.* [ridlen@uiuc.edu](mailto:ridlen@uiuc.edu).

**Swanson, Earl** '43. 1907 S. Harding, Urbana, IL 61801. (217)367-7372 [H]. [earl\\_swanson\\_534@comcast.net](mailto:earl_swanson_534@comcast.net).

**Mueller, Allan G.** '45. 2015 Burlison Drive, Urbana, IL 61801. (217)344-6184 [H]. Retired. [mueller-a@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mueller-a@sbcglobal.net). Recently completed the 86th lap of the Marathon of Live, starting on the 87th. Gloria and I have completed 62 years together. Enjoying this year's acceptance letters from the 10 recipients of the Allan and Gloria Mueller Farm Business Management Scholarship. All of the recipients are from farms.

**Stone, Dick** '46. 1424 E Pine St., Mason City, IL 62664. (217)482-5638 [H]. Retired. Moved 3 miles into Mason City. Manage to live alone. Daughter, Lois Drewer (4-H house) lives nearby. She is my gopher, shopper, taxi driver, lawn mower, and medic. I stay alive with help of pacemaker and defibrillator.

**Drake, Robert E.** '47. (217)447-3557 [H]. *Retired Farmer.* Our two grandsons, Tim and Aaron returned from Afghanistan after 12 months with the IL National Guard. As of Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, bean harvest is complete, but there are 450 acres of corn to do yet, including a swath of tornado flat-tened corn.

**Litchfield, James** '47. 312 Galesburg Rd., Knoxville, IL 61448. (309)289-2923 [H]. *Retired.* Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We have three grandchildren at the University of Illinois this season.

**Potter, Carman Y.** '48. 1258 Potter Rd., Jacksonville, IL 62650. (217)243-2388 [H]. *Retired.* Extremely wet harvest reason. In spite of such we had top yield of corn and soybeans. I am doing ok, just getting slower. We celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Don and Jane Masters celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> this year.

**Lewis, Dana** '49.5. (815)759-0783 [H]. Retired. I have been retired for 20 years. If I had known it would be such fun I would have done it first. We’re still enjoying our 14 grandchildren with 2 graduating from college (U of I and U of C) this year. Life is good.

1950s

**Gerlach, Elmer** '53. 724 E Washington, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053. (815)244-6543 [H]. *Retired Ag Teacher.* Haven’t been to the house or on campus in a few years. I’ll bet things are very different. May leave to do this sometime soon. Our family is well and happy.

**Schlueter, Clarence** '53. 2208 Valleybrook Dr., Champaign, IL 61820. (217)351-6991 [H]. *Retired.* All is well here. We are very thankful for another great harvest even though it was a very wet one. We are getting ready for Thanksgiving and the Holidays. Then off to Oregon and California. We also just booked a Viking Boat cruise to Russia.

**Schertz, Cletus** '54. 2579 Orchard Lane,

White Bear Lake, MN 55110. (651)777-9553 [H]. *Retired.* [schertz2579@gmail.com](mailto:schertz2579@gmail.com). Getting ready for winter but enjoying this Sept. weather in Nov. – really mild. Busy doing the things to stay healthy.

**Webb, Ryland** '54. *Professor Emeritus.* [ryland@vt.edu](mailto:ryland@vt.edu). The Ft. Hood shooter got his B.S. in my old department here at Va. Tech. No, I don’t remember him. Got my second hole in one in October. Haven’t figured out, as yet, whether it was skill or luck. Grin!! Wanda and I are both well.

**Burgess, Van** '55. 3351 W 114th Circle Unit D, Westminster, CO 80031. (303)404-9622 [H]. *Professor (Emeritus), University of San Francisco.* [van1934@msn.com](mailto:van1934@msn.com). We are still doing a lot of traveling although we slowed down a bit in 2009. A favorite trip is to Arizona in March for baseball spring training. From April to July we are usually on the family farm in deep Southern Illinois (Pope County) and then again during deer season in November/December. The farm has been in the immediate family since 1836. I am the fifth generation owner, and now I have a Burgess great-grandson (ye gods!!!) so it's hard to let it go, even though it is not very productive. Lots of whitetail deer, though!

**Duvick , Dick** '55. 8355 Fossil Dr., Sylvania, OH 43560. (419)885-2092 [H]. *Retired.* [duvick.1@osu.edu](mailto:duvick.1@osu.edu). Donna had a severe urinary tract infection (UTI) this fall. Spent a month in hospital and rehab center. Now caring for her at home. Will see what the future brings.

**Steffen, J.R.** '55. Goodfield, IL 61742. (309)965-2399 [H]. *Veterinarian.* Still working – time goes on – what with 26 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. We are enjoying good health.

**Lewis, Dr. C.E.** '56. 1003 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Mendota, IL 61342. (815)539-7236 [H]. *Veterinarian.* [charleslewis1003@yahoo.com](mailto:charleslewis1003@yahoo.com). Grandson Zachary Lewis playing football for Mendota High School and won the first two playoff rounds in class 4A. They finished with a 9-3 record. Now it is basketball season & track comes next spring. Mendota is building a new \$39 million dollar hospital.

**Schairer, Lou** '56. 505 Opatrny Drive, Fox River Grove, IL 60021. (847)639-3325 [H]. *Retired Teacher.* [grnthumblou@yahoo.com](mailto:grnthumblou@yahoo.com). Teach adult literacy in

Barrington and Carpentersville. Working with Latina/Latino-Hispanics in the area. Still try to keep in shape by running, golf etc. Visit our daughter Vicki's family in Georgia, we have a great grandson and great granddaughter also. JoAnne lives in Long Beach , CA. Get to visit both areas 2 or 3 times a year. My wife Sherry and I recently remembered we have been married for 50 years. Trying to stay alive and healthy.

**Dintelmann, Bob** '57. 600 Lorenz Lane, Belleville, IL 62220. (618)233-3090 [H]. *dintelmann@aol.com*. All is well here with Joyce and I completing 52 years of marriage this summer. Our 13th grandchild is due in January in San Diego where our youngest son and his wife live. We are busy with church, Grange, and Optimist Club work and a little traveling. I still do some Nursery/Landscape Consulting. I am very happy Ed McMillan is on the University Board and I hope they get that embarrassment straightened out. God bless everyone.

**Beitz, Donald C.** '58. 2010 Indian Grass Ct, Ames, IA 50014. (515)292-4127 [H], (515)294-5626 [W]. *Professor of Animal Science and Biochemistry at Iowa State University. dcbeitz@iastate.edu*. Judy and I made a visit to Nabor House during October and visited with grand nephew Justin Beitz. I am so pleased that he enjoys being a Nabor and is doing well as a young Illini. Family is fine. We enjoyed another fine season of Cardinal baseball.

**Sparrow, Eldon** '58. 210 West First, Dallas City, IL 62330. (217)852-6688 [H], (309)337-8699 [W]. *Retired College Instructor & Farmer. eandsspa@mchsi.com*.

**Hartley, David** '59. 1124 Deercroft Ct, Fort Collins, CO 80525. (970)225-6733 [H]. *Retired Horticulturist. david.hartley@colostate.edu*. Kay and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary this past summer when our family joined us for 3 day holiday in Estes Park. Life is good.

**Stoller, Jerry H.** '59. 11907 Churchill Ct, Houston, TX 77024. (713)468-1007 [H], (713)461-1493, x 219 [W]. *Owner, Stoller Group Inc. jstoller@stollerusa.com*. This year our company was responsible for the highest yielding soybean on

record. Research, which our company conducted at Texas A&M University, produced a record yield of 166.8 bushels per acre of soybeans. Stoller's experimental product called Power Up was the only product that was used other than normal practices to produce this yield. The soybean field was irrigated and had a total of 90 pounds of additional nitrogen applied. This yield was compared to 95 bushels per acre which was raised on the control plot.

## 1960s

**Duewer, Lawrence A.** '60. 261 Campground Rd, Livingston, TN 38570 . (931) 823-6042 [H]. *Retired. leduewer@gmail.com*. No particular news. We have a new grandson born July 25, 2009. Still retired in TN with nothing to do and way behind at getting it done!

**Higgs, Roger** '60. 14A105 Deer Run Lane, Apple River, IL 61001. (815)492-2613 [H]. *Retired college professor of agronomy. higgs@uwplatt.edu*. I am surprised that the harvest of extreme northwest Illinois is essentially finished (11/24/09) and significantly ahead of central Illinois. The farmers were able to plant early. I just finished my 40th year of coaching the collegiate crops team at University of Wisconsin-Platteville. I have done this voluntarily the past seven years and this was my last year. Our team finished second to Kansas State in the two national contests this fall. I have always been disappointed that U of I has never had a team in the fall contests sponsored by the American Society of Agronomy. Nabors are always welcome at our "retreat" at Apple Canyon Lake.

**Reiners, Robert H.** '60. 142 E 300 N RD, Gibson City, IL 60936. (217)784-4543 [H]. *Farmer. reiners@prairieinet.net*. Farming is not the business to be in this year. Late spring planting due to wet conditions and very wet and cool July have made harvest one of the worst. When you can get to the field you can only go to the elevator part of a day before they shut down for a whole day to dry the corn down. We will probably be eating our Thanksgiving dinner in a tractor waiting in line to dump. We do have grain bins to go to when we cannot go to the elevator so that is a help. We are thankful that we have had almost two

## FLASHBACK TO THE '60s: DAVID CLOSE, 1962

**David Close**  
**Retired**  
**Reynolds, Illinois**



### Tell us about your career.

After graduation I started farming business which continues today. 3500 acre grain operation with son Greg. Started with Hamlet Mutual Insurance in 1968 – managed company from 1979-2006. Retired in 2008. Also owned and managed a Casey's General Store from 1982-2000 and was a DeKalb Seed Dealer from 1969-1979. Also served on numerous boards and volunteer activities.

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

Being an Ag house and the very low monthly house bill were very attractive. The emphasis on scholarship was also appealing. As I had little money and good grades in high school, NH was a good fit.

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

The bull sessions – many of the world's problems were solved late at night. And even though we solved all the problems, most of them still exist today.

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

1) Fun – the card games, ping pong, water fights, & basketball; 2) Freedom – away from home & parental influence (and after pledge semester, real freedom); 3) Friends – after 50 years I still correspond with some fellow Nabors

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

Leon Turner's possum stew. It was AWFUL and someone's blackberry upside down cake we served to the Dean of Men.

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

**Tom Melton** – started me in a business relationship with DeKalb that continues today. **Al Mueller** – who helped getting me accepted at Nabor House.

### What NH memory is special to you?

Cooking, cleaning and growing up with a nice group of young men.

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FLASHBACK TO THE '70s:  
MIKE MANHART, 1970



**Mike Manhart,**  
retired helicopter pilot,  
Moweaqua, Illinois

**Tell us about your career.**

In Nov. 1970 I entered the US Army as a Commissioned Officer. I was sent to Vietnam for the last 100 days of the conflict where I flew helicopters. As I like to say, we came in 2nd in that conflict. I remained in the Army until 1973 when I took the early out option and returned to the farm. We, Linda and I and our two daughters, returned to Mode, IL to the house and farm we bought from my uncle. I dairy farmed with my brother until 1985. The fall of 1985 brought major changes to our lives. By that time, we had five daughters and one son and the farm just wasn't making it. I was in the Illinois National Guard, Aviation branch at the time and through them I found employment with the State of IL Dept of Transportation. I flew both helicopters and fixed wing for the Executive Branch, first out of Carbondale and later out of Springfield. When the state offered early retirement I took it and in 2002-2009 I flew a medi-vac helicopter for Air Evac in Effingham. I retired in March 2009.

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

My older brother, Fred, had been a Nabor and my parents thought that would be a good choice for me. They felt for economic reasons and also for me, NH would provide me with the skills to pursue my chosen field.

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

I can't say I miss it, but I did enjoy cooking with the other guys.

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

I would have to say friendships that have lasted a lifetime, work ethic and discipline would best describe my NH experience.

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

IThe Sunday chicken dinners where the chicken would be raw more times than not.

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

Greg Olson would be the most influential, and is still one of the most important people in my life. I think Barry Jackson and Ed McMillan were also influential in my life.

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

Many special memories were made during Intramural Basketball games.

whole weeks of dry weather to be in the field and get all of the beans out and get started on the corn. Bob has been on the side lines a good part of harvest as on September 11th he fell and dislocated both of his shoulders which required surgery on the left shoulder to mend a rotary cuff and ligament tear. He is in therapy three days a week and doing what he can with harvest. His nephew Bryan Sommer is doing most of the work. We are so thankful for him. As for me, I am down in the back as I write this update. Hoping to get relief in an hour when I go to the chiropractor. I keep busy with my sewing, baby sitting, making meals for men in the field. Your typical farm wife chores. The grandkids are growing like weeds. Kristen (7½) and Matthew (6), Eric's children are doing fine and are loving school. Ashley (almost 8) and Abby (just 4), Cathy's children, are doing fine in school and preschool as well. They are all a source of joy to us. If you are in our area be sure to give us a call or drop by. Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

**Turner, Ed '61.** I continue to do residential appraisal reports over a five county area. I just turned 71 in December. Climbing over snow drifts this winter to do measurements and take pictures is as a bit more daunting task than it used to be, but I still enjoy the work and it gets me out of the house. Pat and I are reasonably healthy and a whole lot happy. We don't get away too often. When we do, our trips must generally be routed through Holy Springs, NC to see our four grandchildren.

**Close, David '62.** 1776 135th St, Reynolds, IL 61279. *Retired from Insurance and retailing.* Farming most of time with son, Greg on 3500 acre grain farm. As of November 17 have 700 acres of corn out in field. Excellent corn crop, yields on whole fields as high as 257 bpa. Lousy beans with yields as low as 35 bpa. Family fine and growing everyday. Life is good

**Schoonaert, Jim '62.** 5485 Cedar Branch Circle, Indianapolis, IN 46268. (317)733-3560 [H]. *Retired. jschoons@sbcglobal.net.* Nabors traveling through Indy are welcome to stop by. We're just off of I-465 (Michigan Rd. exit). 2009 is a year that I'm happy to see come to a

conclusion. I got back to playing golf on July 13 after cataract surgery, a compound fracture of my left wrist, and sinus surgery. Cataract surgery was successful as I can now see a golf ball after I hit it, but the surgeons' guarantee that I would hit it straight wasn't 100% correct. Oh well, at least I can follow the ball now!!

**Brookhart, Jerry '63.** 155 Emmy Rd, Macomb, IL 61455. (309)833-4842 [H]. *Insurance and investment sales.* jbrookhart@logonix.net. In addition to our jobs, Mary and I have been very busy this past summer taking care of the several acres around our home, organizing our 50th high school reunion, and the numerous activities of 5 granddaughters, including 4-H shows and softball games. We managed to get family together at the Lake of the Ozarks over Labor Day weekend--the only weekend that everyone was available all summer long! All of our beans have been cut, but cannot say the same for the corn. Still have about 50% left in the field. With water standing in the fields and corn testing 20%+, it looks like we may have to wait until the ground freezes to get the remainder out! We are planning a trip to Colorado in early January and to Costa Rica the end of February.

**Campbell, Michael F. '64.** 4603 Brittany Trail Dr, Champaign, IL 61822. (217)352-7641 [H]. *Retired. MFCamp4095@aol.com.* Sue and I have been busy in retirement. Sue's mother and sister died earlier this year and we have been dealing with Sue's mother's estate. I have continued to consult in my old job at Tate & Lyle. Due to changes in the company I was called back to work for several weeks during the summer. Our children with our 6 granddaughters are close by in Champaign and Decatur. The NH pledge class of 1960 needs to plan on gathering for our 50th anniversary during the last weekend of June 2010 at the annual NH meeting. Let me know if you are interested.

**Manhart, Fred F. '64.** 701 W. Main St, Stewardson, IL 62463. (217)682-3851 [H], (309)838-6580 [W]. *Retired/Antique Toy Buyer & Seller/Farm Helper/Gardner/Golfer. Fmanhart@mchsi.com.* Retired 7 years ago, don't know how I

had time to work I'm so busy now. Drove into Adams County yesterday and the County welcome sign said Life Is Good. Will be in Florida 6 weeks this year. Have been to toy auctions from S. Dakota to New Jersey, and saw a toy fire truck sell for \$149,500.00 Call and come see us sometime.

**Soltwedel, Norbert** '65. 9414 E 1800th Ave, Shumway, IL 62461. (217)868-2833 [H]. *Retired, doing appraisals and farming.* soltk@mcswireless.net. Linda and I travel internationally as much as we can but have been busy trying to plant and then harvest the 2009 crops between rains. We hope to spend more time visiting our 10 grandchildren in the future. Becoming a little alarmed at some of the change in our culture, politics, and economy; is that my age showing?

**Mayberry, Gerald W.** '65.5. RR 1 Box 193, Broughton, IL 62817. *Retired – Sub Teacher.* Sixth grandchild (5<sup>th</sup> girl) due on Lincoln's Birthday! Only grandson, Bradyn, is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade playing basketball. Brooke, 17, is into doing plays. Cassidy, 15 – volleyball. Ella, 5, did first singing solo and plays piano. Lucy, 3, is into everything. Kay and I keep busy with meetings and following grandchildren's activities. All well here, God's been good!

**Carlson, Robert** '66.5. 121 Northampton Dr, Oswego, IL 60543. (630)551-1814 [H]. *Many and varied.* illini63@aol.com. Just before Christmas 2008, Caterpillar gave almost every employee I know an offer of money to separate from the company. The nonnegotiable effective date would be Feb 1, 2009, if I took the offer. 1) With my almost 39 yrs, the money was generous, 2) I was then only a month from turning 65 and, finally, 3) if I did not accept, I might be laid off (others I know of were). I took the package and also filed my retirement papers. Since Feb 1, I have been busy but not with any one or two things that I can claim as my occupation. I had no plan to retire; but God, I believe, has a better idea. As soon as I understand what that is, I'll correct my 'occupation' report. Most importantly, Glenda seems to have survived the last 9.5 months well and insists that having me at home most of the time is just fine. She's had some part time jobs and still does a one-day-per-week office assistant job for the social aspects. My #1 daughter and husband live 20 min away and provided us with granddaughter in 2003;

daughter #2 and husband live in Bloomington, Ind.

**Traub, Jim** '68. 15 Oakview Dr, Monticello, IL 61856. (217)762-9968 [H], (217)417-9900 [C]. *Merchandising grain in office in Monticello (US office of Huron Commodities).* Coping with swings in the market under and over supply of non GM beans to serve an Asian economy in as much distress as US has been. The cycles continue so nothing new from that standpoint. Spending more time on animal feed markets both in US and Asia. Still doing travel–within US and overseas. Wife Linda retired from teaching in May of 09. Have all children now within 3-5 hours away and luckily grandchildren in the resort town (or last resort town) of Grand Haven, MI on Lake Michigan. Not Seattle but certainly allows more convenient visiting.

**McMillan, Ed** '69. 1300 Rogier Dr, Greenville, IL 62246. (618)664-9628 [H], (618)664-9600 [W]. *Consultant (Merger & Acquisitions).* mcmillaned@sbcglobal.net. All is well! More “excitement” than expected as a new U of I Trustee. Hopefully, we will get the “ship righted”; get a new President, Chancellor, Provost, and ACES Dean hired over the next year or two; and put the admissions issues behind us. Almost too busy for real work. Daughter Kelly (consultant & stay-at-home mom), husband Brian McComb (Jenni-O vet) and daughter Claire live near Willmar, MN. Son Kyle (BASF/NutriDense Sales Manager), wife Jodi (teacher's aide) and daughter Lauren live near Princeton, IL. Judy is busy with granddaughters and lots of volunteer and bible study activities. Life is good!

**Rice, R. Craig** '69. 9981 Duffy Rd, Waterman, IL 60556. (815)264-3521 [H]. *Farmer.* pcrice620@verizon.net. I'm still farming and my wife, Pam, is still working part time for two local libraries as the bookkeeper for each and as a library aide for each. Our daughter, Janelle, and her husband are expecting their first child in February. Our son, Nathan, is working at NIU in DeKalb and his wife continues to work on writing her books, her internet blog, and apply for jobs. Our big concern this summer was searching for new health insurance. The company that we had been with for years and years priced us out when they raised the

annual premium by 40 percent to nearly \$40,000 per year. We checked many different companies, but the results were the same: age and preexisting conditions caused our applications to be rejected. We finally were able to get on with a State of Illinois plan. Now, tell me that private insurance companies don't need government oversight and government sponsored alternative insurance programs to compete with them.

1970s

**Manhart, Michael** '70. 515 N Shelby, Moweaqua, IL 62550. (217)768-3546 [H], (217)855-8365 [C]. *Retired helicopter pilot/farmer.* manhart@frontiernet.net or beany1946@yahoo.com. Retired from flying for Air-Evac in March 2009. Have been keeping busy helping local farmers in the spring and fall. We celebrated our 40th anniversary this Nov. Our kids took us to the Sonoma Valley in CA for a glorious week. Kids went with us for part of the wine country but then Linda and I headed into San Francisco for a few days alone.

**Olson, Greg** '70. 324 Rowantree Rd, Sycamore, IL 60178. (815)895-3485 [H]. *Retired.* glolson3@comcast.net. Have decided that my football career is finally over. This fall, I was playing touch football with my 8 year old grandson, Will (Dave Foulke's son), when I blew out my right knee. Now part of the NOFL (National Old Farts League). If you're in Sycamore, stop by; I'll hobble out to greet you.

**Doll, Steve** '72. 2202 McAdams Dr, Tomah, WI 54660. (608)372-6951 [H], (608)372-2698 [W]. *Veterinarian.* fdoll@charter.net. Still doing all cattle work in practice. Now have 4 grandchildren and we are really enjoying them.

**Harms, Dan** '72. 308 Elk, Galena, IL 61036. (815)777-9059 [H]. *Retired Teacher/Reluctant Contractor.* harmsdan@hotmail.com.

**Crone, Dick** '72.5. 700 N Hart Blvd, Harvard, IL. (815)943-6456 [H]. *Director of Mgf, Dean Foods.* dick\_crone@deanfoods.com. Eighth grandchild born November 10<sup>th</sup>. Blessings abound. Lay Leader at Church, fair board and beef association take any “spare time” after farm and corporate America. What a life!

**Haab, Dale** '73. 3767 Doreen Dr., Roscoe,

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IL 61073. (815)623-8761 [H]. *Retired Math Teacher*. Retired from teaching at Hononegah High School this past June. Gayle still teaching art at Roscoe Middle School. Christopher graduated from U of I in June, and now getting his master's degree. Nicolas is a sophomore at U of I and is a hurdler on the track team.

**Hageman, Jay** '74. 7558N 300E Rd, Fairmount, IL 61841. (217)288-9205 [H]. *Farmer. eagco1@hotmail.com*.

**Dye, Rod** '75. PO Box 616, Erie, IL 61250. (309)659-2189 [H], (309)659-2541 [W]. *Pastor of Erie UMC. revdye1@yahoo.com*. Brenda & I have 2 grand-daughters, Natalie-Dec. 13, 2008 & Kadence-March 9, 2009. We have been in Erie 6 years. Brenda has worked for Genesis Health system for 5 years. Brenda's mother, Ettie Rae Dibler, died in Jan. My mother, Lois Dye, died in June.

**Kelley, Tom** '75. 20937 N Stephanie Ct, Chillicothe, IL 61523. (309)274-2628 [H]. *Country Insurance agent at Princeville and farmer. thomas.kelley@countryfinancial.com*. It has been a busy year with the weather this spring and fall. Our family is increasing with Jay's wedding in November. Erin and Rob live at Princeville and are doing fine. Grand-daughter Caitlin turned 2 in October and is really growing up fast. Cindy and I are just working and watching time fly by. If anyone is close to the Peoria area, be sure to give us a call or stop in.

**Winckler, Michael** '75. 1312 7th Ave, Erie, IL 61250. (309)659-7166 [H], (309)659-7877 [W]. *Insurance Agent*.

**Huston, Dave** '77. 475 West Walnut, Roseville, IL 61473. (309)426-2300 [H], (309)255-9680 [C]. *Veterinarian. ds\_huston.1985@mchsi.com*. Staying busy at the Bushnell Veterinary Service in Bushnell, IL There are two other partners/co-owners beside myself. One of them is Dr. Shawn McKim, another Nabor House alum who graduated a generation after me. My wife, Suzanne, is a medical technologist who works in the lab at McDonough District Hospital. This year she was promoted to Supervisor of the chemistry department. Our son, Mark, is 15 years old and a sophomore at the Monmouth-Roseville High School. He is doing well in school and looking forward to starting behind the wheel next week with the school's drivers ed instructor. I'm already making subtle hints that

the University of Illinois would be a great school to look at in another year when Mark starts thinking about college. We're looking forward to the annual Engineering Open House in March, which we've attended for the past several years.

**Hill, Norman Jr.** '78. R#3 Box215, Golconda, IL 62938. 618-683-2145 [H]. *Carpenter teacher at Golconda Job Corps. ngh56@shawneelink.net*. Started teaching 4/28/09 at the job corps. Carmen got married in August, Danielle had baby son Nov. 22, 2009, and Elisa (marine helicopter mechanic) will deploy to Africa in Jan. 2010. Isaiha started high school and joined FFA.

**Schick, Stan** '78. 4226 Akron Rd, Edelstein, IL 61526. (309)243-9281 [H], (309)337-8331 [W]. *John Deere Sales & Farming. sschick@kleine-eq.com*. What a year! Crops were excellent considering all that happened. Corn just above 200, beans just under 60. John Deere sales have been good again, also. DeSutter and I both finished corn on Dec. 2, but I think he had a few more acres to do that I did! I had a first and hopefully a last this fall – listening to Christmas music in the combine! Randy truly lives up to the C-B-H rotation, and “H” doesn't stand for hay! Margie did about 80% of the combining and hauling in again this year. Andy still with CAT in South Carolina, wife Tori in nursing school. Kevin sells Fords in Eureka, Heidi is a junior at Bradley, Katie is a HS senior at home, and Hannah is an eighth grader at home. My, have they grown! We had a nice vacation to Arizona last winter. Margie went to Switzerland with her dad for 18 days in June. That's a long time. In August we spent a week at bible camp in Michigan with about 75 other friends. It was great. Hope to spend Christmas in South Carolina and then a week in Florida. The Lord continues to bless us despite our shortcomings. 1974 pledge class – did most of your die? Call sometime!

1980s

**Conlin, Dave** '80. 1511 Sleepy Hollow Ln, DeKalb, IL 60115. (815)756-5377[H], (815)754-8074 [W]. *Banker at Castle Bank NA. dconlin@castlebank.com*. My oldest just graduated from NIU and is working for Target. Hard to believe it has been 30 years since living at the house and enjoying the Illini adventure. Hope all the active members of Nabor House

take advantage of the great opportunity at Illinois and good health to all.

**DeSutter, Jim** '82. 2953 Knox Rd 600 East, Woodhull, IL 61490. (309)334-2889 [H], (309)337-6051 [C]. *Farmer/Bank Examiner. desutter@winco.net*. Our oldest son, Drew graduated from Illinois this May and has returned to the farm. Levi is a junior at Illinois majoring in Ag Engineering. Dana (daughter) is a senior in high school and looking at her college options. Kim is still teaching at ROWVA schools, while I farm and work as a bank examiner. It has been a very interesting year for both professions. The job outlook reminds me a lot of when I graduated in '82. Let's hope that interest rates do not go back to the 20% Prime rate again! As always, if you are close by, please give Kim and I a call. All Nabors are welcomed!

**Kermicle, John** '80. 1513 Cypress Rd, Olney, IL 62450. (618)395-6171 [H], (618)943-5776 [W]. *Agribusiness Management. john.kermicle@agrigold.com*.

**Eathington, Kenny** '83. 11715 Strathmoore Ct, Dunlap, IL 61525. (309)243-7045 [H], (309)637-4900 [W]. *Attorney. kreone@comcast.net*. Both of our sons are enrolled at the University of Illinois this fall. Our oldest son will graduate in December 2009 with a degree in public policy and law. It appears he has a job so he is off the payroll! Youngest one is a freshman. Attended the Illinois/Missouri football game; I have seen this scenario play out before with Moeller, Tepper and Turner (former U of I football coaches). Glad Coach Weber has turned the basketball team around.

**Millard, Brian** '83. PO Box 303, Arenzville, IL 62611. (217)997-2195 [H], (217)997-5817 [W]. *Farm lender for Metlife Ag Investments. millardbr@frontiernet.net*. Everything is going well in Arenzville. Jessica is a senior at the U of I, Jacob is a freshman at Lincoln Land Community College, and Joshua is a freshman at Concord Triopia High School. Cara is still teaching at Beardstown High School but hasn't managed to learn to speak fluent Spanish from her students yet. I am thoroughly enjoying work and get to see some Nabors during my travels. Had season tickets for the Illini football and was pretty disappointed in how the year turned out. Looking forward to the basketball season.

**Gates, Harold L.** '84. 102 Pebble Ln, Jacksonville, IL 62650. (217)243-2456 [H], (217)371-0506 [W]. *Vice President, First National Bank of Winchester.* coachg8s@yahoo.com; hgates@fnbwin.com. Life is good in our home. Send an e-mail if you want to catch up on what is going on.

**Newport, Curtis P.** '85. 528 Allen St, Belvidere, IL 61008. (815)494-5294 [H], (815)544-2666 [W]. *Boone County Treasurer.* curt@performancephoto.us. Enjoying life as an elected official. Church choir, part-time photography business and 3-yr-old grandson keeping us busy.

**Bossert, Dan** '86. 614 N Chicago St, Dwight, IL 60420. (815)584-1625 [H], (815)326-0140 [W]. *1st Farm Credit - Crop Insurance Specialist.* dbossert@sbcglobal.net. Full time job, part time farmer, full time dad, part time coach, full time domestic engineer, part time athlete, full time chauffeur, part time MAN, full time busy. Also grateful for the chance to be all of the preceding. If anyone is ever in the area don't stop by I won't be home. Still have two daughters, Quinn - 12.6, Brooke - 11.2.

**Waibel, Brian** '86. 901 Sunrise Circle, Mahomet, IL 61853. (217)586-3275 [H]. *Farm Manager & RE Broker, Busey Bank, Champaign.* bww1188@mchsi.com. Thankful for a good harvest, and will also be thankful when it is done!

**Weber, Joe** '86. 11318 Magnolia Pl, Smithfield, VA 23430. (757)357-1789 [H], (757)357-1611 [W]. *Sr. VP Fresh Pork Smithfield Packing.* joeweber@smithfield.com.

**Bingham, Wayne** '87. 30671 455th Ln, Griggsville, IL 62340. (217)833-2887 [H], (217)473-7803 [C]. *Sales Manager Logan Agri-Service.*

**Bossert, Dean** '88. 6144 Terry St, Port Arthur, TX 77640. (409)736-3677 [H], (409)736-2371 [W]. *Refuge Manager-McFaddin NWR.* dean\_bossert@fws.gov. Got hit by Hurricane Ike in Sept 2008. Got house repaired by Feb 2009. All buildings at work were destroyed. Getting ready to finish the first new building at work. Denean became a nurse practitioner this year and started practice part time. Kids all doing great.

**Harmon, Bill** '88. 549 E, 500 N Rd,

Morrisonville, IL 62546. (217)526-3569 [H], (217)786-2573 [W]. *Agronomy Professor, Lincoln Land Community College.* bill.harmon@llcc.edu. Another fall season means another losing football team. I'm hoping for a new AD and coach for Christmas. Looking for better times with basketball. Wendy, Cameron, and Mackenzie are all doing well. Glad to know Packer fans now hate Brett Favre as much as Bear fans do.

**Hawbaker, Scott** '88. 6584 W. Duroc Rd, Maroa, IL 61756. (217)794-2431 [H], (217)794-5900 [W]. *Executive Director National Association County Ag Agents,* greenpub1@aol.com.

**Stoll, Rod** '89. 406 West Tomaras Ave, Savoy, IL 61874. (217)355-3066 [H], (217)590-2174 [W]. *VP, Public Relations, Farm Credit Services of Illinois.* rod.stoll@fcsillinois.com. It's reassuring to have a couple farm boys and former 4-H members take the leadership reins at Illinois. West Virginia native and Interim President Stanley Ikenberry and Texas native and Interim Chancellor and Provost Bob Easter are the kind of men of integrity the institution needs during this time of transition. And kudos to Nabor House alumnus Ed McMillan for his distinguished contributions on the UI Board of Trustees. Was fun to connect with Avon Trojans Mike Melhouse '89 and Jerry Cannon '90 during the fall in C-U. Hope to see many of the Plebes of 1985 this summer to celebrate a quarter century since pledging.

**ZumMallen, Merrill** '89. 1154 N. 1600 East Rd, Milford, IL 60953. (815)889-5108 [H]. *Farmer, Firearms Dealer, Overhead Door Technician.* detweiler02@juno.com. It really needs to stop raining... Really.

1990s

**Cannon, Jerry** '90. 2703 5th Ave SW, Austin, MN 55912. (507)434-7751 [H], (507)437-5595 [W]. *Research Scientist - Hormel Foods.* jecannon@hormel.com. Continue to work in Research and Development for Hormel Foods, was back on campus recruiting in October. Great to see Rod Stoll during my visit. Also great to see Mark Robert during a trade show in Chicago in October. Cole is in 1st grade, Carson is a preschooler and Chloe is a new walker at 15 months. Macey continues to run an excellent house as well as part timing at Target. Congratula-

FLASHBACK TO THE '90s:  
RYAN WINDISH, 1998

Ryan Windish  
Emergency Physician  
Nelson, New Zealand



**Tell us about your career.**  
Since completing my emergency medicine residency in 2008, I have been working as an emergency physician in Nelson, New Zealand. Nelson is a town of about 50,000 on the north coast of the south island of New Zealand. See wide variety of patient from children to the elderly. Nelson has a large agricultural and forestry industry so see a variety of accidents involving these two occupations. Work varies considerably and could range from treating children with mild colds to multi traumas and cardiac arrests on the other end of the spectrum.

**What were the most important reasons you chose to live at Nabor House?**  
I grew up on a farm in Peoria County and it was attractive living with guys with similar backgrounds and interests compared to being housed in a large and impersonal dorm.

**What is one piece of the NH culture or routine that you still miss today?**  
The socialization and camaraderie that comes with living together with others and working to make the Nabor House philosophy successful.

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

**What's one food dish you'll never forget?**  
Can't name one, they were all so good.

**Name two or three fellow Nabors who have been most influential on your life.**  
Rod Stoll stands out the most, he was a real mentor while I was at Nabor House. I also think he is a real role model to us all for his commitment to various organizations that help young people develop leadership.

**What NH memory is special to you?**  
Bob sledding down a mattress-lined fire escape in a plastic horse tank with Hunt Lacey during a little study break during final exam week.

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FLASHBACK TO THE '00s: JARROD WALDECK, '05.5



Jarrold Waldeck, process engineer, Chandler, Arizona  
Tell us about your career.  
I've been working as a process engineer for Intel at F32 in Chandler for the past 4 years. As a

process engineer, it my job to systematically find opportunities for improvement in the CPU manufacturing process. The work environment here is very dynamic, diverse, challenging, and definitely keeps me on my toes.

What were the most important reasons you chose to live at NH?  
As a senior in high school, there were 2 things that concerned me most about the UI: 1) Cost; and 2) Not knowing anyone. NH provided a solution to both of those concerns.

What is one piece of the Nabor House culture or routine that you still miss today?  
Supper time. It was at the supper table that I learned many truths about my fellow Nabors. For example, I learned that Kevin Knapp, a normally serious & somewhat studious individual, was prone to spontaneous giggle attacks. I learned that Virgil Bremer was incapable of eating and sitting at the same time. It was at the supper table that I first learned of Nick Shaner's crush on a lovely young 4-H gal named Karen (who is now his lovely wife).

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

What's one food dish from all of your NH meals that you'll always remember?  
Bagel cheddarwurst. An overly-processed hot dog wrapped in a stale poppy seed bagel & filled with artificial & gross cheesy goo. It really was the worst.

Name two or three fellow Nabors who have been most influential on your life.  
It's impossible to pick 2 or 3! Blake Wagahoff, Ben Taylor, Kendal Elvidge, Huck Finn, Anthony McCullough, Chris Wagahoff, Neil Wagahoff, and Kevin Knapp.

Which Nabor House memory is most special to you?  
Our pledge class Walkout. On that Sunday morning after church, we all stopped by the Waldeck family farm in Farmersville & got our picture taken in our suits while posing on the 4-wheel drive tractor. It is a great picture of 8 classy Nobs on a classy looking John Deere. Given his misguided love for Case IH, Kevin Knapp looks especially good amongst that John Deere Green backdrop!

tions to Dr. Tom Carr on his retirement from the U of I faculty this winter. Also thanks to Dr. Carr for all of his work with his many students over the years!

Soltwedel, Keith M. '91. 9115 NW 72nd Circle, Johnston, IA 50131. (515)339-8987 [H], (515)331-4767 [W]. Business Segment Mgr - John Deere Intelligent Solutions Group. soltwedelkeithm@johndeere.com. On the move again. Have a new job with Intelligent Solutions Group in Des Moines. The only positive about moving to Iowa is that I'll finally get to watch some Big 10 sports instead of only Big 12 sports in Kansas City.

Wolf, Bryan '91. 20798 E US 24 Hwy, Lewistown, IL 61542. (309)668-2134 [H]. Missionary. thewolfs91@yahoo.com. Deana and our five children are all doing great. We are serving our second term in Chile, South America and are blessed to see the Lord's hand upon our lives. If you would like to get updates and prayer requests for our ministry, please email.

Fischer, Troy W. '92. 6779 E. Bluegrass Trail, Stillman Valley, IL 61084. (815)234-2600 [H]. MetLife Ag Investments. tfischer@metlife.com. All is well in the Fischer House. I'm enjoying living with four women (Jennifer and our three daughters). We just celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary with a nine day trip to Hawaii (also got to spend time with little brother who lives on the Big Island). The kids are growing up way too fast and things get crazy trying to keep up, but we're having fun while we're doing it! Let's hope we're enjoying a good Illini b-ball season by the time this comes out.

Ummel, Kregg '92. 114 Meadow Creek Ct, Lexington, IL 61753. (309)365-7018 [H], (309)662-4444 [W]. Vice President, Heartland Bank (Ag/Commercial Lender). kummel@hbtbank.com. My oldest two are teenagers, and they think they're smarter than their parents! Wendy and I don't let them get away with much so our kids must think we're crazy or something. From a career standpoint, I'm very fortunate to work for a well capitalized family owned bank. Life is good!

Vroman, Craig '93. 231 Main St, Erie, IL 61250. Farmer/Nuclear Power Plant Operator. nukefarmer@msn.com. Married to my wife Karen for 15 years. I have 3 children: Jacob, Samuel and Rebekah.

Denton, Darrin '94. 20076 Lamong Rd,

Sheridan, IN 46069. (317)431-8240 [H]. Agent with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance. darrin.denton@infarmbureau.com. Living the dream with Kristin and our 4 daughters in central Indiana.

Engel, Keith '94. 430 Cherry Hill Dr, Madison, WI 53717. (608)829-2099 [H], (630)640-3665 [W]. Territory Sales Manager/ Milk Quality Specialist for GEA Farm Technologies/GEA WestfaliaSurge. Keith.Engel@geagroup.com. It has been an interesting year. The low milk price and recession in general has kept me on my toes, but I am doing very well. Made some trips to Europe for work and took a little Euro Trip in May to Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, and Frankfurt. That was fun and very enlightening.

Soltwedel , Kevin '94. 5425 Greenbriar Ave, Quincy, IL 62305. (217)223-7432 [H], (217)721-6740 [W]. Swine Technical Sales Manager, Biomin USA. kevin.soltwedel@biomin.net. Oct. 2nd, I started a new position with Biomin USA as the Swine Technical Sales Mgr for the US market. Biomin is a feed additive company focused on natural growth promotion. We continue to live in Quincy. All 5 kids are doing great. This year, Isabella will be 11, Sophia 9, Ava 6, Blaine 4, and Bennett will be 2. Michelle is busy with her part-time recruiting job and trying to keep up with all the kids.

Taylor, Paul '94. 50 Chestnut Ct, Champaign, IL 61822. (217)355-2031 [H], (217)337-6701 [W]. President, ESS Clean, Inc. Kids: Grace (10), Olivia (6), Laura (4).

Vandeburg, Jay '94. 4397 E. State Road 218, Walton, IN 46994. Hog Farm Mgr. Jennifer.vandeburg@gmail.com. Ben and Josh are doing well in school and pre-school. We now have a few chickens and are grazing and showing rabbits. Jennifer enjoys teaching agriculture at Ivy Tech.

Wolff, Kory '94. 4096 E 500<sup>th</sup> Ave., Mason, IL 62443. (618)483-0001 [H]. Truck Driver. wolff\_family@yahoo.com. Moved back to the home place 2 years ago. Got laid off from Conway freight in Jan. '09. Now driving for Cowan Systems. New hobby: 15 acres of hay and 8 steers!

England, Max '95. 239 Kodiak Ct, Kechi, KS 67067. R&D Director, Cargill Pork. max.england@hotmail.com.

Robert, Matt '95. 3309B Halifax Dr, Champaign, IL 61822. (217)355-9669 [H], (217)244-0083 [W]. Ag Engineer.

*mjr2104@netscape.net*. Nothing new. It was good to see Max at Homecoming this year. Wish the FB team would play better.

**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*. Jen and I have accepted the fact that at 2½, Matthew is running the show! We thought we needed more excitement, so Matthew will become a big brother in January. Hopefully, Matthew will be able to work this into his busy schedule.

**Stuepfert, Phil** '96. 330 Emily Ct, Yorkville, IL 60560. (630)553-3978 [H], (630)553-7560 [W]. *Land/Urban Planner. pstuepfert@secgroupinc.com*. Carissa and I can't stop having kids! #5 just arrived and my wife says it is our last one so I guess that is it! So 2 girls and 3 boys – Briana (15), Brook (12), Andrew (6), Aaron (2) and Austin (2 months). As you might expect it is a bit crazy at our house but a lot of fun! Been back in Illinois for over 5 years now and enjoying being by family. Going to Steamboat in January 2010 to keep getting a taste of good old Colorado!

**Anderson, Adam** '97. 14219 Illinois Route 127, Butler, IL 62015. (217)532-6744 [H]. *Farmer. ahanderson@consolidated.net. Tough year farming (way too much rain), but kids (Ian, 4 and Milla, 2) and Jacqui and I are doing great.*

**Gerstenecker, David** '97. 1804 Autumn Rdg, Urbana, IL 61802. (217)344-8251 [H], (217) 265-8235 [W]. *Network Administrator. david@gerstenecker.net*. My daughters continue to grow up and are doing well in school. It has been a rough year - I am currently going through a divorce. So by time you read this, I'll be interested in being introduced to good looking women about my age. Let me know if you know any in the C-U area. I am looking at starting an online masters program - wish me luck! I mostly hope I can use my experience to get out of taking the GRE.

**Kellogg, Matt** '98. 9750 Schlapp Rd, Yorkville, IL 60560. (630)546 3559 [H]. *Farmer. mkellogg@cin.net*. Kamryn just turned 5 and time seems to move faster every day. I found a bunch of pictures from NH today so look for them on Facebook soon. I also found my old house bills from back when the base cost of living was \$240 a month and UI tuition was \$1300 a semester... and we walked to school uphill

both ways... I must be getting old.

**Boelens, Brian** '99. 12774 E. 1900 St, Atkinson, IL 61235. (309)945-6421 [H], (309)230-8745 [W]. *Product Support Representative, John Deere Seeding Group, Moline, IL / Farmer - Henry Co. boelensbrian@johndeere.com*. Recently engaged to Carrie Titus from Arcola. Planning for a wedding in July '10. Still have a lot of corn to harvest as of mid Nov. Hope to have the '09 crop out before '10.

**Mann, Paul** '99. 622 Grandview Ct, Iowa City, IA 52246. (615)944-3703 [H]. *Physician. otter41@yahoo.com*. Finishing up my final year of training in Neonatology at Univ. of Iowa Children's Hospital. After 14 years of higher education, I am finally out looking for real job. I have enjoyed interviewing across the country at different academic medical centers and am excited to see where the next chapter of life takes me!

**Moffitt, Justin** '99. 1040 Knox Hwy 17, Gilson, IL 61436. (309)221-9496 [H]. *Firefighter/farmer/National Guard. justinrmoffitt@yahoo.com*. Married Jennifer Johnson in July '09; UI grad with NH brothers! Married life is great. As of Thanksgiving, all the beans are cut, but only 1/4 of the corn shelled. It's been a challenging fall.

**Barto, Kevin** '99.5. 400 McCarthy Rd, #101, Lemont, IL 60439. (815)474-3465 [H], (708)235-7458 [W]. *Supt. of Grounds, Governors State University. kbarto42@hotmail.com*.

## 2000s

**Farrell, Mark** '00. 19 Cambridge Ct, Fairbury, IL 61739. (815)692-2464 [H], (815)844-5000 [W]. *Sales Manager, Pontiac RV. mlfarrel@hotmail.com*. Status quo. Courtney and I are doing well. Tyler is 4 years old already and is doing great.

**Harms, Ryan** '00. 512 Ely Dr., Carroll, IA 51401. (712)292-4636 [H], (515)509-1996 [C]. *Director of Development, Iowa State University Foundation. rjharms@illinoisalumni.org*. Tired of the winters in western Iowa. We've had nearly 4 feet of snow, and January isn't over yet. Increased work and family commitments has led to me stepping down from my volunteer roles with NH. I'll miss coordinating the Nubbins, annual meeting and Nabor Commitment, but it was time for me to focus on other activities. Anyone want to volunteer to lead one of these initiatives?

**Livingston, Matthew** '00. 154 Sconce Way, Sacramento, CA 95838. (916)265-8062 [H]. *Q.C. Mgt. mlivingston@superiorfarms.com*. Mattelyn Belle was born Aug. 21, 2009 on our 5 year Anniversary, so I still only have 1 date to remember. Just got back from Australia. Beautiful place with lots of lamb. Take care; eat more lamb, and God Bless.

**Vaughan, David** '00. 529 E Ash St, Elmwood, IL 61529. (309)742-8128 [H], (309)742-2411 [W]. *Financial Representative - Country Financial. nabor517@illinoisalumni.org*. Katie and I saw the birth of our first child this year. Claire Elizabeth joined our family on March 28th. What a blessing! Switching careers from the seed industry to insurance and financial services is proving to be a good move. I am enjoying my new career and the new challenges. If anyone needs life insurance, call!

**Lacey, Hunt** '01. 4420 Old Wells Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54703. (715)456-7476 [H]. *Territory Manager. hlacey23@yahoo.com*.

**Maul, Errol** '01. 644 County Rd 700N, Tolono, IL 61880. (217)370-8788 [H], (217) 370-8788 [W]. *Crop insurance specialist w/ Farm Credit Services of IL. errolmaul@hotmail.com*. Ashley and I are still in the C-U area. I am insuring farmers' crops with Farm Credit which has been an interesting task the past couple of years! Ashley is in her 3rd year of Vet school here at the U of I. I don't know if she or I will be happier when she is finally finished with school! If you are ever going West on I-74 near Mahomet, stop in and see me at Farm Credit!

**Soltwedel, Kraig** '01. 1756 CR 2275 E, St. Joseph, IL 61873. (217)469-0181 [H], (217) 841-2568 [W]. *Key Accounts Manager @ Illini FS. ksoltwedel@illinifs.com*. Never a dull moment around our house with Alivia (3 ½), Addyson (2 ½), and Ayden (1) keeping Jodie and I on our toes!! Any free time from the kids is spent either working or staying supportive of our not so impressive Illini Football team.

**Wendling, Jake** '01. 914 Shiloh Ave, Effingham, IL 62401. (217)246-8667 [H]. *General Mgr for Direct Lines Trucking. jake@directlinesinc.com*. Hayden Allen -20 months old and Melia Jane- 3 months are doing well and growing like weeds.

**Edlefson, Nate** '02. (815)875-4050 [H]. *Accountant. edlefsonn@mchsi.com*. Sara and I had our second this past June, a girl named Natalie. It's different living in a house full of girls as opposed to NH.

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**Feeney, Luke** '02. 610 W. Main, Monticello, IL 61856. (217)714-1626 [H], (217)762-9416 [W]. *Attorney - Miller, Tracy, Braun, Funk & Miller, Ltd.* lfeeney@millertracy.com.

**Leary, Aaron** '03. R.R. 1 Box 42, Little York, IL 61453. (309)371-9675 [H], (309)371-9675 [W]. *Agriculture Education Program Advisor.* learyswinefarm@yahoo.com. Rachel (4) and Rose (2) are growing up very fast. Sara's quilting business is going great. Had a successful year raising show pigs. We had Champion Landrace gilt at the State Fair. Helped out with harvest and was lucky to get done before the snow hit. It was a long fall but yields were decent despite all of the wet spots.

**Bremer, Virgil R.** '04. 2145 Griffith St, Lincoln, NE 68503. (618)201-2740 [H]. University of Nebraska Ethanol Projects Coordinator and PhD grad student. *black\_angus\_81@hotmail.com.* I will be finishing up my PhD by May. I am staying busy with my research projects on feeding distillers grains to feedlot cattle.

**Elvidge, Kendal** '04. 114 Faye St, Farmersville, IL 62533. (217)227-3303 [H], (217)825-8096 [H], (217)854-3104 [W]. *Teacher.* elvidge82@yahoo.com. Katie and I are adding on to our house as we add on to our family. We are expecting our first child, a baby girl in late January. This summer Katie will finish her masters in educ. leadership and I will be halfway through my M.S. in educ. administration.

**Reed, Jeff** '04. 30337 N.Manley Rd, Avon, IL 61415. (815)751-8112 [H], (309)772-9251 [W]. *Western Farm Business Farm Mgmt, Bushnell office.* jeffreed81@yahoo.com. Serving Fulton, McDonough, and Schuyler counties.

**Edlefson, Jesse** '04.5. 502 E 12th Ave, Coal Valley, IL 61240. *Crop Insurance Specialist - 1st Farm Credit.* 2009 was a big year. I changed jobs, bought a house, and got married. Jennifer and I now live in Coal Valley. She works for Deere in Moline, and I work for Farm Credit in Geneseo.

**Goodwin, Brett W.** '05. 310 West Williams, Wyoming, IL 61491. (309)695-2142 [H]. Married to Natalie Renard on Nov. 7, 2009, bought a house and have been kept very busy working on it as well as the wedding.

**Knapp, Kevin** '05. 21 Village Dr, Leola, PA 17540. (717)725-0885 [C]. *Field Test Engineer - Case IH.* kevinknapp@illinoisalumni.org. I'm still paying rent in

PA, but harvesting all sorts of crops all around the world. In 2009 I visited 17 states and 2 other countries. It was a never-ending fall, but it kept me in the mid-west where I had the chance to meet up with pledge brothers and other Nabors on several occasions along the way.

**Taylor, Ben** '05. 306 W. Oak Apt. 2, Mahomet, IL 61853. (217)714-3555 [C], (217)244-5045 [W]. *Assistant Sports Information Director, University of Illinois.* bktaylor@illinois.edu. Got married to the former Mandy Kimble on Sept. 19 and loved seeing a lot of guys from NH. Got to see even more when my bachelor party and Slick's (Anthony McCullough) rehearsal dinner intersected the weekend before, and about six weeks later at Brett Goodwin's wedding. Been a fun fall catching up. Still coordinating publicity for baseball, wrestling and FB for the Illini and enjoying suburban life in Mahomet.

**Wagahoff, Blake** '05. 506 Larson Dr, Huxley, IA 50124. (515)597-2456 [H], (515)230-3350 [C]. *Monsanto Seed Production Operations Supervisor.* blake\_wagahoff@illinoisalumni.org. In June, I started a new position in Monsanto at the Seed Corn Production Facility in Boone, IA. Laura and I found a house and are now residing in Huxley, IA. Laura is working as a Child Life Specialist in the ER at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. Go Illini!!

**Waldeck, Jarrod** '05.5. 705 W. Queen Creek Rd. #2072, Chandler, AZ 85248. *Process Engineer, Intel Corp..* waldo22183@hotmail.com. My wife & I are in Phoenix - still no kids or pets. We celebrated our 3rd wedding anniversary this past Sept. Working on my MBA at ASU. Had a blast seeing bunch of Nobs at Slick's wedding. Planning a trip to World Cup @ South Africa in July 2010. Hoping the Illini b-ball team gives us something to cheer for this year. Congrats to my pledge brothers who took the plunge in 2009: Jesse Edlefson, Brett Goodwin & Ben Taylor!

**Daugherty, Josh** '07. 925 Franklin St. Apt. 2, Columbus, IN 47201. (812)447-1011 [H], (812)377-3647 [W]. *Service Engineering, Cummins Inc.* jmddaugherty84@gmail.com. I am quickly approaching my third year at Cummins. I continue to progress in the role I started in and I am looking forward to working with the EPA 2010 engine launch. I am a volunteer firefighter/EMT for Columbus Township Fire Department and enjoy serving the

community on a volunteer basis in emergency services. The most exciting news of the year for me was my engagement to Bethany Six of Chapin We've been dating since our graduation from UI in '07. We are planning a Nov. '10 wedding.

**Walter, Jared** '07. 238 4<sup>th</sup> Ave W., Grinnell, IA 50112. (319)325-9169 [H]. *Operations Supervisor – Monsanto.* jwalter3@gmail.com. Moved to Grinnell, Iowa in March and work in management at Monsanto's Iowa Foundation corn site.

**Wessel, Scott** '07. PO Box 691, Pierron, IL 62273. (618)971-8033 [H], (618)654-6400 [W]. *Soybean Research Associate with Syngenta Seeds.* scott.j.wessel@syngenta.com.

**Kelley, Jay** '07'5. 6373 Schooler Dr, Whitestown, IN 46075. (309)369-2715 [H], (317)415-0658 [W]. *Business Development Manager - Adayana (formerly ABG).* jtkelley@gmail.com. Amy and I will be married on Nov. 28, with Nabors Larry Coers, Scott Wessel, Josh Daugherty, and Nick Tinsley in the wedding party. Enjoy living in Indiana, but still call IL home!

**Hannah, Grant** '08. 1602 E. Neal Ln, Chillicothe, IL 61523. (217)778-4550 [H], (309)680-1200 [W]. *Market Advisor.* grant.hannah85@gmail.com. My wife and I are living on a piece of the farm outside of Peoria. I recently started work with Water Street Solutions in Peoria as a Market Advisor while farming part-time.

**Lindgren, Randy** '08. 109 E. 2nd St. Apt 9, Prophetstown, IL 61277. (217)249-2445 [HC], (815)535-1635 [WC]. *Crops Specialist with Gold StarFS.* rlindgr2@gmail.com.

**Martin, Lucas** '08. 1129 N. University Dr, Fargo, ND 58102. (309)221-9394 [C]. FOCUS Missionary. *martincattle@gmail.com.* I have been blessed in so many ways over this past year. I am engaged to Beka Miller, a beautiful farm girl from N. Dakota (also a Catholic missionary). Our Lord has tremendously blessed our missionary work here at NDSU as more and more students have come to a deeper relationship with Christ through His Church. I am grateful for all of your support and ask for prayers for Beka and I as we prepare for marriage (July 2010) and discern God's will for our future.

**Perkins, Michael** '08. 1448 W. George St., Unit 2, Chicago, IL 60657. (309)360-4815 [H]. *Teacher - Early Childhood Education.* mikeperkins7@gmail.com.

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION: NABORS SUPPORTING NABORS



*David Shockey, '79.5  
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### 2009 RECIPIENTS

Seniors

- Andrew Morehouse
- Josh Vonk
- Curt Zurliene

Junior

- Brian Craine

Sophomore

- Ben Plumier

Freshman

- Ross Johnson  
(Freshman Scholarship & Kelroy  
Memorial Scholarship)

### EDUCATIONAL FOUND. BOARD MEMBERS

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

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

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. Your foundation board selects these winners 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.
4. The first Ellery L. Knake Memorial Scholarship winner will be selected. Thanks to the generous donation of Dr. Jerry Stoller this new scholarship has been established. You donations can be made to this fund as well as the other work of the Educational foundation.

The Educational Foundation board will meet in mid-March to select the 2010 winners of these scholarships from the Active Chapters members. Thanks to the support of Alums and Actives alike, the annual Nabor House Golf Outing has contributed to the growth of the foundation. We especially wish to thank Ryan Harms, whose tireless work for Nabor House has enhanced the Educational Foundation.

Please consider making the Nabor House Foundation a part of your charitable giving goals. All gifts are accepted and we are willing to discuss long term estate planning gifts as well. The Nabor House Foundation can play a positive role in the future of our fraternity beyond the scholarship program. Together, we can assure that our fraternity continues to be the highest quality for the future generations of Nabor House men.

If you wish to have additional information on these matters please feel free to contact me, any member or the foundation board or **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.

## ALUMNI ENJOY ANNUAL MEETING

A beautiful day greeted Nabor House alumni, actives, pledges and family members at the 2009 NH Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Highlights of the business meeting included updates on the successful zoning in Urbana and plans for the construction

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of a new house. Following the business meeting, the pledge classes of 1959, 1984, and 1999 were recognized for their reunions, as well as the NH Class of 2009 and the incoming pledge class. The I.D.E.A.L Nabor Award was presented to Andy Morehouse, NH senior from Pawnee. A special feature of the day included 2009 Good Nabor Award Recipient Jerry Stoll announcing the creation of the Ellery L. Knake Memorial Scholarship.

After a great lunch, Nabors 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 Nabor House Educational Foundation. Please mark your calendars for the 2010 Annual Meeting and Golf Outing, scheduled for Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

### GOLF CHAMPIONS

Team Champions

Jay Hageman '74  
Ryan Harms '00  
Kevin Martin '74  
Dave Winterland '87

Longest Putt

Mark Ridlen '81

Longest Drive

Dave Winterland '87

Closest to Pin

John Harlan  
(Son of Joe Harlan '80)

NH SENIORS PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER COLLEGE

John Carson, Loda

**Major:** Crop Science  
**Graduates:** May 2010  
**Career path:** “I am applying for a year-long internship with Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru), one of the Christian fellowships on campus. After the internship I want to go to Asia for at least a year but probably longer in full time ministry.”  
**5-year plan:** “I will probably be married. I also hope to be a full time missionary with Cru in Asia. We'll see where God has me.”  
**25-year plan:** “Wow, that's a long ways off. In 25 years I hope to have a family. Maybe I'll still be in Asia, who knows. I do hope to eventually take over the family farm so maybe I'll be farming. Again, it's really up to God.”

Brian Craine, Sheffield

**Major:** Crop Science  
**Graduates:** May 2010  
**Career path:** “I am going go back home to work into the family farming operation and trucking company.”  
**5-year plan:** “I know starting out at home I will be a glorified hired hand, but I hope within a few years I am able to have some ground of my own. So in 5 years I hope to be established into the farming operation as well as adding a truck of my own trucking company.”  
**25-year plan:** “First of all I hope to have a healthy family. Also I hope to be doing well with a sizable farming operation as well as continually growing the trucking company.”

Andrew Fulton, Lincoln

**Major:** Agricultural Engineering  
**Graduates:** May 2010  
**Career path:** “The current plan is to enroll in graduate school at the University of Illinois in Agricultural Engineering with a research assistant position with the Army Corp of Engineers.”  
**5-year plan:** “I want to be out of school and working, ideally with the Army Corp of Engineers or Natural Resources Conservation Service.”  
**25-year plan:** “I hope to have an enjoyable career and lead a simple life with a wife and kids.”

Tyler Helgen, Litchfield

**Major:** Agricultural & Consumer Economics  
**Graduates:** May 2010  
**Career path:** Obtain a job in the Ag industry as well and return to the family farm.  
**5-year plan:** “Hopefully building up the family farm with my brothers and buying some farmland of my own. I would also like to be on the verge of starting a family.”  
**25-year plan:** “Hopefully by then I can be close to being out of debt and running a successful farm. Also, I hope to be close to sending some children to the land of orange and blue.”

David Shier, Chenoa

**Major:** Agricultural & Biological Engineering  
**Graduates:** May 2010  
**Career path:** Engineering, Alternative Engineering  
**5-year plan:** “Working as a professional engineer after acquiring my professional engineer certification.”  
**25-year plan:** “Planning to retirement and putting my children through college.”

Joe Tolley, Avon

**Major:** Technical Systems Management  
**Graduates:** May 2010  
**Career path:** Return to the family farm  
**5-year plan:** “Expand the family farm. Hopefully buy some ground of my own.”  
**25-year plan:** “I plan on still farming. Hopefully have a family of my own.”

Ben Wendling, Mason

**Major:** Agriculture & Consumer Economics  
**Graduates:** May 2010  
**Career path:** Pursue a career in the grain industry possibly managing an elevator or working as a grain merchandiser  
**5-year plan:** “Be working in the grain industry as well as getting married and starting a family.”  
**25-year plan:** “I would like to eventually work back into the family farm and be back around my home area to be close to family and friends. Also I would like to have a family and hopefully preparing to

send my first kid back up to Champaign Urbana.”

Travis Wilkinson, Wyoming

**Major:** History  
**Graduates:** May 2010  
**Career path:** Will be attending Eastern Illinois University this fall to attain a secondary education teaching certificate. Currently enlisted in the Illinois Air National Guard and has applied to become an officer. Yet full time will be wanting to teach and coach track.  
**5-year plan:** “Be teaching history/ political science and be an officer in the Air National Guard, get married and start a family.”  
**25-year plan:** “Be retired from the Air National Guard. Hope to have had a few kids and married. Still be teaching!”

Joe Zimmerman, Avon

**Major:** Agricultural Communications (News Editorial)  
**Graduates:** May 2010  
**Career path:** Getting into Agribusiness media writing and editing or dealing with an online journal. Possibly working as a sports statistician.  
**5-year plan:** “Living with my dog while hopefully getting close to locking down a permanent career and finding a wife. I would still like to be close to home if possible. However, living near other cities would be fine with me. The two I hope to end up near are St. Louis or Minneapolis-St. Paul.”  
**25-year plan:** “As a 47-year-old, I would like to be in good health and be a good golfer. I would like to still be spending most of my time outdoors. I would still like to work for a few years, although, early retirement would be nice. Hopefully, I have several full-grown children and a great family.”



## NABORS ENJOY JBT REUNION



Five Nabor House alumni whose NH tenure spans multiple decades participate in the JBT Tribute & Scholarship Reunion held at the Beckman Institute on October 9, 2009. L to R: Kenny Eathington '83, Josh Daugherty '07, Jack Rundquist '46, Landon Frye '12, Rod Stoll '89

## MOREHOUSE NAMED I.D.E.A.L. NABOR



Andy Morehouse

Andy Morehouse '09 was named the 2009 recipient of the active chapter's I.D.E.A.L. Nabor Award. 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.

A native of Pawnee, Andy received a B.S. in May 2009 in Ag Economics with an emphasis on Farm and Financial Management.

Congratulations to Andy: a shining example for current and future Nabors!

## SAVE THE DATE!

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## 9 FALL AND 2 SPRING PLEDGES ENTER NABOR HOUSE

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

### FALL PLEDGES

- **Aaron Czerkies**, Lockport (Will County), Business Finance, invented a banana slicer in a first grade science fair, graduated from a high school class of 886
- **Ivan Dozier**, Ivesdale (Champaign County), Crop Science, half Cherokee, physically can't burp... "never have, never will"
- **Delayne Durdle**, Bloomington (McLean County), Ag Engineering, loves to be outdoors, was drum major his senior year in high school
- **Logan Frye**, Easton (Mason County), Ag Economics, served as Chapter FFA President, made it to state in track all four years, father was a Nabor
- **Will Glazik**, Paxton (Ford County), Crop Science, live on an organic farm, produce my own biodiesel, enjoy raising and training horses
- **Blaine Melody**, Oaklawn (Cook County), Animal Science, play Rugby for the U of I, currently working for the University on the Dairy Farms
- **Zach Orwig**, Avon (Fulton County), Ag Economics, avid golfer, 12 members in high school graduating class
- **Preston Schrader**, Monmouth (Warren County), Ag Engineering, Army ROTC member, a ping pong champion, ran his own chicken farm during high school
- **Nicholas Wendling**, Mason (Effingham County), Civil Engineering, third brother to live at Nabor House, from same hometown as first student at University of Illinois

### SPRING PLEDGES

- **Matt Atkins**, Claremont (Richland County), TSM (Ag Mech), home schooled for 4 years, I am from the coon hunting capital of the world (Claremont)
- **Matthew Dehlinger**, Olney (Richland County), Farm Management, enjoys being outdoors hunting, fishing or farming

BUZZ CHART: MEMBERS STAY ON THE MOVE

Room -1

**Adam Coers:** Fall 09, over already? Man it just seems like yesterday I was going through the wonderful experience known as summer I-week. This semester has been a very interesting one in multiple aspects. I got introduced to the wonderful life of being an active member of this house, and it sure is a nice feeling compared to the all day study hours which were endured last semester. However, those all day study hours were soon replaced by a wonderful invention known as Architecture Studio. Yep that's right, 2<sup>nd</sup> year architecture students get their wonderful gift of long hours and impossible deadlines, because of which I have come to find NH as a place to just change my clothes, grab a bite to eat, a quick shower and maybe a couple minutes of sleep here and there. Nonetheless I hope that next semester runs as smoothly as this one has. It's been fun.

**Alex Dozier:** This semester was great for me! I was a little worried coming to a fraternity at first, I just didn't see myself as the fraternity type. After staying here awhile though and meeting/learning the names of all the great people, I'm very glad I chose to live here. All the help I've gotten with classes and adjusting to campus life in general has helped me feel at home here at Illinois, and I think the pledging process helped give me a stronger work ethic and also helped me develop a strong bond with all of my pledge brothers. So far, choosing to live at Nabor House seems like one of the best decisions I've ever made, and assuming initiation doesn't prove me wrong on that, I can't wait to see what the next few years living here hold in store.

**Delayne Durdle:** This was my first semester. There was a lot of change and getting used to in this semester. It was a fun change though and I am enjoying college. Life seems to be sometimes hectic going between classes and trying to get homework done but I always manage to somehow get it all done. As

the semester draws to an end I look forward to my next semester of college and all of the challenges and rewards that the next three and a half years will bring to my life.

**David Shier**

Room 00

**John Carson:** It is crazy to think that I only have one semester left. College goes by so fast. This semester was really busy but also a ton of fun. I'm looking forward to my last semester hoping it will be less hectic.

**Aaron Czerkies**

**Ben Plumier**

Room 2

**Travis Markley:** This semester was one of my favorites since I have been here. The pledges have been a welcome addition to the house and the actives have done a great job with their offices. Not only has everything in the house run smoothly, but everyone seems to have had a great time together and has made time to include fun in there busy schedule. I could not have asked for a better group of guys to spend my time with and hope that next semester is just as fun.

**Blaine Melody:** This semester was definitely the best way to kickoff my college career. Both Nabor House and the University have given me so much in so little of a time that it almost feels like I'm stealing! I have gotten involved in many clubs, met many new people, and have begun to study what I love. In just one semester at Nabor House I have made some of the best friends I have ever had and I really believe that my decision as a suburbanite to come and live in a house full of small town people was one of the best decisions of my life.

**Matt Olin**

Room 3

**Devin Bergman:** This semester has by far been the busiest of any while at the University of Illinois. After graduating

from Air Force Field Training this summer, I was given many more responsibilities around the cadet wing. I took over the job of Physical Training Officer, which meant that I was in charge of coordinating all of the workouts for the entire AFROTC unit. Also, I began to take classes that were really specific to my major. It's been a long and crazy semester, but I'm looking forward to Spring 2010 for another fresh start.

**Casey Campbell**

**Zach Orwig:** My first semester at the U of I went well. It flew by and I was kept busy with homework and pledging. My grades were good. I should finish with A's and B's. I have to admit I am looking forward to next semester without study hours and pledge quizzes.

**Travis Wilkinson:** So this semester absolutely flew by. Yet to reflect upon it, I would say that it has been my most enjoyable semester as a member of Nabor House. It's been great to get to know the pledges as I believe we have a solid group that came in this year and that they will make great Nabors. However, it's been amazing how fast your time goes by here at Nabor House and Illinois.

Room 4

**Ryan DeWerff:** After spending 1 1/2 semesters and the entire summer in room 6, I moved into room 4 to begin my second year at the U of I. My roommates (John Lock, Mitch Hiatt, and Andy Morehouse) and I did a little renovating putting up a new ceiling and painting the room at the start of the semester. It took longer than expected, but we got it done just in time for the start of the fall semester. I have really enjoyed the first semester of my sophomore year. I am starting to take more classes in my major and really enjoy learning about topics related to my potential career in agronomy. It has also been great getting to know the new pledge class and helping them out in their first semester of college.

**Mitch Hiatt:** Sophomore year has been much more different than I thought it would be. I am not only enjoying the

pleasures of not being a pledge, but also getting much more out of my classes. I am a part of the Varsity Men's Glee Club this year, and that has a lot to do with my overall positive attitude of this semester!

**John Lock:** It's been a great semester in Room 4, starting off with our \$500 remodeling project in here. It has been my hardest semester yet, but it has been a lot of fun. We got a great new group of guys in this year. They've come a long way since green bean casserole. They're so strong.

**Andy Morehouse:** This semester was a bit different for me as I'm now living as a boarder and going to graduate school at the U of I in the Dept. of Crop Sciences. I enjoyed my time at the house for four years, and just couldn't think of a better place to spend my first year of grad school. I moved into Room 4 this year after my roommates and I did some remodeling during work week and our efforts made a great impact on the overall appearance of the room. Living with some new people this semester was a great experience for me and I have enjoyed the time I have gotten to spend and get to know them more. Looking forward to another wonderful semester in the spring!

ROOM 5

**Justin Beitz:** Room 5 has been quite exciting this semester to say the least. From watching movies to going out our room has been the place to be. I haven't been a fan of this semester with the courses I have taken but all of the house events have made up for that. I'm looking forward to 2010 and all of the excitement that it will bring.

**Will Glazik**

**Reece Pierson**

**Matt Schallenberg**

ROOM 6

**Logan Frye:** My first semester at the house and the university has been a good one. It seems that it went by fairly quick, but I look forward to the spring semester of events to complete my first year. A lot of good memories have

been made so far with my pledge class and look forward to next semester.

**Danny Meister**

**Victor Johnson:** This semester has been quite the experience as with most of them. As a junior I have been able to take more responsibility within the house and help new pledges become acclimated to their new environment. Room 6 has been my home for the last few months and I'm happy to have roommates who enjoy the same things I do. Classes continue to get more interesting as well. I have been able to develop a better sense of my career goals and how I am going to achieve them. It's hard to believe there's only three semesters left in my tenure at Nabor House, but I'm sure they'll be the best yet.

ROOM 7

**Landon Frye:** Fall 2009 has been as busy as ever between the house treasury department, campus involvement and academics. It seems that this fall has gone by much quicker than previous and will presumably get faster. This year's pledge class has been a great addition to the house, and it has been an enjoyable semester with to have another Frye working to become a Nabor. I look forward to the spring semester and working towards furthering my experiences in ACES and at NH.

**Rob Johnson**

**Ross Johnson:** Another semester has just flown by. I really enjoyed living with Rob and Landon again, and had fun getting to know the pledges. Getting more involved outside of the house while taking on the responsibilities of rush chairman kept me plenty busy, but it was a great semester

**Nick Wendling:** This semester has been a huge change for me. I am much more used to the small high school back round. The U of I has been really good for helping to broaden my horizons. The classes are really hard and I also like the challenge. As for Nabor House the camaraderie is really good, so I like just where I am at.

ROOM 8

**Brian Craine**

**Andrew Fulton:** My semester was one of the busiest I've ever had. While my course work was not necessarily harder school seemed to consume a lot of my time, as usual. The rest of my time I spent participating in my professional society, working at the house, and helping mentor a freshman level engineering class. The baseball season was quite a letdown and I never really got in the football swing, guess I didn't miss much this year. As the semester comes to a close I look forward to being the first done with finals, serving as house president and graduating in the spring, and starting graduate school at the U of I in the summer.

**Preston Schrader:** Life in Champaign has been a new and challenging experience for me. This first semester has flown by. With the full plate of Engineering classes, Army ROTC, and pledging at NH, I've had to gain time management skills that I've never needed before. ROTC has provided great leadership training, and has given me experiences like riding in Blackhawk helicopters, shooting m16s and rappelling. I'm in better shape now than I was for high school football thanks to 5:00 am PTs'. I have been proud to call NH home. I've gained many close friends, especially from my pledge class, and I know that we will have many more fun experiences in the future.

**Joe Zimmerman:** This semester has gone by much faster than I would have liked. Senior year has been a fun semester that I will never forget. I have grown closer yet to my pledge brothers and am anxious to test the career field after college. Nabor House has been a fond experience for me and I look forward to making my last semester an enjoyable one. The university has been good. However, the football team was another disappointment this year. On the bright side, Illinois basketball seems to be starting well and I am looking forward to seeing the season unfold.



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