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wouldn't say whether Wyden would oppose a confirmation, but said the senator is looking forward to giving all nominees a thorough review.

At a local union luncheon last Friday at the University, Wyden said he isn't likely to vote against a nominee for ideological reasons.

"I don't think you can run government if you don't put people in positions just because you don't agree with them," he said.

Wyden went on to say that nominees of Ashcroft's political stripe are the result of having a Republican in the Oval Office.

"Elections have consequences," he said. "Last fall, people kept saying there's no difference between the candidates. I was one of the people saying there is a difference.

If Al Gore won, he would not have nominated John Ashcroft for attorney general of the United States."

Bob Avery, chairman of the Lane County Republican Central Committee, said area Republicans are more optimistic about Ashcroft's nomination.

"I'm very excited about John Ashcroft," he said. "I don't think there's ever been a candidate for attorney general with as much depth of experience. This is one of the most diverse and qualified Cabinets I've seen."

But area Democrats and liberal activists are skeptical about Ashcroft and the new administration.

"It isn't just that John Ashcroft is a conservative, but this is a person who is a far-right extremist," said Kitty Piercy, Planned Parenthood spokeswoman and former Oregon House of Representatives Democratic minority leader.

Though Ashcroft said during his confirmation hearings this week that he aims only to uphold the law as it is written, Piercy said he would have considerable power to implement his social beliefs in the Department of Justice.

"If he uses an anti-choice litmus test to nominate federal judges, that could make an extraordinary difference in a woman's right to choose," Piercy said. "I believe that his nomination is a big payoff to people in the far right for their support."

On the other side of the debate over abortion rights, Gayle Atteberry, executive director of Oregon Right to Life, said Ashcroft will not change laws surrounding abortion rights.

"I believe Ashcroft is a man of the law, and he'll enforce the laws fairly and as they're written," she said. "I don't think there's anything abortion rights people have to fear, and we don't have anything to fear."

Violence

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ence abuse seminar, both of which help prepare the students for real courtroom work.

"We're trying to provide a beneficial relationship for the clients and the students," she said.

Weiner said 10 students are eligible to participate each semester and receive credit for their work in the clinic.

"These students are being allowed the opportunity to put classroom learning to practical use," she said.

Hoff agrees and said he earned a great deal of work experience in the

law field.

He said preparation for a case consisted of meeting with the advocates for advice on what to expect in court, meeting and interviewing the clients and then working with the supervising attorneys to determine the best way to prepare for the case, but he also tried to extend his duties beyond courtroom strategy.

"You don't want to be just a mouthpiece for them," he said. "You want to let them know you're here to listen."

Drescher worked with Hoff and all the participating students, and said 100 clients have benefited from the students' work.

"We're providing a service that

has never been provided before for both the clients and the students," she said.

Drescher, who works directly with the students in planning the hearings, said students are expected to work 12 hours a week. However, Hoff said he sometimes spent 30 hours a week at work, depending on the complexity of the case.

"I reminded myself I was more than just a lawyer; I was a human, too," he said.

He said it all paid off when he won cases and his clients would hug him.

"If that doesn't make you feel good, I don't know what will," he said.

remembered his father as one of the brightest and funniest people in his life.

"He was real bright; he kept me on my toes," he said. "It was a thrill to keep up with him ... to try and keep up with him."

Novick is also survived by his son David, 48, a professor of computer sciences at the University of Texas at El Paso; and his wife, Jane, 76, who has been active throughout her life in both local and national political causes.

Retired University Sports Information Director George Beres said he knew Novick through their involvement in the campus organization University Arms Control Forum. He said Novick was both a dedicated researcher and an inspirational speaker, especially when

talking about the threats of nuclear warfare.

"He tried to warn people, as he put it, once the genie is out of the bottle you can't put it back in," he said.

Chemistry professor Peter Von Hippel was a long-time colleague of Novick's, and fondly remembered his time with the professor. He said Novick brought a new level of research to the University.

"He made this place from a backwater to a real center for research," he said.

Von Hippel said part of Novick's success at the University came through his good nature and devotion to his ideals.

"He was a wonderful man and a wonderful friend and colleague," he said. "We will miss him dearly."

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DNA and other areas of molecular research before retiring from the University in the mid-1980s. Prior to his work with the University, Novick was a key researcher with the U.S. government's Manhattan Project, in which the nuclear bombs used to end World War II were developed.

After the bombs were used on civilian population centers, Novick devoted himself to campaigning for civilian control of the nuclear arsenal and limits on nuclear weapons. He is remembered by many as a passionate speaker on the subjects.

Novick's son Adam, 45, a technical writer and resident of Eugene,

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