

Baylor Collections of Political Materials

REPORT MAY 2006

THE HIGHTOWERS:

"INTEGRITY~JUSTICE~SERVICE"

The date for the opening of the new Hightower exhibit has been set for Saturday, October 7. There will be a luncheon and a reception in Poage Library. John Wilson will be working with us to invite friends of the Hightowers for these events. The Hightowers will also be meeting with the Library's Board of Advisors on Friday, October 6. Plans are underway to fill the entire exhibit area with photographs and memorabilia from Judge Hightower's 50+ years of public service. We also hope to secure a large windmill for the exhibit.

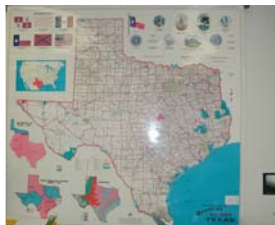


MUSEUM INTERN

Amanda Wisch has volunteered to help us this summer with the Hightower exhibit. She is a graduate student in Museum Studies and has most recently worked on an exhibit for the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame. She is also the graduate assistant for Ellen Brown in The Texas Collection.

RESEARCHERS

- A man from Colorado spent several days here researching the life of Penn Jones, Jr. and the JFK assassination.
- The Texas General Land Office requested photographs of former commissioners. Nine were located in the Guttery Vertical File.



- A lady in New Mexico wanted to borrow our Earth Science Polyconic Projection map of Texas.
- A faculty member at Southern Illinois University requested 68 editorial cartoons about Panama. She has used this

collection several times over the last few years.

- A man in California requested a picture of President Bush to put in his bathroom window to antagonize his neighbor.

ACCESSIONS

Judge Hightower deposited another box of materials which included "Ann Richards for Governor" items, an Indian arrowhead collection, and a Ford model T plaque with a windmill on it.



VISITORS

Judge Hightower and his wife, Colleen, visited the library on May 17. John Wilson met with us to discuss plans for the celebration in October.

Michael Jones visited on May 29 from Dallas and brought a family photo album for the Penn Jones collection.

Sunny Alderdice came with Michael Jones. Her husband bought the Midlothian *Mirror* from Penn Jones. Mrs. Alderdice brought a number of magazines and newspapers related to the Kennedy assassination.



SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS

- ▲ **Grace Churi** returns for the summer to continue work on the Bob Platt Vertical File and other projects.
- ▲ **Amanda Wisch** will be helping this summer with the Hightower exhibit.
- ▲ **Michael Holdridge** hopes to be able to work on web pages during the month of June while he is taking a class at MCC.
- ▲ **Mac McGowan**, a graduate student in business, will be working as our gopher guy: photocopying, filing, shredding, etc.

MAY Stats from Special Collections' Team cataloger Janet Pence. Titles 43, Vol. 52. Original inputs 12 (6 Bearcat/6 OCLC). Vertical files Titles 58. Vol. 89. Original input in Bearcat 58.

AND IN OTHER NEWS

Glass Vault project may begin construction in June.

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BULLOCK ARCHIVE

Benna Ball attended the annual meeting of the Society of Southwest Archivists in El Paso on May 24-27. She focused on the following sessions:

- ❖ Partners without borders: archives, collections and museums unite,
- ❖ Boundaries and beyond: from the Rio Grande to Mars: National archives regional and presidential discoveries,
- ❖ When to say whoa: Developing collections, maintaining focus and staying on track, and
- ❖ No man's land: personal and private information in the archival record.

Benna also attended an all day workshop on "Basic Electronic Records" sponsored by the Society of American Archivists.

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