



Baylor Collections of Political Materials



REPORT: DECEMBER 2004

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree. BCPM held its annual Christmas party for student workers and Special Libraries Cataloging Team on Dec. 7th. Benna was in charge of games, food, and gifts. Students 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. This was the second year for our Red-White, and Bear Christmas Tree.

December Stats. Janet Pence cataloged 74 new titles, 90 new volumes.

Open Government Workshop

Benna Ball attended the 2004 Open Government Conference hosted by the Texas Attorney General's office on December 8-9. She was able to address the issues of open records vs. an individual's right to privacy as they relate to the Bob Bullock papers.

XML EAD DTD

Matt Gonzales, our ISY intern, finished a unique program for inputting finding aid information into an Access database. Then his program converts the materials to Encoded Archival Description tags or to an HTML web page format. We regret that Matt graduated in December.

Staff Member of the 'Mester

Ben **finally** finished his year as chairman of the library outstanding staff member committee.

Bob Platt Collection.

Preparing the 1000 books received from Bob Platt for acquisitions and cataloging is well underway. Grace Cromeens, our graduate assistant, is heading up this project.

2004 in Review

BULLOCK GUIDE: January and February were spent finalizing the text for the *Guide to the Bob Bullock Collection* and compiling a photo pool of 100 print ready photographs for the *Guide*.

OPENING OF BULLOCK PAPERS. A grand gala was held on July 10, 2004, Bullock's 75th birthday, in the Mayborn Museum.

BULLOCK EXHIBIT opened in the Mayborn Museum as part of the Opening events. A portrait commissioned by Jan Bullock was also unveiled in the BCPM exhibit area the same evening.

OPEN RECORDS WORKSHOP. On June 8, 2004, BCPM sponsored a workshop led by State Archivist, Chris Laplante on open records in the Bob Bullock papers. Representatives of six schools in Texas which house Bullock microfilm attended the workshop.

BULLOCK ENDOWMENT. Four former Bullock staffers banded together to initiate an endowment for the long-term upkeep and preservation of the Bullock papers.

BULLOCK WEB PAGE:

<http://www3.baylor.edu/Library/BCPM/Bullock/index.htm>

EXHIBIT AREA. After 25 years of use, the original exhibit area was restored and renovated with a new wood floor, new paint on the walls, and updated track lighting. The Bullock exhibit was moved to the new area in October.

25TH ANNIVERSARY. On Oct. 8, friends and family of BCPM's donors gathered in the exhibit area for lunch. Jack Hightower, Ben Guttery, and Fowler West were guest speakers.

OPEN HOUSE. To commemorate Archives Week, the completion of the exhibit area renovation, and the relocation of the Bullock exhibit, an Open House was held on Oct. 21.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE. Fowler West, Jack Hightower, and Alan Steelman inaugurated the start of a special support group for the library with various levels of membership.

ACCESSIONS were received from John Hogan, Nick Kominus, US Cane Sugar Refiners Association, Jack Hightower, Ben Guttery, Hal Pledger, Hyde Murray, Carolene English, Bob Platt, Texas Motor Transportation Association, Mary Jane Wardlaw, Jan Bullock, Leslie Vilas, Carol Sue Dowdy Roberts, and Monte Herridge.

GIFTS: Bullock Endowment, Bullock estate, Jack Hightower, Dowdy Foundation, THE STANDING COMMITTEE memberships. Over \$10,000 used for Bullock Opening, large format scanner, anniversary expenses, and 5,000 file folders.

RESEARCHERS:

- Michelle Jackson, Baylor – John Dowdy papers
- Michael Finlay, Armstrong Atlantic University – Bob Poage papers, guayule
- Andrew Cook, National Defense University – O. C. Fisher papers, professional military education
- Adam Saunders, Oxford Univ, England - Hyde Murray papers, H.R. 8282
- George Green – Bullock papers, whistle blowing settlement
- Jim Henderson, Dallas – Bullock papers, bio of Bullock
- Ben Marquez, Wisconsin – Bullock papers, Hispanics in politics



Happy New Year