



## Baylor Collections of Political Materials

# REPORT JULY 2005



**Bullock luncheon.** The annual Bob Bullock Birthday Luncheon took place at the Texas State History Museum, Thursday, July 7, 2005. Thirty-two Bullock friends gathered at the café for lunch. Jan Bullock was able to attend with her husband Robert Green and his son. Jack and Colleen Hightower also attended. The Bullock Endowment committee met after lunch and mapped out their strategy for the rest of the year. Carolene displayed her porcelain dolls of Jan and Bob Bullock which she donated to the Bullock Archive. The Jan doll is wearing a replica of Jan's 1991 Texas inaugural gown while the Bob doll is dressed as a ten-year old Hillsboro boy gone fishing in the creek.



**19<sup>th</sup> Century publications.** After lunch, Benna, Carolene, Ben and Chuck Bailey went over to Jack Hightower's office on the UT campus. There he presented us with his collection of 19<sup>th</sup> Century government documents related to Texas. These 242 publications date from 1838 to 1873. Todd Pagitt has arranged the documents in order, created notebooks, and typed lists of all the items. Copies of the lists will be available online and in the Texas Collection.

### Rare book room in the planning stage.

Judge Hightower also showed us his collection of over 1,800 signed volumes including the signatures of most U.S. presidents. While examining a book of John Nance Garner cartoons, Carolene discovered the dated signatures of Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson, Price Daniel, and Sam Rayburn in the back of the book. Hightower had acquired the book for the signatures of Daniel and Rayburn in the front. If we can furnish a suitable location for his special library, Hightower may be able to keep the collection together. Therefore, we have started plans to convert part of the reading room into a temperature-humidity controlled space for not only the Hightower library, but similar materials from Bob Poage, Bob Platt and future donors.



### Student Archival Assistants

**Chen Yao** spent most of the month digitizing cassettes in the Penn Jones collection for researchers in Colorado and Michigan. She also learned to digitize reel-to-reel tapes using equipment in the Fine Arts Library. She has also begun processing the papers of Penn Jones.

**Amanda J. Barden** continued updating our web pages. She added numerous photographs to the Penn Jones site and added dozens of captions supplied by a researcher in Michigan. She also scanned Penn Jones photos for a researcher in Colorado. She has also begun helping us order new books.

**Naadei Nikoi** has begun typing a preliminary inventory of the Penn Jones papers. She has completed the *Correspondence* and *Government Materials* series and has be-

gun the *Ancillary Materials* series. Sadly, Naadei is graduating in August after working here for several years.

**Todd Pagitt** spent much of July organizing the 19<sup>th</sup> century government documents collection of Jack Hightower. Todd put the 242 items in date order from 1838-1873, then put each document in sheet protectors and created notebooks with contents, covers, and title pages.

**July Stats** from Special Collections' Team cataloger Janet Pence: book titles - 112, vol. 150, 1 audio CD, 1 video cassette, 2 periodical titles, 56 vol. periodicals; original cataloging - 5 books, 1 CD, for a total of 116 titles and 208 volumes. Much of this was related to our new JFK Materials collection which required special time and handling.



### GALLERY CASES DELIVERED

Navikoff, a custom furniture manufacturer in Fort Worth, delivered four exhibit cases in July. Although the cases cost \$2,505.00 each, donors have already agreed to sponsor two of them. Other donors will be invited to participate. The cases will be distributed throughout the library area. New benches will be added to create a legislative atmosphere.

**RESEARCHERS:** Materials including photocopies, cassettes digitized to CD and videos were mailed to Chris Pike in Colorado. The total bill was over \$500.00. Another set of cassettes was mailed to a researcher in Michigan. Scans of two Bob Bullock portraits were mailed to Texas A&M Laredo. They plan to print a large copy to be framed in their administration building. Two wide-format scanning projects were completed for the Texas Collection.

### AND IN OTHER NEWS



Ben has agreed to do an interview on the internet with a JFK assassination site [www.prouthy.org](http://www.prouthy.org). The radio site is [www.blackopradio.com](http://www.blackopradio.com) hosted by Len Osanic. The broadcast is

scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 4, 6-7:30 p.m. (PST). Ben will be talking about how researchers can use the Penn Jones papers.