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BAA Information

- Back issues of Between the Lines are now [available on our website here](#)..
- A full list of BAA Member Benefits are [available on our website here](#). And there are more coming soon!
- **The BAA Facebook page** has passed the 10,000 Likes threshold and is celebrating with a contest. [Go to our Facebook page](#) and answer the question, **What do you LIKE best about being a Baylor Alum?** The person who receives the most Likes for their response will receive two VIP tickets to the Lone Star Tailgate at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame for the game of their choice AND a small BAA gift basket. The second and third place winners will receive a pair of Baylor BattleHands spirit gloves. Contest ends Monday, September 7.
- 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

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- 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?).
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Alumni News

- **Kathy Hillman '73**, president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, published a [column in the Baptist Standard](#) are moving out of the Baptist Building and making way for Baylor's School of Nursing.
- **Howard Batson, DPhil '75** is celebrating his 20th anniversary with First Baptist Church of Amarillo and was [recently profiled in the Amarillo Globe-News](#).
- **Georgia Crump, JD '78**, a principal with Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend in Austin, was recognized in Best Lawyer's 2016 listing of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the category of Energy Law.
- **John D. Rainey '93, MBA '95** has been named the new chief financial officer for PayPal following its separation from longtime partner eBay. Rainey came to PayPal from United Airlines, where he served as vice president and CFO.
- **Billy and Dawn Ray '95 and '98, respectively**, were profiled on BaylorProud for their [service to ISIS refugees in northern Iraq](#).
- **Michael DuBois '00** has been named president of DuBois Furniture, which has two locations in Waco and Temple.
- **Kenna Archer '04, MES '07** has published *Unruly Waters: A Social and Environmental History of the Brazos River*.
- **Jason Hill, JD '04**, a principal in the Austin law firm Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, was recognized in Best Lawyer's 2016 listing of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the category of Water Law.
- **Dr. Walter Jackson, EdD '06** became the superintendent of the Brenham ISD in March and now leads the first public school district in Texas (established in 1875).
- **Melinda Corin Hudson '08** married William Matthew Nolen on May 16, 2015 in Estes Park, CO. Melinda is a CPA with Myers and Stauffer LC in Denver.

- **Emily Kate Hudiburg '14** married **Larson McShan Wayman '14** on May 23, 2014 in Oklahoma City, OK. Emily is a third grade teacher at Oran M. Roberts Elementary School in Houston and Larson is attending the University of Texas School of Dentistry as a second-year dental student.
- **Chase Fickling '15** is the new Assistant Orchestra Director for Liberty High School in the Frisco ISD.
- Thompson and Knight LLP has announced that four of its attorneys with Baylor undergraduate degrees have been selected for *The Best Lawyers in America* 2016 publication:
 - **Debbie Alsup '79**: Austin office, Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation.
 - **Geoff Long '86**: Houston office, Corporate Governance Law
 - **Mike McCullough '60**: Dallas office, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
 - **Terry Simmons '97**: Dallas office, Trusts and Estates

University News

- Baylor's Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation -- the new home for the Hankamer School of Business -- officially opened on the first day of classes.
- Baylor will debut a new 30-second commercial during ESPN's national broadcast of the Sept. 4 football game against SMU. The ad will showcase the university's professors' "caring nature."
- Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani will be Ken Starr's guest for On Topic on Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. in Waco Hall.
- [Sports Venue Technology interviewed Baylor CIO Pattie Orr](#) about her role in developing the technology for McLane Stadium.
- Baylor announced that seating capacity for the Brad Paisley concert on Sept. 11 will be 10,000 people, with 3,000 in grandstand seating near Moody Library and another 7,000 on the lawn

In Memoriam

- Former Baylor Basketball player **Michael Battle** passed away August 23, 2015, at the age of 56. Battle was a prolific dunker and a member of the Trinity Valley High School Hall of Fame in Athens, TX. He played for Baylor from 1979-81, and worked at the Dallas Bulk Mail Center for 30 years. BAA President Tom Nesbitt recalls that he went to the Baylor Basketball Camp one summer when Battle was a counselor. "He was a prince of a guy," Nesbitt recalls. "He would recognize us and talk to us during games after that

summer. Very sad to know that he is gone."

- **Nita Carol Kissel Fanning '76, JD '78**, passed away Aug. 21, 2015, at the age of 61. She practiced general and family law in Waco through her private practice and her work with Legal Aid. She is survived by her children, Aaron (and wife Nicole), Bret, and Arden Fanning; her brother, Andrew Kissel of Dallas and her sister and brother-in-law Connie Kissel Schroeder and Phil Schroeder of Garland; and two grandchildren.
- **Arthur William Bailey Jr. '51. JD '51**, passed away Aug. 19, 2015, at the age of 86. Bill, who was preceded in death by Roberta, his wife of 64 years, and his parents, was an outstanding tennis player at Waco High and also competed successfully throughout Texas in UIL Debate Tournaments. He served during the Korean Conflict in the U.S. Air Force in the Judge Advocates Division. Upon returning to Waco, he opted to go into the insurance business with his father, Arthur W. Bailey and become a noted state and national leader in the profession. Bill is survived by three sons, Roy, Wesley, and Hatch and their families, which includes four granddaughters, six grandsons, and four great-grandchildren.
- **Wayne Cruseturner** passed away Aug. 15, 2014 in Los Angeles at the age of 77. Cruseturner majored in journalism at Baylor after serving with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at El Toro in the late 1950s. His writing career spanned four decades in the television and movie industry -- holding "cue cards," writing screenplays, creating the TV game show Gambit, and writing Farrah Fawcett's final episode of Charlie's Angels. Wayne is survived by Elisabeth, his wife of 22 years; his son Ashley and daughter-in-law Angela Russell Cruseturner of Waco, two grandsons, Caleb and Cade; four step-children and 10 step-grandchildren; and his sister and brother.

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