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COPA AND JFK LANCER ANNUAL MEETINGS. On November 19, Ben made a presentation to the Coalition on Political Assassinations (COPA) in downtown Dallas. His topic was "How to research the JFK assassination in the papers of Penn Jones Jr." He made a similar presentation to JFK Lancer's annual meeting in north Dallas on Sunday morning, November 20.

SPECIAL VISITORS: On Monday, November 21, six members of COPA drove to Waco to personally do research in the Penn Jones papers. Among them was John Judge, the Director of COPA, who lives in Washington, DC. Other members visiting were from Kentucky and Minnesota. On Wednesday, a man from England came and spent the day doing research in Jones' papers. Fortunately, our graduate assistants were here working and were able to help him.

Jack and Colleen Hightower also visited us in November. It was the first time Mrs. Hightower had seen the Reception Area named in their honor that was created in the summer.



Bullock Endowment. A large plaque with the names of the donors of \$500 or more has been installed in the Bullock portion of the exhibit gallery. Baylor Development planned and carried out this project. We hope to invite Jan Bullock to see the plaque in the Spring.

SPECIAL BOOK ROOM. So far bids for work on the Blue Tape Project have been so high that we can not afford to move ahead with the project. We will meet with the architects on Dec. 2 to try and iron out the problems. There is also now a web site for The Blue Tape Project: http://www3.baylor.edu/Library/BCPM/BlueTape/

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

Chen Yao has been busy digitizing videos and has been able to put one clip from a Penn Jones video on our web site:

http://www3.baylor.edu/Library/BCPM/JFK/VideoTapes.htm

Todd Pagitt has worked tirelessly to create a complete outline of the papers of Jack Hightower using an Excel spreadsheet. He has created long and short versions and has accounted for 1000 boxes of materials currently located in four different areas.

Brittney Bain continued to order books, processed the Caso March papers, and addressed two mail outs to THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

Maycie Mayfield continued to sort out the Penn Jones outline and finding aids. She has brought together into one place documents created by several students and has edited them into one standard format. She has also saved all the documents in web page format which will be available online soon.

Julia Howard has been working on some unprocessed correspondence of Bob Bullock.



Amanda Barden has just finished the mammoth task of creating the Project 9-11 web page and

putting Phase I of our Project 9-11 newspapers online. The entire Section A for 21 newspapers has been scanned and is available in pdf format. http://www3.baylor.edu/Library/BCPM/Project911/NewspaperList.htm

ON THE MOVE. Sadly some of our outstanding student workers will be moving on at the end of the semester.

Amanda will be traveling to England for a semester at Queen Mary University in London..

Brittney will be a White House Intern in Washington for the spring semester. She has previously interned for Tom De-Lay.

Julia will be an intern for Catholic Charities in Fort Worth as part of her masters in social work.

Todd will be serving as an intern for a local marketing firm here in Waco as part of his marketing degree.

Note: None of these intern positions pay anything and Amanda says England is expensive.

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

Flor Hernandez from El Paso is a sophomore who started working with us in November.

Janna Dotschkal is a freshman from Magnolia, Texas, who will start working for us in January.

Elizabeth Amato from Alto, GA is our new graduate assistant. She is in the political science graduate program.

NOVEMBER STATS from Special Collections' Team cataloger Janet Pence: Titles: 91 books, Volumes: 143 books, 1 CD-ROM, 2 titles, 24 vol. audio cassettes, 1 CD, 3 videocassettes. Original cat.: 24 book titles, 1 CD-Rom title, 1 Audiocassette title, 1 CD title, 1 videocassette title.



Red White and Bear Christmas at The Poage. Once again we have set up our Christmas tree with white bears on it. This year we have added colorful poinsettias to the foyer.

You may also see this online:

http://www3.baylor.edu/Library/BCPM/Christmas/index.htm

Submitted by Ben Rogers, December 2005