



Baylor Collections of Political Materials

REPORT APRIL-MAY 2005



ACSC

Association of Centers for the Study of Congress

Ben attended the third annual meeting of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress on May 4-5. This year, the meeting was attended by 50 congressional archivists and public policy center directors. It was hosted by the Center for Legislative Archives at the National Archives' newly renovated building in Washington, DC.

Programs on Wednesday included the use of congressional papers for research by political scientists, a collaborative approach to web-based content, and preservation and access grants. Thursday's program highlighted exhibits in the National Archive Experience. After the exhibits tour, the architect of the Capitol shared with the group how the exhibits for the Capitol Visitor Center were selected and how the exhibit will be arranged when it opens in the fall of 2006. After lunch, there was a group discussion of association members' exhibition programs and then a session on legislative treasures and public programs at the Center for Legislative Archives. For more information on the conference, see <http://www.congresscenters.org/conference2005.htm>.

STUDENT WORKERS

Maycie Mayfield finished sorting through the Penn Jones papers and created notebooks for a number of manuscripts. Maycie will be studying abroad this summer in Spain and then working in Waxahachie.

Paul Christopher continued working with Todd on the Jack Hightower papers and moving books. He will be working in his family's construction business this summer.

Nilay Shastri completed the formidable task of reconstructing the box-folder list for the Hightower finding aid. Nilay graduated with his MBA in marketing and has moved to Virginia for job placement.

Todd Pagitt continued to work on the Hightower papers, training Paul, and wrote a status report before leaving for the summer. He will be studying abroad in Europe this summer.

Julia Howard continued to create inventories of Bob Platt acquisitions and hold down the fort when Benna and I are out of town. Julia will be traveling to Russia, her homeland, this summer.

Brittney Bain worked until the end of the semester processing the papers of Caso March. She discovered that lots of newspaper clippings are no fun to process. She is at home this summer in Sugar Land.

Chen Yao has kept up with all the Platt materials which arrived in March-April and is specializing in newspapers and tabloid articles. She will be attending a seminar in Virginia in June.

Sharad Bhushan revamped the Penn Jones web page before graduating with a master's in economics. He is traveling this summer while looking for work.

<http://www3.baylor.edu/Library/BCPM/JFK/Penn2/Penn2.htm>

Amanda Barden, our newest student worker, is a senior political science student from the Chicago area with previous work experience with the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews. She recently completed listing all the materials received in May from Carol Sue Dowdy Roberts.

Grace Cromeens has returned to work this summer as a graduate assistant. She will be working on special assignments and the Penn Jones papers.

April Stats from Special Collections' Team cataloger Janet Pence: 215 titles, 294 vols. and 1 original input.

May stats: Books 79 titles 97 vols., 1 DVD, and 1 periodical title added and 32 vols.

ACCESSIONS

Bob Platt donated another car load of political books and memorabilia in April and promises more to come.

Carol Sue Dowdy Roberts gave Ben a box of additional Dowdy materials when he visited her in May in Aiken, SC.

Betty Salinas, a long-time Bullock staffer, sent two boxes of state publications which are being sent to cataloging.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

About a dozen former students have joined the Committee. Additional letters have been mailed, so others are expected to respond soon. A new web site has been set up for the committee:

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



HIGHTOWER RECEPTION AREA

We continue to make progress on furnishing this area. The barrister book cases have arrived and Hightower's books placed in them. Four large exhibit cases have also been ordered for the gallery.

Submitted by Ben Rogers, June 1, 2005