



Between the Lines

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Recent Posts on the Line Notes Blog

- [We're looking for your memories of four Baylor giants:](#) The next issue of the Baylor Line will be coming out soon and we wanted to give YOU an opportunity to supplement our coverage of the passing of Jack Loftis, Ralph Storm, Mary McCall, and Matt Dawson with your stories about how they impacted your life or if you shared a memorable moment.
- [Ongoing coverage of Savion Wright's journey on American Idol.](#) Line Notes is following Baylor senior Savion Wright as he competes to be the 2015 American Idol champion. You can find links to his performance from the blog.
- [Baylor seeks to limit document disclosure in lawsuit against BAA:](#) This is a reprint of an article that ran in the Waco Tribune about the university seeking to limit disclosure of certain documents it believes are confidential during its ongoing trademark infringement suits against the BAA. At issue are records the BAA is seeking during the pretrial discovery phase of the lawsuit related to licensing agreements the university has with other entities. As of Feb. 26, 2015, both parties were waiting for a decision from the judge in the case.
- Between the Lines readers have donated nearly \$3,000 to the efforts of Brooke Bonorden '13 to ["crowd-fund" an archeological excavation in northwestern Belize.](#) With 10 days left in the process, donors have pledged \$3,750, or 62% of the \$6,000 goal. If the project is not 100% funded, donors will not have to honor their pledges. [You can go here to learn more about the dig and make a pledge.](#)

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BAA News

- **Legacy Scholarships:** The BAA will be making the decision soon about opening the Legacy Scholarship program to new applicants. One consideration is the amount of support from members and friends. You can [go to our Donor Page](#) if you'd like to support the program. For those of you who don't want to use PayPal or a credit card to make your contribution, we have provided a mailing address on the form.

In the News

- **Dr. Michael McFarland, BBA 93, EDD '05** has been named the state of Texas' Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators, the second time in four years that the honoree is a Baylor graduate. McFarland has been superintendent of Lancaster ISD in south Dallas since 2010, which boasts a 95%+ graduation rate in a district where 90%+ of the student population is economically disadvantaged. McFarland was a Baylor football team captain in 1991

and 1992 under Coach Grant Teaff. **Dr. Jeff Turner, BSED '77, EDD '95** won the same award in 2012 as the superintendent of Coppell ISD in North Texas. Dr. Turner retired last August after 12 years in the district and is now the executive director of the Texas Association of Suburban/Mid-Urban Schools.

- **Dr. Monica Frazier Anderson '84** has published her sixth book, "Success is a Side Effect: Leadership, Relationships, and Selective Amnesia," a widely-praised self-help book on leadership development and personal transformation. Dr. Anderson is a mother, grandmother, dentist, and motivational speaker in Austin, TX. You can [visit her website](#) to read excerpts and watch her YouTube videos.
- **Former Baylor Football Coach Grant Teaff** will retire as the executive director of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) next February. In 1972, Coach Teaff took over a Baylor football program that had won seven games over the previous five years and proceeded to win 128 games and make eight bowl appearances over the next 21 years. When Coach Teaff took over leadership of the AFCA, it had 1,800 coaches as members and a three-person staff; today it has 12,000 members and 30+ staff members and a national headquarters in Waco. The 81-year-old Baylor legend has written six books and plans to spend his time after retirement finishing three more. During his time at Baylor, Teaff won two Southwest Conference titles and was named SWC coach of the year twice; was named National Coach of the Year in 1974; and was inducted into the national College Football Hall of Fame in 2001.
- **Dr. Todd Still '88** has been selected as the fifth dean of Baylor's George W. Truett Theological Seminary. Dr. Still succeeds Dr. David Garland, who will return to full-time teaching after an eight-year tenure as dean of the seminary. Dr. Still earned his B.A. in Greek and sociology from Baylor; a M.Div in Biblical Languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1991; and a Ph.D. from the University of Glasgow, Scotland, in 1996. He is the seminary's William M. Hinson Professor of Christian Scriptures and has been a faculty member teaching courses in New Testament Studies and Greek since 2003. He will begin his service as dean on June 1.
- The U.S. Naval Institute published a post on First Lieutenant Jack Lummus, one of only two Baylor graduates to receive a World War II Medal of Honor, in honor of the 70th anniversary of Iwo Jima. [The piece, "To Love a Lost Hero,"](#) first appeared in *Naval History* magazine in 1995 as part of the 50th anniversary. For those members who have our back issues stored somewhere, William Hays Park '63 wrote a longer article about Lt. Lummus that appeared in the Jan./Feb. 1965 issue of the *Baylor Line*.
- **Baylor Football schedule:** Reactions are mixed to media reports that Baylor has scheduled a three-game series for 2020-2022 with Louisiana Tech and a single home game in 2018 with FCS member Abilene Christian. Critics are saying that Baylor's comparatively weak non-conference schedule may have cost them a place in this past year's Final Four, while Baylor Coach Art Briles has maintained that a strong performance in Big 12 league play should be more than enough to get a place in the playoff.

Mark Your Calendars

- [March 16-17. Remembering Genocide:](#) Baylor's Institute for Studies of Religion will sponsor a two-day symposium as a way to remember the Ottoman Turkish Empire's decision 100 years ago to annihilate its Christian minorities. Monday's lecture by Peter Balakian will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Hankamer School's Kayser Auditorium, while presentations on Tuesday by Thomas Farr, Philip Jenkins, and Nina Shea will be at Armstrong Browning's Treasure Room.
- [March 29. The Gathering on Palm Sunday:](#) Thousands of people will fill Baylor's

McLane Stadium for what could be the largest worship service in Waco History. Special guests will include Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Senior Pastor Dr. Tony Evans, Israel Houghton, Former Sonicflood lead singer Jeff Deyo, Baylor Quarterback Bryce Petty BSED '13, MSED '14, and Chip ('98) and Joanna ('01) Gaines, the stars of HGTV's Fixer Upper. The Palm Sunday event, which will run from 5-7 p.m. will be free although organizers are asking worshipers to bring two canned goods to support local food pantries.

In Memoriam

- A lot has been written elsewhere about the passing of Baylor Law School Professor **Matt Dawson '38** who has been described as "a towering figure in the Texas legal profession and a cherished member of the Baylor Law School family. Dawson died Feb. 17, 2015, at the age of 98. Rather than repeat what others have said and written, [we direct your attention to the memorial website, Remember the Legend: Matt "Mad Dog" Dawson, 1916-2014, that the Baylor Law School created.](#)

The next issue of Between the Lines will be published around March 15, 2015