



Baylor Collections of Political Materials

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COLLECTIONS OF BOB PLATT

On June 27, Ben visited Dr. Bob Platt in Fort Worth to pick up another shipment of materials. He presented Dr. Platt with a 163-page notebook listing all materials received since last fall. The materials have been divided into eleven sections:

- **Books-Reports** (over 1300 books)
- **Campaign Materials** (items from over 600 politicians plus buttons, posters, and Russian materials)
- **Catalogues-** Campaign collectibles sales
- **JFK Materials**
- **Magazines**
- **Media materials**
- **Newsletters**
- **Newspapers**
- **Newspaper Tabloids**
- **Personal Materials of Bob Platt**
- **Political Items** (Not on other lists)

Graduate Students Julia Howard and Chen Yao worked for six months arranging these materials. Campaign materials were arranged by the name of the politician, then placed in top-loaders alphabetically in large notebooks. Julia, a native of Russia, was able to translate a number of Russian campaign materials from the 1991 presidential election of Boris Yeltsin. Some magazines with multiple issues were listed by unique titles and placed on web pages. Janet Pence then linked the BearCat records to these lists. Newspaper and newspaper tabloids were arranged by title and subject.



STUDENT WORKERS

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

Chen Yao has kept up with all the Platt materials which arrived in March-April specializing in newspapers and tabloid articles. She attended a seminar in Virginia in June and visited Washington, DC and the Virginia coast.

Amanda Barden has begun updating our web pages. In June she added all the first pages of Penn Jones's *The Continuing Inquiry*, fixed a number of links, and added photographs of Jones.

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



June Stats from Special Collections' Team cataloger Janet Pence: 78 titles, 116 vol. books; 4 titles, 150 vols. of periodicals; 15 titles original cataloging. Janet finished materials donated by Betty Salinas and began work on the Penn Jones Papers while continuing to add materials to the Platt Collection.



HIGHTOWER RECEPTION AREA

This new area is basically finished. Hightower's books have been placed in the new barrister book cases. The track lighting still needs to be updated and a proper sign made for the area.



Photographs used in the reception room are now online:

<http://www3.baylor.edu/Library/BCPM/Hightower/Photos/index.htm>

Photos of the area are also online:

<http://www3.baylor.edu/Library/BCPM/Hightower/ReceptionArea/index.htm>



RESEARCHERS: Chris Pike again made

the trip from Colorado to do research in the papers of Penn Jones. We extended our hours for two days to accommodate his schedule and made over 600 photocopies for him. He has also asked us to duplicate a number of cassettes and videos.



AND IN OTHER NEWS

- ❖ Ben has agreed to present information about the Penn Jones papers at both the COPA and JFK Lancer meetings in Dallas in late November. JFK Lancer has agreed to donate back issues of their *Kennedy Assassination Chronicles*. John Judge, Director of COPA (Coalition on Political Assassinations), has been invited to visit the BCPM after the COPA meeting in Dallas.



JFK Lancer

Productions & Publications

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educating a new generation.*

- ❖ Bob Bullock papers moved up, down and around.
- ❖ Ben & Benna plan to attend the Bob Bullock birthday luncheon July 7 in Austin.
- ❖ Ben will attend the Sam Hall book signing scheduled for July 9 in Marshall.
- ❖ Reid Murray Papers are being transferred from BCPM to Waupaca Historical Society, Waupaca, Wisconsin.
- ❖ Michelle Toon upgraded four Macs on the BCPM lower level and held a training session for student workers on June 29.

Submitted by Ben Rogers, July , 2005