PROSPECTS OPTIMISTIC

Rockefeller Discusses GOP Aims

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Tuesday night at the Fondren Lecture Lounge, Winthrop Rockefeller was optimistic about the Republican party's prospects.

Rockefeller proved to be a persuasive speaker in talking of his difficult, but stubborn campaign in Arkansas against the six-term governor, Orville Faubus.

On the question of Republican philosophy, Rockefeller advocated "constitutional government" as opposed to the "welfare state." Although an old theme, Rockefeller did contribute the less frequently proposed idea that states rights can only be regained by a demonstration of greater responsibility on the part of state governments.

Strenuous Effort

Rockefeller described the strenuous effort required to resuscitate a defunct party and the tactics which are possible.

After he moved to the state 13 years ago, Rockefeller determined to get rid of the "jaded and unimaginative, but self-perpetuating demagogic politicians in Arkansas."

To do this it was necessary to build an effective county organization, against opposition of former "Post-Office Republicans" who were less resilient. Women's clubs, youth organizations, the Negro, and the urban and educated voters proved to be the most effective aids.

Used Every Weapon

To defeat him, Rockefeller said, Faubus used "every weapon of an entrenched welfare state." Nurses homes voted "his block"; forged ballots were concealed, then stolen, and finally burned; Republican activists were threatened and were intimidated through withdrawal of state deposits, contracts, and welfare benefits, and even by frequent legal indictments on spurious charges.

Unifying Action

Rockefeller's biggest job was "to bring together" the old party nucleus and those who believed in a two party system or were against Faubus.

Next year he hopes to make it a more complete and effective system of county organization. With all this Rockefeller is out to prove, in his words, that patriotism can defeat patronage.