

VI. CONCLUSIONS

Political Science has been taught at Colorado College since 1881. In the early days, Political Science professors also taught History and other Social Science courses. During the long tenure of Edith C. Bramhall, however, Political Science at Colorado College became firmly established in the College curriculum as an independent subject. Under J. Douglas Mertz, who ranks with Bramhall as one of the great “developers” of Political Science at Colorado College, the Department expanded to six faculty members by 1965 and came to offer a wide variety of courses in the six major sub-fields of Political Science.

Although scholarship and publishing have not been neglected by the Department, it is clear that undergraduate college teaching has dominated the ethos and *raison d’être* of the Department throughout its history. This commitment to teaching has been facilitated by the high level of collegiality and compatibility that most observers have found in the Political Science faculty. The biggest distraction from teaching has not been publication but the movement of a considerable number of Department faculty into administrative posts at Colorado College. The count is: one Treasurer (Marden); four Deans (Hall, Brooks, Finley, Fuller); one College legal consultant (Mertz); two Acting Presidents (Cronin, Fuller); two assistant Deans (Sondermann, de la Garza); one Summer Session Dean (Sondermann), one

Director of the Teaching And Learning Center (Lee), and one Director of North American Studies (Cook).