

SC Instructor Sells Fiction

While not considered by experts to be another William Shakespeare, Joseph S. Sparks of the political science department holds the distinction of being one of the few SC professors who has written fiction stories that have been published.

Collaborating with William F. Hausman, a lieutenant in the marine air corps, Sparks has written several stories that have appeared in Liberty magazine and are to appear in Saturday Evening Post. All of the stories written by the pair have been aviation tales.

Sparks recently completed, with Lieutenant Hausman, a short story called "Navy Wife" which appeared on the newsstands March 20 in the March 30 edition of Liberty magazine. Another story entitled "Ground Shy" will appear in the Saturday Evening Post in six or seven weeks.

In his brief career Sparks has written three stories and everyone was accepted for publication. All of the stories were mailed directly to the editorial offices of the magazines and were promptly sold. The author has received several offers from foreign magazines for publication rights.

Author Sparks states that it takes approximately 100 hours to complete a 5000-word story. He and Hausman write in their spare time.