

Rockefeller family influences \$640 billion, asserts Domhoff

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The Rockefeller family and its associates have direct and indirect control of economic interests totaling \$640 billion, said William Domhoff, professor of sociology at the University of California at Santa Cruz, Friday afternoon at the University.

Domhoff said when he and his supporters presented this figure in a report at Vice-Pres. Nelson Rockefeller's confirmation hearings last December, it even "blew the minds of the Rockefellers."

They have economic interests in six out of the largest ten corporations *Fortune* magazine lists, six out of the largest ten banks and five out of the largest ten insurance companies, he declared.

"They're related to just about everything that's anything," said Domhoff.

Domhoff, who has authored several books including "Who Rules America," said he and his supporters had no illusions that they would affect Rockefeller's nomination — ideologically or politically — but the hearings before the House Judiciary Committee provided "an occasion to learn."

He said a good starting point for understanding Rockefeller economic power is to look at "the Office" or "Room 5600." This office, with a staff of 15 employees,

provides financial advice and assistance to the family's 84 descendants and makes the family work as a unit.

"They practically buy their toothpaste through this office," added Domhoff jokingly.

Domhoff said he and his supporters claimed there was reason to believe these employees watched out for the Rockefeller family.

Rockefeller, he continued, questioned their report in the hearings. The vice-president said he and his supporters weren't economists and thus lacked the expertise to evaluate the Rockefeller fortune. Rockefeller charged that all they said was old hat. Americans fail to understand how corporations interrelate, Rockefeller added.

For Rockefeller to say these things, Domhoff said, he had to reveal the extent of his wealth.

"It was a great view of the American power structure," said Domhoff.

Domhoff said an interesting aspect the hearings presented was the "ideological stonewall" he and his supporters confronted.

"We wanted to talk about the family," he said. "The House Judiciary Committee wanted to know about Rockefeller's individual honesty and integrity."

"We think it was legitimate to talk about him as part of a family," Domhoff said, "but these people restricted that."

Committee votes music school funds

SALEM — The Joint Ways and Means Committee voted Monday to send the State System of Higher Education's \$16.5 million capital construction projects budget (HB - 5016) to the House floor.

The budget earmarks some \$3.5 million for University construction projects, including \$2 million to the University Music School for additions and alterations.

The bill also increases student building fees from \$10 per term to \$12.50 per term.

The bill also earmarks \$1.43 for "various remodeling projects" at the University.

The Music School expenditure was ranking tenth on the state system's priority list and Gov. Bob Straub had recommended that the project not be funded.

Sen. Edward Fadeley, D-Eugene, however, convinced a ways and means subcommittee ten days ago to move the music school appropriation up on the priority list and to fund it.

Coos Bay pays final tribute to Steve Prefontaine

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COOS BAY — Many of the people who had cheered wildly for him as he ran around the oval track, sat in reflective silence and paid a final tribute to Steven Roland Prefontaine here Thursday afternoon.

The man who had put this town on the map was welcomed back for the final time by a crowd of

2,500 at Marshfield High School's Pirate Stadium. As a salute to the one they called 'Pre,' the flags flew at half mast and all the schools were dismissed at noon.

It was on the infield of the black asphalt track — where Pre started his track career some ten years ago — that the "Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Steven Roland Prefontaine" was held.

With the serene crowd standing, a 12 car processional entered

the east end of the stadium and traveled down the track in front of the North grandstands.

The casket was carried by six pallbearers — John Anderson, Frank Shorter, Bob Williams, Geoff Holister, Brett Williams and Jim Seymour — to a small platform, located on the grassy infield at the west end of the field.

The Rev. Thomas Murdoch led the gathering in prayer, while two of Pre's former coaches, Walter

McClure of Marshfield High and Bill Bowerman, retired Oregon coach delivered tributes.

As a brisk ocean breeze pounded at his back, McClure spoke of Prefontaine's personal drive to achieve.

"Greatness is for only a few. The accomplishments of such an individual are often recognized years after the deed, the act. Steve Prefontaine achieved this level during his brief lifetime. He

was always in a hurry, his destiny could not allow for a wasted effort."

It was McClure who first noticed Steve's potential as a freshman at Marshfield and later remarked to then Oregon coach Bowerman "Watch this freshman — he's tough and will be a good one."

Bowerman, who also coached Pre at the 1972 Olympics in Munich spoke not only of Pre the

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