

Baylor Collections of Political Materials




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NEW STUDENT WORKERS


Much of our time in January was spent interviewing, hiring, and training new student workers. We hope that this new crop is as good as the last.


 **Nilay Shastri** is a grad student from India working on his MBA in marketing. He is working on recent acquisitions but will also work on the papers of Jack Hightower.


 **Todd Pagitt** is a junior from Grand Prairie who is working on the Jack Hightower papers.

 **Julia Howard**, our grad assistant, is also interning this semester with Baylor's literacy center as part of her masters in social work.

 **Rosa Thompson** is a junior in political science. She has eight years of work experience in the Army reserve and working for the DOD in Germany.

 **Chen Yao** is a grad student from China working on her master in economics. She is helping us clean up a number of projects and would like to help us with our web pages.

 **Sharad Bushad**, a grad student in economics, returned this semester. He is working on Penn Jones' JFK materials.

 **Brittney Bain** is a junior in journalism. She has experience working for Tom DeLay in Washington as a media intern. She will help us with a number of media related projects.

January Stats: 216 titles, 319 vols. books, 1 DVD, 2 original cataloging inputs.



ACCESSIONS

We have designated January "Catch-up Month" on our backlog of accessions. In January we were able to complete listing the materials donated earlier by Bob Platt, Ben Guttery, Hyde Murray, Nick Kominus, Carolene English, Jan Bullock, Denise Henley, and Linda Pava.

Bob Platt continues to expand our holdings of campaign buttons and related materials. In January he gave us two button collections: one of Democratic candidates from presidential primaries in 1992 and another of Reagan inaugural buttons from 1988.




THE STANDING COMMITTEE


Memberships in the Committee now total 30 with over \$7,000 contributed. 2005 planners and 25th anniversary pens were mailed to all committee members in January.

Fowler West plans to write a follow-up letter soon to send to other potential committee members. Along with his letter, we will also send the first Committee Report.



RESEARCHERS

 **Jim Apflebaum** came to Waco to research Texas governors who had been involved with the Texas Department of Banking. Apflebaum is working on a centennial scrapbook for the Department. He used campaign materials from Guttery, Hightower, BCPM, and Moffett.

 **Michelle Chin** from ASU contacted us about materials in the John Dowdy papers. Dr. Chin is in charge of the Capitol Scholars program at ASU.

 **JC Collins** from Texas Monthly Talks called several times for photographs of Matt Dowd and Bob Bullock to use in a Texas Monthly Talks PBS program.



AND IN OTHER NEWS

Mary Nichols, the new department chair for Political Science, visited the BCPM on January 25th. She lunched with John Wilson and Ben while discussing how her department could interface with the BCPM.

Ron Walenta, a Dallas lawyer, found his name on our Guttery campaign web site. He called to offer additional materials and referred us to his campaign advisor, Clayton P Henry. We contacted Henry, and he is interested in sending us samples of materials he creates for various candidates.

SAA AWARD. The BCPM and Bullock Archive would like to submit an application for an SAA AWARD. One of the student workers will assist us in preparing the extensive materials related to the opening of the Bullock Archive for the award application.

Road Show. Library Development is planning a Road show at the home of John and Sarah Dowdy in February. Baylor Development in Dallas is coordinating the event. Treasures from Baylor's special collections will be showcased and information about various ways to contribute to the Baylor libraries will be shared with those in attendance.

BOA Meeting. Library Development is also working with BCPM to hold the next library Board of Advisors meeting in the W. R. Poage Exhibit Gallery the first week in March. This will give the board their first opportunity to see this area and the rest of the BCPM.

Submitted by Ben Rogers, February 1, 2005