

# W. R. POAGE LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY

## *Baylor Collections of Political Materials*

### Executive Summary - May 2008

#### In Memoriam

**Dr. Scott Tabor "Taby" Poage.** The nephew of Congressman Poage passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. He was a long-time supporter of our work. He will be missed by our library.

#### Accessions

**Jack and Mary Nell Sorelle** deposited materials of Carlton Smith, Ruth Smith, R. E. Smith and McLennan County abstracts. Some of these materials will be sent to The Texas Collection. The Smiths were good friends of the Poages.

**Larry Todd** sent several videos of Bob Bullock made while Bullock was Comptroller.

**Jack White** sent a box of correspondence from the 1980s and 90s. Much of it was originally sent to Penn Jones for The Continuing Inquiry which White was editing at the time. Another group of correspondence concerned White's interaction with Oliver Stone on his JFK movie.

**Bob Platt** sent some magazines about the Kennedy family and a book about Alamo heroes from New York.

**Randy Lackovic** at the Darling Marine Center in Walpole, ME, has contacted us about depositing JFK materials which belonged to his grandfather.



Ben attended the fifth annual meeting of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress on May 15-16. This year the meeting was hosted by the Robert C. Byrd Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The keynote address was by Richard Baker, Historian of the Senate, *Reflections on the Modern History of Congressional history*. The focus of the meeting was The Presidential Timeline as a model for a Congressional timeline. The Learning Technology Center at UT Austin along with the LBJ library has developed an interactive Presidential Timeline for the use of educators, researchers, and students. [presidentialtimeline.org/] The plan of the ACSC is to develop a corresponding Congressional Timeline using original materials from member archives. For more information on the conference and the ACSC, see <http://www.congresscenters.org/>

#### Representing Texas:

The book has been submitted to the Texas Book Fair for consideration in this year's event in November.

#### Exhibits

• **Baptist 400th.** Erin completed the Baptist Baylor politicians and the Jack Hamm banners for the library exhibit.

• **Editorial Cartoons.** We have secured commitments from at least three caricaturists to help with the opening reception. C. P. Houston (Clyde Peterson) has

also expressed an interest in helping with the exhibit and symposium.

#### Projects and Processing

**Bob Bullock papers.** Benna continues to process the Lt. Gov. Issue Series and handle research requests.

**Bob Platt papers.** Matthew processed books and items received from Dr. Platt in May.

**CMS.** Michael H. and Edwin began converting existing web pages to CMS. Michael is creating splash pages for each of 38 separate web sites planned as smaller parts of the new Poage Library web presence.

**Hightower papers:** Kristine made notebooks of news articles and color prints about Lincoln for the upcoming bicentennial exhibit.

**JFK newsletters.** Rakesh completed consolidating over thirty JFK newsletters into a union list for the web site.

**Book Vault.** The last of the custom shelves were delivered and installed on May 29.

#### Cataloging

Special Libraries Cataloging: Janet Pence: 67 volumes and 2 original OCLC inputs.

#### SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS

✦ **Michael Holdridge** is in charge of the project to convert our web site to CMS. He is designing the templates and splash pages for each site.

✦ **Edwin Cook** is working with Michael to convert our existing web site to CMS.

✦ **Erin Wolfe** continues her work on the editorial cartoon and Baptist 400<sup>th</sup> exhibits. She is also coordinating projects with the Journalism Dept., American Studies, and The Waco *Tribune-Herald*.

✦ **Matthew Parker** is our clean up guy for the summer. He has prepared preliminary inventories of Platt, Jack White and other acquisitions, moved books, and is processing the correspondence of Jack White.

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#### BULLOCK ARCHIVE

Benna Ball attended the annual meeting of the Society of Southwest Archivists in Houston on May 21-24, 2008. She attended two workshops: "Implementing Minimal Processing" and "Creating and Managing Online Exhibits." Three days of sessions included "Like Oil and Archives: Issues in Documenting the Energy Industry," "Optimizing Outreach: Promoting Collections and Attracting Users," "Introduction to Institutional Repositories," "The Archivist's Toolkit," and "Archiving Born-Digital Records and Manuscripts in University Settings," as well as business meetings. Included in the conference were two receptions: one at The Museum of Fine Art, Houston where Benna saw the current Pompeii exhibit and one at the San Jacinto Monument where she toured the museum and historic site. A tour of NASA Mission Control rounded out the conference.

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