

# Birds get another chance

by Elizabeth Hascall  
Battalion Reporter

Birds of prey that have been injured or sick have another chance for survival, thanks to John Karger.

Karger, executive director of Last Chance Forever—an organization that returns birds of prey to the wild, spoke here Tuesday to about 90 people.

The program, sponsored by the Wildlife Biology Society, focused on Last Chance Forever and the birds it helps.

Karger brought a great horned owl, a red-tail hawk and a golden eagle to show the audience. All the birds had been injured and are being rehabilitated by the group.

The horned owl, currently being used in a breeding program,

raised 16 young owls last year, Karger said. Horned owls hunt at night and make no noise when they fly, he said.

The red-tail hawk had been shot in the left wing but is now learning to hunt and fly, Karger said. Karger and an assistant flew the hawk above the audience, to many oohs and ahs.

The golden eagle is a personal inspiration to Karger, he said. It had been hurt and was learning to fly and hunt again when it came in contact with some toxic waste and became blind, he said. After two years the eagle has begun to see again.

"This bird is saying to us, 'I'm out of sight but not out of mind,'" Karger said.

Last Chance Forever receives birds from as far away as Canada and as close to home as College Station. Karger said he gets birds from game wardens, wildlife organizations, other rehabilitators and individuals—including Texas A&M students.

Everyone who works for the group is a professional, Karger said, such as veterinarians and wildlife experts. The facility keeps 14 to 27 birds at a time.

"Last year we released about 80 birds into the wild," Karger said.

Karger is licensed by the state

as wild animal rehabilitator and has been working with Last Chance Forever for 21 years.

The state gives a license out too easily, Karger said.

"Licenses are given at the drop of a hat," he said.

Karger said the state should require more than just a test and two letters of recommendation. He said there should be a constant check on people to see if they are running the facilities well.

Last Chance Forever is based in San Antonio and is funded by private individuals, Karger and his assistants.

# RHA wants microwaves in dorms, approves bill

by Wanda Winkler  
Battalion Staff

The Residence Hall Association approved a bill Tuesday night supporting the purchase of microwave ovens by residence halls.

The bill, presented by the RHA facilities and operations committee, was designed because residence halls have been requesting kitchen facilities for their residents.

Margaret Godbold, director of facilities and operations, said a residence hall council should first survey residents to decide whether they want and need access to microwaves. A hall council must design a permanent plan for using and maintaining microwaves and submit it to RHA for approval, she said.

Plans should explain how a residence hall will fund, secure, operate and clean its microwaves. Godbold said her committee can offer suggestions for funding and storing these facilities.

Ron Sasse, associate director of student affairs, said his department will evaluate microwave plans that have RHA approval.

RHA president Kelli Kiesling said residence halls are encouraged to fund microwaves through fund-raisers. Halls may also use money from dorm activity fees and coke funds, she said. A coke fund, raised from campus coke machines, provides dormitories with 25 cents per resident.

In other business, RHA committee directors provided updated information on committee progress and upcoming activities.

Godbold said her committee has an on-going project to support adding washers, dryers and ice machines to Corps dormitories, she said.

A subcommittee of her committee has been discussing rules concerning cooking in dormitories, Godbold said. Sasse had asked her

committee to make suggestions for boiler-bag cooking with hot pots in residence halls, she said.

Gina Harlow, director of casino committee, said she will hold the Friday evening events theme "Great Casino Week." She said she will be in charge of the theme "Great Casino Week."

## What's up

WEDNESDAY

**MSC CAMERA COMMITTEE:**The Fall Photo Competition will be Saturday. Prints may be entered in the Memorial Center hallway from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Friday. The contest is open to all non-professionals in the Bryan-College Station area. Bring a sack supper or \$1 for a sandwich.

**INDIA ASSOCIATION:**Tickets are available this week for officers for the Diwali function on Saturday. Call 260-186-9412 for ticket information.

**PHI ETA SIGMA:**Jo Hudson will speak on "Teacher/Student Relations" at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder Tower.

**JUDO CLUB:**There will be an open house from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 260 G. Rollie White Coliseum to demonstrate basic judo self-defense, introduce the club and register for classes.

**ISRAEL CLUB/MSC TRAVEL:**Abraham Drori of the International Tourist Office will speak and show slides on "Traveling Holy Land." Meet at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder Tower.

**METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT:**Join us for a Bible study at 5 p.m. at the Texas A&M Wesley Foundation. Bring a sack supper or \$1 for a sandwich.

**HILLEL FOUNDATION:**Author Dennis Praeger will give "The Reason for Anti-Semitism" from noon to 2 p.m. at the Foundation, 800 Jersey. There will be a \$1.50 charge at the door and a light lunch will be served.

**SILENT FLYERS:**Anyone interested in radio controlled sailplanes is welcome to attend the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower.

**UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL:**The Candlelight Service is at 10 p.m. at the center, 315 N. College.

**SKATEBOARD CLUB:**Meet at 7 p.m. in 216 MSC to discuss half-pipe ramp and sell club T-shirts.

**BRAZOS VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY:**There will be a lecture on Indian artifacts and archeological discoveries at 7:30 p.m. in 1111 Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

**MSC AGGIE CINEMA:**The film "Damn Yankees" will be shown in Rudder Theater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50 with a Texas A&M I.D.

**OFF-CAMPUS CENTER:**We have started the spring roommate referrals and housing listings. If you are looking for campus roommates or housing, start looking now!

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY:**We will have a speaker, Lewis at the meeting from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Texas Presbyterian Church. Everyone is welcome.

**GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL:**There will be a meeting at 5 p.m. in 140 MSC.

**IEEE:**Franklin Moore of National Security Agency will speak on employment opportunities with N.S.A. at 7:30 p.m. in 1032

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