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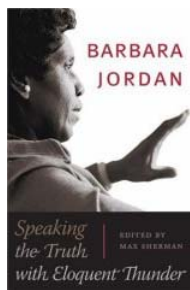
Baylor Collections of Political Materials

Executive Summary - February 2008

RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

The opening of the exhibit was well attended by many of Erin Wolfe's fellow museum studies students, faculty and staff as well as Dean Orr and her husband and several of our student worker staff. The exhibit received good coverage in the *Lariat*, the *Waco Tribune* and online through *Baylor Proud*. Our thanks to Mary Goolsby, Tina Libhart, Ashley Killough and Lori Fogleman for promoting the exhibit for us.

Spring Speaker Series



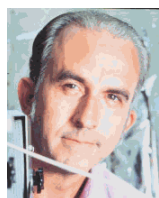
Max Sherman, retired Dean of the LBJ School of Public Policy at UT-Austin, has agreed to speak at Baylor on April 22nd. John Wilson and Mary Goolsby helped make arrangements for this event. In 2007, Sherman edited a collection of speeches by Barbara Jordan. The texts are amazingly contemporary. The book also includes a DVD with audio and video recordings of the speeches.

In our attempt to make sure we had at least one speaker, we also worked with Development to secure **Lyndon Olson**, former Ambassador to Sweden. He will also speak in April.



REPRESENTING TEXAS. We have finished updates requested by BookSurge, resubmitted the manuscript and have received the second proof. Copies of the book should be available soon.

Accessions



Jack White continues to work with us to archive his JFK materials with us as well as at UT Arlington. In February, he sent around 100 cassette tapes related to the assassination. While visiting Jack White, Ben met two professors from Kansas who teach classes about JFK. They are interested in bringing their students to visit our archive next November.

Jack Hightower sent the ART section of his signed editions for the book vault. Matthew Parker typed the inventory of the books which included not only regular bibliographic information but also inscriptions and who signed each book. One book was signed by seven astronauts and another by six former Texas governors. Michael Anderson is placing acid-free sheets in each book with an acid-free bookplate, acid-free tissue over the signature, and a polyester strip around the book for the call number.

Bob Platt sent more items when Ben dropped off inventories for October and December 2007 accessions. Dr. Platt has decided to continue his book store at the Fort Worth Stockyards for two more years even though he will turn 80 this year.

Michael Anderson, who spent last semester as an intern with the Republican National Committee, donated a group of posters of Republican presidential personalities along with his personal magazine collections of *National Geographic*, *Biography*, and several others.

Scott Poage, Congressman Poage's nephew, allowed Ben to remove the remaining books from Bob Poage's library. This included a 1911 set of *Encyclopedia Britannica*, books Bob received from his family as a child, and travel books from trips with the Interparliamentarian Union soon after WWII. In addition to the books, Ben also brought back family letters dating back to the turn of the century when Poage's father was a prominent Texas cattleman and Texas state senator. These personal boxes also included a 1907 photo of Theodore Roosevelt's visit to Waco.



Book Vault

Ben and Benna met with Paul Berry from Novikoff to finalize plans for the shelves to complete the book vault. These shelves will be six feet tall and will occupy the remaining floor space in the room. The shelves have been ordered for \$40,000.00.

Spring Open House

To honor Bob Platt and thank him for his many gifts to our library, we have invited him and his wife to visit us on Tuesday, April 8th for lunch with the Dean and to see the *Race for the White House* exhibit which showcases dozens of items he gave us. Ben Guttery, who also gave us his political materials collection, also plans to attend. We would also like to invite all the folks in the libraries to come meet the Platts, see the exhibit, and enjoy some refreshments. (There will be chocolate!)

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.
- A law firm in Dallas requested copies of a press release from the Bob Bullock papers.
- Rice University requested a scan from a book in our library.

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- The library provided interviews for the *Waco Tribune* for an article about the *Race for the White House* exhibit and for another reporter for an article about our JFK exhibits.
- A John and JD Dowdy Research Grant was given to a researcher in Colorado who came to Waco to research for a biography of Penn Jones.

Tech News

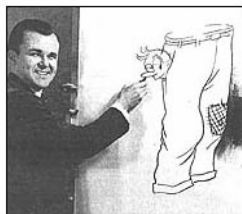
CMS Web conversion: Ben, Michael Holdridge and Taz Haq met with Kathy Weber, Darryl Stuhr, and Denyse Seaman to discuss the CMS template and logistics of converting 5,000-6,000 web pages containing 1000s of images. Darryl will work on the Contentdm part of the conversion. Michael and Taz are working on an Excel inventory of the extensive web site. This inventory includes tagging and archiving/deleting files on the server that are no longer needed, such as our 25th anniversary pages. Michael developed a sample template for the project

Exhibits

- 🔦 **Baptist 400th.** Benna is working with Kathy Hillman's committee to develop an exhibit for Poage highlighting Baylor grads who were also public servants. Joanna Price is researching these grads to provide information for the exhibit.

- 🔦 **Editorial Cartoons.** Erin has begun working on the cartoon exhibit for next fall. She has remeasured all the cartoons and will be going to the framers soon to order the frames and mats.

- 🔦 **Jack Hamm.** We would like to combine the cartoons with the Baptist 400th with a special exhibit of Jack Hamm cartoons. Hamm drew cartoons for the Baptist Standard for many years. Bob Darden has contacted Hamms' daughter at Dallas Baptist and she is willing to work with us on this project.



- 🔦 **Collecting Buttons.** Erin would also like to do a single case exhibit about campaign button - memorabilia collecting as a hobby. This would be in conjunction with the visit of Bob Platt in April.



- 🔦 **JFK-Penn Jones Exhibit**

Although this exhibit has been up since November, it received new interest this month when the Dallas DA made public JFK materials found in the DA vault. The *Waco Tribune* came and took photographs for a possible story and interviewed the staff.

Personnel

Ben attended the Baylor-Waco Foundation meeting in February. Ben also visited Jack Hightower in Austin, Ben Guttery, Bob Platt, and Jack White in Fort Worth, and Scott Poage in Waco during the month to pick up materials.

Benna Ball continued processing the papers of Bob Bullock and Byron Tunnell. She also served on the Baptist 400th anniversary and Creations committees.

Michael Anderson typed a list of Hightower oversize signed books and began preparing these books for cataloging.

Rakesh Arora continued to work with arranging JFK newsletters borrowed from Jack White.

Grace Chiuri completed work on notebooks of Platt materials for Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Reagan. She also began working on the Hightower oversize signed collection.

Edwin Cook went through all 933 Hightower boxes looking for additional personal and campaign materials. He then integrated files he found into materials he had previously processed.

Janna Dotschkal created a spreadsheet for members of The Standing Committee, arranged the Purchasing Card statement for Feb., and began processing letters, photographs and 3-D materials from Scott Poage.

Tazreen Haq added three Platt biographical articles to the web page and then added notebook inventories related to presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy, Nixon, Johnson, and Reagan.

Michael Holdridge reworked and resubmitted the Ben Guttery book, *Representing Texas*, and began creating a spreadsheet inventory on our 5,000-6,000 web site prior to CMS conversion.

Kristine Harveaux-Lundeen began processing Hightower papers related to his Masonic work with the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas, the Center for Dyslexic Children in Austin, and the Masonic Dormitory at UT Austin. She also created an inventory of 14 boxes of books from Scott Poage.

Justyn Kuykendall finished converting cassettes of the Nixon impeachment proceedings to CD. These tapes were a gift of Joan Jasek, Frank's mother. Justyn also began inventorying Jack White cassettes related to JFK prior to transferring them to CD.

Matthew Parker completed Platt inventories for December 2007 and February 2008, created an inventory of Hightower signed books dealing with the Arts, and prepared two boxes of additional Platt vertical files for cataloging.

Joanna Price began work on the Baptist 400th anniversary exhibit. She is researching Baylor grads who served in congress and writing bio blurbs for the exhibit.

Erin Wolfe began work on the political cartoon exhibit which opens in the fall.

Cataloging

Special Libraries Cataloging Team:

Janet Pence: Books - 112 Titles, 124 Vol.; Vertical Files - 15 titles, 17 vol., 15 original BearCat input.



Teddy Roosevelt in Waco, April 6, 1905