



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – MARCH 2012

IN THE NEWS

SEARCH COMMITTEE APPOINTED

A search committee has been appointed to procure a new Bullock Archivist for Poage Library. Members include Sinai Wood, Beth Farwell, Bruce Evans, Ben Rogers and Julie Holcomb with Bill Hair as Chair. Bill will be working closely with Jeff Steely on processes and procedures.

CONGRESSIONAL PAPERS ROUNDTABLE

Ben continued to plan the annual meeting of CPR in San Diego. Hopefully, one session will focus on the how local congressional offices handle case files from under-represented minorities and how these files are handled and archived electronically. Another session will discuss how the Legislative Center at NARA works with born-digital files from Congress as well as how local congressional archives handle these files. The third session will focus on a video made about the congressional career of Senator Pete Domenici at New Mexico State University.

Ben also spent time in March working with the Awards Committee of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress.

NASA EXHIBIT



Shuttle model in packing box

It was an exciting day when the NASA crates arrived with the Space Shuttle model, launch helmet, EVA glove and 2 large multi-panel displays about the history of manned flight and the International Space Station. All hands were on deck to unload and send the crates back to the facilities warehouse for storage. The real fun was putting the panels together and setting them up, which took several people to maneuver the 15' displays. Luckily the people at NASA made the assembly very easy using strips of rubber to connect the panels.

Nine exhibit cases were designed, labels written and installed by the staff and students. Bill wrote labels for the NASA-related editorial cartoons that Ben and Jordan hung around the gallery. Bill and Mary fabricated and installed the labels for all cases and hanging items. One area in the foyer was used to display photos of *Life*, *Time* and *National Geographic* covers and the second a collage of space-related photos, both designed and installed by Jordan Shoesmith. There is one exhibit case highlighting

Cosmonauts and another dedication to those who lost their lives in the space programs of both the USSR and the US.

Bill wrote a draft of a press release which Ben and Mary edited and passed along to Carl. The opening reception is planned for April 12 from 3-4:30.

PROJECTS

Cutler Papers. Janai completed the inventory of the letter boxes and then began work on four boxes of subject files. Vanessa continued listing the contents of Cutler's research notebooks.

Edwards Papers. Bill completed the preliminary inventory of all 217 boxes and divided the boxes by categories reflected in the inventory.

Hightower Papers. Cory continued working on the Government Group. He will soon have help from Torie. Jordan continued with the Texas Group and anticipates help from Joel. Wil has begun refolding numbered correspondence in the Government Group.

Platt Materials. Torie typed a list of several boxes of books received from Bob Platt.

Seay Papers. Kristina has finished sorting through the books and has begun typing the inventory.

Tunnel Papers. Mandi completed the Scope and Content note and is working on the Series Statement. Chuck Bailey, Bullock's former legal counsel, identified several "unknowns" in the Tunnel photographs online. Lokesh continued to add content to the web page.

RESEARCH REQUESTS

- Bill continued to supply information about Kyle Yates to Grover Proctor in North Carolina. Bill made two trips to The Texas Collection to check sources.
- Two ladies from Fort Worth spent the day in the library researching the Dowdy Papers for evidence as to why Dowdy introduced an amendment to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include women in affected groups. Bill did all the pre-visit research and worked with the ladies.
- A high school teacher in Kansas contacted us about a student's History Fair project related to John Howard Griffin. The student had found our web site with bio information but wanted to talk to someone who knew Griffin. Ben put the teacher in touch with Michael Jones in Dallas who had given us our Griffin materials.
- A student at SMU contacted us about bio info on Bob Bullock. We referred her to our web site and mailed her a copy of the Bullock Guide.
- A researcher from the Texas Collection came over for a couple of days to research Civil Rights Correspondence in the papers of Bob Poage. Bill helped her with this research.
- A lady via email inquired about the Elijah Lovejoy Award for outstanding journalism given to Penn Jones in 1963. It seems there are two similar awards given by colleges in different states.
- A graduate student working on political culture on Capitol Hill in the 1960s and 70s requested materials from the Congressional Staff Club files in the papers of Hyde

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Murray. Bill helped her narrow down the materials she needed and mailed them to her.

ACTIVITIES BY DATE

- Mar. 1** – Ben and Mary met with Carl and Alison regarding a possible new look for the Poage front page; Ben attended a Graduate Assistant training in Morrison
- Mar. 6** – Ben attended a luncheon for Texas collection archivist search committee
- Mar. 7** – Ben and Ben went to Truell Hyde's office to sign for NASA items borrowed from BRIC; Ben and Bill hosted John Versluis from the Texas Heritage Museum who was here to pick up Bullock microfilm and visit with Bill about the Museum Association of Waco. They took him to lunch.
- Mar. 11** (Sun.) – Ben visited Bob and Ruth Platt to go over their giving records for 2011.
- Mar. 14** – Ben visited with Anita Benedict at the Maryborn Museum concerning borrowing items for the NASA exhibit.
- Mar. 19** – Bill conducted follow-up research for Grover Proctor regarding Kyle Yates at the Texas Collection
- Mar. 19** – Ben met with Dean Orr, 5:30-6:45 concerning visit of Chet Edwards in April.
- Mar. 20** – Ben took a shelf from the book vault to Trautscholds for an estimate to make 5 more; Bill picked up NASA items from Pat Neff.
- Mar. 21** – Researcher Dawn Ellison came to use the John Dowdy materials and Bill assisted her in finding materials about the Civil rights Act of 1964.
- Mar. 22** – Ben attended a Library Cabinet meeting from 2-4 at ABL.
- Mar. 23** – Ben visited with Paul Berry in Fort Worth concerning making additional shelves for the Book Vault.
- Mar. 26** – Poage hosted Bullock Interns for a reception and tour of the archive.
- Mar. 29** - Ben attended the Texas Swing event on Thursday evening and helped with set up.

CATALOGING

Special Libraries Cataloging Team

Janet Pence: Books: Titles 307, Vol. 348; Original cat. 24 titles.



Unpacking display from NASA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring 2012 – NASA 50: Race to Space. Celebrating the Apollo and Space Shuttle programs, April-July. Reception April 12, 3:00-4:30.

April 16-20 – Chet Edwards returns for second week of lecture and activities.

April 17 – Poage annual spring lecture with Chet Edwards.

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