

National Emergency Medicine Week

Hospitals honor staff, services

By KATHERINE HURT
Reporter

St. Joseph Hospital and Humana Hospital, both in Bryan, are planning surprise special events this week to commemorate National Emergency Medicine Week.

Cecilia McInnis, director of public relations at Humana Hospital, said Humana will sponsor special events to recognize its emergency hospital staff and the emergency medical services in Bryan-College Station.

Humana will offer free blood pressure screening tests 24 hours a day during National Emergency Medicine Week, she said.

Dr. Russ Tongco, medical director of the emergency room at St. Joseph, said emergency medicine is a fairly new medical specialty. Before emergency medicine emerged as a separate discipline in 1969, physicians in other specialties took turns working shifts in the emergency room, he said.

"Now there are 70 residency programs in emergency medicine across the country," Tongco said.

When emergency medicine first became specialized, only large hospitals had an emergency room specialist on duty 24 hours a day, Tongco said.

"St. Joseph didn't have a full-time physician on duty in the emergency room until four or five years ago," he said.

The emergency room at St. Joseph Hospital has recently enlarged from a six-bed facility to an 11-bed facility, Tongco said.

St. Joseph's emergency room has four trauma rooms, including one with lead-lined walls for radiology procedures, to take care of major surgical accidents and major cardiac problems.

St. Joseph Hospital is the regional trauma center for a seven county area.

Additional emergency facilities at St. Joseph include five minor emergency rooms for eye exams, minor suturing and minor medical illnesses, as well as a room for obstetric and gynecological emergencies, Tongco said.

The trauma room with lead-lined walls also is used for orthopedic treatment and for casting.

The X-ray department, electrocardiographic department, laboratory and respiratory therapy facilities are open 24 hours a day to assist in emergency cases, Tongco said.

"We (St. Joseph) have all the medical specialists in town on call 24 hours a day so, if needed, they can provide further care in the emergency room," he said.

St. Joseph has introduced two new community services during the past year, Lifeline and Fast Track.

Lifeline is an emergency response system that allows elderly and dis-

abled people in the community to live independently and securely, by providing them constant communication with the hospital.

Fast Track gives patients with simple medical problems that don't require laboratory testing or X-ray procedures the option of paying reduced hospital and doctors' fees if they agree to pay cash for the treatment they receive.

The Humana Hospital emergency room also provides 24-hour service, said Devon Dublin, R.N., emergency room manager. Humana's emergency room provides basic clinical care, Dublin said, and can handle "anything from children with earaches, to workmens' compensation cases, to abdominal pains."

The Humana Hospital emergency room just began offering 24-hour service July 2 of this year. Since that time, Dublin said, the hospital has doubled the amount of patients that come through the emergency room.

Humana can care for one major trauma victim at a time. Its emergency facilities include an X-ray room, laboratory, and orthopedic supplies for splinting and casting.

"We (Humana) are trying to grow with the community by offering the services it needs," Dublin said.

For example, since last month, the hospital pays for the first \$365 of service it provides to Medicare patients admitted to the hospital.

Both Humana Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital provide air ambulance service, such as Life Flight and Care Flight, to patients who require transfer to another medical facility.

Another important aspect of emergency medical care is pre-hospital care provided by emergency medical services (EMS) in the Bryan-College Station area.

The Texas A&M EMS is a volunteer service that provides ambulance service to all University properties.

Most of the volunteer emergency medical technicians (EMT) are students. Each has completed many hours of specialized training in the field, passed an examination and fulfilled hours of practical hospital and ambulance experience, said A&M's chief of ambulance operations David Phillips, a senior community health major from Houston.

EMTs are instrumental in assessing the condition of emergency patients, splinting fractures, providing spinal mobilization, giving oxygen if necessary, treating for shock and sending electrocardiogram strips to the hospital. They are also able to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), basic airway management techniques and suctioning.

Emergency medical patients can contact EMS, Phillips said, by dialing the 911 emergency number.

What's up

Monday

SIGMA TAU DELTA: applications for membership are available on the Sigma Tau Delta bulletin board on the 2nd floor of Blocker.

AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: will have a square dance class at 7 p.m. in the Pavilion. The club will meet at 8:30 p.m.

ALPHA KAPPA PSI: is having a mandatory meeting at 8 p.m. in 120 Blocker.

CAMAC: will meet at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

PSI CHI PSYCHOLOGY CLUB: will meet in 301 Rudder at 7 p.m.

A&M DEBATE FORUM: will sponsor a debate on "Resolved: That the Gay Student Services Organization should not be officially recognized at Texas A&M University," at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

PI SIGMA EPSILON: is having a new members meeting at 6 p.m. in 158 Blocker.

LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT COUNCIL: is meeting at 7:30 in the Liberal Arts Conference Room, 8th floor of Harrington Tower.

TAMU RACQUETBALL CLUB: is meeting at 8 p.m. in the lobby between E. Kyle courts 7 and 8. Dues will be collected and tournaments will be discussed.

AGGIE TOASTMASTERS: is meeting at 7 p.m. in 153 Blocker.

ALPHA ZETA: is meeting at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

Tuesday

ON-CAMPUS CATHOLICS: is meeting at 9:30 p.m. in the All Faith's Chapel to discuss "The Development of the Early Church."

ASSOCIATION OF BIOENGINEERS: is meeting at 7 p.m. in 107 Heldenfels.

MSC CAREER DEVELOPMENT: is meeting at 6 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

KANM 99.9 FM: weekly call in discussion is at 3 p.m.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS: is meeting at 8 p.m. in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design Gallery.

AGGIE ALLIANCE: is meeting at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theater. All health and p.e. majors should attend.

AGGIE GOP: is meeting at 7 p.m. in 102 Blocker. T. Boone Pickens will speak.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION: is having a "Mad Hatter" meeting at 7 p.m. in 158 Blocker. All new members are welcome. Wear a hat!

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY: will meet at 7:30 in 305 Fermier.

STUDENT Y ASSOCIATION: the Adopt-A-Grandparent program will be organized at a meeting at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder. Anyone interested in developing a special friendship with an older person is welcome.

EL PASO HOMETOWN CLUB: is meeting at 8 p.m. in 201 Harrington.

TAMU SAILING TEAM: is meeting at 7 p.m. in 109 Military Science.

It's Prince Henry — but call him Harry

United Press International

LONDON — Prince Charles and Princess Diana will name their second son Prince Henry but he'll be just plain Harry at home, Buckingham Palace announced Sunday, less than 24 hours after the third in line to the throne was born.

As Britain's newest prince made his first public appearance, the announcement of his name took the country by surprise — it is usually several days before royal babies are named.

Many outside the hospital were not so wild about the name Harry, although it is steeped in royal history.

"It's a commoner's name," said one woman as Princess Diana and

her blue-eyed Harry went home just 22 hours after the birth.

The 6-pound, 14-ounce boy will be christened Henry Charles Albert David, a Buckingham Palace spokesman said.

The name Henry was the choice of the parents, the spokesman said. "They both like it and they'll call him Harry."

Britain's newest prince made his first public appearance swaddled in a white blanket in the arms of the beaming Princess of Wales on the steps of St. Mary's hospital, where his brother Prince William was also born.

With Prince Charles looking on, Diana, 23, smiled shyly for photographers and a cheering crowd of sev-

eral hundred before being driven off to Kensington Palace, the couple's official London home.

Queen Elizabeth II is on vacation at Balmoral Castle in Scotland but will visit the baby — her fourth grandchild — before visiting Canada next week, Buckingham Palace said.

Many people, including London bookmakers, thought the infant would be called George in memory of his great-grandfather George VI and George III — one of Prince Charles' favorite monarchs.

But Henry is rich in royal tradition through centuries of British history.

The first King Henry reigned in the 12th century and was the son of William the Conqueror. Thomas

A'Beckett was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral on the orders of Henry II, and Henry V was immortalized by William Shakespeare for his victory over the French at the Battle of Agincourt in 1415.

King Henry VIII, who broke with Catholicism in the 16th century, is probably the most famous monarch in British history.

Explaining the baby prince's other names, Buckingham Palace said Charles was selected because it is both a royal name and one connected with the Spencer family of Princess Diana. Albert was the name of Prince Charles' grandfather, George VI, as well as that of Queen Victoria's husband.

McDONALD'S

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

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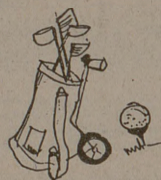
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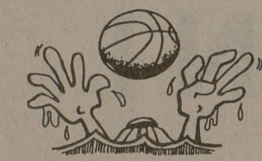
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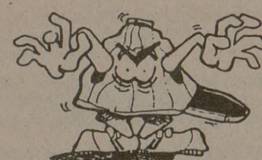


GOLF SINGLES - It's tee time...Entries close on Tuesday, Sept. 18. Entrants sign up for tee times at the time the entry is accepted. There is a green fee. Classes A&B will be 18-hole tournaments with top qualifiers advancing to divisionals. Class C will have an 18-hole tournament with no playoffs. Contact Intramural Office for more information.



INNERTUBE WATER BASKETBALL - Sink that basket...with H2O basketball. Entries close Tuesday, Sept. 18. Entry fee is \$15. Divisions are: Men's and Women's Dorms, Men's and Women's Independent and CoRec. Class A&B play for awards. Classes C and Recreation play for fun.

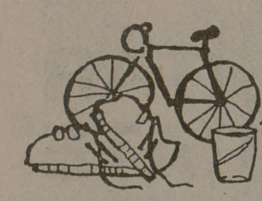
ENTRIES OPEN...



HANDBALL SINGLES - Grab your gloves and flex your fingers. Handball Singles entries open Monday Sept. 17. All TAMU students, faculty, staff and spouses may enter if they meet Intramural requirements. Class A Winners will receive Intramural T-shirts and Class B will receive certificates. Class C and D are also available. USHA rules apply. No entry fee.



LONG DRIVING - Consult your caddies...Entries open Monday, Sept. 17 for Long Driving. The event will take place Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. on the driving range next to the Polo Field. Participants must furnish own golf balls and clubs. Awards will be given to the Men's and Women's Champions.



TRIATHLON - Run, Walk or Swim - Just get there for the Intramural Triathlon. Entries open Monday, Sept. 17. The event includes: 250 yd. swim, 1.5 mile run and 4 mile bike ride. Participants will be placed in age group division. Contact the Intramural Office for team and award information.

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GET OUT OF YOUR SHELL AND INTO NAUTILUS CIRCUIT TRAINING!

Reservations will once again be accepted for the Nautilus Circuit Training Program now in effect Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 8 AM and 5 PM to 7 PM. The system operates as follows:

1. Reservations may be made up to 24 hours in advance by either calling 845-2624 or 845-2625 or by coming in person to the East Kyle Checkout Room (159 E.K.)

2. Reservations will be accepted for the following day beginning at 5:30 PM. An individual may make one reservation by phone and two different reservations in person.

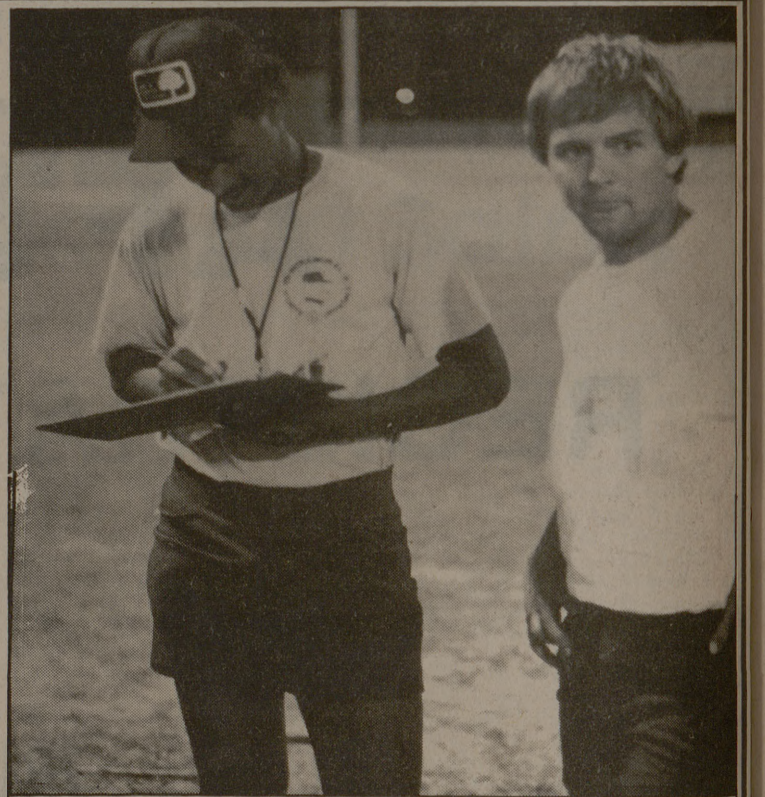
3. Reservations will be at 3 minute intervals beginning at 7 AM or 5 PM and finishing at 7:45 AM or 6:45 PM. In order to claim your reserved time we suggest you arrive approximately 10 minutes early in case of cancellations as well as to warm up adequately.

4. For individuals who do not make a reservation yet still wish to work out in the circuit, a waiting list will be established. The first "no show" will be substituted for the first individual on the waiting list.

5. There will be NO "grace period" on reservations. Please arrive early to assure your reserved time slot.

The Nautilus Circuit Training Program has enjoyed great success. The program utilizes several basic weight training principles which provide excellent muscle tone conditioning for beginners as well as experienced weight lifters. The program allows 95% of the body to be exercised in approximately 15 minutes.

We welcome everyone to take advantage of this conditioning program. Please feel free to contact the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office in room 159 East Kyle, 845-7826 if you have any questions concerning this program.



Alfred Ray, president of the Sports Officials Association, and Doug Williams officiated the flag football tournament held last weekend.

OFFICIATING!

When a prospective employer asks you about previous experience, sports officials may proudly claim the ultimate work experience.

The one area that individuals can learn a great deal about is people — and that even includes getting to know more about oneself. Behaviors in sport are often unpredictable. Officials must learn to deal with people who change temperaments during competitive sports activity.

Officiating, by nature, is not an easy job, but the work experience has proved so valuable to most that we are getting an increase in the number of students who are interested in such a challenge. The Intramural-Recreational Sports Department employs nearly 500 students each year to officiate football, basketball, indoor & outdoor soccer, softball, inner-tube water basketball and innertube water polo, flickerball, volleyball and wallball.

A high standard is set and Intramural-Recreational Sports Professional Staff members see to it that the officials are carefully instructed in the rules, techniques, and art of officiating.

Officiating is one of the major components of any successful Intramural program. The TAMU Intramural-Recreational Sports Department is particularly proud of its officials.