



Baylor Collections of Political Materials



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Legend of the Fall



On Tuesday, December 9, BCPM employee Ben Rogers was named Library Employee of the Fall. Benna Ball, Bullock Archive Project Director, took the time and effort needed to nominate Ben for this honor.

Then, much to everyone's surprise, Ben was also chosen as Library Employee of the Year. Thank you Benna for making this possible. Thanks to Bill Hair and Dr. Ramsower for their votes of confidence.

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Poage additions.

On Dec. 2, Ben went to visit Scott Poage to pick up a small, but very interesting, collection of campaign and other type buttons. Many of these were saved by Bob Poage's father, W. A. Poage, who was a prominent cattle rancher at the turn of the century. Several buttons document the cattle industry from San Antonio to Kansas City around

1900. The earliest campaign button is from Texas former Gov. O. B. Colquitt who ran for the U.S. Senate in 1916. There are two buttons for Jim Ferguson when he first ran for Gov. in 1914. There is even a holographic "Snoopy for President" button. Kenneth Lahners processed these buttons using slide protector sheets and put them in a notebook.

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree. BCPM held its annual Christmas party for student workers and Special Libraries Cataloging Team on Dec. 9th. Benna was in charge of games, food, and gifts. Student did puzzles in the Reading Room, Then moved to the office area for food, then to the exhibit area for gift giving. One student, Matt Gonzales graduated in Dec. A substitute worker, Kenneth Lahners, has left Baylor for the cold clime of Wisconsin's CheeseLand.



December Stats. Janet Pence cataloged 78 new titles, 130 new volumes. Original cataloging on 15 titles.

Hightower Materials. Kenneth Lahners continues to process these materials. In December, he set up the news clippings,

business cards, campaign materials. Judge Hightower stopped by for a visit to discuss progress on his papers on Dec. 4.

JFK Exhibit: We submitted our application for a \$1,000 grant based on our exhibit. Awards will be announced at the end of January.



John Hogan. Student workers have completed the preliminary inventory for all 25 Hogan boxes and have begun making separations sheets for the government publications which will be sent to cataloging.



Electrical Problems: On Dec. 4, while Judge Hightower was visiting, the Baylor Fire Inspector arrived for a surprise inspection. An anonymous tip had alerted her to a possible violation behind our counter where one computer and the small refrigerators are plugged. Earlier in the day, a new computer had been installed on the counter by the E-Library folks. They had not said anything about the plug situation, so we were surprised by the visit. We did not have a surge protector in that area at the time; the installers did not bring one, nor did they ask if we had one. The plug situation was the same that had passed the Fire Inspector the previous two years. She suggested that an electrician check the plugs to make sure we were not overloading. In the course of the inspection, the Fire Inspector took exception to some Christmas lights we had in our entrance. We have had similar lights there for many years without any problem. In the interest of safety, we were asked to take down the lights, which we did. We have now moved one refrigerator and added a surge protector for the computer.

Bullock Guide. On Dec. 19, John Wilson, Cindy and Ali from Dev. and three wise men from PR met with Ben to discuss the publication of the Bullock Guide by summer 2004. John will coordinate the time line. PR will do all the formatting and printing. Ben, Benna, and Carolene English will furnish the basic texts by Jan. 15 followed by 100 photographs approved by Jan Bullock by Feb. 1.

