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Senator William Proxmire (D. Wis.) will examine the nation's priorities in the first senior graduation lecture at The Evergreen State College June 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall One.

Proxmire, chairman of the Joint Congressional Economic Committee and a sharp critic of military spending, is being presented by members of the Class of 1973 as a prelude to formal graduation ceremonies scheduled for June 9 on the Olympia campus.

The 56-year-old Senator was elected to the Senate in 1957 to fill the seat formerly held by the late Wisconsin Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, of whom Proxmire was a severe critic.

An outspoken opponent of the Southeast Asian War, Proxmire has also established a reputation as a consumer advocate in his 15 years in the Senate. He is the author of the controversial Truth in Lending Bill, a disclosure law passed in 1968 following a decade of controversy.

A college boxing champion, Proxmire graduated from Yale University in 1938 with a degree in English. He later earned two masters degrees from Harvard --- in Business Administration and Public Administration. He has worked as a newspaper reporter and political columnist, and has served as president of Artcraft Press in Wisconsin.

Proxmire, a thrice-defeated candidate for Wisconsin governor before his election to the Senate, has often made the nation's headlines for his morning jobs to work in the nation's capitol and his recently acquired hair transplant.

His talk is free and open to the public.

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