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Between the Lines

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Kicking it off...

- The new issue of the Baylor Line mailed yesterday and should arrive in members' mailboxes over the next week. [If you can't wait, you can check out the online version here.](#)
- [We are accepting reservations for the annual Homecoming Tailgate](#) on October 15, with food catered by George's. We're still waiting on the university to decide on the game time, but you're going to be somewhere beforehand, so why not plan to be at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame with no fear of getting wet.
- [Nominations for the Baylor Line Foundation's Hall of Fame Awards are being accepted through Oct. 31, 2016.](#) The awards banquet will return to campus on Jan. 28, 2017 in the Student Union Building's Barfield Drawing Room.
- The third extended interview in our new Oral Histories video project will be [posted on YouTube](#) by early next week. Next up: **Dr. William Hillis '53**, a highly decorated teacher and a former Baylor administrator. Please consider going onto YouTube and subscribing to the page so you'll be notified as new videos are posted.

Recently Published on the Line Notes Blog

- [Buy Through Amazon AND Support the Baylor Line Foundation.](#) As the holidays approach, please consider using the AmazonSmile program to support the Baylor Line Foundation. You must enter the Amazon site through smile.amazon.com for the foundation to receive 0.5% of your purchase price. For more information and to learn how to sign up, read this post.
- [Stress Test:](#) A recent Baylor Line survey of graduates from the past 10 years shows that many are facing a mountain of student-loan debt that has left them terrified they'll never pay it off.
- [BLF Statement on the New Presidential Search Committee.](#) The foundation's

board weighs in on the lack of faculty and independent alumni representation, and some of our members also question the lack of diversity in the Comments section.

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Alumni and Faculty (And Future Alumni) News

- **Rodney Phelps '65** is a member of the Board of Advisors at American Music Channel Inc. Rodney is VP for Global Business and Head of Legal Affairs for Rankam Group Ltd.
- **Rita (Skrabanek) Patterson '68**, retired on Sept. 1, 2016, as director of Baylor's Armstrong Browning Library after 50 years of service. Patterson worked for 45 of those 50 years at the library and was recognized in 1998 with an Outstanding Staff Award and a 2002-03 Outstanding Professor Award.
- **Darrell Roe, '86, MA '88**, has joined the faculty of Eastern New Mexico University as an assistant professor in the Communications department. He focuses on the "effects of media on society but also how media is controlled and produced and what their agendas are."
- **Scott Salmans '87** has been appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to the Texas Judicial Compensation Commission for a term that will expire February 1, 2021. Salmans, who lives in McGregor, is owner and CEO of WRS Group Ltd. He is a member and forum officer of the Young Presidents Organization; a member of the Waco Industrial Foundation Board, the Hankamer School of Business Advisory Board, and the Waco Business League; and is former president of the Baylor Waco Foundation and a member and former board member of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce.
- **Jill Underwood '88, MS '90**, has been named an instructor of education at Howard Payne University. Underwood has been an adjunct faculty member at HPU since 2002 and has also been a private music instructor since 1991.
- **Dr. Kylah Clark-Goff '95** has been named dean of the School of Education and a professor of education at Howard Payne University. She was most recently assistant professor of curriculum and instruction at Tarleton State University from 2011 to 2016.
- **Robert Lang '95** has joined Alvarez & Marsal as a managing director in its Disputes and Investigations practice. Robert holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) certificate, and is a member of the CFA Society. He is a frequent guest lecturer in the Graduate Accounting program at Baylor University, where he also serves on the Advisory Board for the Accounting and Business Law Department.
- **Col. Noel Pace, MHA '01**, has assumed command of the 345th Combat Support Hospital housed at Jacksonville Naval Air Station. Col. Pace's most recent command was at a 1,000-bed Army Reserve Hospital.
- **Joshua Curlett '04** has been promoted to president of Sound Productions. He is also a member of the executive board for Dallas Summer Musicals and a Founder's Circle Advisor of the Perot Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas.

- **Tracey Broussard Matney '09 and Richard Matney '10** are proud to announce the birth of Elias Paul Matney on Sept 7, 2016, in Redlands, CA. The proud grandmother who forwarded us the information is **Phyllis Stokes Villanueva '84**.
- A number of Baylor Law School graduates were affected by their Tyler-based law firm changing its name to Sloan, Hatcher, Perry, Runge, Robertson & Smith Law Firm, which reflects the changes at the firm. All of those affected joined the firm after graduation, including **Carson Runge, JD '10; Alan Robertson, JD '09; Justin Smith, JD '10;** and two new associates, **Brandon Beagley, JD 16, and Micah Satterwhite, JD '16**.
- **Laura Miller '10, MA '12**, is a substitute teacher for a number of private high schools, including New Orleans College Prep, as she pursues her Ph.D. in History from Tulane University.
- **Stephen Strake '10** has been promoted to Finance and Accounts Receivable Manager at IDERA Software in Houston.
- **Darold Williamson '11** and his wife LaJuana announce the birth of Dash Avari Williamson. Darold says Dash, who has three sisters, will be too young to join the family for Dad's induction into the Baylor Athletic Hall of Fame in October, but says the Baylor family should keep an eye out for "this little runner in the fall of 2034." Williamson, who won four NCAA track titles, 13 All-American honors and 13 Big 12 Conference championships at Baylor and anchored the gold-medal winning 4x400 relay team at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.
- **Cayana "Kiki" Mackey '11** is an executive assistant at Rebecca Godbey Cummings LLC in Atlanta and is pursuing her Social Media Certification from George Mason University.
- **Megan Dahle '11** is a social media supervisor for Whataburger in San Antonio.
- **Ivan Boudreaux '14** is a law clerk at National Western Life in Austin as he pursues his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law.
- **Thomas Brashier '14** is a construction superintendent at Oak Hill Contractors in Waco, working on projects in Waco and Fort Worth.
- **Dr. Ryan West, MA '15, PhD '16**, has joined Grove City College as an assistant professor of philosophy in the Department of Biblical and Religious Studies and Philosophy, will teach ethics, ancient philosophy and a number of other courses. He specializes in ethics, philosophical psychology and philosophy of religion, with a special interest in virtues, vices, emotions and character formation, and was most recently a postdoctoral fellow with The Beacon Project at Wake Forest University, an interdisciplinary team of academics studying moral character.
- **James Gillock '15** is a member of the tax staff in EY's Fiduciary Trust Tax Services office in Dallas.
- **William Robinson '15** is a Geographic Information Services (GIS) Specialist for The Response Group in Houston.
- **Kathryn Hyatt '16** is a marketing assistant at CASA of Coastal Bend in Corpus Christi.

- **Taylor Neely '16** is a Guest Services Team Leader at Target in Waco. She also currently serves as a Youth Minister Intern for St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
- **Evan Hebert '16** is coordinator of the CampusTown Waco initiative at Prosper Waco
- **Katherine Diehl '16** is a project coordinator at Acts of Mercy Northern Greece, working with volunteers at refugee sites throughout Greece.
- **Junha Kwon**, a senior economics and finance double major, recently received the 2016 Korean Honor Scholarship, which is awarded to outstanding students of Korean heritage.
- Baylor philosophy professor **John Haldane** has been selected as one of the "50 most influential living philosophers" by TheBestSchools.org.
- **Dr. Michael Korpi**, a professor of film and digital media, will receive a 2016 Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers Excellence in Education Medal at a ceremony in Hollywood in October. He is being honored "for his innovative methods of teaching, especially creating joint courses where multidisciplinary teams of creative and technical students collaborate on projects on an accelerated schedule. They accomplish in a single semester tasks that conventionally would take several semesters or would not be possible at all." Korpi is a Collins Outstanding Professor (an honor elected annually by the Baylor senior class), a fellow of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, and a senior research fellow at the IC2 Institute at the University of Texas at Austin.
- **Robin Goodman** is the new assistant tennis coach at the University of New Mexico. Goodman was a volunteer assistant coach at Baylor for the past two years, helping the Bears to reach two NCAA tournaments and to go all the way to the semifinals in 2015.

Fond Farewells

Please note that we cannot always provide the deceased's graduation year from Baylor, particularly if they are not a BAA member or their information is not available elsewhere. We apologize and mean no disrespect. While we don't run photographs of the deceased in this newsletter, we would appreciate you sending them, with graduation years, to baylorline@baylorlinefoundation.com for use in the magazine.

- **Mary Mozelle Stephens** of Bedford passed away Aug. 27, 2016, at the age of 95. She grew up in Oak Cliff and graduated from Baylor Nursing School as a technical nurse. She left the nursing profession and worked for The Drawing Board until her retirement. She is survived by her daughter Barbara Svoboda, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.
- **Howard E. Butt Jr. '47**, one-time heir apparent to run the 380-store H-E-B grocery chain before turning lay evangelist during the "youth revival movement" that spread from Baylor University to campuses across the country in the 1940s and 1950s, passed away Sept. 11, 2016, at his home in San Antonio, TX, at the age of 89. [Here's a link to his obituary in the Baptist Standard](#), and one to the [San Antonio Express-News' obituary](#). He is survived by his wife, Barbara Dan; three children, Howard III, Stephen and Deborah Dan Rogers; two siblings, Eleanor Butt Crook and Charles Butt; eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.
- **Helen Elizabeth Herriott Landers '47** of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, passed away on

September 4, 2016, at the age of 93. After teaching school in Texas for several years, Helen and R. L. returned to Ft Lauderdale to help Helen's mother operate Fern Hall School, one of the first private schools in Broward County. She was a teacher and principal at Fern Hall for numerous years, before becoming the Director of Christian Education at First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Ft. Lauderdale. Helen remained active at FUMC, where she held numerous leadership positions and taught Sunday school. In 1990, Helen was appointed as the Broward County Historian by the County Commission. She served in this capacity until 2013, at the age of 90, working on historical preservation, and teaching others about the rich and diverse history of Ft. Lauderdale and Broward County. In addition to numerous awards and recognitions, Helen was selected as a Broward County Pioneer, and a member of the Broward County Women's Hall of Fame. She is survived by her loving husband of 70 years, R. L. Landers; two children, Robert (Candy) and James Landers; two grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and one expected great grandchild.

- **Gibson Gayle Jr., JD '50**, passed away Sept. 16, 2016, a month prior to his 90th birthday. The valedictorian of his Waco High School graduating class, Gibson completed a six-year joint degree program after serving in World War II and made the highest grade scored to that point on the Texas State Bar Exam. He was hired by the law firm of Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman, and Bates, and became a partner in the Houston office in 1961, and went on to serve as the firm's managing partner and chairman of the firm's executive committee. He led what was at the time the largest and most successful U.S. law-firm merger in history, resulting in what became known as Fulbright & Jaworski and now Norton Rose Fulbright, one of the world's largest law firms with more than 3,800 lawyers. During his legal career, Gibson served in a number of senior professional and non-profit leadership roles and received numerous awards, including the Republic of Germany's Order of Merit for his work with the M.D. Anderson Foundation; the Republic of France, which named him a Knight of the Legion of Honor for his work at the University of Texas on international law; and the Outstanding Young Lawyer in Texas Award. Gibson is survived by Martha, his wife of 68 years; five children (Sally, Alice, Gibson III, Jane, and Philip) and their families; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
- **H. Bailey Stone Jr**, passed away Aug. 26, 2016, at the age of 86. He chose Baylor instead of accepting several scholarships to play football because he felt the need to study the Bible in a Christian school. After graduating from Baylor he attended and graduated from Southwestern Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas. It was while in seminary he met **Joyce Pearson '53**, who was a senior at Baylor. They married in 1954. Bailey was in full-time evangelism for years before becoming pastor of Longview Heights Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee and ultimately pastored churches in McKinney, Bryan, and Odessa before becoming Director of Evangelism of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. In 2001, Bailey "retired" from Baptist Convention but his ministry continued throughout the United States and countries abroad, including Japan, Taiwan, Brazil, Peru, Hong Kong, Alaska, Australia, and Columbia. One of his greatest joys was to return to Odessa to become interim pastor at First Baptist where he served for another two years. The church honored him by making him Pastor Emeritus. He also served on the Board of Trustees at Hardin-Simmons University for 11 years from which he received the Doctorate of Divinity Degree. Bailey is survived by his wife of 62 years, Joyce Pearson Stone; three sons: Bailey III and wife Maria, of Coppell, Texas, Tim of Nashville, Tennessee, and John and wife Robin of Huntsville, Alabama; and four grandchildren, Harrison, Abigail, Margaret and Reagan. [Here's a link to a longer version of this obituary in the Baptist Standard.](#)

- **Martha Sue McBrayer** passed away Sept. 13, 2016, at her home in Garland, TX, at the age of 86. She received her master's degree from Baylor and was a teacher and principal in the Dallas ISD for more than 30 years before her retirement. A faithful member of First Baptist Church of Garland, she is survived by her husband, Thomas McBrayer; four children (Heather, Pat, Mindy, and Mike) and their families; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister (Basil and Durelle)
- **Elton Jack McGaughy '59** of Lewisville passed away Aug. 25, 2016, at the age of 81. Jack was in sales and management most of his life and found a fit in the auto industry for many years. In 1985, he and wife Linda Ann created a boat consignment business called McGoy's Toys. They sold the business after 28 years to retire. Jack loved playing tennis, living on the lake, and was an avid boater. He is survived by his wife Linda Ann; three daughters (Tracye, Tannah, and Tamara) and his brother and sister and their families.
- **Rachel Grace Colson Gilmer '62** of Tallahassee, FL, passed away July 23, 2016, at the age of 75, after enduring many years of unrelenting pain and increasing disability. Disability was difficult for Rachel because she loved physical activity of all kinds. As an adult she logged literally thousands of miles walking and biking the streets of her neighborhood, she ran multiple times in the Turkey Trot, and she spent many hours keeping the yard at the Gilmer residence immaculate. Growing up she played softball, volleyball, table tennis, and badminton, and played varsity basketball at Baylor. She worked in the children's ministry at First Baptist Church of Tallahassee for 40 years; in the church's ministry to internationals (ESL) almost that long; and she was a longtime member of the International Circle of WMU at First Baptist. Rachel is survived by her husband of 52 years, Robert; her sons David (Brooke; Killen, AL) and Steve (Karen; Winter Park, FL.); her sister Rosemary (Tallahassee); her brother William (Barbara; Ft. Worth, TX), and four grandchildren.
- **Janice Kay Ingram Shanks** of Dallas passed away Aug. 24, 2016, at the age of 74. She spent many years in the Dallas area as a teacher and librarian. Janice was preceded in death by her loving husband and best friend, John Clinton Shanks and is survived by her children (David, Earl, Susan, Wanda, and Laura) and their families, including 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.
- **Billie Vadine Goforth Kissinger '68** passed away Sept. 11, 2016, at the age of 70. After graduation, Billie was hired as an elementary teacher in the Dallas area public schools. After receiving her M.Ed in Counseling from North Texas State University in 1972, she was recruited to develop an elementary counseling program for the Highland Park ISD and ultimately became a full-time counselor at University Park Elementary School where she was part of a team that established a comprehensive guidance program that incorporated many innovative strategies designed to serve young children, strengthen their families, and foster life-long relationships. She retired in May 2014 and was honored as a lifetime "Pawsitive Panther" by University Park for her 28 years at the school. She is survived by her daughter Kathryn Lynn Kissinger; her brother Ramon Earl Goforth and his family; and her father Donald Lynn Kissinger.
- **Cynthia Ellen "Cindy" Hufstedler '74** of Columbia, MO, passed away Aug. 26, 2016, at the age of 64 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Cindy graduated from Baylor with a double major in psychology and sociology and a love for the Dallas Cowboys. Her entire professional career was spent in service to others in various capacities with the State of Missouri. She worked for the Division of Youth Services, Child Protective Services and the Department of Health and Senior Services.

Her last, most surprising position was as a teacher's assistant with special needs preschoolers at the Earle Childhood Education Center. She loved those children and her time with them. Survivors include four sisters, Sue (Don) Webster, Donna Hufstedler, Debra Hufstedler and Robin Hufstedler-Crowe; numerous nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and nephews.

University News

- Baylor reported record overall, graduate, and undergraduate enrollment and again improved its freshman fall-to-fall retention and graduation rates, according to statistics from its Office of Institutional Research and Testing (IRT).
- U.S. News and World Report has ranked Baylor No. 71 among National Universities, up an increase of one place over last year's ranking. Baylor is now the fourth highest-ranked Texas university, passing Texas A&M and behind only Rice (No. 15), and SMU and the University of Texas at Austin, which were tied at No. 56.
- Christopher Howard and Kathy Wills Wright have resigned from the Baylor Board of Regents. Howard resigned to dedicate more of his time to his role as president of Robert Morris University in Pennsylvania, a position he assumed in February. Wright is now a member of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's staff, a position that prevents her from remaining on the board, although she has agreed to serve on Baylor's Presidential Search Committee.
- Baylor's ongoing commitment to sustainability has been honored for the third time by the Sierra Club, which has named the university to its 2016 "Cool Schools" list. Baylor is one of eight universities from Texas and one of three Big 12 Conference schools to make the 201-school list.
- Ruth Collins Hall, one of Baylor's largest residential halls and the only strictly female dorm left on campus, will close in May for renovations. The residence hall is home to more than 600 first-year female residents. Director of Campus Living and Learning Tiffany Lowe said that her department will redistribute residents and next year, Kokernot, Texana, and University House will be all-female.
- After a full academic year of renovations, the Cashion Academic Center, the new home to the Speech Pathology Department, is now open for classes. The entire inside of the building was gutted and refinished, thanks to a generous, anonymous gift of \$10 million. The facilities include new rooms for clinic appointments furnished with all of the necessities ranging from educational toys for children all the way up to top of the line technology and equipment.
- More than 500 Baylor University student-athletes, coaches and staff worked together on Aug. 29 at the Ferrell Center to pack 132,000 meals for the Feed My Starving Children non-profit. In the first four years of this partnership, Baylor Athletics has packed nearly 450,000 meals that have been sent around the world to help stamp out hunger.
- Baylor's Texas Hunger Initiative has published the third edition of the Texas School Breakfast Report Card, which shows that more than one in four children are considered food insecure in Texas and the public-school system is growing as the primary infrastructure for tackling childhood hunger.

Paid Advertisement: Bruce Finley '73, is selling his 530-acre Sunset Bluff Ranch, located in Coryell County just 40 minutes from McLane Stadium. For photos and contact information about the Ranch, please visit www.sunsetbluffranch.com or you may contact Bruce directly at 817-994-7852.

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