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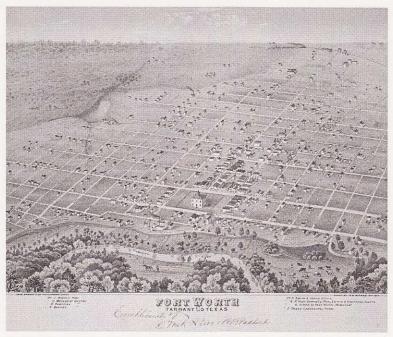
#### **Texas Map Society Meeting**

# Fall in the Metroplex

he Fall meeting of the Texas Map Society (TMS) will be held on October 5th and 6th at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and The University of Texas at Arlington. The Program Committee has finalized plans for an eclectic program featuring outstanding presentations, a reception and exhibition preview, great camaraderie, and even an opportunity for you to engage in "show and tell."

We will begin Friday evening at the Edwin J. Foscue Map Library at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas with a behind-the-scenes

preview of their upcoming 65th Anniversary exhibition and a presentation featuring their outstanding World War II map collection. We will then move over to the DeGoyler Library, the primary special collections repository for SMU, for a reception. Saturday morning we will return to The University of Texas at



Fort Worth, Tarrant Co. Texas, 1876 by D. D. Morse. Toned lithograph Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Collins (1972.191). Courtesy of Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth, Texas.

Arlington's (UTA) Central Library for all day sessions with speakers discussing topics ranging from Ramusio to Railroad Maps.

In addition to the annual fall meeting of the TMS, the Dallas, Arlington, Fort Worth Metroplex is a great fun destination. The region offers a wide variety of entertainment for those of you looking to extend your time in the area. The Program Committee has posted a page on the Texas Map Society web site to help you find a variety of entertainment and events, dining, and shopping opportunities in the area. See http://libraries.uta.edu/txmapsociety.

The Annual Fall Meeting is sure to be a hit! Mark your

calendars now for October 5th and 6th. Registration brochures will be mailed the end of August, but the TMS web site will have up to date detailed information on speakers, hotels, and transportation for the meeting as it come available.

#### **SPEAKERS AND TOPICS**

#### **Randy Barnes**

Fort Worth, School Teacher Topic: *Ramuiso and the Americas* 

(The Program Committee is always on the lookout for outstanding graduate students in cartographic studies to bring to the attention of the membership and this year's young scholar is UT Arlington's Randy Barnes, a private school teacher)

#### John Cobb

Stafford, Businessman and Collector Topic: *Land Promotion* and Railroad Maps

#### Michael Duty

Dallas, Historian and Executive Director of the Dallas Historical Society

Topic: Maps Preserved by the Dallas Historical Society

#### **David Finfrock**

Fort Worth, NBC, Channel 5, Head Meteorologist and Collector Topic: *Members Map Forum* (Make plans to bring your favorite map)

#### **Dennis Reinhartz**

Arlington, History Professor Topic: *Attributes of Maps* (You will never view a map in the same way again!)

#### Ron Tyler

Fort Worth, Director of Amon Carter Museum Topic: *Bird's-Eye-View Maps* 

#### Dawn Youngblood

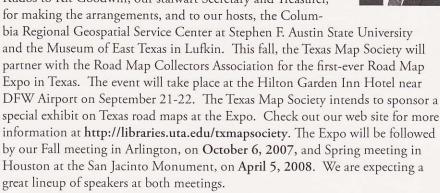
Dallas, Curator, Edwin J. Foscue Map Library, Southern Methodist University Topic: *World War II Maps* 

# Off the Map: THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Jeff Dunn

t is a great privilege and honor to serve as the newest President of the Texas Map Society. I follow in the footsteps of George Tobolowsky, who guided us through two years of outstanding programs, including a fabulous visit in 2005 to the Library of Congress in Washington, DC.

Our meeting this Spring in Nacogdoches was a great success. Kudos to Kit Goodwin, our stalwart Secretary and Treasurer,



The Texas Map Society is now a Section 501(c)(3) organization. This means that tax deductible contributions can be made to the Society as allowed by law. Please keep the Society in mind when making your annual charitable contributions. A few extra thousand dollars in the bank account will able us to upgrade our website, create brochures to promote membership, and accomplish other important education goals. These and other projects will help make the Texas Map Society a premier nationally-recognized organization for the diffusion of knowledge on maps.

# Rocky Mountain Map Society to Host Map Fair

he Rocky Mountain Map Society (RMMS) will host the Seventh Annual Rocky Mountain Antique Map Fair in Denver on Friday evening and Saturday, September 14th and 15th, 2007. The event is hosted in partnership with the Denver Public Library located at 10 West Fourteenth Avenue Parkway in downtown Denver. Admission is \$5 and the Fair will be open Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year, fifteen dealers from across the United States, Canada, and Europe have



Visitors to the 2006 Map Fair at the Denver Public Library view maps at a dealers booth. Photo courtesy of the Rocky Mountain Map Society

signed on to participate. The Fair will give map enthusiasts the opportunity to examine at least 10,000 maps dating from the 16th to 20th century, including many rare items. Prices at the Fair previously have ranged from \$10 to \$10,000.

Our friends in the RMMS urge us to come and view history from a graphic perspective, indulge our travel fantasies, and collect a piece of history. This is an opportunity to explore the art, history, science, technology—and mystery—of maps! For more information and a list of dealers, visit the Rocky Mountain Map Society's web site at www.RMMaps.org.

## **Members Map Forum**

ark your calendars now for the fall meeting of the Texas Map Society, on October 6, 2007. As usual, UTA's Special Collections will host our fall meeting, on the 6th floor of the main library, on the UTA campus in Arlington, Texas...

Beginning last fall, I took over the Member's Map Forum from Kit Goodwin, to give her a little relief, as she is very busy with her duties as Secretary/Treasurer of the TMS. Since I will be continuing to host the forum this year, I would like to remind you to bring a map along to the meeting. It doesn't have to be centuries old, or made by a renowned cartographer (although we are certainly happy to see those!) It only has to be a map that speaks to you, and that you would like to share with the rest of the Society. Something interesting, something unusual, something fun! Remember that you will each have only a couple of minutes to discuss it. But the maps that all of the members bring to the meeting will be on display, on tabletops and on easels throughout the day of the meeting, to spark conversation during breaks between the official presentations.

> See you in October. **David Finfrock**

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A Neatline is the outermost drawn line surrounding a map. It defines the height and width of the map and usually constrains the cartographic

# Davis Maps Going on Tour

By Kit Goodwin and Ben Huseman

Going to Texas: Five Centuries of Texas Maps" is the title of a new traveling exhibition of maps from the collection of Texas Map Society (TMS) members, Yana and Marty Davis, which will embark on a two year tour of the state. The Center for Texas Studies at Texas Christian University (TCU) is sponsoring the tour which contains sixty-four historic maps dating from 1548 to 2006, illustrating the history, economics and development of Texas. The maps will be exhibited in 10 venues around the state, beginning in November at the Old Red Museum in Dallas and concluding at the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth in 2009. In addition, the Center for Texas Studies is also developing a curriculum for students to accompany the exhibition that will use the maps to illustrate math, art, geography, textiles and printing, as well as history.

An exhibition catalogue, published by TCU Press, portrays the history of the Lone Star State through color plates of the sixty-four historic Texas maps and ten original essays written by noted historians. The maps range from the earliest sixteenth-century maps of New Spain through early settlement, the Republic and statehood, and into the twenty-first century. The maps served to promote settlement, chart transportation lines, and to guide the military. The accompanying essays focus on Spanish exploration, the Louisiana Purchase and the Texas Borderlands, Empresario settlement, the Republic of Texas, the Trans-Pecos, statehood and the Confederacy, the end of the nineteenth century, the Mexican War, and Texas in the twentieth century.

Texas Map Society members who trekked to Fort Davis and Alpine for the 2006 spring meeting will remember previewing the collection as Yana and Marty Davis donated their maps to Sul Ross State University during the weekend. Yana and Marty Davis are Dallas map collectors and founding members of the TMS. Marty is currently serving on the Board of the map society and is active in support of a number of educational institutions in the state. The forthcoming exhibition is another fine Davis contribution to Texas and its citizens.

# Texas Map Exhibit • Davis Map Collection Museum of the Big Bend SCHEDULE

Venue One

Dallas Historical Society, Fair Park

November 2, 2007 to January 3, 2008

Venue Two

Panhandle Plains Museum, Canyon

March 13, 2008 to April 24, 2008

Venue Three

Museum of the Southwest, Midland

May 8, 2008 to June 19, 2008

Venue Four

Mayborn Museum,

**Baylor University, Waco** 

July 3, 2008 to August 14, 2008

Venue Five

Museum of South Texas History,

Edinburg

September 4, 2008 to October 16, 2008

Venue Six

Texas Tech Museum, Lubbock

November 6, 2008 to December 18, 2008

Venue Seven

Centennial Museum, UT El Paso

March 5, 2009 to April 16, 2009

Venue Eight

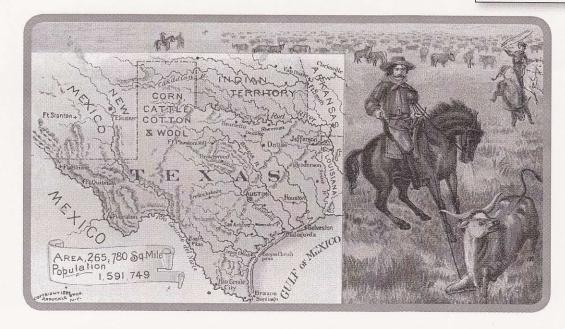
Old Jail Center, Albany

June 6, 2009 to September 6, 2009

Venue Eleven

Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, Fort Worth

November 11, 2009 to January 15, 2010



Map of Texas, by Arbuckle Bros. Coffee Company. Published in Pittsburg by John and Charles Arbuckle, 1889. Chromolithograph by Donaldson Bros., New York, 1889. Promotional trade card, 3" x 5". Image courtesy of Yana and Marty Davis, Dallas, Texas.

# SMU's Edwin J. Foscue Map Library Founded 65 Years Ago

By Dawn Youngblood, PhD • Curator, Edwin J. Foscue Map Library

This year marks the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Edwin J. Foscue Map Library on the campus of Southern Methodist University. The library was founded in 1942. To celebrate our anniversary, we are pleased to host a visit of the Texas Map Society as well as an exhibit of World War II maps and memorabilia that will remain on display in the Central University Libraries from October through December. This article explains how and why the library was founded in 1942.

When the United States entered World War II, there was a great shortage of all types of material for war, such as airplanes, tanks, all types of ordnance, etc., but one shortage which few people realized existed, was in maps of foreign lands-lands that were to become the various battle theatres within the next four years. In World War I, American armies did not have this difficulty since most battles were fought in Western Europe which was well mapped by France, Italy, and Great Britain. This second global war, however, was to have its battle fields all over the world-in areas that were either poorly mapped or in some cases had never been mapped.

At the outbreak of hostilities, the Army War College of the United States, which had always been responsible for making maps for the Army, realized that this conflict was going to demand such a large production of new maps that its facilities would have to expand greatly. This led to the establishment of the Army Map Service (AMS) under the Corps of Engineers. The AMS was authorized to compile and publish maps of all parts of the world and to make them available for distribution to the fighting fronts at the proper time. This huge technical and mechanical undertaking resulted in the establishment in Washington, D.C., of the largest map publishing institution the world had ever known. Every modern technique regardless of cost was installed in the plant of the Army Map Service, but one of the great shortages lay in the lack of original maps for reproduction.

Fortunately at that time there were a few large map collections at certain universities and at other institutions. Among these might be mentioned the excellent collection of the Department of Geography at the University of Chicago and the large map collections of the American Geographical Society of New York and the New York Public Library. These and a few others provided the bases for the large-scale, detailed maps of numerous foreign lands used by the United States and her allies. The maps of libraries were taken immediately to Washington, and through photographic reproduction were made available in multiple copies. Some of these first maps were old, and in many cases inaccurate, but they served their purpose during the first part of the war.

As additional data were secured, through aerial photography and through field reconnaissance, corrections were made and new editions were published. Throughout the war the Army Map Service was constantly correcting, revising, and republishing its numerous map series. These maps covered all types of terrain, climatic regions, etc., and were printed in scales varying from those smaller than 1:1,000,000 (1 inch equals about 16 miles), to detailed city plans on scales of less than 1:10,000 (1 inch equals about one-fifth of a mile). They were reproduced in many colors-some requiring as many as eight color plates to print one map. Most maps were classified for restricted use during the War and as a result were seen only by military personnel, but after V J Day they could be declassified and made available to schools and other similar institutions, if that

seemed desirable. For a while it seemed as if the Army would destroy all maps it had published except for a few sets which would be kept in various government agencies in Washington. Some of the geographers then in Washington with these agencies asked if map collections could not be made available to a number of key depositories throughout the country, with varying degrees of priority. Schools on the top priority list were selected (1) because of their interest in establishing a map library and their promise to house these maps properly so that they could be available for reference, and (2) because of their regional strategic location. Thus, thanks to founder Edwin J. Foscue, who was then chair of the geography department at SMU and saw great value in archiving these sheet maps, Southern Methodist University was able to secure one of the top distribution priorities in the United States.

From 1946 through 1950 the Map Library received two copies of each map produced by this agency as well as some 27,000 foreign maps taken by Allied Forces during the war from German and Japanese military installations. Because of the limited quantity of these captured maps, distribution was made to a few libraries selected according to geographical location. Southern Methodist University received a total of more than 54,000 maps under this program until the press of the Korean situation forced the Army Map Service to discontinue this distribution. The Edwin J. Foscue Map Library now houses more than a quarter of a million maps as well as related reference materials and Geographic information systems software and databases. It remains one of the largest map libraries in the southwest.

# FEATURED MAP

"Map 3209 Haren" is a topographic map at 1:25000 scale from a series of German maps captured by the Allies at the end of World War II. The series is marked "GER M841" with a Library of Congress catalog number of G6080s 25 .G4. The area depicted is located in northwest Germany west of the towns of Hannover and Osnabruck and approximately 10 kilometers east of the Netherlands border.

The series was a special edition, which we can tell because it is marked "Sonderausgabe" in the upper left, and is dated March 10, 1940. While very often German maps of this era were published by the Army High Command Cartographic Office, the publisher of this sheet, measuring roughly 23 inches square is indicated as the "Reichsamt fur Landesaufnahme"—the Imperial (or State) Land Survey Office. The updated special edition is based on maps published in 1898 by the Prussian Land Survey. The old Prussian map number, "Preuss. 1656 alt," is still listed in the upper right above the current map number "3209 Haren."

The date of this special edition, being slightly more than six months after the start of World War II, is not the only indication of its connection to the war. Just to the left of the map number at the top of the map is a printed warning: "Geheim!" or "Secret!" The notice goes on to state, roughly paraphrased, that this map is a secret item under the meaning of paragraph 88 of the State Law Code (collected 24 April, 1934). This date is just over a year into the Nazi era. The warning continues to state that misuse will be punished according to the provisions of this law, so far as no provisions of other laws come into question. It also includes a more general warning at the bottom left that reproduction or alteration of any kind of any part, including enlargement or reduction, are forbidden and will be pursued according to copyright law.

The reason for the "Secret!" designation is not immediately apparent from anything written or printed on the map.

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3209 Haren. Published by the Reichsamt fur Landesaufnahme, March 10, 1940. Courtesy of the Edwin J. Foscue Map Library, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

#### High-Tech Map Meeting in Nacogdoches:

# A Success and This Time No Filibuster!

By Ben Huseman

ast Texas in bloom provided a beautiful setting for the annual spring meeting. Focusing primarily on the latest in high-tech digital cartography, the meeting included interesting speakers, fine hosts, excellent conversation, beautiful azaleas, and plenty of pine trees. Despite the ghostly presence of several early east Texans such as Antonio Gil Ibarvo (Spanish lieutenant governor and Nacogdoches militia commander), Philip Nolan (mustanger and filibuster), Haden Edwards (pioneer settler, land speculator, and Fredonian Revolt leader), Adolphus Sterne (colonist, financier, merchant, and legislator), Dr. Robert Anderson Irion (Republic of Texas senator, secretary of state, and physician), and Thomas J. Rusk (soldier and statesmen), none of the speakers on this program made any attempts at filibustering.

Those TMS members who arrived early on Friday enjoyed a pleasant walking tour of the old town with guides Mike Winthrop and Gloria Bay. Highlights included the Old University Building (a most attractive structure built in 1859), the old Zion Hill Church (built in 1914 and currently slated for restoration), the historic Oak Grove Cemetery (where Edwards, Rusk, Irion, Sterne, and others are buried), and the dog-trot style home that first belonged to Sterne and later to German immigrant Joseph von der Hoya and his descendants. Perfect weather conditions and a subsequent wine reception at a fine old home - "the Inn at 418" - made the walk that much better.

Official presentations began the next day with TMS President Jeff Dunn and host Darrel McDonald



Sites visited by TMS members on the Historical Tour of Nacogdoches provided by the Nacogdoches Visitors and Convention Bureau. Top: Old Grove Cemetery. Middle: TMS members view one of the work rooms at the Columbia Regional Geospatial Service Center. Bottom: Outside of the Columbia Regional Geospatial Service Center on the square in downtown Nacogdoches. Photos courtesy of Ben Huseman.

of the Columbia Regional Geospatial Service Center in Nacogdoches welcoming participants and members. President Dunn introduced the first speaker, Dan Hampton, who good naturedly quipped that he was asked to speak because he knew the old-fashioned ways of mapping and surveying. However, as a retired surveyor from Mt. Vernon, Texas, Mr. Hampton was well-qualified to begin the meeting since he understands, and in several cases had actually used some of the earlier methods of surveying in Texas before the digital revolution. His presentation included images of historic survey maps and field notes from the Texas General Land Office, generously provided by Joan Kilpatrick, head of the Texas G.L.O. Map Collection. Most or nearly all of their illustrations were fascinating one-of-a-kind manuscript originals. The presentation helped place the talks that followed within an historical context. It also helped assure many of us that we had actually found the right meeting, since so much of what followed seemed quite a break with the past.

Josh Been, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Librarian at the University of Texas at Arlington, discussed ways of using GIS software with historic maps. He explained that, although the labor involved in preparing cartographic layers of old geographic information is intensive, the effort produces extensive advantages for analysis, research, and access to such information. Josh demonstrated his Texas Time Machine, a project involving layering digitally-scanned historic printed Texas maps from UT Arlington's Virginia Garrett Collection with modern Google Maps: http://gis. uta.edu/TexasTimeMachine.

Don Cooke, a veteran cartographer currently with Tele Atlas of Lebanon, New Hampshire (a leading provider of digital maps and content that powers navigation and location-based services) delivered a short history of mapping technologies. His account of the revolutionary developments in cartography from the 1980s to the present was especially clear, concise, and illuminating, since much of it was drawn from personal experience and expertise. For those not familiar with his intriguing book Fun with GPS (Redlands, California: ESRI Press, 2005), he presented a few of

the more creative and sometimes humorous uses of GPS (Global Positioning Systems) devices that are today so ubiquitous and indispensable.

The next speaker was George Dailey, program manager of the ESRI Education Program in Dallas (ESRI = Environmental Systems Research Institute, a private company founded in 1969 and based in Redlands, California, that developed and supports the revolutionary GIS software). A stimulating and highly accomplished professional at speaking before large groups (often composed of teachers, school administrators, students and other tough-to-convince individuals), Dailey pointed out some of the myriad ways, both obvious and hidden, in which geography and geospatial technologies have affected history and modern life.

Host Darrel McDonald introduced TMS members to the Columbia Regional Geospatial Service Center (CRGSC), where he is Assistant Director for Education and Training. Founded by an act of Congress in 2005 in response to the critical need for local geo-



TMS members gather in the main gallery at the Museum of East Texas in Lufkin for delicious food and conversation, among the extraordinary quilts on display.

spatial information highlighted by the search for the wreckage of the space shuttle Columbia, the center, has become "a national model for a growing network of regional centers." It provides, according to its mission statement, "the most up-to-date geospatial information and tools for regional support with emergency planning and response, economic development, and natural resource management." (See http://www.crgsc.org/crgsc/). McDonald explained how the center partners with Stephen F. Austin State University, the Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture,

the Forest Resources Institute, the Texas Natural Resources Information System, and other entities. In particular, he related some of the center's role during Hurricane Rita, when, despite being under the hurricane's eye, the Center soon provided over 1,300 preprinted maps and documents for use by first responders. After a break, TMS members and participants walked to the Columbia Center for a tour of this fine facility and for demonstrations led by McDonald and Assistant Director P. R. Blackwell.

At the end of the day, TMS members journeyed to Lufkin for a reception at the beautiful Museum of East Texas, partly housed in a renovated historic 1905 former Episcopal Church. Members enjoyed refreshments and hors d'ouevres amid a gorgeous display of quilts, and then heard a gallery presentation by innovative globe designer and entrepreneur Todd Ulrich of Worldfx, based in Cincinnati, Ohio. See <a href="http://www.realworldfx.com/">http://www.realworldfx.com/</a>. Once again, a group of talented map-lovers, interesting speakers, and hospitable local hosts put together an excellent event.

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Research performed by Scott Cassingham, doctoral student in History at Southern Methodist University, reveals that this area hosted several Prisoner of War (POW) camps during the course of the war. For an online list of POW camps in World War II Germany, see <a href="http://www.moosburg.org/info/stalag/laglist.html">http://www.moosburg.org/info/stalag/laglist.html</a>. At the time this map was published, the first quarter of 1940 and the first 6 months of the war, the only camps within this area were:

- 1. "Durchgangslager" or "Dulag" Transit Camp for POWs near the town of Wesuwe (Dulag w)
- 2. "Stammlager" or "Stalag" POW camp for enlisted men and NCOs near the small village of New Versen (Stalag VI B).

"Wesuwe" is in the west central part of the map and Neu Versen is in the southwest portion, about 2.5 km west of the town of Versen located on a large loop of the Ems River in the south part of the map.

No obvious features on the map near Wesuwe would appear to represent any kind of "camp," but since in early 1940 this was a transit camp perhaps the structures were not permanent or substantial. Only later, in June 1940, was an "Oflag" or Officers POW camp established at Wesuwe.

While not explicitly labeled as such on the sheet, the map may show Stalag VI B near Neu Versen. Just about 1 km to the northwest of this village is a grouping of 10 large buildings laid out in 2 rows of five oriented just east of north-south along with several other smaller buildings surrounded by a wall. This could be barracks and associated buildings. As a military installation it would require at least minimum secrecy.

Editor's Note: This issue's commentary is courtesy of Texas Map Society member, Dawn Youngblood and the image is from the Edwin J. Foscue Map Library, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Members are encouraged to submit a map and commentary for publication in this ongoing column. Contact The Neatline editor, Kit Goodwin at goodwin@uta.edu for details.

### **Conservation Corner**

By Gayle Young, Conservator

One of the most effective conservation tools is proper housing of materials. Maps and other flat oversized items should be placed in archival quality folders and stored flat in steel drawers which have a baked enamel finish. All folders should be cut to the size of the drawers to make sure that they are not misplaced, crumpled, or pushed to the back of the drawer. The number of items to a folder will vary according to size and weight, but certainly not more than ten to a folder. If the maps are fragile, large pieces of archival paper or



The Library of Congress style box is a simple self-closing wrapper, such as can be used to hold together books needing repair.

mat board can be interleaved between the maps to make handling easier.

If maps are so large that they must be rolled, core (pH neutral) tubes are necessary. Wide diameter cardboard tubes may be used as well if they are covered with archival paper or polyester film. Maps should NEVER be stored INSIDE the tube. Sheets of alkaline or neutral tissue paper should be placed on the maps as they are rolled. After rolling this assembly should be wrapped in archival paper to protect from light and dirt and a label attached. Store rolled items flat if possible. Never store upright in bins or on the floor.

Note: Archival quality materials are defined as acid-free and buffered with magnesium carbonate or calcium carbonate to a pH of 7.5-8.5. These materials should contain no lignin, groundwood, or alum sizing. If plastics are used they should be polyester, polypropylene, or triacetate films. The films should be chemically stable, clear, non-yellowing as it ages or is exposed to light. Ask for a Materials Data Sheet if you are unsure of the content of the plastic.

#### A Friendly Reminder . . .

Dues for 2007 are due and payable January 1, 2007. Notices were mailed to all current members whose dues have not been received by January 15th. If you have questions or comments, please contact Kit Goodwin at 817-861-1425 or goodwin@uta.edu or, to the address below.

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