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# Speakers encourage A&M students to take part in conservation efforts

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Speakers from around the state stressed the opportunity and the need for students to get involved in conservation issues last night.

The program, titled "One Earth, One Chance," was organized by the Outdoor Recreation Club.

Dr. Douglas Slack, master of ceremonies and a professor in the Wild-life and Fisheries Science department, prefaced the evening saying that there are so many pressing issues in conservation that it is easy to get overwhelmed and not know where to start.

All the speakers agreed that the key to overcoming that feeling was to act on smaller projects. John Karger, director of a bird of

prey rehabilitation project, said that the problems we face now, including acid rain, global warming and deforestation can be solved. Quality of life is economically

feasible, and we can make it work if we want to," he said.

Speaking to about 100 people, Karger said that there should be 500 times that number here. He told the audience to take the conservation message to the rest of the people who could not come tonight.

"It's very important that you make a difference, and you do," he said.

It's important to maintain a common sence perspective in conservation, Karger said. For example, hunters and anti-hunters both need to consider each other's perspective and use common sence. He also said that in many cases, land developers can use common sense and do what they want with the land and still make room for wildlife as well.

Karger also pointed out that man often calls animals lower life forms, and in doing so makes it easier to ig-nore them when we destroy their habitat.

adults and say 'Take a look at this estry.



Falconer John Karger holds a great horned owl that he nursed back to health.

bird, isn't it magnificant? It breathes air just like you and me,' "he said. During his talk, Karger flew seve-

ral of the birds of prey that he brought from his project in San Antonio, Last Chance Forever. At one point he sent a hawk flying just inches over the heads of the audi-ence to, as he said, let them feel what it was like to be a mouse or a rabbit.

Other speakers included Bill Car-roll, George Russell and Dan Roo-ney. Carroll and Russell are both We see a lot of children and from Huntsville and work in for-

Carroll, a private forestry consul- times it doesn't always do whatis tant, also stressed the importance for people to get involved. "There's numerous issues out

there to become involved in and if you don't it's gonna be left up to the politicians, and they're not always the best informed," he said.

"If we're going to do something about our environment - to have something for our children and our grandchildren - we have to get involved.

He said it's important to check the

for the environment. He said found a major government po forest management that had n terpreted much of the informat used to justify the policy. "Just because a document is

cial does not necessarily meaning curate," he said.

Finally, Dan Rooney, rec committee chair for the Texas h ronmental Action Coalition, to teners how they could make a dif ence here.

'You can't clean the world if government's work because many can't clean your backyard," hes

## Nursing home aide receives 20-40 years for helping lesbian lover smother patients

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — A out parole. Wood also had faced a former nursing home aide expressed remorse as she was sen- Wood did not speak during sen- Wood did not speak during sen-Wednesday for helping smother patients in a pact with her lover.

"Without you, I'm sure this matter never would have been cleared up,' Kent County Circuit Judge Robert Benson said in sentencing Catherine Wood. "I'm convinced that you truly show remorse. . . . I'm also convinced that you are in fact a follower and not a leader.'

Wood, 27, admitted she sometimes served as a lookout or diverted supervisors' attention while another aide, Gwendolyn Graham of Tyler, suffocated five patients at Alpine Manor Nursing home in Walker.

tenced to 20 to 40 years in prison tencing, but her attorney read a statement she wrote.

"Saying 'I'm sorry' is not enough. Mere words cannot express the remorse and guilt I'll have to live with for the rest of my life," Wood wrote. Benson ordered 20 to 40 years on

for parole in 16 years, two months. "To some extent I'm surprised" by the sentence, defense attorney Christine Yared said, adding that both she and her client were pleased with the trial and its outcome. thing. . Jan Hunderman, daughter of 60- peace." with the trial and its outcome.

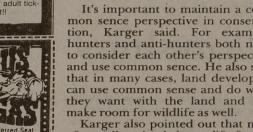
"She should have come for and told people this was happing," Hunderman said. "But ARN Stre that I know that this act did hap to Mom, it seems to settle e . . Now she can res

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Wood also testified against Graham, who was convicted last month of five counts of first-degree murder

Wood said the killings were part of a pact the two hoped would bind their love. She also said Graham told her the killings helped her "relieve tension.'

Wood originally was charged with two counts of first-degree murder. Those charges were dropped after she agreed to plead guilty to one count each of second-degree murder and conspiracy to commit second-degree murder.

Graham, 26, faces a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment with-

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