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Baylor Collections of Political Materials

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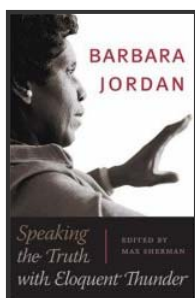
RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Our new exhibit highlights presidential campaign materials from the collections of Dr. Robert M. Platt and Ben Guttery. It was created by student assistants Erin Wolfe and Michael Holdridge. The exhibit received good coverage in the *Lariat*, the *Waco Tribune-Herald* and online through *Baylor Proud*. The exhibit will be open through May.

Spring Open House

An Open House will be held in Poage Library from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8th. Join us to thank Dr. Robert Platt for his many donations to Baylor and the library and view the *Race for the White House* exhibit. We are also grateful to Mr. Ben Guttery, who gave us his political materials collection. Mr. Guttery will be available during the afternoon to autograph copies of his new book, *Representing Texas*.

Spring Lecture Series



In April, the featured speakers for the Poage Library Political Lecture Series are Max Sherman and Ambassador Lyndon Olson, Jr.

Max Sherman, retired Dean of the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas-Austin, will speak at Baylor on April 15 in the Meadows Recital Hall, McCreary Music Building, at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Sherman edited a collection of speeches by Barbara Jordan entitled *Barbara Jordan: Speaking*

the Truth with Eloquent Thunder.

Lyndon Olson, Jr., former Ambassador to Sweden, is the second lecturer this year. Ambassador Olson will speak on April 22nd at 6:00 p.m., in Meadows Recital Hall. Both men will hold Q&A sessions related to current political affairs after the lectures.



Gifts to the Library

Jack White continues to work with us to archive his JFK media and print materials.

Jack Hightower has begun sending his signed book collection by subject. We are processing the Art and Oversize sections this spring.

Bob Platt continues to send political materials and books. Over 2,500 books have been added to the online catalog, BearCAT so far.

Michael Anderson, one of our student assistants, donated a group of posters from the Republican National Committee where he interned last semester.

Scott Poage, Congressman Poage's nephew, donated additional books and papers of Bob Poage which

included a 1905 photo of Theodore Roosevelt's visit to Waco.

Fowler West made it possible for Baylor to purchase nine framed prints of Texas heroes to be added to the Poage collection. These prints originally hung in Fowler's office in Washington and are labeled on the back "Property of W.R. Poage."

Book Vault

The last of the custom shelving has been ordered for the book vault. The funds for the shelves came from members of The Standing Committee, friends of Jack Hightower in honor of his 80th birthday and from a special grant from the Baylor-Waco Foundation.

Exhibits

Baptist 400th. As part of a campus-wide emphasis on the 400th anniversary of Baptists, Poage Library is preparing an exhibit about Baylor graduates who have served as public servants and are Baptists.



Editorial Cartoons. Poage Library is partnering with Bob Darden and the Journalism Department to present an exhibit of editorial cartoons. The exhibit will be in Moody, Jones, and Poage libraries in the fall of 2008. In conjunction with the exhibit, we are planning an evening with editorial cartoonists including Ben Sargent and Dan Foote.

Jack Hamm. As part of both the Baptist 400th anniversary and the editorial cartoon exhibit, we are planning a special showing of Jack Hamm cartoons. Hamm drew cartoons for the *Baptist Standard* for many years.

Button Collecting. In conjunction with the *Race for the White House* exhibit and the visit of Bob Platt and Ben Guttery, Erin Wolfe, our museum studies graduate student, has created an exhibit about collecting campaign materials as a hobby.

Representing Texas

Poage Library staff worked with Ben Guttery for two years to publish his book about Texans who have served in the US and Confederate congresses. The book is now available through Amazon.com. However, you can receive a complimentary copy through The Standing Committee. Just send in your membership or renewal to receive this book as a thank you for your support. We are encouraged by your interest in the work of the library.

