



Baylor Collections of Political Materials

DECEMBER 2005

Bullock Endowment. Carolene English, our Bullock consultant, has begun soliciting additional donations to the Bullock Endowment from former Bullock staffers.

Researchers.

- ◆ A student from UTD spent two days researching correspondence of former Texas governors in the papers of Bob Bullock.
- ◆ A researcher from the Citizens Commission on Education Excellence spent a day researching Bullock's proposal for a state income tax in 1991.
- ◆ A man who works for John Deere requested more speeches of Earl Butz from the papers of Hyde Murray.
- ◆ A man in Colorado contacted us about the Penn Jones papers.



BOB PLATT MATERIALS. Another load of boxes were picked up from Bob Platt in Fort Worth on Dec. 14. There were numerous books and magazines along with political campaign materials.



PENN JONES PAPERS. The finding aid has been completed for the Jones papers and has been saved in HTML. The next step will be to add it to our web site.

CASO MARCH PAPERS. The finding aid has also been completed for the Caso March papers. We hope to have it online

by March.

JACK HIGHTOWER SIGNED EDITIONS. Jack Hightower will begin bringing his collection of signed editions in January. He has over 2,700 books signed by either the author or a notable public figure. He will begin with his presidential signatures.

FOWLER WEST. The Chairman of THE STANDING COMMITTEE was planning to visit us in December to go over plans for raising money for The Blue Tape project, but has had to delay his coming until January.



THE BLUE TAPE PROJECT. Work continues on the plans for the room renovation to house special items in our collections. Estimates have been high and we are still negotiating with Aramark over the price for each part of the project.

REPRESENTING TEXAS. We have received the manuscript on CD for Ben Guttery's book about Texas congressmen. We will be editing it for publication in the new year.

December TO DO. Considerable energy was expended in December

moving and cleaning. All the furniture in the reading room was moved leaving a clean slate for the renovation project. The ADA computer work station was moved; Poage's desk was moved; extra furniture was given to International Programs; and all the tables were moved. We are ready for the next phase of the project.

Christmas Party. The annual student worker appreciation Christmas party was held on Dec. 7. It began with roasted chicken on croissants and pizza. Dessert was four kinds of signature cakes. Benna was in charge of games. After gift-giving around the *Red White and Bear* Christmas tree, everyone played *The Price is Right* with discounted stuff Ben bought throughout the year.



STUDENT ARCHIVAL

ASSISTANTS. We could not get as much done without our excellent team of student workers:

Chen Yao assisted us greatly in December by working when no other students were available to work. She completed a long list of projects including typing a list of the latest installment of books from Bob Platt.

Brittney Bain will be leaving us in January to serve as an intern in the White House in Washington. We hope to have her back in the summer before she graduates in August.

Maycie Mayfield completed the Penn Jones finding aid and plans to return in January to begin designing a Jack Hightower 80th birthday exhibit.

Julia Howard worked with Chen Yao to staff the BCPM in December. She finished a Bullock project she was working on and worked on a long TO DO list for December. She will intern in the Spring with Catholic Charities in Fort Worth.

Amanda Barden will be leaving us in December to study abroad at Queens College in London.

NEW WORKERS. We are beginning to hire a new crew of outstanding workers.

DECEMBER STATS from Special Collections' Team cataloger Janet Pence:

- ✿ Books: 8 titles 11 vol. 1 original input
- ✿ Audio CD: 1 title, 2 vol. 1 original input
- ✿ CD-ROMs: 3 titles, 3 vol. 3 original inputs
- ✿ Videocassettes: 15 titles, 15 vol.
- ✿ Vertical files: 32 titles, 33 vol. 32 original inputs



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