

Otis H. Shao has been appointed chairman of the new department of political science at Moravian College.

Foster Sherwood, professor of political science at UCLA has been appointed vice chancellor in charge of academic affairs for the University of California, Los Angeles.

William Siffin is now associate professor of government at Indiana.

Reed M. Smith, formerly assistant professor of political science, Baldwin-Wallace College, has been appointed lecturer in the political science department University of Pennsylvania, and educational assistant at the Fels Institute of Local and State Government.

Robert F. Smith, formerly of Southern Methodist, has been appointed associate professor at Skidmore College.

Charles I. Stastny has joined the department at Skidmore as instructor.

Peter Stercho has been appointed to an associate professorship at Saint Vincent College.

Robert H. Stoudemire has been promoted to assistant professor in the bureau of public administration and the department of political science, University of South Carolina.

Edward Taborsky has been promoted to the rank of full professor at the University of Texas.

Richard W. Taylor has been promoted to professor of political science at Coe College. He has

also been elected secretary of the Midwest Faculty Conference.

William Thomas has been appointed assistant professor at Skidmore.

Thomas F. Thompson was appointed assistant professor of political science, beginning September 1, 1960 at the University of Wisconsin, extension division.

Jan F. Triska, formerly of Cornell University, was appointed associate professor of political science at Stanford University, beginning autumn, 1960.

Robert Tucker has been promoted to a full professorship at Indiana University.

P. J. Vatikiotis is now associate professor of government at Indiana University.

Robert Warren is now acting assistant professor at the University of Washington.

Paul A. Weidner formerly chairman of the department of social sciences at Henry Ford College, in Dearborn, Michigan, has been appointed associate professor of political science at the University of Akron.

Lea E. Williams has been promoted to associate professor at Brown University.

Benjamin F. Wright formerly president of Smith College, has accepted an appointment as professor of government and director of American Studies at the University of Texas.

## IN MEMORIAM

Nelson E. Taylor, Jr., assistant professor of political science at Vassar College, died on November 12, 1960.

Before joining the Vassar faculty in 1954, Dr. Taylor had taught at Tufts College, Louisiana State University, and the University of Vermont. He graduated with honors from the University of Virginia in 1943 and was awarded the M.A. and the Ph.D. degrees by Harvard University. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the American Political Science Association, the American Society for Public Administration, and the Southern Political Science Association.

Dr. Taylor was the editor of a recent book on American parties and politics, entitled "Know Your Candidate." This was an analysis, by means of their own words, of the positions taken by Vice President Nixon and Senator Kennedy on

major policy issues. Dr. Taylor also served as director of research and writer for Gore Vidal, the unsuccessful Democratic-Liberal candidate for Congress in New York's 29th District.

In 1957, Dr. Taylor worked on projects for the New York State Temporary Commission on the Constitutional Convention, which was established by the state legislature to undertake studies in preparation for a constitutional convention.

During the summer of 1958, Dr. Taylor served as director of the joint Wellesley-Vassar Summer Intern Program, in Washington, D.C. In 1959, he became secretary of the Vassar College faculty.

In a few short years, Dr. Taylor became a valuable member of Vassar's department of political science. He was an excellent and highly effective teacher; he was a gentleman deeply respected by both his colleagues and students.