~ A Letter from The Front ~

My Dearest Baker,

It has been nearly 36 hours now since the end of Christmas party, and I must admit that my spirits have never been lower. It’s not getting cold fast enough, the battle with the dreadful NOD-bod is looking bleak after the enemy gained reinforcements from Chef Carl’s fourth regiment: Brinner, and decisions have come down from the northern front that we must, in fact, take PSYC 101 pass fail. It seems strange that only a little over a day ago the world seemed joyous, optimistic, and cheerful. Alas, a thick, heavy blackness has fallen like an itchy blanket over Baker. I fear that we may only last another month as a college. And then, who knows? Revolt? Defeat? Stagnation? Conquest? Slow decay? Combustion? Disease? Dry Rot? I dare not speculate. I only know that we must fight on - no matter how hopeless it may seem - for on the darkest nights a human being can do little more than lift their eyes and press their arms forward against the enemy, with the knowledge that the enemy’s eyes are higher and their arms stronger. It is for a noble defeat that we strive, Baker.

With these thoughts raging in my head I can do naught but weep for the heroes among us whose lights will inevitably be pulled down by the scornful eddies of our sinking ship. The Travis Kwees and Sam Dings, who lift their shitty brownies and grill-ware in glorious defiance of the inevitable. The Cristell Perez’s, who read out bingo numbers whilst staring straight into the consuming gaze of Zaita’s cheating eyes. The Jen Dings, whose stratagem indefatigably ventures to make the dismal future a little less so.

But then, as I weep, I cannot help but feel their lights shine brightly into Baker’s very soul. For perhaps the battle is not over, Baker. Perhaps, soon, the mortar shells will cease and the clouds will break. Then - and I barely dare to write it down for fear of shifting fate or making a grammar error in this sentence which is bound to be a run-on - maybe then, Baker’s own light will shine once more through the blanket of darkness, and even I, with my weak eyes which probably honestly aren’t weak enough to really need glasses all the time but I wear them anyways because I like how they look, will see it.

Sincerely,

Andrew Stout

~ Full Stop. ~
Meat the New Freshmen Friday Event
- The first Friday event was a huge success! With slippin' slide, meat, Kubb, and meat. Yay Spirit committee!!!

Baker D&D
- Seth Padmabandu was an Arctic Druid. Greg Gaskey was a cheater.

Baker Associates Bingo
- Thanks everyone who came out to meet and hang out with associates!
- I'm bad at bingo.

Baker 102!
- HUGE shoutout to Jen Ding for planning this! New baker students met upperclassmen and got to experience some more baker traditions!
- Travis Kwee donned his grill-specks and became a legend.

Convocation
- Finally, we promise you, new students, you are actually officially a bonafide member of Baker college!
- A wonderful speech was given by Ms. V to help welcome our new bakerites.
- Thanks BGHS for planning this!

Families Weekend
- #party
- Great BBQ on Saturday with our new grill!

Powderpuff!
- Baker women have soft skin.

Baker Christmas
- Can we do another one some time?

Freshman Flag
- Will they overshadow the dynasty that was 2011 baker special teams? Only time will tell...

Meet the artist
- Thanks everyone who came out to meet Baker's mural artist Daniel Anguilu.
- Look up some of his past art if you haven't already - it's so cool!
- He should be painting soon, so if you see him - Say hello and chat with him!!
- I'M SO EXCITED AAAAAAHHHHHH!
HEADS UP!!  
(Date's n' Stuff in October)

(-)2nd - BAAKERRRRR WEEEEEEEEKKKKKKKK!
3rd
- Celebrate Baker in all of it's glory!
- Why are you reading this - it's baker week - do baker things!
- SERIOUSLY STOP READING AND START PRACTICING FOR BADUNC.
- Here's the schedule:
  - Monday - Baker coffeehouse - free coffee and talents!
  - Tuesday - Pub night! - after cab in pub with mcmurtry!
  - Wednesday - Badunc Dodgeball - game faces.
  - Thursday - Baker Baker! Get Baked goods with Bakerites!
  - Friday - Bakakaoke - Baker sings guud.
- Only ever wear Baker shirts ever!

12th  Pumpkin Carving
- Join the RA's for a wonderful day of pumpkin carving!
- Bring your game face, though, it gets real.

17th  College Night
- Guy/Girl talk with fancy titles.
- Hang out, eat food, learn skills, talk deeply.

21st  Girl/Guy Talk - NOD edition
- Any questions about what the hell actually happens at NOD? Want to share wisdom about what the hell actually happens at NOD? Are you lonely and hungry? Come to this!

31st  HALLOWEEN 13
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Stuff that goes all throughout October:
Freshman Flag, Powderpuff, College Ultimate, and Individual sports!

Come cheer on your wonderful, soft-skinned, and red-clad bakerites!! They're all amazing and beautiful!!! and we <3 them.
BAKERS ABOUND
(Aaaaahhhhhhhhh!)

Varsity Sports!!

Bakerites In-Season

Women's Volleyball
Lizzy Bach - #10, Andi Bawcum - #14, Kimberly Vaio - #7

Women's Cross Country
Lucrecia Aguilar, Mia Hofstad, Nicole Johnston

Women's Soccer
Jessica Johnston - #5, Nia Stallings - #22

Men's Football
Tanyan Farley - #48, Trevor Jones - #45, Joe Ballard - #34, Josh Rahman - #30, Samuel Stewart - #24, Emmanuel Ellerbee - #42, Adrian Jones - #48, Cole Thomas - #28

Schedule!

Friday Oct. 3
Women's Volleyball, UTEP v Rice, 6pm @ Tudor Fieldhouse

Saturday Oct. 4
Rice Football, 6pm @ Rice Stadium [Haw all themed w/tailgate]

Sunday Oct. 5
Women's Volleyball, Charlotte v Rice, 1pm @ Tudor Fieldhouse

Friday Oct. 10
Women's Cross Country
HBU Invite, 4pm
Women's Swimming
Incarnate Word v Rice, 5pm @ Rice Competition Pool

Saturday Oct. 11
Rice Football, Army v Rice, 11am

Sunday Oct. 12
Women's Soccer, North Texas v Rice 1pm @ Holloway Field

Saturday Oct. 18
Women's Cross Country, Indiana State Pre-Nationals Invitational (Houston, TX), 11am

Friday Oct. 24
Women's Volleyball, Middle Tennessee v Rice, 6pm @ Tudor Fieldhouse
Women's Soccer, Old Dominion v Rice, 7pm @ Holloway Field

Saturday Oct. 25
Rice Football, North Texas v Rice, Time TBA @ Rice Stadium

Sunday Oct. 26
Women's Soccer, Charlotte v Rice, 12pm @ Holloway Field
Women's Volleyball, UAB v Rice, 1pm @ Tudor Fieldhouse

CLUB SPORTS!
Rice's club soccer team, the Rice Lads, is heavily populated by bakerites Charles Sauvé, Steven Johnson, Will Cleland, Sam Akers, and Erich Weshofer. They are undefeated with 2 wins and 1 tie, and have games in October on 10/4 vs UTSA @ Rice and 10/19 vs Texas Tech @ UT Austin. A few more games that were rained out from September may come up too, so keep an eye out and go support them!

OTHER AWESOME SPORTS!!!!
Also, keep an eye and ear out for emails about College Ultimate, Powderpuff Football, and Freshman Flag games! And go support your beautiful, soft-skinned, and red-clad fellow bakerites!!!

SKETCH COMEDY SHOW!!!
On October 17th Rice's sketch group Kinda Sketchy, with Bakerites Dennis Budde, Andrew Stout, Logan Crowle, and new members Mikey Groth and Paul Dingus is having a show! Come enjoy Bad Timing and comedic crutches! YAYYYYY! Probably in the evening at some time...

TBA.

ACAPPELLA!!!
Low Keys and Apollos are having a joint Disney concert. Sylvia Omozee, Natalie Danckers, Stephanie Brenner, Rachel Kim, Allen Zhao, Ethan Tan, Joe Holden, Tim Chang, and Victoria Eng will be in it! Oct. 19, time and location TBA.