

# W. R. POAGE LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY



## REPORT MAY 2007



**ACSC**

*Association of Centers for the Study of Congress*

Ben attended the fifth annual meeting of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress on May 17-18. This year the meeting was attended by over 50 congressional archivists and public policy center directors. It was hosted by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington. Sessions on Thursday morning included the use of congressional papers, current scholarship and future projections. In the afternoon the speakers addressed oral history and congressional research.



There was also an extended tour of the new underground Capitol Visitor's Center (*above photo*). Friday's sessions addressed "Where is the web taking us? OR where will we take the web?"; "Creating the digital records world"; "Digital outreach by ACSC member organizations"; and "Government Congress Centers in action." For more information on the conference and the ACSC, see

<http://www.congresscenters.org/>

### COMPLETE THE VISION

Ben has formulated a strategic initiative for the fall which would upgrade the current Poage Legislative Library to align it with other congressional centers throughout the country. This "Complete the Vision" proposal pulls a number of resources together already on the Baylor campus and puts them under a common umbrella along with additional funding, space allocations, and professional staff.

**MAY Stats from Special Collections' Team cataloger Janet Pence.** Books 94 titles 106 volumes; 1 original input book. DVD: 1 title; 1 vol. Vertical files: 28 titles; 40 vol. 28 BearCat inputs.

Benna Ball and the Bullock Archive hosted a workshop for the Texas Historical Records Advisory Board on Imaging & Technology. Bill Walker from Amigos was the presenter on May 17<sup>th</sup> in Creekmore conference room. Benna worked closely with Chris LaPlante, the State Archivist, to schedule this workshop and handled all the campus arrangements.

**The Texas  
Historical Records  
Advisory Board**

### SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS

- ✚ **Grace Chiuri** continues work on the Bob Platt papers. Unfortunately, she has been offered a position with the Department of Modern Languages teaching Swahili in the fall.
- ✚ **Justyn Kuykendall** will continue this summer digitizing video tapes from Jack White about the JFK assassination.
- ✚ **Michael Holdridge** returns to work on web pages during the month of July while he is taking a class.
- ✚ **Edwin Cook**, a Ph.D. student in Church and State, will be editing Ben Guttery's book "Representing Texas." We hope to publish this book in the fall.

### AND IN FUTURE NEWS

- ✚ Begin collecting materials for Abraham Lincoln bi-centennial exhibit
- ✚ Find folks to endorse "Complete the Vision" initiative
- ✚ Finish editing and find publisher for "Representing Congress"
- ✚ Refine Book Vault project report; add photos
- ✚ Secure funds for HVAC for book vault; install HVAC
- ✚ Send newsletter to The Standing Committee
- ✚ Work with Bob Dardin on editorial cartoon exhibit

SUBMITTED BY BEN ROGERS, JUNE 2007

### BULLOCK ARCHIVE

Benna Ball attended the annual meeting of the Society of Southwest Archivists in Oklahoma City on May 29-June 1<sup>st</sup>. She attended a workshop on free archival software and three days of sessions on "Archives, Parent Institutions and Political Strategy," "Online Archives and Digital Repositories," "Employing Minimal Standards Processing" and on "Audio/Visual Resources," as well as business meetings. Included in the conference were two receptions: one at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum and one at the Oklahoma History Center. A trip to the Oklahoma Memorial Site rounded out the conference.

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