

Noted as Editor, Lecturer, Scholar; Acted on Commissions

ON FACULTY SINCE 1919 {Note: this year is incorrect. He came to Stanford in 1913}

Private Service to Be Held Today; Political Science Classes Excused

Professor Victor J. West, head of the Department of Political Science since its formation in 1919, died late Saturday morning at his Palo Alto home after little more than a week's illness from double pneumonia, which was complicated by a blood infection. The funeral, which will be restricted to members of the immediate family, is to be held at the West home today, and interment will be made at the Alta Mesa cemetery. All classes in the departments of Political Science, Economics, and Citizenship will be excused during the day. Born in Illinois in 1880, Victor West took his Ph.B. degree at the University of Chicago in 1905. Subsequently, he was instructor in political science and civics in several Middle-western institutions. Coming to Stanford in 1913 as an assistant professor of political science, he rapidly advanced to the professorship and head of the department in 1919, which he had held to the time of his death. During the war he acted as a special investigator in the U.S. Bureau of Efficiency. In addition he has participated in a number of other governmental and quasi-governmental enterprises involving knowledge along his lines of interest. He was nationally known as an authority on election methods and the use of money in elections, and had been writing a book which he intended to finish next year.

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