

Proxmire breaks traditional graduation atmosphere with attack on CIA

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The warm yet breezy day had all of the characteristics of a traditional commencement exercise, complete with processional march and tearful parents.

The Hayward Field track and grandstand made a comfortable setting for degrees to be conferred on the hundreds of University graduates assembled in caps and gowns.

But, the traditional atmosphere of the graduation exercise was temporarily broken by U.S. Sen. William Proxmire (D.-Wisc.) as he gave a biting speech highly

critical of the Central Intelligence Agency and unneeded "fat" in federal budgets.

Proxmire's 40-minute speech was the commencement address for the June 10 graduation ceremony.

He told the graduates that the CIA's work in foreign countries is "enormously expensive," yields "very little payoff" and should be "high on our cut-down or cut-out list" when federal budgets are reviewed.

The CIA's use of "sabotage, blackmail, murder, terror and kidnapping" in foreign countries has grown to such an extent as to threaten the national security of the United States, he said.

"Could the CIA be used to overthrow our own government?" he asked the graduates. "Could it, could it?"

Because the secret intelligence agency runs itself in near autonomy from the President and the U.S. Congress, the possibility of the CIA becoming involved in sabotage of U.S. activities is clear, he said.

"This clearly constitutes the most serious threat this democracy of ours faces," he said. "There is no responsibility before Congress that is more urgent."

Proxmire also criticized federal budgets which Congress has passed that contain "too much fat," citing the military and higher education as examples.

In lashing out against government spending for the military, Proxmire compared Department of Defense budgets in World War II to DOD budgets of the present time.

Currently, there are more generals and admirals in the U.S. military than there were "at the height of World War II," and the Air Force now has "12 officers for every plane," he said.

Clad in traditional cap and gown, Proxmire sat on the speakers' platform during the entire graduation ceremony. Afterwards, he walked from Hayward Field to the Faculty Club, where he held a press conference for half an hour.

He told news reporters that he favors the idea of a limited-time freeze of prices and wages in order to control inflation. And he criticized President Nixon for initiating Phase III, which he said was a "flop."

"We moved out of Phase II and into Phase III at exactly the wrong time," when wholesale prices were on the rise, he said.



Sen. William Proxmire

Photo by Clay Eals

Student input asked in dean selection

If you are interested in getting involved in the University structure, this could be your big chance.

There are three openings for students in a recently-formed Search committee. The purpose of this committee will be to make a recommendation concerning the selection of dean of the liberal arts college for 1974-75 to University President Robert Clark, according to Harry Alpert, vice president for academic affairs.

The three positions on the committee are open to one student each from the social sciences, sciences and humanities. Of the three, one must be a graduate student and one must be an undergraduate.

"We also want someone with a good idea of the structure of the University," said Greg Leo, ASUO president. "We don't want to specify any specific time thing but it's sort of inherent in that idea. It should be someone familiar with what's going on in the University."

Students interested in applying should contact either Leo or Deborah Barnett today as selection of the students is to take place Wednesday.

Leo also stated that interested students should plan on being students in the fall. It should "not be just somebody for the summer," said Leo, "as the committee is only now forming."

The committee, according to Alpert, has had only one "organizational meeting to decide what to do, when to meet again and just sort of to get acquainted" while waiting for the student appointments. Along with the three students, seven faculty members will also serve on this committee. The seven members include five from the area of liberal arts (Kingsley Weatherhead, English, chair of the Search committee; Ivan Niven, math; George Streisinger, biology; Earl Pomeroy, history and Daniel Kimble, psychology) and two from outside the liberal arts (Peter Bergquist, music and Esther Matthews, education).

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