

W.R. Poage Legislative Library



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - JANUARY 2012

IN THE NEWS

CHET EDWARDS APPOINTED W. R. POAGE DISTINGUISHED CHAIR FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Chet Edwards will be on campus February 13-17 to meet with a number of classes and to talk with student leaders. The Dean will host a Meet and Greet Chet event on Monday, Feb. 13 in Allbritton Foyer. Following this, Chet will meet with Poage student assistants and the International Program staff. On Tuesday, Feb. 14, the papers of Chet will arrive at the library at 10:00 a.m. Chet has a full schedule for all five days.

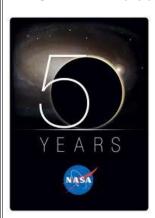
CONGRESSIONAL PAPERS ROUNDTABLE

In January, Ben sent out a request for interns to work with CPR projects. He also created a strategic planning taskforces for Advocacy and Diversity. CPR members were asked to volunteer and both taskforces were fully staffed. Ben also wrote the Chair article for the CPR newsletter and solicited articles from other members.

DOWDY ENDOWMENTS

Trey Hagins has been working with John and Sarah Dowdy to finalize plans for Supply Endowment and Dowdy Intern Endowment. \$90,000 was donated to Poage Library for these endowments from the John and JD Dowdy Foundation.

NASA EXHIBIT. Plans are well underway for our NASA exhibit



in March which will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first manned orbital flight as well as the 50th anniversary of President John Kennedy's "We Choose to Go to the Moon" speech at Rice University. We have already received boxes of promotional materials from NASA's Exhibit Shop in Houston. We have also ordered some pre-constructed exhibit items from NASA and are partnering with Jim Kephart in Baylor Research to display some of the NASA articles given to Baylor last year for the BRIC. We are also partnering with Bob Newton in

Granbury to exhibit some of his editorial cartoons signed by astronauts, which his mother collected when she worked at NASA.

NEW PROCESSING AREA

We have almost finished moving into our new processing space in the old carrel area on the second floor of Poage. The papers of Chet Edwards will be processed in this area along with other new collections as they arrive. New computers will be installed in the area on Feb. 2. The total area is 3,000 sq ft. Some of the old carrels were left around the perimeter for storage for collections while they are awaiting processing. Dean Orr deserves a big **THANK YOU** for making this happen.

NEW STUDENT ASSISTANTS

The Poage staff and students are pleased to welcome 4 new members to the team. Cory Dickman, a Sports Management graduate student, is taking lead on the Hightower papers as Edwin Cook works on his dissertation. He is from Sandy, Utah. Torie Morgan, an El Paso sophomore, has typed inscriptions, organized a book collection, processed books for cataloging and is working on the Marvin Leath folders. She is an English major. Robert Rose, an Austin business major, helped move Bullock boxes to make room for Byron Tunnell materials, processed Hightower gift books, moved lots of furniture and labeled Leath folders. Wil Walters, a freshman sports, sponsorship and sales major, is a long way from his home in Minnetonka, Minnesota. Like his fellow newbies, Wil has moved boxes and furniture, processed books for cataloging and worked on Marvin Leath's folders. All three of the new undergrads helped Mary with the Chet Edwards exhibit in the Poage Gallery.

PROJECTS

Averitt Papers. Kristina Smith completed a photo inventory of the 3-D items and photographs in the Kip Averitt Papers.

Cutler Papers. Janai Onguti continued creating a preliminary inventory of the papers of R. B. Cutler. He completed listing the notebooks by subject, then began sorting dozens of oversize blue print drawings of Dealey Plaza.

Darden Cartoons. Mary updated the Darden inventory, prepared a scope and content note, and added 9 cartoons to the collection information. Lokesh Modi updated the information online.

Hightower Papers. Jordan Shoesmith continued typing the finding aid for the Texas Legislative Group. Cory began typing the US Government Group which is the last group out of seven to be processed. Unfortunately, there are over 400 boxes in this group.

Leath Papers. Joel Lehr continued re-foldering and labeling the papers of Marvin Leath as well as updating the finding aid. Torie, Wil and Robert began helping Joel by stamping and labeling the acid free folders.

NASA Exhibit. Trey Hagins picked up several boxes of free resource materials from the Exhibit Shop at NASA for us to use in the exhibit.

Platt Collection. Vanessa Onguti continued processing political materials from Dr. Platt. She hopes to complete this project in February.
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Tunnel Papers. Mandi Mizuta worked with Wil to reframe a set of cartoons and completed the Tunnell finding aid.

ACTIVITIES BY DATE

Jan. 1-31 – Benna Vaughan on medical leave.

Jan. 3 – Ben and Mary interviewed Cory Dickman as a Graduate Assistant for the Hightower Papers.

Jan. 4 – Ben attended a men's basketball game with donors Drs. Quang and Lon Tran from Temple.

Jan. 5 – Mary worked with Development staff to install the Art Inspired by a Thankful Soul exhibit in Moody.

Jan. 9 – Mary attended the Graduate School meeting regarding student stipend changes.

Jan. 10 - Ben met with Bill Hair.

Jan. 12 – Ben met with Bill Hair and later with Trey about development.

-Mary and Ben met with Carl Flynn and Alison Pruett to discuss the re-design of the Poage splash page.

Jan. 13 – Ben picked up materials from Jack White in Fort Worth.

-Mary conducted orientation for three new students and later attended the Art Inspired by a Thankful Soul exhibit reception and opening.

Jan. 17 – Ben met with Dean Orr and later picked up several boxes of Hightower signed books at the Baylor Law School.

Jan. 18 – Ben met with Darryl Stuhr about CONTENTdm projects.

Jan. 19 – Ben attended a director's breakfast at ABL.

Jan. 23 – Ben went to the home of Bob Newton in Granbury to select NASA cartoons to be used in an upcoming exhibit.

Jan. 24 – Ben and Mary attended a technology session in room 201B with Connor Krey concerning how to use new media equipment installed in the classroom.

-Ben met with Dean Orr re: Chet Edwards' schedule for Feb. 13-17.

-Mary attended the STEPP luncheon and later met with Alison to go over social media uses.

Jan. 26 – Ben met with Bill Hair and later with Dean Orr.
Mary worked with student assistants to create an exhibit in the Gallery using materials from Chet Edwards.

Jan. 31 – Ben and Mary attended the Town Hall meeting to discuss the Strategic Plan with Dena Orr.

CATALOGING

Special Libraries Cataloging Team:

Janet Pence: Books Titles 306, Vol. 320; Original cat. 9 titles; Vertical files: Titles 3, Vol. 6; Bearcat inputs 3; Periodicals Titles 1, Vol. 19.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 1 – Bill Hair is moving over to Poage as Assistant Professor of Archival Management. He will office on the mezzanine.

Feb. 13-17 – Chet Edwards, W. R. Poage Distinguished Chair for Public Service, will be on campus to meet with classes and talk to student leaders.



Spring 2012 – NASA Exhibit. Celebrating the Apollo and Space Shuttle programs.

Feb. 21, 2012 – **Forum on the National Debt.** Cosponsored with the League of Women Voters.

Feb. 28 and 29, 2012 – Mary traveling to Dayton, OH for a Kettering workshop on national forums

Summary submitted by Ben Rogers, February 2012