



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – OCTOBER 2012

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE LUNCHEON**

Members and guests of The Standing Committee gathered on Baylor's Fall Break, Oct. 19. The event was held in the North Village Community Center which proved to be an ideal setting close to the parking garage. Attendees included a former congressman, two sons of former congressmen, a retired European diplomat, two Baylor professors, the family of a former Ambassador and numerous former staff members of congressmen. The program of six speakers included Chet Edwards, Bill Hair, Jeff Steely, Mary Goolsby, Kyle Beam and Fowler West. Speakers were kept on schedule with the use of a bell which was rung when the speaker's time was up. The informal atmosphere in keeping with the political campaign theme was enhanced with hamburger and pulled pork sliders from Fuddruckers. Chair Fowler West challenged The Committee to work with him to raise funds for compact shelving on the lower level of Poage Library.

**CHET EDWARDS WEEK, OCTOBER 15-19**

Chet Edwards was back for his second week of the fall semester. On Monday he spent time with the Poage staff and visited several library donors and potential donors in Waco. During the week, he taught several classes and met with student leaders. Chet also served as a greeter during the gathering of The Standing Committee in the exhibit gallery before lunch on Oct. 19. He will be here Nov. 5 to make up for a day he missed in September.

**KETTERING INSTITUTE PUBLIC FORUM:** Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 2-3.

Mary and Ben both attended working sessions for the next issue-writing phase with fellow Association of Centers for the Study of Congress members. The group focused on researching how we can better work together on the local level. Mary and Debbie will hold focus groups in the spring as part of this research.

**WACO SENIOR KIWANIS CLUB:** On Wednesday, Oct. 24, Mary and Ben provided the program for the Waco Seniors Kiwanis at the Golden Corral. Mary described the treasure room items while Ben moved around the room to show the items. About fifty people attended. Jim and Sharon Griffith of McGregor invited us to do the program.

**VGO ON THE GO:** On Wednesday, Oct. 31, Nils Holgersson and Vgo teamed up with Bill and Beth Hair to broadcast a tour of *Race for the White House* to Woodgate Intermediate School in Midway where Beth is librarian. There were six sessions with different groups of 5th and 6th graders. The sessions were viewed by 300 students and 30 parents. Beth is going to share what she learned with Martha Fontenot, a 5th grade teacher at another Midway school. (Martha is the sister of Nancy Logan.)

**PROJECTS**

**Bob Bullock Papers.** Graduate Assistant Meghan Clark continued to label boxes and update the inventory.

**Edwards Papers.** Bill Hair prepared an extensive list of media materials in the Edwards papers and asked Chet to provide context to items he thinks need additional commentary. Bill and Mary also helped Chet locate campaign ads for a journalism class.

**Hightower Papers.** Torie Morgan continued her work on the finding aid for the Texas Legislative group. Wil Walters completed finding aids for the organizational case files, Disaster and non-district files. Graduate student Lacy McKinney was hired to take over the US Government series and has been in training.

**JFK Materials.** Kyle Beam began sorting through the Mary Ferrell newspaper collection; Amber Stocker typed seven boxes of the Mary Ferrell magazine inventory; Joel Lehr finished arranging the journals/newsletters and began creating the inventory. Janai Onguti continued making lists of R. B. Cutler notebook contents while Meghan Rafael worked on inventories of the letter boxes filled with newspaper. Kristina Lowe began arranging the PhD research papers of Teresa Seay. Hannah Hwang is working on the research files of Dick Russell for his book, *The Man Who Knew Too Much*.

**Lola Hopper materials.** Lydia Schaffer completed a detailed inventory of the materials then had several conversations with Lola about the history of the materials and her biographical summary for the finding aid.

**ACTIVITIES BY DATE**

**Oct. 1-3** – Mary and Ben attended a workshop at the Kettering Foundation in Dayton Ohio on how to frame and new issue for the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress. Debbie also attended. Mary and Debbie will continue to work with the Deliberative Forums on this issue.

**Oct. 9** – Charlotte Latting from McGregor brought a small part of her Black Americana collection to show Ben with the request that we consider having an exhibit about this sometime.

**Oct. 11**– Mel Birdwell came to Poage to pick up her 9-11 materials

- Ben and the Dean met to go over Poage plans for the next month.

**Oct. 12** – Mary gave a tour of Poage Library to Kathy Hillman's U1000 class.

**Oct. 15-19** – Chet Edwards was here for his second week of teaching classes and meeting with students.

**Oct. 18** – Dr. Bob Platt arrived at Poage Library to spend the day doing research in Moody Library. Ben had dinner with DM Edwards, Fowler West and Bob Platt to discuss raising funds for compact shelving.

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- Oct. 19** – Lunch with The Standing Committee  
Ben Took Bob Platt back to Fort Worth
- Oct. 24** – Mary and Ben presented program to Waco Senior Kiwanis at Golden Corral.
- Oct. 25** – Ben attended Library Cabinet meeting in Poage.  
- Ben visited Bob and Ruth Platt in Fort Worth and attended the opening on Drawing Power, an exhibit of the editorial Cartoons of Bob Newton.
- Oct. 29** – Mary gave a tour of Poage Library to Chris Diamond for a class he is taking at North Texas.
- Oct. 30** – Ben attended reception for Waco Public Library Book Fair and guests at Allbritton House with Judge and Mrs. Starr.
- Oct. 31** – Bill worked with Nils Holgersson, Vgo robot and Beth Hair at Woodgate Intermediate School to telecast tours of the *Race for the White House* exhibit.  
- Joanne Beaty, a faculty spouse, brought her memorabilia from the 1968 Republican Convention in Miami where she served as a volunteer. Her materials include two paper dresses.  
- Bill, Mary and Ben attended Halloween lunch as guest of International Education.

**BILL HAIR ACTIVITIES**

**October**

- Oct. 1-5 Pulled books for ILL; Assisted Dr. John Belew contact Judge Hightower; Pulled inauguration materials for Sara Millsap
- Oct. 9-12 Worked on Oral History proposal; Wrote DACS report; Worked on media materials in Edwards inventory, formulating contextual questions for Chet to answer; Treated Bullock Search Committee to lunch to

thank them for their good work; Participated in interview of GA Lacy McKinney

- Oct. 15-19 Chet Edwards on campus for second week of the fall semester, met a couple of times to discuss contextual issues related to video media; assisted in preparations for the Standing Committee Luncheon on the 19<sup>th</sup>; continued working through Edwards media materials
- Oct. 22-26 Completed DACS workshop report and sent to Ben and Mary; Coordinated contact among all the parties involved in the Vgo virtual tour of the Race for the White House exhibit to Midway ISD Intermediate School; Attended the faculty interview of Alec Veda
- Oct. 29-31 Wrote Newsletter articles about the Standing Committee Luncheon, Compact Shelving, Debbie Davendonis-Todd, Chet Edwards, and upcoming Middle East photographs exhibit; assisted in the Vgo trial run and presentation to six classes of 40 students each between 8:20 AM and 1:05 PM on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

**CATALOGING**

**Special Libraries Cataloging Team**

**Janet Pence:** Books titles 174 vol. 179; Original cat. 25 titles; Vertical files titles 18 vol. 19; Bearcat input 18

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Welcome Lunch for Debbie Davendonis-Todd** with staff, student assistants and search committee. Monday, Nov. 5, 2012.

**Red, White and Bear Christmas,** Nov. 20-Dec. 20.

Summary submitted by Ben Rogers, November 2012