



Baylor Collections of Political Materials



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THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Campaign Launched:

The initial mailing of materials to raise money for **THE STANDING COMMITTEE** was sent in mid-November to around 90 friends of the BCPM who were either donors of materials, family members, or former staff of congressmen. All members will receive committee reports containing news about the progress of the library, new acquisitions, special gifts, and use of The Committee funds. Members will also be sent information about special events and activities at the Baylor libraries. Proceeds from the annual donations will be used to enhance the materials and equipment in the library. John Wilson reports that he has already received membership checks.

John and JD Dowdy Foundation Donates \$4,000

The annual donation has been received from the Dowdy Foundation. The generous \$4,000 will be divided between the Dowdy Research Grant Endowment and the special projects fund. Part of these funds will be used to purchase an Epson scanner which scans up to 11 x 17" materials. This will be used to scan covers of *Look* and *Life* magazines in the JFK assassination papers of Penn Jones, Jr.

Platt Books received

About 1,000 books have been moved from Fort Worth to Waco. Ben made several trips to Dr. Platt's house. We are paying \$1,000 for 500 of the books and Dr. Platt is donating another 500. Special bookplates are being printed for each book and Grace Cromeens, one of our graduate assistants, is in charge of preparing the books for acquisitions and cataloging. In the older books, the bookplates are being put on card stock strips and inserted into the books. Janet Pence is adding a field so that we can search BearCat under Keyword *Platt Collection* for a complete list of books.

Dowdy Visit

Skip and Sarah Dowdy paid a visit to the BCPM on Nov. 11. Due to emergency back surgery, Skip was unable to attend the 25th anniversary in October. This was their first visit to see the renovated exhibit area. Skip is currently the president of the National Association of Mediation Lawyers.

Hightower books being processed

The books from Jack Hightower's personal library are also being listed and prepared for cataloging. A special bookplate has been made for each book. A four inch card stock strip is being inserted into each book for the call number and bar code. After cataloging, these books will be kept in glass front bookshelves in the Jack and Colleen Reception Area in the W. R. Poage Exhibit Gallery. Julia Howard, a graduate student in social work, is working on this project.

Hyde Murray campaign buttons

Naadei Nikoi, a faithful student worker, has been sorting the campaign buttons and pinning them to card stock. Then the card stock will be inserted into top loaders and put in a notebook for preservation. Next, Naadei will make a detailed list of the buttons.

JFK Assassination Materials

Sharad Bushard, a graduate student in economics, has been listening to a mass of unlabeled cassette tapes in the Penn Jones, Jr. JFK collection. He has made steady progress and will soon have a complete list of the tapes. He has already finished lists of the video tapes, reel-to-reel tapes, computer tapes, and 35mm films. He found at least two video formats not previously seen. Unfortunately, we do not have the equipment to view them.

XML EAD DTD

Matt Gonzales, our ISY graduate intern, has been working on a program using C# to create a fill-in-the-blank form for our student workers to input box and folder information into EAD. The result uses three Excell spreadsheets, also programmed into fill-in-the-blank formats, which will automatically convert to the EAD code and self-validate. Matt will demonstrate his program to Tim Logan and Darryl Stuhr before he graduates in December.

Cataloging, Janet Pence:

November: 95 titles and 105 volumes. 3 original inputs.

Stats do not tell the whole story in cataloging

Many of the books being cataloged from Bob Platt are receiving plastic book covers to protect the original dust jackets, and mylar covers are made for older books without dust jackets. Janet Pence says that the covers are done "by our great student worker Candace Spain who in addition to working for us and going to school, is teaching Latin at Liveoak Academy." We certainly appreciate the special assistance of Janet and Candace in helping preserve these books.



O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree.

On Nov. 23, BCPM put up our second annual Red, White, and Bear Christmas Tree in the newly renovated exhibit area. Of course, we obtained a special Christmas Tree permit from Risk Management before putting up the tree.

