# W. R. POAGE LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY Baylor Collections of Political Materials

## **Executive Summary - March 2008**

## **Spring Speaker Series**



Plans continued in March for the lectures by Max Sherman and Lyndon Olson, Jr. The title of the Sherman lecture is "Barbara Jordan: Words and Wisdom for the 21st Century World of Politics." A reception and book signing is planned in Poage Library before the lecture. Mary Goolsby and Tina

Libhart designed a poster for this event and are also working on a poster for the Olson lecture.

An online press kit has been created by Michael H. for our April events:

http://www3.baylor.edu/Library/BCPM/presskit.htm

### **Spring Open House**

Final plans were completed for the Open House on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Platt and several family members will have lunch with the Dean before the Open House begins at 2:00 p.m. Friends of Dr. Platt, Ben Guttery from Fort Worth and Chuck Bailey from Austin, also

plan to attend.



Representing Texas: a comprehensive history of U.S. and Confederate senators and represent-tatives from Texas. The first copies arrived in March. Copies are being cataloged for Moody, Jones and The Texas Collection. Copies were delivered to Ben Guttery and Bob Platt in Fort Worth. A few copies are also being hard bound as presentation

copies. Mr. Guttery plans to attend the Open House on April 8 to sign copies of his book.

#### Accessions

**Bob Platt** sent 14 boxes of books and materials. **Jack Hightower** sent additional signed editions and a presidential portrait poster.

#### Research

- A man from San Antonio came to the library again in March to use our JFK materials.
- A man in Massachusetts requested a DVD we had of an interview with his late father in our JFK materials.
- The Potter County Attorney's office requested information on H.R. 522 in 1993 from the papers of Allen Place.
- UT requested a photo from the Bullock Archive.
- Our Bullock consultant requested a *Texas Monthly* article from 1994.

## **The Standing Committee**

Janna, Edwin and Kristine prepared a mail out to members of our friends-of-the-library group, The Standing Committee. The newsletter updated members about progress and plans in the library especially our upcoming April events. Those who join or renew will receive a copy of Ben Guttery's book, Representing Texas.

#### **Exhibits**

- Baptist 400th. Joanna completed researching Baylor Baptist politicians for the exhibit and began gathering photographs. Benna hosted a meeting of the library Baptist 400th committee.
- Editorial Cartoons. Erin visited Brazos Oaks with Ben to order the frames for the cartoon exhibit.
- Jack Hamm. Bob Darden brought in a dozen Hamm cartoons for the Baptist 400<sup>th</sup> exhibit.
- Collecting Buttons. Erin created an exhibit about campaign button collecting as a hobby.
- JFK Exhibit. The Waco Tribune-Herald [March 1, 2008, p.1B] published an article about the JFK papers in Dallas and tied the story to our JFK materials and exhibit. The article included a photograph of Matthew Parker with the exhibit.
- Barbara Jordan. Erin has prepared the materials for an exhibit highlighting our upcoming lecture about Barbara Jordan.

## **Projects and Processing**

- **Bob Bullock papers**. Benna continues to process the Lt. Gov. issue files and handle research requests. Dave McNeely dropped off a copy of his book, *Bob Bullock: God Bless Texas*, for Benna.
- **Bob Platt papers.** Grace finished inventories of notebooks of campaign materials and is now reboxing Platt 3-D items. Matthew prepared vertical file materials for cataloging.
- Bob Poage papers. Janna is preparing an inventory of Poage's letters, scrapbooks, photographs and 3-D items recently added to the collection. Ben did an oral interview with Scott Poage about relatives who donated books to the Poage family.
- **Byron Tunnell papers.** Benna and Matthew are preparing lists of awards and plaques. Tunnell's books are being sent to cataloging.
- **CMS.** Michael H. and Taz are working through a spreadsheet of over 2,500 web pages that need to be converted to CMS this summer. Another spreadsheet for PDF and image files will also be created and analyzed for CMS conversion.
- Jack Hightower papers: Edwin is working on the Campaign and Personal group materials and Kristine is working on Masonic papers for the Personal group
- **Jack Hightower signed editions:** Michael A. is working on preparing these books for cataloging.
- JFK materials. Rakesh is reworking the combined newsletter list to make the entries consistent. He is also scanning newsletter cover pages and matching them with other scanned covers. Justyn is converting cassette tapes from Jack White to DVD.

**Web Pages**: Taz has been reworking the online index to the Poage papers.

#### Cataloging

Janet Pence: Books titles 100, vol. 105; CD ROM 1 title, 1 vol.; DVD 8 titles, 9 vol.