

Burlington newspaper editorialist captioned a tribute to him on the morning of September 6, with the words "A Conscientious Man."

Andrew Nuquist was a political scientist in a full and comprehensive meaning of the phrase, in thought and activity, as "life-time student," as teacher, as scholar, as counsellor to colleagues, undergraduates, graduates, community leaders, and public officials, as participant in University governance and of the local community and the State, as candidate for public office, as leader of community organizations, and as defender of individual rights and supporter of the individual's basic needs, in successive debates on public issues.

His classes were large and popular but unremittingly were held to the highest standards of effort. He had a reputation for inspiring students to seek understanding of "the subject," whether the course was in beginning American government, public administration, local government, administrative law, or in one of the areas which he willingly "gave up" to accommodate the special interest of a new member of the staff. Through more than 35 years of teaching, he embraced many of the major subjects in the discipline.

As an active citizen and scholar, he wrote with earned authority on Vermont government and politics, a subject which he knew intimately. His contributions include articles on Vermont's unique "Freeman's Oath" and on the Vermont Constitution which actually dates from 1777, and a series of newspaper articles on the responsibilities of town officers. Revised and updated, the text of these articles appears in a volume on local government in Vermont. Subsequently, he and his wife, Edith Wilson Nuquist, produced a definitive volume on Vermont state government and administration.

As a practitioner, he accepted a wide circle of town and state officials into his office and classroom, and often took his concerns for good management directly to them where they live. For more than 25 years, he conducted annually a series of educational conferences for town officers throughout the state and served on numerous advisory committees. He was unstinting in his offers of help to such landmark developments in Vermont as providing safeguards for occupational hazards, state administrative reorganization, legislative redistricting, and constitutional revision. For more than a decade he channelled services to Vermont through the University's Government Clearinghouse, of which he was Director. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns regards him as its founder.

He was also a connoisseur of all popular democratic forms of assembly represented by Vermont town meetings and university faculty meetings. One never knew really, whether he was fonder of the native humor in these meetings or more impatient with the sometimes truculent failure of the groups to act. He enhanced the reputation of the University throughout the State. By deed as well as word,

he tried to teach the people of the state, as well as his colleagues, that for a state university, the borders of the campus are "the borders of the state."

As an academic statesman, Andrew Nuquist served the University loyally and effectively through a wide range of responsibilities, in addition to those of chairmanship, from managing ceremonies and other special occasions to years of duty as University Marshall, from "policy committee" deliberations and "presidential search" to direct consultations with many generations of administrative officers.

He manifested a deep sense of professional responsibility by participating regularly in association meetings and by urging young colleagues to join and to participate. His service as President of the New England Political Science Association marks a region's respect for his half-life of dedication to an adopted Eastern section of the United States. His long membership on the Committee for the Advancement of Teaching, of the American Political Science Association, which produced a report on "goals," earned him a national reputation.

Andrew Nuquist was a citizen of the world. Born in the Midwest, educated at Doane College in Nebraska and at the University of Wisconsin, his teaching experience ranged from the pre-collegiate to the post-doctoral levels, and from North America to Asia. He anticipated the University's development of a Canadian Studies Program by initiating student-faculty trips to Ottawa. He invited the Vermont Council on World Affairs into association with the Political Science Department. His tenure of Fulbright grants, as well as avocational interest in numismatics and philately, increased his world-wide contacts. During one period, he shepherded Congolese regional officials to Vermont town meetings and discussed with them the relevance for them of Vermont's style in conducting public affairs. His search for cultural understanding and for the best ways to interpret this to others, led him not only into offices of town officials in Vermont, into consultations with governors, judges, and legislators, but also into firsthand experiences among the people, places, and political practices in such diverse cultural settings as China, Scandinavia, and the Middle East.

In all of these activities, Andrew Nuquist applied his extraordinary vigor, a capacity for friendship, a will to serve, a consummate skill, and above all, a loving concern. The many people, communities, and world he knew misses him greatly.

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Alan Burr Overstreet

Alan Burr Overstreet, Professor of Government, member of the faculty of Smith College for 25 years, died of cancer on December 29, 1975 in Bennington, Vermont, where he and his wife,

Jeanne '40, had made their home for many years.

Born in San Francisco August 18, 1915, he received his A.B. degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1937, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. His M.A. and Ph.D. degrees were both from Harvard University, where he was awarded the Charles Sumner Prize for his doctoral dissertation on the International Labor Organization.

He taught at Wesleyan University and Harvard before coming to Smith in 1950, where he quickly established his reputation as a skilled and compelling lecturer who disentangled with ease the complex strands of international relations. His clarity of mind, his mastery of the literature, and his grace of language gave hundreds of Smith students a firm base for understanding international relations. He directed the Smith College Junior Year of International Studies in Geneva for ten of the years between 1953 and 1968, and contributed significantly to the excellence of the program. While Director of the Junior Year, he was also a visiting

Professor at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva and participated in numerous international conferences.

All who knew Burr Overstreet appreciated the extraordinary range of his interests and his wide knowledge of foreign cultures acquired during residence and travel in both Europe and Asia. At Smith College in addition to the staple international relations courses, he could move from courses on European integration to Japanese foreign policy, to an interdisciplinary course on India, Ceylon and Pakistan.

He loved his home in Vermont on which he worked endlessly and to which he welcomed both colleagues and students. He cared for his students whom he held to rigorous standards. The hundreds who spent rich years in Geneva under his guidance will never forget him. They, and all his other students, and his many friends, are left with a sense of loss of a colleague who departed too soon.

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