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Oregon Citizens Alliance Director Lon Mabon told members of the media Tuesday night that there has been a degeneration of family values in this country.

OCA director explains initiative

□ Mabon speaks to media at Lane Press Club meeting, says OCA is not attacking individuals

By Carrie Dennett
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The Oregon Citizens Alliance, in the midst of a drive for an "anti-gay" ballot initiative that has received negative press, faced the media to answer the question: "What does the OCA want?"

"We are people who have basic traditional values," said OCA Director Lon Mabon, "values that have been at the core of American culture."

"We feel that there has been a degeneration of those values," he said.

At Tuesday night's meeting of the Lane Press Club, Mabon said his organization comes from the belief that there is a god, and that there is definite wrong and right, and homosexuality is one of those wrongs.

The OCA is fighting what they consider "special rights" for gays and lesbians, and is seeking a ballot measure based on three principles:

- Gays and lesbians should not be awarded minority class status and protections.
- Tax dollars should not be used to depict homosexuality in a neutral or positive light.
- A standard should be set for children that homosexuality is wrong.

"From our perspective, we are not dealing with an attack on individuals," Mabon said.

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University still lacks required committee

□ Fall deadline has passed, but administrators haven't formed state-mandated campus housing panel

By Carrie Dennett
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University administrators have yet to follow an Oregon Administrative Rule requiring a campus housing advisory committee to have been formed at the University by fall 1991.

OAR 580-11-021, adopted in April 1991 by the State Board of Higher Education, specifies housing advisory committees to be formed at the University and Oregon State University because these schools provide housing for more than 2,000 students.

OSU has already formed its committee, which is intended to include administrators, faculty, and undergraduate and graduate students, and was to begin meeting this past fall.

Through scheduled public meetings, the committee is supposed to advise the University administration on the adequacy of University-provided housing, in terms of number, type, quality and affordability of units.

The committee is also meant to consider the University's campus master plans and advise about the adequacy of long-range construction plans in addressing housing needs.

"We have every intention of complying with that rule," said Dan Williams, University vice president for administration.

Williams said forming the committee is "a matter of priority and time."

"We feel we already have



Dan Williams

several groups that allow us to comply with the spirit of the rule," such as the Residence Hall Governance Committee and various family housing tenant associations, he said.

However, these groups don't include segments of the University population generally excluded from University-owned off-campus housing — single graduate students without children, gay and lesbian couples, and faculty members.

"We have never taken a position that we have responsibility for certain groups," Williams said.

George Bernsteiner, associate vice chancellor for administration, said a letter has been sent to Johnsor Hall asking why the committee hasn't been formed, and will be followed up by a meeting with University administrators.

Bernsteiner said he is confident the committee will be formed, but, "If we don't get something created soon, we'll go in and camp until we get the names."

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Senate candidate attacks PACs for 'corrupting' system

□ Lonsdale says Oregonians are behind him in his bid to oust incumbent Republican Senator Bob Packwood.

By Gerrit Koeppling
Emerald Reporter

Harry Lonsdale gave his own state of the union address to a University crowd Tuesday night.

Lonsdale, who is running for Senator Bob Packwood's seat in November, spoke to about 30 people, attacking a political system he said favors the incumbent politician and the professional lobbyist.

"We've learned not to trust the president or the congress anymore," Lonsdale said. "We all know who's

running this country and it isn't us, it's big business and special interest."

Lonsdale, who vowed never to take any contributions from political action committees, described a political system rife with subtle corruption and a public with strong anti-incumbent feelings.

He said to get elected a politician usually has to accept PAC contributions, in return the PAC's expect to get the politician's vote if issues involving them are brought up.

This leads to voters who feel their elected representatives no longer represent them, Lonsdale said. In the end, "they need more money to get re-elected because

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Photo by Sean Poston

Democratic Senate candidate Harry Lonsdale told a University crowd "We've sold our future."



HUMAN RIGHTS

Professor Robert Mauro wins human rights award for his book, *Death and Discrimination*.

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SPIRITUAL MESSAGE

In his art, James Florendo shows how two different cultures can melt comfortably in each other. Florendo's work is on display in the Laverne Krause Gallery until Feb. 8.

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