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Between the Lines

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"What Walter (Abercrombie) doesn't understand is his job will be in jeopardy if he connects this (golf sponsorship) with the BAA."

--Tommye Lou Davis to John Barry, March 2012

Dear BAA Members,

We have [just posted our most recent Litigation Update on the BAA website](#).

We have been told that these updates are painful to read because they show a side of the current Baylor leadership that we don't want to believe they have. This one is really not very different. As before, we are supporting this update with copies of e-mails, because we are committed to providing facts and evidence rather than empty claims and posturing.

So this update includes a few things:

- E-mail exchanges between two senior leaders threatening Baylor football legend Walter Abercrombie with the loss of his job with the "B Association if he accepts a \$10,000 BAA sponsorship for the "B" Association gold tournament.
- E-mails that raise questions about:
 - Whether Tommye Lou Davis used Regents Chair Buddy Jones to influence President Starr's decision to move the BAA's tailgate location with or without President Starr's knowledge.
 - Whether, when, and under whose influence Populous, the McLane Stadium architect, recommended that the Hughes-Dillard Alumni Center be torn down.

It's now going on three weeks since we accepted President Starr's apparent offer in the Waco Trib to work with us to find solutions and peace to this painful struggle and put it behind us. We continue to look for ways to put aside this unproductive dispute and focus on the goals that I know we share with the University. We hope that if you know members of the Board of Regents or Baylor's senior leaders, you'll reach out to them and suggest that they take steps toward reconciliation and come to the table with a proposal that includes more than the dissolution of the BAA and the end of the Baylor Line. I still feel confident that we can find some common ground. Again, [you can read the entire Litigation Update here](#).

Sincerely,

Tom Nesbitt
President, BAA

Recently Published on the Line Notes Blog

- [BAA Night at FC Dallas on Aug. 29.](#) Discount tickets and on-field experiences.
- [Getting to Know Marissa Marquez '04.](#)
- [Congratulations to Baylor's Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2015.](#) All we can say is a big Sic 'Em!

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BAA Information

- We will be publishing the next issue of the *Baylor Line* in early October. If you didn't receive the Spring 2015 Shining Bright issue with Dr. Cleophus LaRue on the bright-blue cover or you've moved in the past 6-12 months, please send us your updated contact information right away. [You can do that here](#) or you can send a note to Kellie@bayloralumniassociation.com
- We have e-mailed more than 125 redemption codes for Baylor BattleHands spirit gloves to members who have given \$100 or more to the BAA this year. We hope our members will accept these gloves in thanks for their donations. If you don't want to redeem your code, please Reply to the e-mail we sent and let us know that (and hopefully why). We want our members to wear the gloves when it gets a bit colder and anticipate selling enough of them to more than pay for the free ones.
- The next issue of the *Baylor Line* will be published in early October. If you're interested in reaching extremely loyal BAA members at a very attractive cost per thousand, please send a note to Peter@BaylorAlumniAssociation.com
- A number of alumni are getting ready for cooler weather (and to yell Sic 'Em in style) by purchasing Baylor BattleHands spirit gloves. [The gloves sell for \\$19.99](#) -- \$10 off their retail purchase price -- with proceeds benefiting the BAA Legacy Scholarship Fund. Don't be the only person in your row at McLane Stadium -- or at any other Baylor sports or arts event -- without a pair! They're also great stocking stuffers (and who wouldn't like to get a checkmark on their Christmas list in August?).
- The BAA does not handle ticket sales for Baylor football games or other special events. [You can purchase single-game tickets here](#), if they are still available. In addition, here's where you can buy tickets online for [Family Weekend](#) and [Homecoming](#). We WILL soon announce the availability of tickets for our annual Homecoming Tailgate at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

- If you would like to change the e-mail address where you're receiving Between the Lines (or if someone else forwarded this e-mail to you and you want to receive it going forward), please drop a note to Kellie@BaylorAlumniAssociation.com

Alumni News

- Former Texas State Senator **Don Adams J.D. '63**, who has worked for four decades to protect the public's right to know, will receive the 2015 James Madison Award from the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas in a Sept. 17 luncheon in Austin.
- **Louis H. Bremer '73** has retired from his position as president and CEO of St. Francis Medical Center in Monroe, LA. Louis and his wife, Angela, have moved to Edmond, OK to be closer to their daughter, son-in-law, and four grandchildren. Louis serves on the Advisory Council to Baylor's Robbins Institute for Health Policy and Leadership and can be reached at LBremer73@gmail.com.
- **Deborah Hampton '80, J.D. '82**, has been named chief marketing officer at Titanium Healthcare and was also appointed to the company's board of directors. Debbie was described by Titanium COO as having "an energy and passion like no other person for pharmacogenomics testing." She has more than 25 years of major healthcare sales, business development, and marketing experience.
- **Jeff Hampton '81** has published his fourth book in the past two years, *When the Light Returned to Main Street*, a collection of stories that explores the meaning of Christmas from a number of perspectives and angles.
- **Dr. Rosilee Russell '84** has been appointed to the Arkansas Advisory Council for the Education of Gifted and Talented Children. Dr. Russell is executive director of the Academy of the Arts at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.
- **Steve Shields '88, MA '92**, has been hired as the special assistant to **Kim Anderson**, the head coach of the Missouri Men's Basketball team and a fellow Baylor alum. Shields is the former head coach of the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, where he compiled a record of 192-178. Shields' father is a former Baylor golf coach.
- **Jenny King '10** has graduated from the prestigious East 15 Acting School at the University in England with a master's degree in fine arts in acting. She earned first-class honors.
- **Royce O'Neale '15** is headed to Germany to play professional basketball after competing in the NBA summer league with the Boston Celtics. O'Neale played two seasons with the Bears, averaging 10.1 points, 5.8 rebounds, 3.4 assists, and 1.2 steals.
- **Ben Holmes '15** is the new assistant band director for the high school and junior high school campuses in the Glen Rose (TX) ISD.
- **Dr. Mike Iosia** has been named chair of the Lee University Department of

Health, Exercise Science, and Secondary Education. Dr. Iosia came to Lee from Baylor, where he was a post-doctoral fellow in the Exercise Sport Nutrition Laboratory and also taught graduate and undergraduate courses.

University News

- **Allison Chew Syltie** is the new director of Baylor's Martin Museum of Art, succeeding Karin Gilliam, who has served as the museum's director for the past 10 years and will become Director Emeritus. Syltie worked most recently as the director of the Pearce Museum at Navarro College.
- **Dr. Thomas Fergus** of the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience has been awarded a grant by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health to study initial outcomes data for the attention training technique, an intervention for anxiety and related disorders.
- **Dr. Lindsay Wilkinson** of the Department of Sociology has been awarded a grant by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health to study the mental-health effects of the economic recession of 2007-09 among black, white, and Hispanic older adults.
- The National Cancer Institute has awarded the Baylor College of Medicine's Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center the designation of Comprehensive Cancer Center, one of only 45 centers across the country with that designation. The recognition also comes with a \$14.5 million, five-year grant.

• Sports News

- Former Baylor First Team All-American **David Murphy**, who was traded to the California Angels in July, hit his 100th career home run in the major leagues -- the first Bear to accomplish that feat.
- The Baylor Men's Basketball team will play on ESPN's Big Monday game at home on Feb. 1 at 8 p.m. against Texas. It will be the sixth consecutive season Baylor has appeared on the Big Monday platform.
- The Historic Waco Foundation is selling reserved parking spaces for Baylor's six home football games. A season parking pass costs \$120. To purchase a pass, call 254-753-5166.
- **Taurean Prince** played a key role for the USA basketball team that won the bronze medal at the Pan Am Games. After spending his junior season at Baylor's sixth man, Prince made the starting lineup and averaged 10.8 points and 4.4 rebounds in five games, including 12 points and seven rebounds in the bronze-medal game.
- Baylor basketball forward **Deng Deng** is no longer on the team's basketball roster. Deng had only one year of eligibility at Baylor due to NCAA rules regarding high-school graduation timelines, but will remain on scholarship at Baylor while he completes coursework toward graduation.

In Memoriam

- **William E. "Bill" Beheler '72** passed away July 29 in Waco at the age of 69. He was a fourth generation Texan who served as a paratrooper in the Texas Army National Guard HQ Company, 71st Airborne Infantry Brigade, 36th Division and retired in 2013 after a 41-year career in accounting. As his obituary in the Waco Trib says, he enjoyed playing golf with his son, daughter, and son-in-law and will be remembered "not only for his golf shots and putting skills, but for his knack to always have the right advice, the best joke, and the ability to solve problems both big and small." He is survived by his wife, Sherry L. (Beard); his son Brad and daughter Kim Rankin (and her husband Russ); four grandchildren; and a number of other family members.
- **Frances Sherron Appleton '62** passed away July 14, 2015, from a fall. Sherron graduated from the Baylor School of Nursing and her ashes will be scattered in the Pacific Ocean.
- **Kathryn Ann Reeves '54** passed away August 4, 2015, at the age of 82. "Kay" taught third grade in Waco for a few years after graduation, prior to the birth of her first child, and later managed real-estate projects after her uncle became ill. She enjoyed playing bridge and dominoes, loved hymns, Big Band and Broadway showtunes, played piano by ear, and doted on her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Irvin Reeves, and is survived by two daughters and their families, which include four grandchildren and two great-children.
- **Ernest A. West** passed away August 4, 2015, at the age of 84. After graduating from Baylor, he became credit manager with Dealer's Electrical Supply Co., from which he retired. Ernest is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Carol; daughter Carrie and son Michael and their families; and numerous other family members.
- **Rev. Wilburn "Bill" Foster Jr.** passed away July 24, 2015, at the age of 87. He pastored many Texas churches with his wife of 64 years, Doris, at his side, served as a Dallas County Juvenile Probation Officer, and both he and Doris served as missionaries in a variety of places. Rev. Foster is survived by Doris; two children, four grandchildren, and a number of other family members.
- **Robert Ross "Bob" Cox** of Woodstock, GA, passed away July 12, 2015, at the age of 72. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a Vietnam veteran. He retired from Bridgestone/Firestone as vice president and director of worldwide auditing in March 2001. He is survived by his wife Bonita, three children, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.
- **Charles V. "Junior" Hanson** of Port Arthur, TX, who earned his bachelor's degree from Baylor, has passed away at the age of 81. He realized his lifelong dream in 1964 when he purchased the Clayton Thompson Funeral Home and served his community through his beloved funeral home, with his wife of 40 years, Rochelle, at his side.
- **James Edward Bryant Jr.**, who received his master's degree from Baylor,

passed away August 3, 2015, at the age of 65. Jim worked at Hillcrest and Providence hospitals over a 40-year career and was part of the leadership team that built the new Providence in the mid-1980s. He earned Certification in Neurosurgical Nursing and Emergency Nursing and was a Fellow in American Academy of Healthcare Executives. Jim retired to Aransas Pass on the Texas Gulf Coast, where he enjoyed fishing and playing golf. He is survived by his Lona, his wife of 43 years, and four children, six grandchildren and many other family members.

- **Christine Marie White-Swift** passed away Aug 4, 2015 at the age of 60. Christine earned her degree from B.S. in Education (focusing on Journalism and Biology). Christy worked as a children's librarian for the Waco-McLennan library system for many years, and served in various leadership positions both in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. She is survived by her husband, E.G. White-Swift and her son, Joey White-Swift, and a number of other family members.
- **Lois Marie Ashburn Pace** passed away Aug. 7, 2015, in Weatherford, TX, at the age of 90. She received her B.A. from Baylor, where she studied education and art, and retired after 33 years as a public school having taught a variety of grades and subjects. She was named "Teacher of the Year" by the Grand Prairie ISD. Her husband of 61 years, Harold Pace, passed away in 2008, and Lois is survived by a number of family members.

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