



REPORT AUGUST 2005

INDEX to Bullock Correspondence on DVD completed.

When the Bullock papers were received, the LT. Gov. Correspondence came with two DVDs containing an index to the 120,000 correspondents. Subject code abbreviations were included in the indexing process, but there was no master list or thesaurus of the codes or their abbreviations. It was discovered that the subject codes could only be searched using the exact abbreviations including spacing which in some cases was unusual. After the Bullock opening in July 2004, Benna Ball began the long process of searching the DVDs for subject code abbreviations and then reading the actual correspondence to find what the abbreviations stood for. After many months of investigative archiving, Benna completed a 123 page list of abbreviations invented by multiple Bullock staffers over a period of eight years. The final list was then burned to CDs and mailed to the Texas institutions which hold copies of the Bullock microfilm which includes the Lt. Gov. Correspondence. These are Texas A&M Laredo, Texas Tech, UT Austin, Hill College, and the State Archives. Blinn College has returned their copy of the microfilm to the state. Congratulations to Benna on successful completion of this arduous project.



BULLOCK DOLLS. Carolene English, our Bullock consultant, came to Waco in August to repair the finger on the Jan Bullock doll. Pat Rogers, who worked for Bullock for many years came with her. The Bob Bullock and Jan Bullock dolls will soon be on display in the exhibit gallery.

WACO-TRIBUNE Interviews: Benna was interviewed by Mike Anderson from the local newspaper about the

Bullock Archive and how it relates to the Bush Presidential Library. Mike will also be doing an interview with Ben in Sept. about the Penn Jones JFK assassination papers.

BLACK OP RADIO Interview Ben was interviewed on the internet by Len Osanic who also maintains a JFK assassination web site www.proudy.org. The broadcast was on Thursday, Aug. 4, 6-7:30 p.m. (PST). Ben talked for 45 minutes about how researchers can use the Penn Jones papers. The program is archived online at www.blackopradio.com.



SAA IN NEW ORLEANS. From August 15-19, both Ben and Benna attended the Society of American Archivist annual meeting in pre-Katrina New Orleans at the Riverside Hilton.

COURT BENCHES We have added four new "waiting-for-the-judge" benches to the foyer of the library to add a courtroom type atmosphere outside the exhibit gallery. Donors will be given the opportunity to sponsor a bench for \$250.00.



STUDENT ARCHIVAL ASSISTANTS

Julia Howard worked on the political materials donated by Bob Platt and helped to complete the listing and resorting of the Bob Bullock Comptroller issue files.

Chen Yao completed preliminary processing the papers of Penn Jones, typed lists of books donated by Bob Platt, and converted reel-to-reel to digital using equipment in the fine arts library. Dr. James Floyd is providing technical assistance for this project. Chen Yao is also continuing to process and digitize Penn Jones' media.

Amanda Barden continued to help order books and helped Julia with the Bob Bullock Comptroller issue files, as well as worked to keep the webpage up-to date.

Todd Pagitt is heading up the Jack Hightower project. He is putting together a comprehensive outline to consolidate materials from archive boxes, notebooks, and unprocessed materials.

Brittney Bain is taking back the task of ordering books and is working on exhibits highlighting the lives of Judge Sam Johnson and Mike Morrison.

Maycie Mayfield is in charge of the purchasing card notebook and is creating exhibits from the papers of John Dowdy and Bob Poage.

Student Appreciation party: An End of Semester party was held on Aug 4 for our summer workers and as a graduation farewell for Naadei Nikoi who had worked with us for several years. Students munched on healthy as well as unhealthy carbs and watched the video, *The Incredibles*.

AUGUST STATS from Special Collections' Team cataloger Janet Pence: Titles: 60 books, 1 CD-ROM, 2 LP's, 4 DVDs. Volumes: 81 books, 1 CD-ROM, 3 LP's, 6 DVDs. Original cataloging: 21 book titles, 1 CD-ROM. Janet is creating original records for a number of unique items found in the papers of Penn Jones. Thank you Janet.

ACQUISITIONS Dr. Bob Platt made another sizable donation to the library in August of books, many related to JFK, and political materials related to FDR and Ronald Reagan. We also received donations to the Bullock collection from Chuck Bailey, Susan Longley, Carolene English, and Kathie Furth who donated a copy of *Message to Garcia* given to her by Bob Bullock.

Submitted by Ben Rogers, September 2005