

TEAMWORK MAKES FOR SUCCESS

More than 40,000 pages! That's how many were organized, digitized and proofed for quality control during three and a half days in November by staff and student assistants from the Electronic Library, the Poage Library and six students from several departments in Moody. Researcher and author, John Armstrong, brought 42 large 3-ring binders full of material he used to write his book, *Harvey & Lee: How the CIA Framed Oswald*. Due to Mr. Armstrong's travel schedule the group had only a few days to work with the material. The Poage staff and students divided each research notebook into 2" binders, removed thousands of old staples and created page-markers for each tab in the original notebooks. The binders then went to the Riley Digitization Center where the Electronic Library staff and students used the Kirtas book scanner. About 128 binders were scanned and re-assembled into the original 42 notebooks as received from Mr. Armstrong. PDFs of the scanned images will be made for researchers to access online through the ContentDM site and the Poage website.



Team Members

EL and Poage staff: Darryl Stuhr, Eric Ames, Allyson Riley, Ben Rogers, Benna Vaughan, Mary Goolsby
Student Assistants: EL - Kendra Collette, Katy Poteat, Emili Kensing, Hannah Kirkhart, Kayla Zollinger, Brad Roop and Mayo Fadelu; POAGE - Brittany Rubacher, Janai Onguti, Vanessa Onguti, Sam Chen, Mandi Burton, Sushmi Chakraborty and Rachel Carson; MOODY - Amber Hatchett, Ariel Stevenson and Lucinda Yu, Jesse Beck, John-Mark McKethan and Andrew Brown.

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THE STANDING COMMITTEE

PLATT BOOK DONATION UPDATE

Over the last six months Poage staff and students have processed more than 350 boxes of books donated by Dr. Robert Platt. Hundreds of books from this gift have been added to the Poage, Moody/Jones and Texas collections. The remainder were donated to Vanguard Prep School and the Waco-McLennan County Library for their annual book sale.



FOWLER WEST HONORED

On November 12, Poage Library honored Fowler West for his six years as chair of The Standing Committee. Members of his family and friends of the library gathered for lunch on the exhibit gallery. Fowler addressed the group about his vision for the future of the library. D. M. Edwards treated Fowler and his family to the Baylor vs A&M football game the next day.

NEW FEATURE STORIES

Poage Library has added two new articles featuring unique items in the collection.

Lincoln Family Miniature Photo Album, by Alyssa K. Mendez
www.baylor.edu/lib/poage/lincolnalbum

The Hightower 1924 Land Grant (Old 300), by Mallory Hisler
www.baylor.edu/lib/poage/landgrant

ON EXHIBIT

JFK50: Campaign, Election, Inauguration. W. R. Poage Library Foyer

Texas Capitol Re-dedication. W. R. Poage Library Foyer
Kip Averitt. (Mini-exhibit) W. R. Poage Library Foyer

UPCOMING

U.S.S.R. in Retrospect: People, Religion, Collectibles. Opening February, 14, 2011. W. R. Poage Exhibit Gallery
Poage Annual Lecture. Thursday, March 24, 2011. *The Austin-Boston Connection* with Dr. Anthony Champagne and Dr. Jim Riddlesperger.



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POAGE 2011 LECTURE SERIES

As was demonstrated in this last election cycle, political power can change hands between parties and individuals in the span of a day. So it seems unusual that between the years 1937 and 1989, the U.S. House of Representatives was controlled by Democratic Congressmen from the states of Texas and Massachusetts. When the Speaker was from Texas (or Oklahoma), the Majority Leader was from the Boston area, and when the Speaker was from Boston, the Majority Leader was from Texas.



Political scientists Anthony Champagne and Jim Riddlesperger are co-authors of a noteworthy study of the relationships between these Congressmen in power during an almost 50-year reign. They will be discussing their book, *The Austin-Boston Connection: Five Decades of House Democratic Leadership, 1937-1989* on Thursday, March 24 at 4 p.m. in the Marrs McLean Science Building Packard Lecture Hall. Champagne and Riddlesperger are seasoned speakers who are planning a visual presentation.

After a question/answer period, guests are invited to the Poage Library for a reception and book signing. The Baylor Bookstore, a sponsor of the event, will be selling *The Austin-Boston Connection* during the weeks before the lecture and at the reception. The Texas Collection is also a generous sponsor of the event.



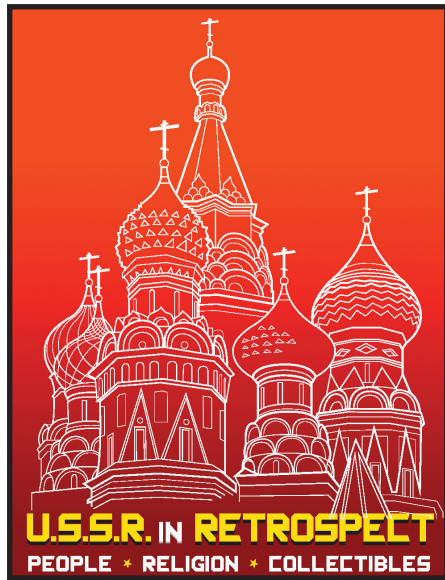
HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE POAGE LIBRARY

Poage Staff and Student Assistants
(standing, from left) Edwin Cook, Chris Lehr, Ben Rogers, Benna Vaughan, Mary Goolsby, Mandi Burton, Sam Chen, Janai Onguti
(kneeling, from left) Rachel Carson, Sushmi Chakraborty, Karlie Crosby, Brittany Rubacher, Vanessa Onguti



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SPRING EXHIBIT - USSR in Retrospect



The Poage Library is partnering with Baylor's Keston Center for Religion, Politics and Society to present an exhibit related to religious persecution and everyday life in the U.S.S.R. before the fall of communism.

The Poage Library will display items collected by Dr. Bob Platt on his visits to Russia in 1991. Materials in the exhibit

will include Russian banners, calendars, coins, coloring books, comic books, flags, toys, medals, money, posters and stamps. The exhibit will feature a large map of the U.S.S.R. and a collage of religions icons. St. Basil's Cathedral will provide the exhibit backdrop.

The Keston Institute was founded at Oxford, England, by Canon Michael Bourdeaux in 1969. It promoted the research, teaching, and understanding of religion and politics in Communist and post-Communist societies. From its foundation, it built up a unique library of books, articles and periodicals, which would serve as a "voice of the voiceless."

The holdings of the Keston Institute were moved to Baylor and opened as the Keston Center in 2007. It is currently home to 8,000 books and over 100 journal titles in English, Russian, German, French, Polish, Italian and other European languages. In addition to print and manuscript materials, the archive holds more than 150 videotapes, 500 sound recordings, and 3,000 rare and one-of-a-kind photographs. A sampling of these materials will be on display including a reproduction of the court proceedings against Aida Skripnikova written on linen sheets and smuggled out of the country by Swedish Christians.

The exhibit will be open from February 14, 2011, until August 2011 in the W. R. Poage Exhibit Gallery.

POAGE COLLECTIONS SHINE

On December 4, the Poage Library Christmas Ornament Collections were displayed for a Library Fellows reception in the Treasure Room, McCrary Music Building. The Poage Collections are displayed each year in one or more of the Baylor Libraries.

The Texas Capitol Collection includes all 15 ornaments issued by the Texas State Preservation Board since 1996, donated to the Library by Ms. Carolene English.

The U.S. Capitol ornaments include several series celebrating Capitol history and art, as well as a marble antiquities collection - each crafted from the original marble steps of the east front of the House wing laid between 1863 and 1865.

The White House Ornament Collection, established in 1981 by the White House Historical Association, commemorates the service of each president, beginning with George Washington in 1982. Ornaments designed to mark special events in White House history were added in 1989. The Poage Collection contains all 30 ornaments.



JFK RESEARCHERS

On Saturday, November 13, Ben made a presentation at the JFK Lancer "November in Dallas" conference highlighting the 15 collections which are part of the JFK Materials in Poage Library. He repeated this presentation at the Coalition on Political Assassinations in Dallas on Sunday, November 21. Following this conference, 15 attendees visited the Library to view JFK materials. Ben then hosted them for dinner at Buzzard Billy's. This group was from Texas, Washington, DC, New Jersey, California, Louisiana, Ohio, Arizona and Colorado.



ARCHIVES WEEK OPEN HOUSE

About 100 guests attended this year's Poage Open House which was held on Thursday, October 21. The LBJ and JFK50 exhibits were viewed and many individuals



CHISHOLM TRAIL FESTIVAL

Poage Library partnered with the McLennan County Historical Commission's Chisholm Trail Festival Committee as a sponsor. Hal Pledger, chair of the committee, and Mimi Irwin of West are longtime Poage Library supporters. The Library donated 50 copies of Bob Poage's books, which have information about the Chisholm Trail, for the sponsor gift bags. Poage staff



and students helped stuff the gift bags for the sponsor dinner held on October 7.

For more information about the McLennan County Historical Commission, visit their website at: mclennancountyhistoricalcommission.org

TSC LIFETIME MEMBERS

Thanks to all who support the Poage Library by helping us expand our holdings and improve our collections. Please consider joining or renewing your membership in The Standing Committee. A form is available with this newsletter.

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George and Barbara Meyer
Lyndon and Kay Olson
Bob and Ruth Platt
Ms. Carrell Stahala
F.M. and Gloria Young

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Some of the materials received since July include:

Lucinda Peebles from Waco donated 10 albums of U.S. First Day Covers and a box of 4-stamp plate blocks from foreign countries which were collected by Congressman Bob Poage. The collection was given to her son by a friend of Scott Poage.



D.M. Edwards donated a large montage of John Connally (left) and a signed book for the Hightower Book Vault.

Penn Jones, III and Michael Jones donated a WWII camera and film projector used by their father, Penn Jones, Jr. when he owned the *Midlothian Mirror*, as well as copies of his book series, *Forgive My Grief*.

Professor Bob Darden donated letters from politicians to his father, (right) as well as several of his books.

