

# STATE OF BAKER

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## What's News...

### Coming up: Changeover!

Interested in being more involved with Baker? Curious about who will replace the short chairman? Check out the elected positions to run for and the elections timeline.

### A note from our Educational VP

Kristin, our Educational VP, to be unable to attend Cabinet meetings but will still serve as VP.

### Cabinet to return to weekly schedule

Remember that we have Cab every Tuesday night at 10:00 pm now!

### New butterfly garden

Check out our new butterfly garden and help maintain it!

### Bylaw changes to be made

Some new changes to the Baker Bylaws will be proposed by the end of this week. Be on the lookout!

### Baker swag coming your way

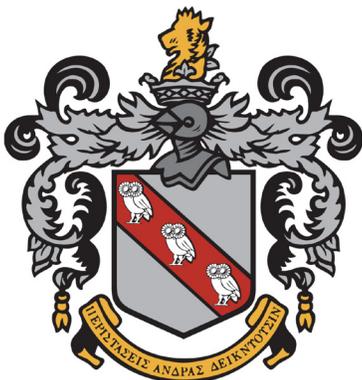
Lookout for an ordering form for Baker sweatshirts and sweatpants soon!

### Baker House gets new piano

Ivo and Rose did a little shopping over break and acquired a new piano for the Baker House! Go try it out!

### Pub Night to be Jan. 28!

Save the Date! Baker's Spring Pub Night has been set!



## Happy New Year!

Dear Baker,

Happy New Year! I can't believe it is already 2014. To the seniors, this marks our last semester as undergraduates at Rice. It's been a hell of a four years with you guys, and I am so blessed to have experienced this journey with you all. 2014 are the numbers stamped into our Rice rings, and it's terrifying to realize that we've reached that point. But while we may not be Rice undergrads soon, I'm sure we can call ourselves Bakerites for life. To the new students, congratulations on making it through the first semester! Make the best of the next seven, because they go by fast. As the senior class begins to step aside, I'm excited to see new leadership at Baker. While it is our duty to preserve the history and culture that our predecessors have left for us, it is also our duty to keep Baker dynamic and evolving. I have no doubt that with the fresh and creative minds that we have in our underclassmen and rising upperclassmen, Baker has a rich future to look forward to. Again, happy 2014 to you all, and I look forward to finishing this term strong.

Sincerely & Hell yeah,

Adrian Yao

## Coming up: Changeover!

Within four weeks, we will begin our Changeover process--a process that will span another four weeks to end right before Spring Break. Here is the schedule of the Changeover. For those of you that are interested in running for positions, we will put up a giant poster with more information about each position.

### Presidential Elections

**Speeches:** Tuesday, Feb. 4 @ 6:00 pm

**Voting:** Wednesday, Feb. 5 @ 9:00 am - Friday, Feb. 7 @ 5:00 pm

The presidential candidates will give their election speeches during dinner followed by a brief question and answer session open to the floor. Elections will take place online starting Wednesday and closing Friday night. We will know who our next President will be by Friday night.

### Executive Committee Elections

**Speeches:** Tuesday, Feb. 11 @ 6:00 pm

**Voting:** Wednesday, Feb. 12 @ 9:00 am - Friday, Feb. 14 @ 5:00 pm

The Executive Committee candidates (Executive VP, External VP, Educational VP, Secretary, Treasurers, and Chief Justice) will give their election speeches during dinner. Elections will take place online starting Wednesday and closing Friday night. Elected candidates will be notified Friday night.

## January Babies

Jan. 1	Tanyan Farley Todd Lee
Jan. 2	Matthew Yang
Jan. 4	Pooja Yesantharao
Jan. 5	Robert Darling Ashlin Orr Peter Washington
Jan. 6	Omar Chris-Rotimi
Jan. 8	Allen Zhao
Jan. 9	Rico Marquez Jack Lynch
Jan. 11	Andi Bawcum
Jan. 12	Sachin Gupta
Jan. 14	Lori Ding
Jan. 16	Robby Wells
Jan. 17.	Katelyn Ostendorf Wendy Wang Tierra Moore
Jan. 18	Minnie Ma
Jan. 19	Derek Brown
Jan. 20	Michael Savory
Jan. 22	Kiara Aguirre Kelsey Crocker
Jan. 23	Ashley Yen Allie Porter
Jan. 24	Chandler Burke
Jan. 27	Daniel Echeverri
Jan. 28	Kimberly Vaio Hayden Ware
Jan. 29	Sisi Xue Gaby Barrios Owais Syed
Jan. 31	Evan Stackpole Gabriella Buba Erin Lee

## Representatives Elections

**Speeches:** Tuesday, Feb. 18 @ 6:00 pm

**Voting:** Wednesday, Feb. 19 @ 9:00 am - Friday, Feb. 21 @ 5:00 pm

Candidates for representatives positions (Senior Rep, Junior Rep, Sophomore Rep, BGHS Ministers, SA Senator, Food Rep, Honor Council Rep, U-Court Rep, and RPC Rep) will give their election speeches during dinner. Elections will take place online starting Wednesday and closing Friday night. Elected candidates will be notified Friday night.

## Changeover Cabinet

**Cab:** Tuesday, Feb. 25 @ 10:00 pm

The last Cabinet of the current term will be a changeover cab where we welcome the new elected government and congratulate the old. There will be beer and celebration!

The newly elected government will begin their role after we come back from Spring Break. **Committee Heads/Chairs applications will be available soon after**, so be sure to look out for those for more ways to get involved!

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## A note from our Educational VP

Hey Baker!

This is Kristin, your Educational VP. With the start of this new semester, I will no longer be able to attend Tuesday night Cabinet meetings, but I will still be serving as VP. So please feel free to contact me in other ways! I will arrange for a proxy to fill in during Cabinet, but if you have any questions about the committees I oversee (Associates, Mentors, PAAs, International, Musicians' Guild), please email me at [kmf3@rice.edu](mailto:kmf3@rice.edu) or find me in person, and I will help!

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## Cabinet to return to weekly schedule

Just a reminder that due to the inconveniences caused to OC positions by the bi-weekly Cabinet, and based on the feedback from the survey, we will move Cabinet meetings back to a weekly schedule. So regardless of which Tuesday it is, come down to the Outer Commons at 10:00 pm for some food, fun, and business!

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## New Butterfly Garden

Get ready for spring flowers this semester with the installation of a new butterfly garden! The garden will feature native Texas plants, and will attract butterflies and hummingbirds nearly year round. Our garden selection will include a cigar plant, glossy abelia, Turk's cap, and Mexican butterfly weed. All of these plants were selected for their drought resistance, hardiness, low maintenance, and aesthetic appeal. The garden will be planted next to the pits, in the patch of grass just outside 4th and 5th, creating an ideal picnic area. I will be organizing meetings with H&D and FE&P to come up with official maintenance plans. As it stands, the administration has agreed to maintain the garden – Bakerites will not be responsible for its upkeep. Please email me if you would like to be more involved in this project. I would like to plan a “breaking ground” study break/party when the garden is finally planted.

Get excited and stay green!

-Tierra

## Kudos to these Bakerites!

Be sure to give these Bakerites a pat on the back when you see them!

Kudos to **Katherine Gunn, Jon-Kyle Bailey, Ian Mauzy, and Daniel Echeverri** for all getting cast in Bakershake's production of Romeo and Juliet to come later in the Spring!

Kudos to the Bakerites on the Rice Football team for winning the Conference USA game and playing hard in the Liberty Bowl on New Years Eve! Our Baker football players are:

**Tanyan Farley  
Christian Fletcher  
Derek Brown  
Adrian Jones  
Cole Thomas  
Josh Rahman  
Robby Wells  
Joe Ballard**

## Bylaw changes to be made

Some new changes to the Baker Bylaws have been discussed and will be publicly announced later this week. Proposed revisions to the Bylaws will be available to all of Baker via email later this week at least two days before the next Cabinet (Jan. 21) as per the rules on revising the Bylaws. The revisions will then be discussed at the Jan. 21 Cabinet meeting, and voted on in the following Cabinet. The changes pertain to the **Room Assignment Chairs (RACs), VP responsibilities, and the structure of Socials Committee**. Be sure to read over the proposed changes and bring your thoughts and opinions to Cabinet!

## Baker swag coming your way

Spirit Committee is currently in the process of preparing order forms for new Baker **hoodies** and **sweatpants**! The hoodies are the same as the ones many upperclassmen have, but the sweatpants are a brand new idea that got plenty of likes on Baker Whatifs! If you wish to be swagged out, **look out for an order form** within the coming week. Don't miss the chance!

## Baker House gets new piano

As you may have heard from Ivo and Rose's Facebook post, Baker acquired a new upright piano to be in the Master's House! For those of you that love music and love playing, you are welcome to go try it out when the Masters are available!

## Pub Night to be on January 28th!

**SAVE THE DATE!** On Tuesday night of January 28th, we have scheduled Baker's Pub Night at 10:00 pm, Willy's Pub. We will have a short cabinet (main agenda item will be voting on the Bylaw changes) and walk over to Pub at 10:00, so be sure to show up! We purposely scheduled it early in the semester so that you won't be caught up in exams and the like. **You've got no excuse not to come!**



Welcome back home! *photocred: Sharad Jones*