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## Note from the Chair

St. Paul  
20 Feb. 1998

Dear Colleagues,

It has been a somewhat bleak winter, and not (for once) because of the weather in Minnesota. As all of you know, Cynthia Miller's position as archivist for the U. S. House of Representatives was effectively abolished by the House Oversight Committee\_a huge loss to all of us who are involved in preserving the papers of representatives, not to mention the threat to the preservation of official House records. As you also know, the Roundtable steering committee decided to make a strong and vocal protest, and asked the Roundtable membership, as well as SAA central office and the National Coordinating Council for the Promotion of History to join the effort. The response has been remarkable, though as I write this we have had no indication that we have succeeded in reversing the Oversight Committee's decision.

We will try to keep you posted on the House archivist situation. Our ability to do this will be aided considerably if we can expand our Roundtable e-mail list. It was a stretch to send regular mail to most of the membership alerting them to the situation on the Hill. As you know, the Roundtable gets very little monetary support from SAA, so aside from the newsletter, mailings to the entire membership must be absorbed by one of our employing institutions. I feel very strongly that the Roundtable should not wind up divided between those with e-mail (who get all information) and those without (who get only some information). But the more members we can reach by e-mail, the more realistic it is for us to send regular mail with the same information to everyone else. Therefore, I would like to encourage all of you who have e-mail to send your address to me () or to Todd Kosmerick ().

Unfortunately, the situation at the House was not the only bad news recently. The Roundtable also lost an important leader when John "J. C." Caldwell was killed in an auto accident early in Feb. John had been at the Carl Albert Center for a number of years before moving back to his home state of Louisiana. He was a past chair of the Roundtable, and he was a good friend and colleague to many of the members of the Roundtable. At the request of the steering committee, I sent a letter on behalf of the entire Roundtable to John's family, expressing our condolences and our own sense of loss.

Though there are no signs of spring here (we won't see the grass under the snow until about May), I would like to look ahead a bit to what I trust will be better times in the months ahead. One positive development has been an increasing willingness within SAA to share information with the Roundtable steering committees and (even more importantly) to solicit their opinions. SAA is coming to understand fully the importance of Roundtables and Sections to the membership (and therefore to the organization as a whole). Moreover, there is a very real possibility (though not yet a certainty) that the fairly artificial distinction between Sections and Roundtables will be abolished. For a Roundtable as large and active as ours, this will probably mean more rather than fewer resources in the future.

As you know, the SAA meeting this year is in Orlando. The Roundtable will be meeting from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. on Friday, 4 Sept. Our program will feature a presentation by Naomi Nelson from the Sam Nunn Papers at Emory University and Beth Bensman from the Richard B. Russell Library at the University of Georgia. They will discuss their recent work with electronic records in Senate offices, particularly trying to make them accessible to researchers. We will also, as usual, discuss session proposals and conduct regular Roundtable business. I hope to see you all there!

Mark Greene  
Minnesota Historical Society

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## Correspondence with the House Clerk

Below is the text of the Congressional Papers Roundtable letter (written by Mark Greene) to Chair Bill Thomas and other members of the House Oversight Committee. It is followed by the reply of Robin Carle, Clerk of the House, and the response of the Roundtable:

9 Feb. 1998

Dear Rep. Thomas:

I write as the chair of the Congressional Papers Roundtable of the Society of American Archivists to you as a member of the House Oversight Committee. Our Roundtable is composed of those professional archivists from throughout the country who work to preserve and make accessible the papers of U. S. representatives and senators. We learned earlier this week that the Oversight Committee has approved a reorganization of the Clerk's Office that effectively abolished the position of archivist. This is an almost unbelievable, and absolutely short-sighted decision that will have substantial ramifications for the history of the House. The presence on the House staff of a qualified, skilled, and experienced archivist has been critical for two decades in ensuring the preservation of increasingly voluminous and complex records of House Committees, and the papers of its representatives, for future generations of students, scholars, and indeed all citizens.

Every one of the members of our Roundtable has worked with\_ and the thousands of citizens who come to our repositories to consult the papers of representatives have benefitted from\_ the activities of the House archivist. The House archivist has been an invaluable advocate for, and facilitator of, preserving the history of the House and its members. Every year the archivist has advised representatives on the short-term

storage of their records, preventing destruction of important files for apparent want of space. And every year the archivist works with representatives and repositories to ensure that historically valuable records are preserved and eventually made available to researchers. The archivist is also charged with insuring that the committees and subcommittees of the House preserve the records of their activities and properly transfer them to the Center for Legislative Archives. Once at the Center, House committee records are preserved for the benefit of the House and the entire nation.

We understand that the new Research and Reference department of the House Clerk's Office is intended to assume the duties of the archivist. To do this, the head of that department has been sent to the Modern Archives Institute. There are three fundamental flaws with this plan. First, the Modern Archives Institute is not sufficient to fully educate an archivist to professional standards. In this day and age, a master's-level degree is usually required. Institute graduates may evolve into fine archivists, and do so at the National Archives where they are apprenticed to experienced professionals—but the new "archivist" in the Clerk's office will have no such tutelage. Second, the new "archivist" replaces one (who was, I must add, unceremoniously demoted to a paraprofessional position at reduced salary) with 18 years of experience and national stature in the profession. Third, the Research and Reference department, having been reduced from three professional positions to one professional and one paraprofessional, has no mandate to make archival work a priority. The practical effect will be for the House to have abandoned any responsibility for its own records or the papers of its members.

Frankly this is hardly short of shameful. We urge the Committee to reconsider this decision. The history of the House of Representatives is surely worth the small cost of a professional archivist.

Sincerely,  
Mark A. Greene

Feb. 17, 1998

Dear Mr. Greene:

Your letter of February 9, 1998, to Chairman Bill Thomas has been forwarded to me so I might respond to your concerns.

For two hundred years, the Clerk of the House has been responsible, by statute and by Rule, for preserving the records of the House. This is a serious and significant responsibility which, I would suggest, my offices have pursued with more vigor in the last three years than was the case in the last several decades.

The reorganization of several offices within the Offices of the Clerk to create the Legislative Resource Center was one of a number of actions we have taken to provide greater support for the efforts of our Members as well as to broaden the public's access to the House. It would be a mistake to interpret the reorganization within my offices to be a signal of a weakening of commitment to archival and historic preservation functions. As with many things, current technology has dramatically increased access to information. At the same time, it has made archival issues increasingly complex. The personnel organizational structure I requested the Committee accept recognizes the increasingly complex nature of the task. Although I obviously will not discuss individual personnel actions, I do want to correct a misconception you harbor about the previous personnel structure. No official position of "Archivist" existed in the Office of the Clerk either by title or responsibility. The recently approved reorganization resulted in changes in pay structure and position descriptions. Appropriate and adequate support for existing archival responsibilities was considered and addressed.

Your letter also referenced concerns about the continuing education efforts made available to our management staff. Let me put this training in perspective. This training is intended to broaden our ability to continue to improve our support for Members, professional staff and the public, not to threaten or replace existing staff. Continuing professional education is something I would expect your organization to applaud.

Finally, in closing let me say I hope my letter has clarified for you and your organization the recent organizational actions taken within the Offices of the Clerk. The presentation of, and access to, the rich history of the House and its individual Members is an important, shared priority for us. I look forward to a productive working relationship between your organization and the Office of the Clerk in years to come.

With warm regards,  
Robin H. Carle

2 Mar. 1998

Dear Ms. Carle:

Thank you for your letter of 17 February. We appreciate your taking time to respond to our concerns. Our deep and continuing concern stems from the one fact about which you and we agree: that the records of the House, and the papers of its Members, are of immense importance to the history of our nation. The presence of a professional archivist\_first on the staff of the House Historian, then in the Office of the Clerk\_has been of inestimable assistance in our work of preserving the papers of Members and ensuring that official records of the House are transferred to the Center for Legislative Archives.

We do not question the commitment of the Clerk to the history of the House. It is not our contention that the purpose of the reorganization was to weaken the archival responsibility of the Clerk's office\_only that such weakening will be the result. We agree wholeheartedly that "current technology has dramatically increased access to information" while making "archival issues increasingly complex." What we find difficult to understand is how eliminating the one position in the House that was staffed by a qualified archivist will facilitate your office's grappling with the complex nature of archival issues in the electronic age. Finally, we are not protesting the personnel decisions made regarding a specific individual. It is the reorganization and reclassification of staff positions that trouble us.

That the Clerk's office had assumed\_and "pursued with more vigor in the last three years than was the case in the last several decades"\_the archival function when the Historian's Office was closed was all the more reason for us to be shocked upon learning of this last reorganization. That reorganization eliminated the position held by a qualified professional archivist; it also eliminated five clerks/technicians\_those who shelved boxes and worked with National Archives staff in transferring files back and forth from House committees. There is now no position remaining in the office that will attract or retain an experienced archivist, and the two-week introduction to archives provided for the LRC supervisor is inadequate to provide archival and records management expertise to the House and its members. It is hard for us not to conclude that the reorganization will result\_however unintentionally\_in "a weakening of . . . archival and historic preservation functions."

We stand ready to provide advice and assistance to the Clerk in defining and supporting a strong archival function for the House. The records of the House, and thus inescapably the organization of the Clerk's office tasked with preserving the history of the House, are important to all citizens. Therefore, we once again urge you to reconsider the reorganization.

Yours truly,  
Mark A. Greene

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## Senate Historical Office

The following news comes from Karen Paul:

Heather Moore, a recent graduate of the University of Maryland HiLS Program, has been appointed Photo Historian in the Senate Historical Office. She can be reached at .

The revision of Records Management Handbook for United States Senators and Their Archival Repositories is in the final stages of production. The chapter on electronic records has been extensively revised.

The Senate currently is developing a Legislative Information System (LIS) that will make current legislative information available to staff. In order to make certain that the Senate's permanent records are preserved, the Historical Office is working closely with the LIS project team and is in consultation with the National Archives to establish the record copy of documents represented in the system and to ensure that information in the system can be preserved and accessed in years to come.

An electronic version of *A HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE, 1947-1997*, by Donald A. Ritchie, is available on the World Wide Web at [http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/senate/repub\\_policy/](http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/senate/repub_policy/). *VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES, 1789-1993* (596 pages, paperbound), by Sen. Mark O. Hatfield with the Senate Historical Office, is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office for \$50.00 (Order Number 052-071-01227-3).

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## **Society of George Archivists (SGA) Spring Workshop: The Acquisition, Processing and Reference of Legislative Collections**

Acquiring and processing congressional and legislative collections can be among the most daunting of the archivist's responsibilities. While the collections bring prestige to repositories, they also present challenges because of in their size, variety of formats, and confidential or classified files. Working with retiring or recently defeated politicians may also be difficult for the archivist new to the acquisition and administration of legislative collections.

This two-day workshop is a program developed under the auspices of the Society of American Archivists' Congressional Papers Roundtable. It will address the following issues as they relate to congressional and legislative collections: contacting and working with retiring politicians, writing deeds of gift, formulating mission statements and access policies, appraising the records (with special emphasis on keeping them a manageable size), processing, and conducting reference and permitting access. The instructors will be Herbert J. Hartsook, Modern Political Collections, University of South Carolina, and Cynthia Pease Miller, Office of the Clerk, U. S. House of Representatives.

The workshop will take place at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 21-22, 1998. Preregistration will be \$85 for SGA members and \$125 for nonmembers. If payment is made after May 1, registration will be \$100 for SGA members and \$140 for nonmembers. For further information, contact Pam Hackbart-Dean, Russell Library, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602; (706) 542-0627 (tel.); (706) 542-4144 (fax); (e-mail).

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### **John Caldwell, 1950-1998**

Friends and colleagues were saddened to learn that on Feb. 3, 1998, John "J. C." Caldwell passed away near Bernice, Louisiana, as the result of injuries sustained in a car accident. J. C. was an admired and respected member of many communities, including the archival community. From 1979 until 1992 he was an archivist at the Carl Albert Center Congressional Archives, University of Oklahoma. He was a member of the Congressional Papers Roundtable, served as chair in 1991-1992, and contributed to *THE DOCUMENTATION OF CONGRESS*. Although J. C. had not been as active in the profession during recent years (in 1992 he became a professor of geography at Louisiana Tech University), he continued to maintain contacts with his archival friends. He was a warm, humorous, and caring man, and anyone who met him will never forget him.

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## **New Udall Grants Program**

The University of Arizona Library Special Collections houses the papers of Morris K. Udall, Stewart L. Udall, David K. Udall, Levi Udall, Jesse Udall, and other related historical collections. To encourage scholars to use these materials, the Morris K. Udall Research Travel Grants and Research Assistance Grants Program will award three \$1000 research travel grants and four \$250 research assistance grants for the first six months of 1998.

Preference will be given to projects relating to issues addressed by Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall during their long careers of public service. This includes such topics as the environment, natural resources, Native American policy, conservation, nuclear energy, American politics, Mormon history, and biographies.

The grants are open to scholars, students, and independent researchers. The deadline is open. Application forms and additional information are available from Roger Myers, University of Arizona Library, Special Collections, Room C206, P. O. Box 210055, Tucson, AZ 85721-0055; (520) 621-4345 (tel.); 520-621-9733 (fax); (e-mail).

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## **Institutional News**

(Due to the large amount of news, submissions have been edited considerably.)

The papers of former Sen. David Pryor (D-AR) were recently donated to the Special Collections Division, University of Arkansas Libraries. Pryor is known for his leadership in health care issues affecting the elderly. He served from 1978 to 1996, including six years as chair of the Senate Special Committee on Aging. He was previously a U. S. representative and Arkansas governor. The Pryor collection contains approximately 950 l. f. of materials. Pryor has also donated \$50,000 to help defray processing costs and to expedite access.

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Baylor University's Collections of Political Materials has completed processing of the papers of Rep. John Dowdy (D-TX). While the bulk of the papers dates from his congressional years (1952-1972), there are also considerable materials from 1935-1952 when he served as Court Reporter and District Attorney. The Trial and Imprisonment Series contains documents from 1970 to 1974 and concerns Dowdy's imprisonment

for perjury. Further information on the collection can be found at the Web site. For additional information on Baylor's recent acquisitions of political materials, including the papers of Mayor Mike Morrison of Waco, TX, see .

Ben Rogers

*Update 10/17/00 : The Dowdy papers finding aid is not currently available online, however, a biography is available.*

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"*Frank Church Abroad*" is the title of an exhibit mounted at Boise State University Library this year. The exhibit features documents, photos, memorabilia, and other papers from the foreign travels of Frank Church (D-ID), who served in the U.S. Senate from 1956 to 1980 and was a member and chair of the Foreign Relations Committee. The exhibit includes a "World Leaders Quiz," which consists of photos of the senator with world leaders who are purposefully unidentified. Visitors are challenged to name these personalities, who include Konrad Adenauer, Moshe Dayan, Margaret Thatcher, and Imelda Marcos. An answer sheet is available.

Alan Virta

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The Burns Library at Boston College has published a guide to the Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill (D-MA) Papers, which have been recently processed. These papers have become the nucleus of the library's Congressional Archives Collection. The materials were processed with grants from the Andreas Foundation and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. Further information about the collection can be obtained from the John J. Burns Library, Boston College, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02167-3801; (617) 552- 3282 (tel.); (617) 552-2465 (fax).

Burns Library

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Carnegie Mellon University Libraries now provide access on the World Wide Web to portions of the congressional papers of Sen. H. John Heinz III (R-PA). The URL is <http://heinz1.library.cmu.edu/HELIOS>. Named in memory of the late senator, the Heinz Electronic Library Interactive On-line System (HELIOS) allows users to search, browse, view and print digital images from the collection. It adds powerful new functions for searching and retrieving relevant documents using natural language processing software developed at the university. The initial release gives access to more than 320,000 pages from the Heinz Senate papers. When the project is completed, researchers will have access to approximately 1,000,000 pages of material. The Heinz collection presents a rich and valuable source of information about the senator's contributions to the U.S. Congress, and about such social and political concerns as environmental and aging issues, international trade and finance, and health care. This work to digitize the archive is supported by the Teresa and H. John Heinz III Foundation, Heinz Company Foundation, and the Howard and Vira I. Heinz Endowments, with additional support provided by Carnegie Mellon and CLARITECH Corporation. For more information or to receive a brochure about the project, please contact Edward Galloway, H. John Heinz III Archives, Carnegie Mellon University, 5000 Forbes Avenue, Hamburg Hall, Rm. 2504B, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890; (412) 268-7402 (tel.); (412) 268-5547 (fax); .

Ed Galloway

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The Special Collections Unit at Clemson University Libraries opened the John Light Napier Collection to the public in June 1997. This collection consists of the political papers of Napier (R-SC), who served in the U. S. House in 1981-1982. The papers cover the years 1978-1983 and are organized into six series: Subject Files, Press, General D.C. Office, Computer Mail, Florence District Office, and Campaigns. The Subject Files, contain background information on agriculture, economic recovery, education, nuclear waste, social security, tax bills, and tobacco.

Also recently opened is the President Pro Tempore Series of the Strom Thurmond Collection. Thurmond (R-SC) served his first tenure as the Senate president pro tempore from 1981-1987 and has been serving his second since 1995. The series consists primarily of recommendations for various government positions, such as cabinet members and ambassadors to foreign countries.

Due to media interest in Thurmond's Senate career, Special Collections has produced a Biography Packet, which consists of excerpts from the Collection Register, photocopies of photographs chronicling the family and public life of the senator, and a photocopy of the "*Southern Manifesto*." For an edition of the A & E television program "Biography," ABC News Productions is currently utilizing the packet, along with photographs from the collection.

In Jan. 1998 in Columbia, SC, Special Collections Archivist Matthew Priewe and University of South Carolina Modern Political Collections Curator Herb Hartsook conducted a seminar on special and political collections available at Clemson University and the University of South Carolina.

The Strom Thurmond Institute, Clemson University, displayed the exhibit "*A Milestone of Service: Strom Thurmond's Record-Breaking Senate Career*" from Sept. 12, 1997, to Feb.27, 1998. On May 25, 1997, Thurmond became the longest serving senator in U.S. history, and the exhibit provides a brief overview of his Senate career and the issues and concerns he has been involved with during each of his five decades in office.

Matthew Priewe

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The processing of the Thomas R. Carper Papers is now underway at the Special Collections, University of Delaware Library. Carper (D-DE) served in Congress from 1983 until 1992, when he was elected to his first term as governor of Delaware. The core of the papers is material from Carper's career in the U.S. House. Nearly 130 l. f. of congressional papers document his committee work, legislation, and efforts on behalf of constituents. They reflect issues on banking, environmental and coastal concerns, fishing and tourism, and many other topics of interest to Delawareans in the 1980s. Supplemental personal papers reflect campaigns, and Carper's work as a member of the boards of Amtrak and Jobs for American Graduates. Gubernatorial papers are not included because by state law they are transferred to the Delaware State Archives. Once processed and open for research, the Thomas R. Carper papers will be an important addition to the Special Collections' primary sources for the study of Delaware politics and history.

L. Rebecca Johnson Melvin

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The new Claude Pepper Library at Florida State University, has begun receiving several shipments of processed papers, photographs, recordings, and memorabilia of former Sen. and Rep. Claude Pepper (D-FL). Many of these materials have been in storage for several years. The collection will be housed in a new facility, the Claude Pepper Center, which includes the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy and the Claude Pepper Foundation. The staff will be updating the finding aid to the collection, which is expected to be accessible on the World Wide Web. Please keep posted for announcements on the library's opening.

Burt Altman

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For several years, staff at the Russell Library, University of Georgia, contemplated publishing a guide to the library's cornerstone collection, the papers of Sen. Richard B. Russell, Jr. (D-GA). In 1997, the 100th anniversary of his birth, it seemed particularly appropriate to bring forth a publication honoring the senator, his work, and the legacy of his lifelong public service to Georgia and the nation. The illustrated guide includes a biography of Russell written by Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-WV), background information on the formation of the Russell Library, a history of the Richard B. Russell Foundation, descriptions of each series and subseries in the Russell collection, an index, a list of oral history interviews, research policies and procedures at the library, and a selected bibliography of publications based on research using the collection. Thus the guide serves not only as a research tool to provide access, but also as a means to highlight the abundance of materials present and available for research. Funding for this guide was provided by the Richard B. Russell Foundation, Inc. Members of the SAA Congressional Papers Roundtable will receive a complementary copy of the guide this spring.

Also as part of the celebration honoring Russell's 100th birthday anniversary, the library hosted "The Richard B. Russell Lecture: Civil Rights, Warren Commission, Vietnam and National Security" on the senator's birthday, Nov. 2, 1997. The program, funded by the Georgia Humanities Council, the Russell Foundation, and the Georgia Historical Quarterly, featured scholars discussing significant transitions in domestic and foreign policies that occurred during Russell's career and the impact that the senator made on Georgia and the nation. The program was held in conjunction with the exhibit "*A Century Considered: Richard B. Russell, Jr., and his Legacy*" and the Russell Symposium (a biennial program sponsored by the Russell Foundation and the Center for International Trade and Security).

Pam Hackbart-Dean

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The University of Hawaii at Manoa Library recently initiated its Congressional Papers Collection upon receiving the papers of the late Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga (D-HA). The senator's family generously donated the papers and presented a gift of \$125,000 from the Spark M. Matsunaga Peace Foundation to support the collection. The collection covers Matsunaga's 14 years in the U. S. House and 14 in the Senate, and consist of more than 800 boxes, more than 3000 published items, videotapes, photographs, and personal writings of poetry and prose. The senator worked vigorously for civil rights, Japanese American reparations, peace, and renewable energy resources. He also led the effort to establish the U.S. Poet Laureate program in 1985. The papers will be a featured collection when the latest addition to the Hamilton Library building is ready in 2000. Videotapes have been inventoried and will be mastered for preservation. Photographs are being given conservation treatment and will be kept with the papers. Work on the papers themselves will begin shortly.

Ellen Chapman

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The congressional papers of Rep. John Myers (R-IN) were received by the University Archives at Indiana State University. Myers represented Indiana's 7th Congressional District from 1966-1996. The collection contains approximately 271 c. f. of photos, audio-visual material, press releases, campaign files, constituent case and issue mail, academy files, project files, committee and subcommittee files, and office files. An inventory is currently being compiled. The collection is being processed, and access is restricted at this time.

Susan Davis

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Special Collections at Louisiana State University has received its final shipment of the papers of Sen. J. Bennett Johnston, Jr. (D-LA). The material comprises approximately 1000 l. f. and has been arranged in general series order. The legislative files are currently being processed. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for eight years, Johnston was instrumental in national energy policy.

Emily Robison

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Former Congressman G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery (D-MS) donated \$1000 to the Special Collections Department, Mitchell Memorial Library, Mississippi State University, to be used to hire a student assistant to assist in the processing of his papers. Montgomery has previously made similar donations, which have greatly facilitated the processing of the collection.

Mike Ballard

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Researchers can now benefit from a new guide from the University of Oklahoma's Carl Albert Center. The thirty-four-page *Archival Resources on the Great Depression at the Carl Albert Center Congressional Archives* describes in detail the way the Center's archival collections document a variety of topics on the 1930s, including drought relief and soil conservation, banking, public works projects, Prohibition, veterans' bonus legislation, and national and Oklahoma politics. The free guide is available from the Carl Albert Center, University of Oklahoma, 630 Parrington Oval, Rm 101, Norman, OK 73019; (405) 325-6372 (tel.); (405) 325- 6419 (fax.); (e-mail).

The Center's new exhibit, "*Out of the Darkroom: Shutterbugs Focus on Politicians' Family and Friends*," takes a look at the place wives, husbands, and children have held in the lives of their glad-handing, stump-speaking spouses and parents. The exhibit, which is displayed in the format of a family photo album, will be on display until summer 1998.

The Center has acquired the records of the Sunbelt Caucus, a nonprofit nonpartisan organization that seeks to provide public policy research and public education on issues affecting the Sunbelt region and its people. Its is comprised of members of Congress who represent Sunbelt states. The collection's 19 c. f. contain administrative and topical files that are currently closed to researchers.

Todd Kosmerick

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The Modern Political Collections, a division of the University of South Carolina's South Caroliniana Library, recently received the papers of Rep. James R. Mann (D-SC). The collection documents Mann's campaigns for Congress and his service representing South Carolina's 4th District from 1969 to 1979. The collection should be open for study early in 1999. It will have as its strongest element records documenting Mann's key role in the Judiciary Committee's consideration of the impeachment of Pres. Richard M. Nixon.

Herbert J. Hartsook

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The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga has received an additional 20 c. f. of materials for the Marilyn Lloyd Collection. Lloyd (D-TN) served in the U. S. House from 1975 to 1995. The addition primarily contains newspaper clippings, plaques, and artwork, but it also includes files relating to the Oak Ridge facility and energy legislation. This acquisition supplements her earlier donation of 96 c. f. of office files from 1975 to 1994, including materials on the TVA, Department of Energy, Oak Ridge and Clinch River Breeder Reactor, the Armed Services Committee, foreign affairs, and child care.

Mrs. Olive Hunt donated newsletters for the years 1973-1974 and press releases relating to the service of Rep. Baker (R-TN). The collection has been catalogued, and a partial index can be viewed on the Web at <http://www1.lib.utc.edu/manuscripts/mss067>.

F. Holly Hodges

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The Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin, has acquired the papers of former Sen. and Secretary of the Treasury Lloyd Bentsen, Jr. (D-TX). The collection is estimated to contain 2500 boxes, making it the single largest at the Center and a major addition to the Center's growing Congressional History Collections. Financial support from the Houston Endowment, Inc., has enabled the Center to hire special project staff to organize the Bentsen Collection and make it accessible. The papers document Bentsen's Senate career (1971 to 1992) and his unsuccessful bids to be a Democratic Party presidential nominee (1976) and vice president (1988). The collection is especially valuable for its documentation of the history of energy and trade issues, tax and banking policy, and the shaping of the federal budget. Because Bentsen was influential on economic matters, the collection contains abundant materials relating to the development of American trade and tax policies.

The papers of former Sen. Ralph Webster Yarborough (D-TX) have been opened to researchers. Although processing continues, a finding aid in the form of a checklist is available. Yarborough served from 1957 to 1971, and his papers document a public career that included sponsorship or support for such landmark legislation as the Civil Rights Act of 1957, the National Defense Education Act of 1958, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Cold War GI Bill of 1969, and the National Cancer Act of 1970. His environmental legislation created the Padre Island National Seashore, the Guadalupe Mountains National Park, and the Big Thicket National Preserve.

Former Rep. Eckhardt (D-TX) has donated his papers to the Center. The collection is featured in the exhibit "*Crusade in Caricature: Political Cartoons by Congressman Bob Eckhardt*." Taken from the Eckhardt papers, other Center holdings, and loans from the former congressman's personal collection are cartoons, sketches, caricatures, and poems, some tucked away for years in Eckhardt's files and seen by few.

The Center for American History has remodeled the exhibit at the Sam Rayburn Library and Museum in Bonham, Texas. The new exhibit is titled "*The House Will Come to Order: The Life and Career of Sam Rayburn*," and it includes an audio tour of the Museum's replica of the formal office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The tour features a 1960 recording of Rayburn describing the furnishings and memorabilia in the room. The Speaker's papers are now housed in the Center's Congressional History Collections in Austin.

Sara Clark

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## Comings and Goings

Diane Dimkoff, formerly of the Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives, has been reassigned to supervise the staff working in the NARA research rooms and the NARA library. Therefore, she is leaving the Congressional Papers Roundtable Steering Committee. Mike McReynolds, newly deputy director of the Center for Legislative Archives, will take her place. He can be reached at Center for Legislative Archives (NWL), National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20408; (202) 501-5350 (tel.); (202) 219-2176 (fax); (e-mail).

Welcome new members: Matthew Priewe has become the new Political Collections Archivist at Clemson University. In 1997, Ellen Chapman began to oversee the Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga Papers at the University of Hawaii at Manoa Library. Rebecca J. Altermatt is the new Affiliate Assistant Librarian at the Special Collections of the University of Delaware Library, and her primary assignment is to process the Thomas R. Carper Papers.

If you know of anyone who would like to join the Congressional Papers Roundtable, please have them contact Chair Mark Greene or the editor.

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## **Note from the Editor**

If you have news for the next issue of the Congressional Papers Roundtable Newsletter, please submit it to the editor by July 17, 1998. The next issue will be distributed in August prior to the annual meeting.

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Note from Editor: Some Congressional Papers Roundtable members may still be using my old e-mail address of kosmerick@uoknor.edu. Effective May 1, 1998, this will be deactivated. Congressional Papers Roundtable members should use to contact me.