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the OCA would agree with him on many issues, citing budget priorities and his support of Operation Desert Storm. But he also admitted that his views on abortion run counter to those held by the conservative group.

"I'm very pro-choice, and I realize that is one of their major issues," he said. "But I can't change what I believe is an honestly held position of mine on that issue."

OCA's Mabon said his group has "looked at the possibility" of running a candidate against Packwood, but he said a Democratic victory of one of Oregon's two Senate seats may be too high of a price to pay if both Packwood and the OCA candidate were to lose.

"For instance, if (U.S. Rep.) Peter DeFazio ran against Packwood and won, we would not be advancing at all," Mabon

said. "There are a lot of things we can do other than attempting to destroy — and we do not want to destroy — someone's political career."

Rather than run against Packwood, Mabon said his group may ask for Republican support for other OCA activities. Among other efforts, the group is planning to support an initiative petition next year that would require doctors to explain all the risks of abortion before conducting the procedure.

But if alternatives fail, any conservative challenge to Packwood would aid the Democratic opponent, who may turn out to be DeFazio, a three-term congressman from Eugene.

Although DeFazio has not officially announced his intention of running for the senate seat, the Democrat has been "systematically exploring that possibility," said congressional aide Jeff Stier.

"He is looking into it very carefully, but his decision point on that won't come up for some time," Stier said.

As for OCA pressure on Packwood, Mabon said another alternative for the alliance may be to focus their efforts on filling the congressional seat Packwood's Democratic challenger would leave empty by running for the senate spot.

Nevertheless, Mabon believes Packwood will respond to OCA pressure differently than Frohnmayer did during his bid for governor.

"Dave Frohnmayer left us no other option," Mabon said. "He essentially said, 'We can live without you,' and rubbed our noses in it. He forced us into a corner where he left us no other option."

"I don't think Sen. Packwood will make the same kind of mistakes that Dave Frohnmayer made," Mabon said.

SMOKING

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comes from the desire to preserve a healthy environment for non-smokers.

"When people who don't smoke go down to the Rec Center, they're forced to breathe the smoke," English said.

Pedersen said the Recreation Center is large and well ventilated, with six ceiling fans, so smoke is not a problem. In addition, she said she is willing to purchase air filters if non-smokers are bothered by the smoke.

"One of the employees put together a petition to present to the board," she said. "We have

already collected 145 signatures from students wanting the Rec Center to continue to allow smoking — and that's all in one week."

Pedersen said the only time she heard about complaints from non-smokers was at the board meeting. She also said that the center should be evaluated differently when deciding its smoking status.

"I can understand when it's a work situation, but people choose to come here," she said.

"I would equate it to a tavern," she said. "We're a tavern with beer."

Pedersen said that when state legislatures consider anti-smoking legislation, taverns and bars are generally exempted.

CORRECTION

An incorrect day was given for the Incidental Fee Committee meeting. The IFC meets tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the EMU Board Room to consider a spe-

cial request from Asian Pacific American Student Union and to hold budget hearings for the following groups: Constitution Court, Philosophy Club, Pre-

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