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Tibet, Mongolia, Germany and Australia.

The conference offered about 100 discussion panels and workshops and covered a wide range of topics, such as demographic issues, political strategies to protect the ozone, Russian and Mideast environmental law, the FBI's "war" on environmental activists and Arctic marine resource environment. Various environmentalist associations had organized stands.

Executive Director of Oregon Guides and Packers Bob Zagorin noticed this was a great opportunity for people to get some information, and to go into more depth about the subject.

"This is a good way to pass the point of emotionalism," he said.

This event was created in 1983 by several law students who felt the need to share their center of interest and to discuss environmental law at a time when this was not yet a hot topic. The first conference received 50 attorneys only.

Since then, the event has grown and is now sponsored by the student group Land Air Water and by Friends of Land Air Water, a non-profit organization. About 100 students, all volunteers, have worked on the 12th Conference for months.

In conjunction with the Environmental Law Conference, about 100 people gathered at Willamette Hall Saturday and Sunday to attend the Second Public Interest Science Conference (PISC). This event was partly sponsored by the University (Department

of Biology, Graduate School and School of Landscape Architecture in particular), and by organizations such as the Atlantic States Legal Foundation.

Most participants came from the Northwest, but PISC Coordinator Mary Baxter pointed out that some speakers and members of the audience did the journey from Washington, D.C., Michigan and Louisiana specially to attend the conference.

The conference was aimed at discussing social and environmental issues and at investing ways work can be improved on such problems, at the public as well as the private level, with a particular emphasis on the role of science in the decision and policy making process.

The PISC offered more than 10 panel discussions, with topics ranging from "Journalism and Independent Scientists Access to the Media" to "Use and Misuse of Science by the Political Process."

The audience, consisted mainly of specialists (scientists, lawyers, professionals of the private sector, government organizations, professors) as well as activist citizens, who strongly interested in the issues. Great concern was expressed through the various opinions and numerous questions.

"I enjoyed being able to take advantage of such an event, and to listen to folks from all around the world, even if people sometimes get a little crazy and have extreme viewpoints. I wish more people would come," said Pam Druliner, who works for Cascade Center for Ecosystem Management, a national resource organization created by the Oregon State University and the Willamette National Forest.

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