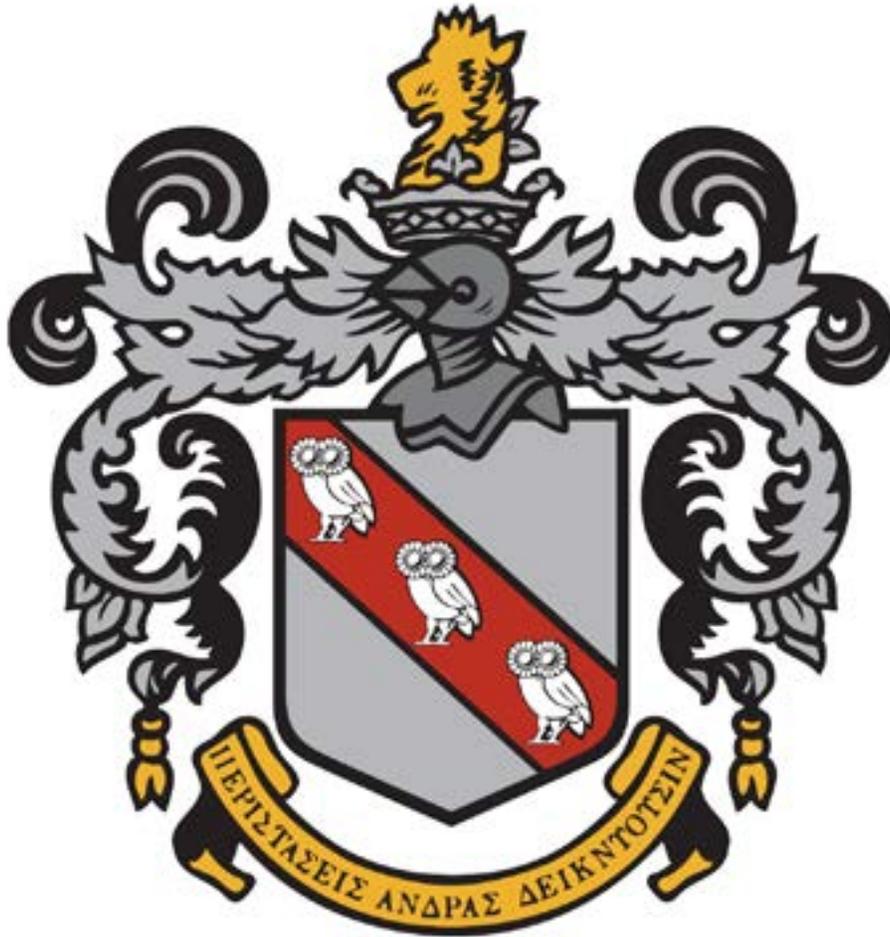


THE STATE OF BAKER



SEPTEMBER 2013

Introduction

Hey Baker! Welcome to the first State of Baker newsletter this year. For those of you that are new students, this is something I started last year so that I can reflect with you on the past month, look forward to the next, and make sure we're all on the same page as a community. Check it out!

In this edition, we'll have:

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Introducing Baker's Government

First off, I'd like to introduce our government system at Baker. These are the people behind the scenes of a lot of things that happen at Baker, and my job would be impossible without the work of these Bakerites. Congratulations to our new Baker Freshman Rep, **Benito Aranda-Comer**, and our new New Student Reps for the SA, **Dillon Chai**, **Jackie Rios**, **Tia Liu**, and **Christian Johnson**!

I've included an updated version of the flowchart that I'm so obsessed about at the end of this newsletter if you're interested!

President:	Adrian Yao	Senior
Executive VP:	Ana Builes	Senior
External VP:	Raven Graves	Junior
Educational VP:	Kristin Foringer	Junior
Secretary:	Victoria Eng	Sophomore
Treasurers:	Saul Membreno & Greg Gaskey	Sophomore Sophomore
Senior Class Rep:	Jeff Brown	Senior
Junior Class Rep:	Andrew Stout	Junior
Soph. Class Rep:	Owais Syed	Sophomore
Freshman Class Rep:	Benito Aranda-Comer	Freshman
Off Campus Rep:	Michael Savory	Junior
BGHS Ministers:	Brandon Haultt & Kaitlin Barnes	Senior Senior
Chief Justice:	Andrew Austin	Senior
Historian:	TBD	
SA Senator:	Logan Crowl	Sophomore
RPC Rep:	Maria Lima	Sophomore
Honor Council Rep:	Shantan Cheemerla	Sophomore
Food Service Rep:	Disha Kumar	Junior
U-Court Rep:	Alex Kumar	Junior

Looking Back

Looking back on the past month, here's a recap of some of the big things that happened.

Jazz, Flappers, and RadiO-Week:

Amazingly organized by **Kaitlin Barnes**, **Dana Glicksberg**, and **Dennis Budde**, who started preparing in February of this year. It was a great welcome for the new class of Bakerites:)

Friday Activities:

Our first few Friday Activity of the year! Although it was hot and humid, it was great seeing so people come out to line dance, eat snow cones, and just hangout. Thanks to our Spirit Committee Heads, **Maggie Shi**, **Monica Sosa**, and **Jordan Rothfeld**, for putting together the events!

Baker Committee Fair:

Our first committee fair ever was a success! Thanks to our committee heads for putting up booths in the Commons, and it was great to see so many people come check out what every committee does. If you missed the fair, but would still like to get involved, don't hesitate to email the committee heads! You can find emails on our new Baker website!

Mentor Mania:

A great way for Bakerites to learn about the mentor groups at Baker, this actually inspired the Baker Committee Fair! Thanks to our Head Mentors **Emily Ramirez** and **Ankita Deosthali** for hosting the event!

Restaurant of the Month:

Restaurant of the Month is a great way for y'all to have a free classy, cultured dinner on a Saturday evening. This time, the restaurant was Jus' Mac. Thanks to our BGHS ministers for hosting the event, and definitely look out for the sign up forms for next month's ROTM.

Freshman Flag Game:

We had our first Freshman Flag game on Sunday, Sep. 15 against Will Rice. Unfortunately, we didn't win, but who cares about Will Rice anyway? Let's try to get some more people on the sidelines to cheer on our boys next game!

Baker Loves Meat BBQ:

As a way to kick off Baker Week, our RAs Scott and Steve hosted an awesome Baker Loves Meat BBQ. The first of many BBQs to come!

Powderpuff Game:

We had our first Powderpuff game on Sunday, Sep. 15 as well against Martel. Our girls worked super hard. Unfortunately we lost by one point, but we're just getting started!

Looking Forward

Looking forward to the rest of this month, we have:

Baker Week (!!!):

Baker Week is a tradition started by Kaitlin Barnes last year to celebrate the 55th birthday of Baker College, but we've decided that it should be an annual thing where we celebrate Baker pride for an entire week! So these are the events going on this week!

- Sunday -
 - Baker Loves Meat BBQ
 - Powderpuff Game
- Monday -
 - BaDunc Dodgeball
- Tuesday -
 - Early Admin Cab
 - Baker-Jones joint Pub Night
- Wednesday -
 - Religion/Science Dinner Discussion
 - Baker Coffeehouse (remember to sign up!)
- Thursday -
 - Convocation Dinner
- Friday -
 - Friday Activity (Carnival theme)
 - Screw Yer Roommate
- Saturday -
 - Tailgate for the U of H game at Reliant

Sophomore-Freshmen Mixer:

Sophomores and Freshmen, remember to come out to the Outer Commons on Monday, Sep. 23rd for a Sophomore-Freshmen Mixer! It'll be a great opportunity for new students to meet some upperclassmen and vice versa.

Guy/Girl Talk:

We'll have our first Guy/Girl Talk this year on Tuesday, Sep. 24th before Cabinet! New students, this would be a great chance to follow up with y'all after O-Week. Look out for more info coming soon!

Wednesday Announcements

Since we're cutting down on the number of announcements at Cabinet, we want to make sure that you all still have a way of getting announcements across. While we do have Bakerite emails, the big TV screen as an avenue for giving announcements, we want to bring lunch announcements back as they have a much broader reach.

To make it easier, we will now have a designated time during lunchtime on Wednesday where we can give announcements using the microphone. So if you have any announcements to make, just come up to the podium when it's time! Typically around 12:30 pm.

Baker Birthdays

Sep. 1	Ray Moya	Sep. 11	Adrian Yao
Sep. 2	Cristell Perez	Sep. 14	Eric Hsu
Sep. 2	Claire O'Malley	Sep. 15	Morgan Upchurch
Sep. 2	Greg Gaskey	Sep. 16	Alex Zaita
Sep. 3	Beau Reescano	Sep. 17	Eric Groszman
Sep. 3	Zachary Spontak	Sep. 18	James Voytek
Sep. 4	Sharad Jones	Sep. 18	Jeremy Huang
Sep. 5	Shailavi Jain	Sep. 18	Sofia Avendano
Sep. 6	James Long	Sep. 19	Darshan Patel
Sep. 7	Ivo van der Werff	Sep. 20	Hannah Richter
Sep. 8	Natalie Danckers	Sep. 22	Sussy Aguirre
Sep. 9	Kristin Foringer	Sep. 25	Ian Griffith
Sep. 9	Alex Alexander	Sep. 26	Boyu Zhang
		Sep. 28	Connie Feng
		Sep. 28	Jeff Brown

Kudos

Kudos to **Matt Nojoomi** (Junior) for winning the NIH top prize as part of engineering team IV DRIP. They designed a safe, reliable, but most importantly low-cost device to regulate IV-fluid delivery to children in underserved areas in the world.

Kudos to **Willow Mann** (Sophomore) for running a 96-yard touch-down during the Powderpuff game this past Sunday. It's got to be a record of some sort!

Kudos to **Chioma Nwozuzuu** (Senior) for giving her all during the Powderpuff game. Unfortunately, giving her all got her a leg injury that is still being diagnosed, so give her a pat on her back when you see her!

Kudos to **Maha Aziz** and **Allen Zhao** for running as candidates to be Freshman Rep! It takes a lot of courage to put themselves out there, and I am happy that they are still staying involved in Baker!



Weekly Poll Results

The first Discussion Cabinet brought up a Weekly Poll on the topic of our Baker Blues Fall public party. Due to changes in the Campus-wide Families' Weekend planning, Baker will now have our Fall public party on November 9th.

The question was then: What do we do with this party?

Since it is unprecedented, we can do whatever we want. We could throw a similar Baker Blues party with a live band, throw a classy party in the spirit of Baker but without the live band, throw a completely different party, etc.

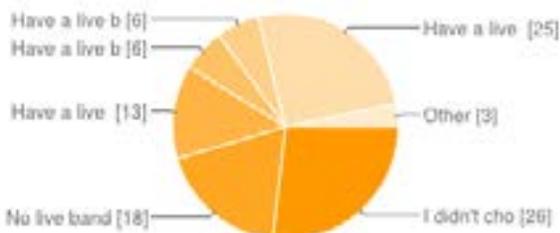
Below are the results from the Weekly Poll that was sent out. Thanks to 97 of you (!!!) who contributed to the poll!

What kind of party do you think we should have?



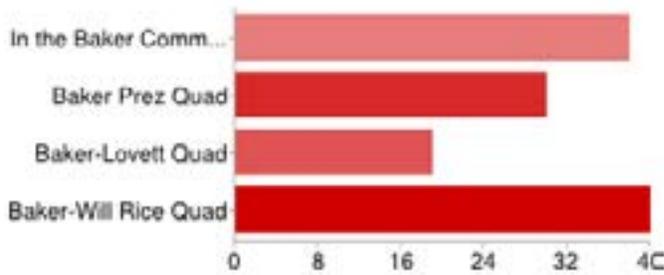
1. The exact same thing as the old Baker Blues just without the parents	5	5%
2. A Baker Blues-esque party with some changes	69	71%
3. A completely new party	23	24%

If you chose option 2 above, what are those changes?



I didn't choose option 2 above	26	27%
No live band (basically a classy party with a DJ instead of a live band)	18	19%
Have a live band, just not the Grady Gaines Band	13	13%
Have a live band of Bakerites perform	6	6%
Have a live band of anyone from campus perform	6	6%
Have a live band of students perform alternating with a live DJ	25	26%
Other	3	3%

Where do you think it should be located?



In the Baker Commons (may need to consult with H&D)	38	30%
Baker Prez Quad	30	24%
Baker-Lovett Quad	19	15%
Baker-Will Rice Quad	40	31%

Some comments for Option 2 (A Baker Blues-esque Party with some changes):

"I think you could fill the whole time with small sets from different awesome groups around campus. And I think it should still be a classy-ass party."

"Arielle's quartet for the first hour and then DJ for the rest of the time, that way the music will pick up as the party picks up!"

"We should keep the general theme, but gear it more towards Prohibition/20's. We definitely need to change the name to get rid of the bad rep."

"More 20's ish than pure blues."

"Great Gatsby-esque theme"

"maybe campus bands too (like Jesus the crazies and the bad kids) along with the live band that's not gaines."

"I really like having the cigar boys/girls, and live music is always a plus in my book. Other than that though, I think we should try to distance ourselves from the Baker Blues name/concept. Baker Blues is stigmatized, and even if we plan a perfect party in every way, we'll probably get less than stellar attendance if (which will likely lead to people thinking the party was bad) if we call it Baker Blues. Sorry this isn't much help."

"Get students from around campus, including classy bakerites, to perform for the blues-themed party. However, have this for limited time at the beginning of the party and then have DJ come in and throw down some tunes that everyone loves for later in the night. Call the party something different to erase previous negative associations with Baker Blues, but still keep the classiness that is Baker. Include other Jazz themed things, or perhaps changed it to a prohibition style party that would actually be in keeping with our previous o-week theme."

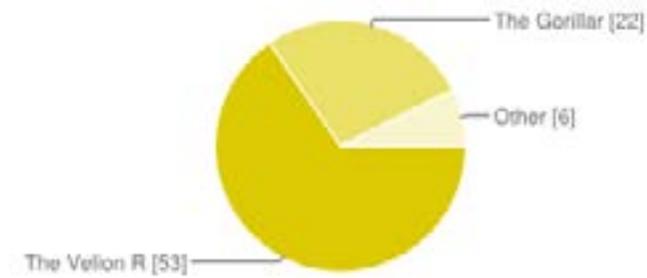
Some comments for Option 3 (A completely new party):

"Bayka In Jamaica-Tropical themed"

"Nerd Party--potential subthemes could be space, superheros, time travel, etc"

"Sharadsby party (it's like gatsby but better)"

Who would win in a fight, a Velion Raptor (cross between a velociraptor and a lion) or a Gorillar Bear (cross between a gorilla and a bear)?



The Velion Raptor	53	65%
The Gorillar Bear	22	27%
Other	6	7%

Top Picks:

"Although the velociraptor is a predator and carnivore, it is a relatively small dinosaur. So it may have some fighting ability but would probably be overpowered by a much larger animal. Also, the combination of a velociraptor and a lion is an interesting one. The two species have very little in common from an evolutionary standpoint. This leads me to believe that their bodies are probably not compatible together for a number of reasons. One reason is that the lion and velociraptor probably do not have many (if any) similarities in diet which could be a problem. Also, the ways their bodies function and their body systems are probably very different since the two species live so far apart in time and terrain. Thus, a Velion Raptor would be unable to sustain itself and survive. However, a gorilla and bear are somewhat more compatible. They are both present, living mammals that when crossed would probably survive and evolve into something pretty terrifying and ferocious. Thus, a Gorillar Bear would win."

"Velociraptors and lions specialize in hunting in packs, whereas the solitary nature of bears will give them an advantage in this one on one fight. Also gorillas are fucking strong. And a velion raptor probably would have difficulty walking, considering velociraptors are bipedal and lions are quadrupedal, so to combine them would create an awkward mismatch of mental vs. physical capabilities."

"It's like constructive versus destructive interference of 2 wave functions. The Velion Raptor's fierceness is an amplification of the characteristics of both creatures- I'm thinking the jaws of a velociraptor with the normal-sized arms of a lion. A Gorillar Bear just sounds like a hairy and out of shape mammalian sumo wrestler."

Why did LeBron cross the road?

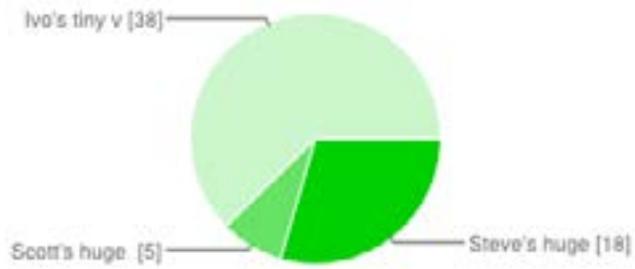
Top Picks:

"to ring a ding ping if ya nomsayin"

"To take the alcohol from the other side"

"Why does it matter? FUCK WILL RICE"

What works better with the ladies...?



Steve's huge telescope	18	30%
Scott's huge microscope	5	8%
Ivo's tiny violin	38	62%

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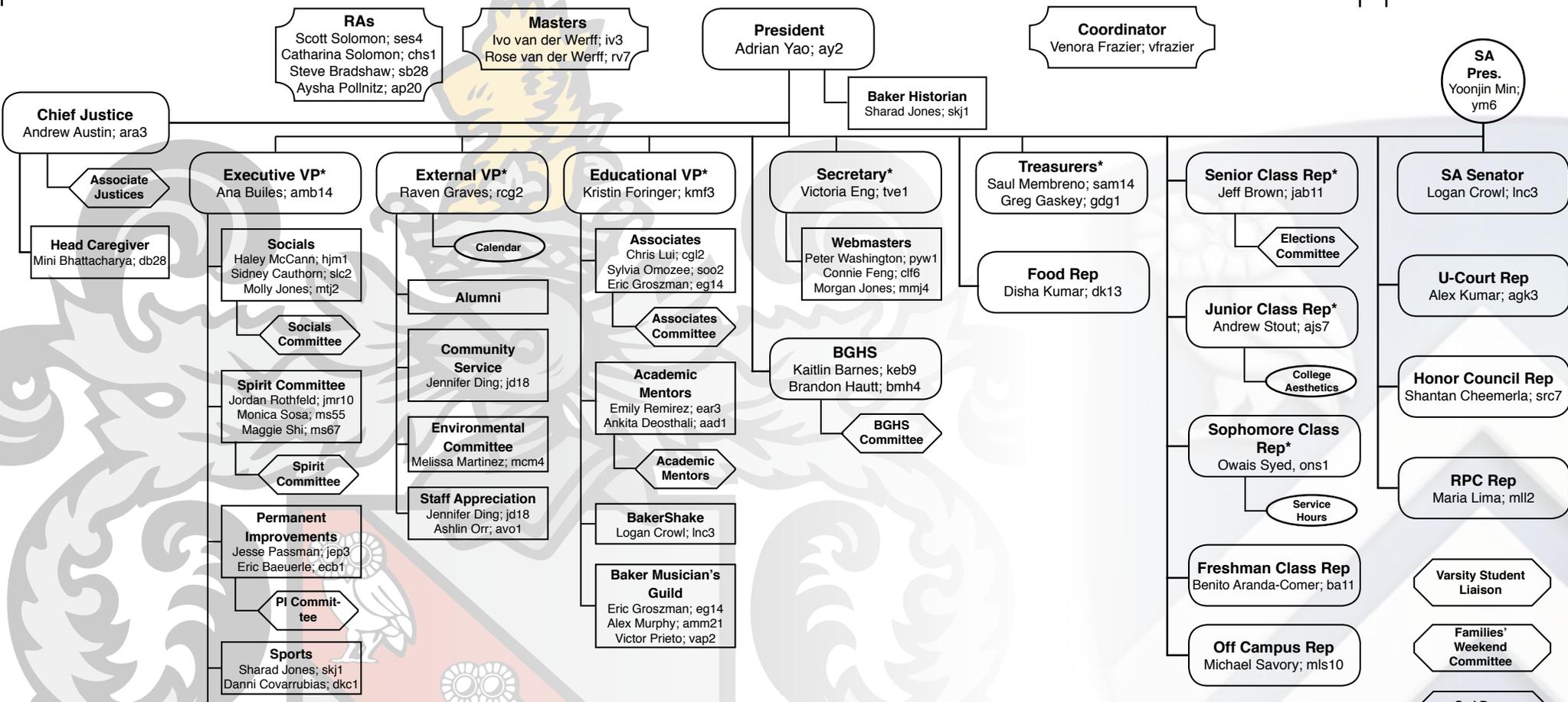
"Music then stars then science. That's the order they work on me anyhow. Also this is Dennis"

"The thing is, Ivo plays a viola, which is actually a huge violin. So he wins."

"Well, even though his violin is small, we all know that his telescope is much bigger than Sharad's. In fact, its a ten incher."

Baker Specific

Campus-Wide



*Cabinet Voting Member

-  = Cabinet Member
-  = Committees
-  = Subcommittees
-  = Responsibilities
-  = Other Campus-wide committees
-  = Adult Team

Baker College Committee Members	
Associate Justices:	Eric Bauerle, Brennan Halloran, Margaret Dieudonne, Justice Perez-White, Sirius Jesudasen, Nitin Agrawal, Gaby Barrios
Socials Committee:	TBD
Spirit Committee:	TBD
PI Committee:	Sachin Gupta, Yusi Ou, Allen Zhao
Associates Committee:	Chris Lui, Sylvia Omozee, Eric Groszman + members TBD
Academic Mentors:	Brandon Hautt, Kathleen Abadie, Patric Han, Muhammad Shamim, Michelle Shen, Ruchit Rana, Madie Kelterborn, Katelyn Larson, Henry Yang, Bonnie Kalos, Ann Xu, Emily Begnel
BGHS Committee:	Emma Terrell, Michael He, Jacob Stautzenberger, Darshan Patel, Adrian Jones, Carolyn Cooper, Marie Gleichauf, Cristell Perez, Mini Bhattacharya, Jacob Amador, Joyce Jones
Elections Committee:	Radina Khalid, Kaitlin Barnes

Campus-Wide Committee Members	
Varsity Student Liaison:	Cristell Perez
Families' Weekend Committee:	Emma Terrell
Owl Days Rep:	Tim Chang
Homecoming Committee Rep:	Cristell Perez