

W. R. POAGE LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY

Baylor Collections of Political Materials

Monthly Executive Summary - October 2007

Baylor-Waco Foundation. On Tuesday, Oct. 30th, the Baylor-Waco Foundation awarded the library \$20,000 for additional book cases for the Hightower Book Vault. Our thanks to John Wilson for helping us with this.

Open House. Our annual Open House was on Oct. 25th. Although Jack and Colleen Hightower could not attend due to Colleen's stroke, a number of folks came over to send written greetings and have their photos taken. Everyone received non-acid-free folders to remind them of our preservation work along with other gifts. We were especially honored when Stephen Prickett brought his visiting scholar with him. A special thanks to Jennifer Borderud, Janet Pence, Susan Bowlin, Pam Belser, Mary Goolsby, and Frank Jasek for their help.

Open House photos online: <http://www.winkflash.com/>
User ID: **PoageLibrary**; Password: **openhouse**

Retro fit. Workmen were everywhere in our building throughout October installing sprinkler and fire alarm systems. Workers also began building a wall above the book vault to seal the room for the HVAC system.

HVAC: Rick Goolsby has volunteered to install the a/c system needed for the book vault. He has already met with us but must also meet Baylor and Aramark requirements.

Projects

EXHIBITS. Now that the Open House is over, Erin, our Museum Studies assistant, will work on JFK and Penn Jones exhibits to be ready by Nov. 25th when members of the Coalition on Political Assassinations are scheduled to visit the library. Next she will work on a Judge Charles Barrow exhibit in Dec. when the State Supreme Court holds session in the Law school. In January, she will change the Hightower exhibit to exhibit presidential election materials.

REPRESENTING TEXAS. We are doing final revisions as requested by the author and hope to have this book to the publisher soon.

Cataloging

Special Libraries Cataloging Team: Janet Pence: Books 88 titles, 93 vol.; Vertical files 86 titles, 104 vol., 86 Bearcat inputs.

Personnel

Ben planned and carried out the Open House with a host of student workers and friends. He visited Bob Platt to pick up books and political materials one Sunday afternoon in Oct. On Oct. 26th, he visited Jack White to pick up JFK videos, newsletters, and

magazines. He also made a presentation to the Baylor-Waco Foundation on Oct. 30th.

Benna Ball continued processing the papers of Bob Bullock.

Grace Chiuri worked with Tazreen to prepare materials for the Platt web site.

Michael Holdridge continued final updating of *Representing Texas* and prepared media presentations for the Open House.

Kristine Harveaux-Lundeen reworked some of the Penn Jones files and began photocopying materials.

Michael Koski began arranging the Texas Group of the Hightower papers. He will prepare procedures for processing before he graduates in December.

Justyn Kuykendall continued his work on the JFK videos-to-DVDs conversion project.

Mac Macwan continued formulating a plan for processing Hightower's news clippings, edited JFK videos, and began inventorying Jack White materials.

Leisel Walters continued her work on the JFK magazines consolidation and photocopy project.

Edwin Cook continued his work processing the Hightower Campaign Group.

Tazreen Haq continued updating the new Platt web site: <http://www3.baylor.edu/Library/BCPM/Platt/index.htm>

Matthew Parker completed reboxing some of the Leath papers, typed an inventory of Bob Platt books and began work on an inventory of additional Platt materials.

Erin Wolfe did most of the preparatory work for the Open House and has begun work on JFK and Penn Jones exhibits.

Harold Wellbaum continued to volunteer to help us with shredding congressional case files.

Challenges

SPACED OUT. We would like to begin negotiations for additional space on the second floor of Poage for processing and a research room for JFK materials. This would require congenial relocation of International Programs. We could also explore the use of compact shelving on our lower level.

Plans Future

RED, WHITE AND BEAR CHRISTMAS.

We plan to have our Christmas tree in the atrium again this year with lots of bears.

SPRING LECTURE.

Fowler West is still working with us to secure a speaker for the Spring. He will be here in December to go over plans.



Summary submitted by Ben Rogers, November 2007

