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## Between the Lines

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*Coming Soon! The BAA will be offering Baylor-themed BattleHands spirit gloves to members of the Baylor Family. Renewing members and other donors who contribute more than \$100 will receive a free pair and you can also purchase them for \$19.99, \$10 off the retail price elsewhere. The gloves will be delivered before the start of football season. Anyone who has renewed or donated more than \$100 in 2015 will also receive a code to order a free pair of gloves. All proceeds from the sale of gloves will go toward the BAA's Legacy Scholarship Fund.*

### Recently Published on the Line Notes Blog

- [Baylor Family Photo Album: 2015 Commencement Issue](#). BAA members and friends have submitted photos from Commencement. And we're still posting them as we receive them.
- [BAA Board Elects Tom Nesbitt '94 President, Hires New CMO and Finance Manager](#). A report from the 2015 Annual Meeting.
- [Class Notes Returning to Baylor Line](#). And we're looking for your submissions for the Fall 2015 issue.

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### BAA Information

- **Legacy Scholarship Donations:** We received more than 50 applications for the BAA Legacy Scholarship and are seeing lots of deserving and impressive young people. If you'd like to support this important BAA service to our alumni families, [you can contribute by using this link](#). Life Members can also use this form to make a sustaining donation toward more frequent publication of the Baylor Line, to support litigation defense, or toward support of ongoing operations. We asked applicants how they'll use the scholarship money and here are just a few of their answers:
  - "Since 2008, my dad has had several job changes and periods of unemployment

*and underemployment. This has caused a financial strain on our family that we are only now starting to recover from...I have been doing all I can to help with covering the cost (of Baylor) by applying for scholarships, increasing my test scores, and working to get a summer job in addition to my nannying job."*

- *"My parents have been missionaries for 18 years, and we need more scholarship money for me to be able to go to Baylor -- every dollar helps!"*
  - *"I am currently working two jobs, serving at the faculty dining hall as well as working at Sonic. It is hard balancing work and school and this scholarship would allow me to spend less time on work-study hours and more time on studying."*
  - *"This scholarship will enhance my experience at Baylor by making it possible for me to participate in Baylor's study abroad programs."*
  - *To many, \$1,000 may seem miniscule, but to me it means approximately 103 hours that I can spend studying, building relationships on campus, and working to improve the community around me instead of standing behind a counter at work."*
  - *"Having three little sisters in a primarily single-parent home has a significant effect on the financial burden higher education has on my family...I plan to study abroad when I can. Although my mother cheers me on to learn and experience as much as I can, I know it will be difficult for her to fund such an experience."*
- **Annual Membership Renewals:** Our new member-renewal campaign has been very successful, and we've seen an increase in renewals since the new Baylor Line arrived in members' mailboxes. [Here's a link to the renewal form](#) -- you can pay securely with a credit card or mail in a check -- and you can make an additional contribution to support the initiatives above.
  - **New Baylor graduates are eligible for a free one-year membership in the BAA.** Benefits include a subscription to the Baylor Line, a 10% discount for in-person purchases at the Baylor Bookstore, discounts, and more. All we're looking for is [some basic contact information on this form](#) to get your membership started. By the way, December 2014 graduates are also eligible for this offer.
  - The BAA has an active Facebook presence with a growing number of Likes and engagement. You can [follow us here](#)...and join the conversation.

## Alumni News

- **David Patterson '95** has been named CEO of Falck's Rocky Mountain division, which recently won a competitive RFP to provide emergency ambulance services to the City of Aurora beginning September 1, 2015. Denmark-based Falck is a 108-year-old international emergency, assistance, safety, and healthcare company providing services in 45 countries.

## University News

- Baylor has chosen **PepsiCo** as its exclusive beverage provider as a result of an RFP process. A Baylor spokesman told the Waco Tribune that Dr. Pepper will continue to occupy a prominent place in Baylor life, explaining that "PepsiCo was aware of Dr. Pepper's link to Baylor tradition and lore, and they have done a good job of ensuring that relationship will continue." [The Waco Tribune called it Business 101 in an editorial.](#)
- **Dr. David Lyle Jeffrey**, a Distinguished Professor of Literature and Humanities since 2000, has been named the Cornelia Marschall Smith Professor of the Year, which honors a professor who "makes a superlative contribution to the learning environment

at Baylor" based on teaching, research, and service. Dr. Jeffrey, who donated his cash award for this honor to an Honors College scholarship fund, specializes in medieval literature and biblical tradition in the arts.

- **Geology Professor Jay Pulliam** and **Biology Professor Kevin Gutzwiller** were named the co-winners of the Baylor Centennial Professor honor, which provides financial support to assist a professor with a specific project. Funded by the Centennial Class of 1945, this is the first time that two Centennial Professors were honored in the same year. Dr. Pulliam will join a delegation to Cuba that will work with local seismologists to improve understanding of earthquake hazards in the region, while Dr. Gutzwiller will study the decline of the whitepine bark in the northern Rocky Mountains and its impact on animals that depend on it for food (including the grizzly bear).
- Eleven Baylor professors received Outstanding Professor recognition during Spring Commencement ceremonies:
  - **Teaching:** Rita Abercrombie (German), Dr. Michael Alexander (music), Dr. Kevin Dougherty (sociology), Dr. Trent Dougherty (philosophy), Dr. David Lyle Jeffrey (Honors College), and Dr. **Jana Millar, BM '75** (music).
  - **Scholarship:** Dr. Kevin Chambliss (chemistry), Dr. Kent Eschelman (music), Dr. James Roberts (marketing), and Dr. **Jason Whitlark PhD '06** (Honors College).
  - **Contributions to the Academic Community:** Dr. Georgia Green (music).
- Baylor History Professors **Thomas Kidd** and **Barry Hankins** have written "Baptists in America," a new history of the denomination. The two focus on religious history in their research and writing -- Kidd in early America, Hankins in the 20th century. [Here's a link to purchasing the book on Amazon.](#)
- **David Smith**, a Baylor senior history lecturer, has written, "The Price of Valor: The Life of Audi Murphy, America's Most Decorated Hero of World War II." In the book, Smith argues that "the same combat experiences that grew Murphy's stature and wealth would forever mark him, creating a private war he would battle until his tragic death at age 45," according to a review in the Waco Trib. [Here's a link to purchasing the book on Amazon.](#)
- **Sports News**
  - You can start planning for four more Baylor Football games. The university will play TCU in Fort Worth on Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m. on ESPN. Kickoff for the Lamar home game on Sept. 12 will be at 6:30 p.m. on Fox Sports Net; for the Rice home game on Sept. 26 at 2 p.m. on FSN; and for the Kansas State in Manhattan at 6:30 p.m. on Fox Sports 1.
  - Baylor named **Steve Rodriguez as its new baseball coach**. Rodriguez comes to Baylor from Pepperdine, where he coached for the past 12 years and led the Waves to eight NCAA tournament appearances. He replaces Steve Smith, who was fired May 24 after 21 seasons.
  - Freshman women's golfer **Dylan Kim** has qualified for the 2015 U.S. Women's Open from July 6-12. Kim earned second-team All-American and All Big 12 recognition after the past season.
  - **Kyle Jones '15** was named a second-team All American by Golfweek, the 12th Bear to win that honor in program history. Jones participated on Team USA in the Palmer Cup (only the second Baylor player to compete in the event) and has also qualified for the 2015 U.S. Open. Jones broke Baylor's single-season stroke average record and is one of only three Bears in program history to win All Big 12 honors three times.
  - The Baylor women's basketball team will compete in the Preseason Women's National Invitational Tournament, with a first-round matchup on November 13 at home against UT-Arlington.

- The Lady Bears have lost three players with remaining eligibility who won't return to the reigning Big 12 Champions team next season. Imani Wright, who started 31 of 37 games as a sophomore, will not return. In addition guard Ieshia Small has been granted a release from the program and freshman post player Micayla Buckner will transfer to Collin County Community College.
- The Dallas Cowboys have signed former Baylor running back **Lache Seastrunk**. Seastrunk transferred to Baylor from Oregon.

*And one interesting note for Waco residents (and visitors to Baylor): The long-rumored arrival of In-N-Out Burger in Waco appears close to happening, according to the Waco Trib, which quotes a local real estate agent as saying the chain will place its first local restaurant at South Fifth Street and the Interstate 35 frontage road in the near future.*

## In Memoriam

- **Linda Russell Letbetter '62** passed away June 10, 2015, at the age of 74. We don't have sufficient space here to chronicle the life of a woman whose passing has been greeted with an outpouring of emotions on social media and in person, so we'll link to her [obituary in the Houston Chronicle](#), which offers greater insight into Linda Letbetter's exceptional life. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, **Tommy Roy Letbetter '62**, her two children and two grandchildren; her sister and brother-in-law **Nancy Russell Chapman '69** and **Daniel H. Chapman '66**; and by an extended family of relations and friends from every walk of life. She was preceded in death by her father, Lloyd Russell, and her mother, Mary Wilson Russell McCall.
- **Dr. Ralph Hugh Carey '63, DDS '66** passed away suddenly May 24, 2015, at the age of 73. Ralph (known as "Doc" to his grandchildren) died with wife Sue; his daughter Michelle Charba, her husband Randy and son Will; and six others in the Wimberly floods. Ralph served in the U.S. Navy as a dentist for three years at the U.S. Naval Base in Subic Bay, Philippines, until he and his wife Sue returned to Corpus Christi to practice dentistry until his retirement in 2008. Ralph was active in many local charitable, social and professional organizations during his lifetime. Ralph and Sue loved to travel with family and friends, and he enjoyed planning their many trips in great detail. He played golf regularly and enjoyed exercising and working in his beautiful yard. Ralph is survived by his daughter, Cristen Carey Daniel, and her husband Alan; his brother Randy Carey and his wife Catherine; two grandchildren; and many other family members.
- **Leta Frances Beene Woodfin '49**, passed away Jan. 26, 2014 in Fort Worth at the age of 86. Leta earned a BA with a double major in English and religion from Baylor. Although she spent most of her adult life in Fort Worth, she and her husband also lived in Switzerland, New Zealand, Australia, Liechtenstein, and Libya. She was an avid reader and enjoyed writing, music, her church, her family, and her dog Puppa. Leta was preceded in death by Yandall C. Woodfin III, her husband of 65 years, and by her son Yandall IV. She is survived by her daughters Carol Woodfin, Linda Wells, and Rosemary Anderson, by four grandchildren, and by two great-grandchildren, along with other family members.
- **Max Collier Copeland '51** passed away in his sleep on May 25, 2015, at the age of 85, with his wife of 57 years, Glenna, by his side. Max became a preacher at the age of 16 and the first wedding he presided over was for his sister, Thelma and husband Clifford Thomas. Known to all as Brother Max, Copeland pastored several small Baptist churches and moved to Marble Falls, Texas, where he and Glenna raised three children and Max pastored the First Baptist Church for 42 years before retiring in 2000 as Pastor Emeritus. Max is survived by his wife Glenna; his three children (Dathan, MaxAnne, and Dan) and their families; eight grandchildren and two great-

grandsons.

- **Chloe Tidwell Forkel '42** passed away August 28, 2014, at the age of 92 in Idaho Falls, ID. She was the granddaughter of prominent Southern Baptist preacher, educator, and author Dr. J.B. Tidwell, who led Baylor's Bible department for many years. During her time at Baylor as she earned her BA in elementary education, Chloe provided secretarial support to her grandfather and transcribed Sunday School lessons for the Baptist Standard news publication. Her family was recognized in 2007 as a "First Family of Baylor" for their various contributions. Chloe married Curt Emil Forkel in October 1943 in a ceremony officiated by Southern Baptist Convention President Pat Neff (who later served as Baylor president and Texas governor). Chloe and Curt raised three children, and she taught second and third graders in Idaho Falls, ID, for 22 years. She loved dogs (personally raising several "completely spoiled" dogs. She had an insatiable sweet tooth and while her family said she wasn't a particularly good cook in other respects, she taught her daughters to make delicious homemade fudge when they were still quite young. Chloe is survived by three daughters, four grandchildren (including **Amy Smith '95**), and two great-grandchildren.
- **Elnora Lee Allen '53** passed away June 1, 2015, in her son's home in Hampton, VA, at the age of 84. "Miss Ellie" also worked at Baylor from 1985 until her retirement in 2011, spending many years in the Drama and Art departments. She is survived by three children -- William, James, and Donna -- and their families, which includes 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
- **Sue Ann Ethridge** of Oglesby, Texas, passed away June 3, 2015, at the age of 82. She married Billy Guy Ethridge and they celebrated their 56th anniversary on the day she passed away. Sue Ann received her counseling degree from Baylor and was a lifetime member of the Texas State Teachers Association. She is survived by her husband, her daughter Marti Futrell and her family, and a number of other family members.
- **Bettie M. Battle** of Waco passed away May 16, 2015, at the age of 84. Ms. Battle worked in Baylor's athletic cafeteria for many years and was remembered fondly by a number of people in social media. **Phil Dorr '80** as "one of the most generous and gracious women you would ever meet." Other personal and family information was not available online.
- **Dennis Campbell** of Waco passed away June 1, 2015 at the age of 45. Campbell was a Senior Academic Consultant at Baylor until his death. He is survived by his wife Karen; three children; his parents; and a number of other family members.

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