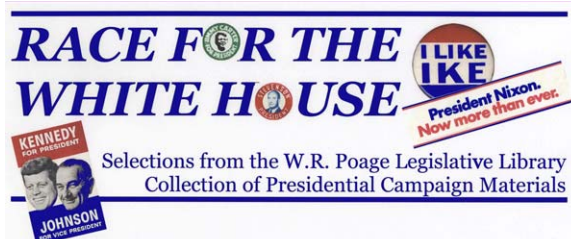


W. R. POAGE LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY

Baylor Collections of Political Materials

Monthly Executive Summary - January 2008



Erin, our museum intern, completed the exhibit on **Race for the White House** in the Poage Exhibit Gallery. The items in the exhibit are mainly from the Platt and Guttery collections. Michael Holdridge created two 5' x 18' banners of presidential campaign posters for the exhibit. Erin will host a reception for her museum studies class on Thursday, February 7 at 5:00 p.m.

Moody exhibits. Benna Ball created two table displays in Moody foyer. One featured Charlie Wilson and the recent movie about him and the other featured early presidential campaign sheet music. Materials came from the Guttery, Platt and Hightower papers.

Accessions:

Jack Hightower sent his oversized



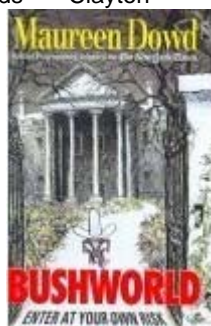
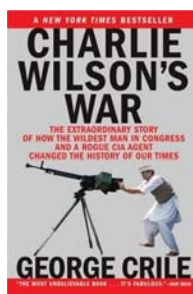
signed editions for the book vault along with an unusual vestment he received while on a congressional trip to the Pakistan-Afghan border. In 1980, Hightower was serving on the same congressional committee with Charlie Wilson and was involved in the on-going decisions related to the "secret war." He recalled that as he was standing at the border, someone put this unusual 5' long vestment around his neck. (see photo)

Carolene English donated the book *Bushworld* and a 1990 Ann Richards - Clayton Williams campaign t-shirt (with an unprintable quote on it). She also sent some Christmas ornaments for next year's tree.

Joan Jasek deposited 14 cassette tapes of the Nixon impeachment proceedings. We are converting these to CDs. Joan is the mother of Moody preservationist Frank Jasek. Last year she gave us a large number of historically significant newspapers.

Leslie Vilas, former personal assistant for Bob Bullock, deposited personal files related to her association with Bullock's legal troubles as Comptroller in the 1970s and 1980s. Although Leslie is in her 80s, when she speaks, former Bullock staffers still listen.

Leah Tunnell deposited two more boxes of materials from her father, Byron Tunnell, former Texas Speaker



of the House, and a framed print of the early Texas San Jacinto battle flag. (photo right)

Cataloging

Special Libraries

Cataloging Team:

Jennifer Borderund: 3 original cataloging. Janet Pence: books – 53 titles, 57 vol.; 12 BearCat original cat.; Videocassettes – 1 title, 1 vol.; DVDs – 2 titles, 2 vol.; Vertical Files – 20 titles, 24 vol., 20 Bearcat original cat.

Personnel

Ben visited a man in Dallas who wants to sell nine framed color prints to the library which belonged to W. R. Poage. We have not decided if we are going to buy them. Ben also visited Jack Hightower and Leah Tunnell in Austin to pick up materials, and Carolene English in Round Rock to pick up additional Bullock files.

Benna Ball continued processing the papers of Bob Bullock and Byron Tunnell.

Grace Chiuri reworked Platt campaign materials for FDR, LBJ, and JFK. She also inventoried the Platt campaign button collection and learned to scan the framed buttons.

Michael Holdridge did some touchup work on the Guttery book, *Representing Texas*, and worked with Erin to create two large banners for the presidential campaign exhibit. He also worked on the web page template for the CMS conversion project.

Kristine Harveaux-Lundeen finished the Penn Jones inventory, rewrote the series description, updated the collection statement and made copies of the finding aid for Jones' sons.

Justyn Kuykendall began converting cassette tapes of the Nixon impeachment proceedings to CDs and created both key word and title indexes to the Jack White JFK video collection.

Edwin Cook completed processing the Hightower Campaign Group and began a box-by-box search for additional personal and campaign materials in the 900 Hightower boxes. He will label which boxes have Texas Legislative materials and which boxes have congressional materials for future processing.

Tazreen Haq worked with Eric Ames in Moody to convert three biographical articles about Bob Platt to text to be added to the Platt web pages which she continues to update and refine.

Matthew Parker worked on the inventory of Platt materials received in December. He also encapsulated a large number of posters that were part of that inventory.

Erin Wolfe completed the presidential campaign exhibit and designed an exhibit poster, invitation and brochure. She will invite fellow museum studies students to visit the exhibit on Feb. 7th.



New Kids on the Block

Janna Dotschkal is not exactly new. She worked for us last year but spent the Fall semester in Scotland. She has returned to order books, help with supplies and keep track of The Standing Committee membership spreadsheet.

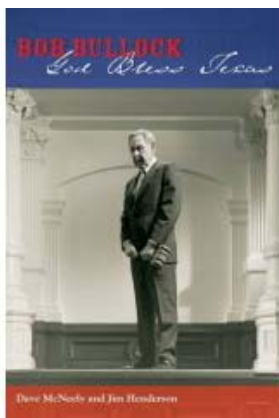
Michael Anderson also worked for us before but spent the last semester at American University in Washington DC and served as an intern with the Republican National Committee. Michael shelves books, photocopies, and is processing the Hightower signed books.

Rakesh Arora is the only 100% new kid on the block. He is a graduate student in the business school. He is taking over for Mac, who graduated, and will be photocopying and arranging JFK newsletters from Jack White.

Joanna Price, a displaced person from the BIN, will be helping Erin with the upcoming Bob Darden editorial cartoon exhibit in Moody/Jones/Poage.

Bullock Sealed ARC

Last week, a pre-publication sealed ARC (Advanced Reader's Copy) of the new book, *Bob Bullock: God Bless Texas*, went on sale on eBay. This is a soft cover, uncorrected advance proof 1st edition in unread, new condition sealed in plastic. Working with a former Bullock staffer, we were able to obtain this copy for our collection of the soon to be released book by UT Press. The book was written by Dave McNeely and Jim Henderson but, unfortunately, is not highly complementary of Bullock.



Bullock Archive

Benna Ball continues to provide oversight to the Bob Bullock Archive. She is currently in the second stage of processing which involves re-boxing materials into acid free 5" boxes for permanent storage. Each box receives a pre-printed Bullock Archive label and a temporary series label which will be replaced with a printed label when each series is completed.

Town Hall Meeting



Dean Orr met with a group of Moody, IT, and Poage student workers for the Poage Library Town Hall Meeting on Jan. 23rd. Attendees enjoyed hearing about the Dean's multiple rolls and offering feedback on several subjects.

Research

A man from San Antonio came to the library twice in January to use JFK materials from the papers of Jack White and Penn Jones.

HVAC

Sherry Cook is working with Aramark to have new bids submitted for the installation of an independent system in the book vault which Classic Heat and Air has volunteered to install for free.

Tech News

Billie Peterson is working with us and Kathy Weber to plan the conversion of our 6,000 web pages to CMS and Contentdm. Our student techies are creating suggested templates prior to our next meeting.



Photo of 1960 Texas Delegation used on cover of *Representing Texas* by Ben Guttery.

Representing Texas

Michael H. has finished updates requested by BookSurge, which required double-checking 224 photographs, and has resubmitted the manuscript. While the author, Ben Guttery, is still the publisher for the book, our library has collaborated with him in order to use his book to promote the library. We are now waiting on the first proof. BookSurge is a Print-on-Demand (POD) publisher in Charleston, SC which is now owed by Amazon. So when the book is available, it will be listed on Amazon, in BIP and can even be purchased through Baker and Taylor.



One side of Presidential exhibit, Poage Exhibit Gallery