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Between the Lines

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Coming Soon to Your Mailbox: The Spring 2015 issue of the Baylor Line is on the presses and will be delivered to member mailboxes in early May. We're very excited about the issue, which includes a final remembrance of four Baylor icons; interviews with 14 BAA Distinguished Alumni Award winners; and an extended excerpt of a widely-praised study (see below) on student-loan defaults by Baylor Professor Robert Cloud and University of Louisiana-Lafayette Professor Richard Fossey. The issue will also include a package on McLane Stadium, an interview with Workshop Houston's Reginald Hatter, and a look forward at the BAA's future.

Renewing Your Membership: If you hold an annual membership, you likely already know that the BAA hasn't asked you to renew it since late 2013. But with the new issue of the Baylor Line about to hit the streets, consistent distribution of this newsletter twice a month for the past four months, and some new member benefits, we thought this was a great time to ask you to consider renewing your membership. [Here's a link to the online form](#), which you can also use to establish a new membership.

Donations Page: The BAA is proud of both our Legacy Scholarship program and the Baylor Line. We'd like to provide more Legacy Scholarships in the coming year and publish the Baylor Line more often. If you are a Life Member or a member of the Baylor Family and would like to support these programs, you [can do so here](#).

Recent Posts on the Line Notes Blog:

- **[2015/16 Legacy Scholarship Application Update:](#)** The BAA announced that it plans to open the application process in June to the children and grandchildren of Baylor Alumni who will be enrolling at Baylor this fall. This post also asks the Baylor Family to consider donating to this important BAA program, which last year provided 37 students with \$43,000 in scholarships to offset the rising cost of tuition.
- **[New BAA Benefit: Houston Dash women's soccer ticket discount:](#)** Members of the Baylor Family who live in Houston or will be visiting in the next few months can get sideline tickets to watch Houston's new women's professional soccer team for just \$14 each, vs. the walk-up price of \$22 each.

You can subscribe to receive Line Notes when a new post is published by entering your e-mail address on any Line Notes page on the BAA website and then confirming your interest when you receive the e-mail.

Other News of Interest:

- **John Eddie Williams Jr., BBA '76 and J.D.'78**, has been named the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus by Pasadena Independent School District. Williams

graduated first from his Baylor Law School class and served as editor-in-chief of the Baylor Law Review. He has been a passionate supporter of union workers and his bigger win in court came when he represented the State of Texas against the tobacco industry in 1994, where he broke the tobacco industry's record of 800 consecutive legal wins and the largest settlement in U.S. history of \$17.3 billion.

- Two Baylor undergraduate mock-trial teams are competing in this weekend's national championships in Cincinnati, one of our four schools in the country to achieve that distinction. Less than 7% of undergraduate mock-trial teams make it to nationals, and the Baylor team can look back to as recently as 2012, when the team had only three members.
- Susan Brennan Stern, BA '02, has published "Five Dresses: The Girl's Guide to Success and What to Wear for Every Occasion." [You can get more information by clicking on this link to Amazon.](#)
- Renovations are now under way to give Fountain Mall an actual fountain. The renovations will turn the closed-off area of Fifth Street into a more walkable, aesthetically pleasing plaza in time for the 2015 Homecoming. **Dr. Thomas Rosenbalm, B.S. '50, M.S. '51, M.D. '55**, donated \$8 million last year for the project in honor of his deceased parents.
- A federal bankruptcy court in Kansas cited a study on student-loan defaults by Professors Robert Cloud of Baylor and Richard Fossey of University of Louisiana-Lafayette in making its decision to discharge student-loan debt of a couple that was so large the court concluded they could never pay it off. Federal-court citations are a big deal for legal scholars because it indicates their work is having some influence in shaping the law. As noted above, the study will be excerpted in the Spring 2015 issue of the Baylor Line.
- **Dr. Gary Mortenson** has been selected as Dean of the School of Music at Baylor. Dr. Mortenson comes to Baylor from Kansas State, where he is the director of the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance and has been professor of trumpet since 1989. He will receive Kansas State's Presidential Award for Outstanding Department Head in May. He succeeds Baylor alumnus Dr. William V. May, B.M.E '69 who retired as dean last July and Dr. Timothy McKinney who has served as interim dean since August.
- **Dr. Diana Garland** has announced that she will step down as the first dean of the Baylor School of Social Work for health reasons, but will return to teaching in the Spring 2016 semester. Dr. Garland has served as dean for nearly 20 years. Dr. John Singletary, who is the School of Social Work's associate dean of graduate studies and the Diana R. Garland Endowed Chair of Child and Family Studies, has been named interim dean.
- **Louise "Lou" Herrington Ornelas** has made a gift to the university that allowed it to buy the Baptist General Convention of Texas building in Dallas. Baylor plans to renovate the facility and turn it into the new home for what will be known as Baylor's Louise Herrington School of Nursing. A resident of Tyler, Texas, Mrs. Ornelas is the co-founder of TCA Cable and a 1992 Baylor University Alumna Honoris Causa.
- Baylor Dining Services will renovate Memorial Dining Hall over the summer and add a new commercial cafe and bakery, Au Bon Pain, to the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation. The dining-hall renovations will include a new "worry-free" station for students with food allergies.

In Memoriam:

- **William M. Dyal, '49**, passed away Jan. 29, 2015, at the age of 86. Dyal was a former president of St. John's College in Annapolis, MD, and a well-known leader among various ministries in Baptist, U.S. government, and international volunteer

agencies. During his career, Bill and his wife **Edith Colvin Dyal '49**, served as missionaries in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and a number of other Latin American countries and subsequently trained other missionaries and spoke extensively on such topics as race relations, war and peace, citizenship, and international affairs. He also led Peace Corps programs in Colombia, the Middle East, North Africa, and Asia, rising to one of four Peace Corps regional directors in the world. In 1980, Bill became president of the American Field Service (AFS), which sponsors exchange students to and from the United States and other countries, and was proud to open China to become a part of AFS. Bill is survived by his wife of more than 64 years, Edie Dyal; three daughters and their husbands, nine grandchildren, and his brother Terry Alan Dyal of Pahrump, Nev.

- **Don Castello, '62**, died April 10, 2015 after a short illness at the age of 80. A Waco resident, Don worked in different fields over the years for the Waco Tribune-Herald, Owens-Illinois Glass, Nash-Robinson, and MHMR but first and foremost a photographer and "visual historian" -- whether at Baylor games, church activities, family gatherings, or vacations. Don claimed to have attended a record number of Baylor home football games; he had missed only three games since he arrived as a student in 1953. Don is survived by his wife Sherry (who he met in the Baylor journalism department), three children and their spouses, and seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.
- **Dr. Jim Reeves** passed away peacefully on April 11, 2014 at the age of 90. A fifth-generation Texas who graduated from Baylor and the Baylor Dental School, Jim practiced dentistry until 1998 and drove his 1966 Ford Mustang to work every day for 32 years. He served as president of the Waco Dental Association and as team dentist for the Baylor football team. He is survived by two sons and four grandchildren.

If you've lost a loved one or friend who was either a Baylor alum or a faculty member, please let us know by either providing their name or their obituary. Either hit Reply to this e-mail or [use this form](#). Thanks.

The next issue of [Between the Lines](#) will be published on or around April 30, 2015.

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