Life Flight celebrates 10th year of service in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) - During the past decade, Life Flight helicopters have transported more than 27,000 patients, making it one of the busiest hospital-based air ambulances in the nation, officials say

But Dr. Red Duke admits he "didn't have the foggiest notion what I was doing" when he first started planning an air ambulance service for Houston.

Duke, known to television audiences for his down-home, folksy medical advice, is the surgeon who got Life Flight off the ground 10 years ago and continues as its medical director.

A celebration marking the 10th anniversary of the service was canceled Sunday because of rain, and rescheduled for Nov. 8 in Houston's Hermann Park, Hermann Hospital officials said. More than a thousand former patients have been

Duke wanted to use helicopters as ambulances to save time in transporting cricially injured or ill pa-

"I emphasize all the time it's is a system, not an airplane or a helicopter," he said. "You have to have good first responders and a good trauma center and some way to get those people there in a hurry when they're a long way off. That's a system."

Life Flight's first helicopter arrived about 10 years ago, and it was then the third such program in the country. Now, the operation serves a 150-mile radius with five helicopters and an airplane for long-distance

prototype for nearly 40 other med cal centers that have permission use the Life Flight name, office said. About 150 air ambulance pro grams operate in the country.

When Duke first joined the Uni versity of Texas Medical Schools Houston in 1972, one of his fin functions was to develop a trau center at adjoining Hermann Hospi

"I didn't have the foggiest notion

how we could develop a traumace ter in a private hospital," he said. The following year, the hospital built the John S. Dunn Helistop. "I'll never forget the day the dedicated it," Duke said. "I though What in the world? How can I w

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about possible consequences of not

checking in with advisers. Departmental advising begins today, according to the registration

Twenty registration terminals also will be set up in the Pavilion if students need help, Carter says.

"If you have some unique prob-lems with registration, such as need-ing a raised limit, we will have termi-nal operators in the Pavilion to

register students," he says Carter says the actual phone registration process will be detailed in a manual, included in the class schedules, that will walk students through

the process step-by-step.

According to the manual, students initiate the process by calling the voice-controlled registration computer. Callers then enter an action code,

which is given in the class schedule, enter their social security numbers and then enter their birth dates, the manual says.

If they aren't blocked, students then enter their courses by punching the numbers on their phones corresponding to the course and section numbers of their choices, the manual says. The manual says students can punch a button to tell the computer if they want to take the course pass/fail as they en-roll in a class, and they can drop and add classes while they register.

Once students are registered for classes, the manual says, the computer will give them a list of fee option codes. Students select the options they want, such as a parking sticker or shuttle bus pass, and the the registration process is finished, and the student will be billed, the manual says.

Carter says students can call back during their designated registration week and change their schedules as often as they like

He says the computer will send out bills at a certain time, and any schedule changes after that will generate a new, adjusted bill. The manual says students can hear a list of their selections at any

time during the process by punching a listing code. Carter says students also can punch in a code and talk to one of

about 15 operators who will help students with any problems they might encounter with the process. Students still will register according to classification, but will not register alphabetically, Carter says.

If students miss their registration week, they will have to wait until underclassmen have registered and register during open registration Dec. 8 through Dec. 17.

The phone registration process already is being used by smaller universities around the nation, but Carter says Texas A&M is the largest university to adopt the system so far.

The switchover to the new sys required the purchase of a voice sponse module and some addition software, says Steve Williams, di

Registrar Robert Lacey says to new equipment cost the universabout \$200,000.

He says the reduction in tem rary labor costs during the regis tion process will offset the cost of new equipment over a period of for

Lawsuit

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to pay his legal bill.
"It's like going to the door
Cain said. "You don't often sit do and write out an agreement is just go in and tell him you've go belly ache. He examines you gives you a bill when you leave."

He said he didn't believe this should be aired in either the or room or the newspapers but! Hansen chose to do so. No court date has been set

and Cain said an out-of-count tlement was possible but not pro

"I'm not trying to be mean," (a said. "I just want him to pay his bill



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Archery Singles - ENTRIES OPEN: Mon., Nov. 3; ENTRIES CLOSE: Tue., Nov. 25; CONTEST DATE: Tue., Dec. 2, 6pm, rm. 304 Read. SCHEDULES: Participants will schedule a time to shoot at 6pm, 7pm, 8pm or 9pm. DIVISIONS: Men's and Women's in Class A or B. RULES: FITA Rules apply. Each participant will shoot 30 arrows at 15 yds. EQUIPMENT: Participants are asked to provide their own equipment although a few bows will be available. There are restrictions on bows. For more information call Patsy at 845-7826.

Weightlifting Contest - ENTRIES OPEN: Mon., Nov. 3; ENTRIES CLOSE: Tues., Nov. 11; EVENT DATE: Wed., Nov. 12. DIVISIONS: Men: 150/lbs. and under, 151-175/lbs. 201/lbs. and up; Women: 125/lbs. and under; 126-149/lbs, 150/lbs. and up. COMPETITION: Bench Press only. Winner in Men's division will be determined by Schwartz formula. Winners in Women's division will be determined by Schwarz formula. Winners in Women's division will be determined by Malone formula. RULES: TAMU Powerlifters are ineligible. Weigh-ins will be conducted prior to competition. Each lifter will get 3 attempts.

Put Putt Golf- ENTRIES OPEN: Mon., Oct. 27; ENTRIES CLOSE: Tues., Nov. 4; CONTEST DATE: Wed., Nov. 5, 3pm-5:15pm; ENTRY FEE: \$2.00 due at entry. LOCATION: Pooh's Park Amusement Center, 1907 Texas Ave. South, College Station. COMPETITION: One round 18 hole medalist scoring. DIVISIONS: Men's Singles and Doubles, Women's Singles and Doubles and CoRec Doubles.

Handball Singles - Mon., Oct. 27; ENTRIES CLOSE: Tues., Nov. 4; PLAY BEGINS: Tues., Nov. 11; COMPETITION: Men's and Women's Dorm, Men's and Women's Independent in Classes A, B, C, and D. Classes A, B, C play single elimination. Class D plays Round Robin. SCHEDULES: Will be posted on the bulletin outside the Intramural Office after 3pm on Thurs., Nov. 6. RULES: USHA Rules apply. Matches consist of 2 games to 21 points and an 11 point tiebreaker, if necessary.

Cross Country - ENTRIES OPEN: Mon., Oct. 27; ENTRIES CLOSE: Fri., Nov. 7, 5pm; RACE DATE: Sat., Nov. 8, 10am; RACE COURSE: Cross Country Course will be on East Campus. LATE ENTRIES: Will be accepted at the site only on a space available basis.

TAMU OUTDOORS: **BACKPACKING**

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Need a break from the hustle of cmapus? Take a trip to two of Texas' Parks and do some back-

A trip is planned for November 7-9 and will be at Pedernales Falls and along the Pedernales River. Signups for this trip started Oct. 27 and will continue to Tuesday, Nov. 4 in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office. The \$35.00 fee for the trip covers group camping equipment, backpacks, food, transportstion costs and an expereinced guide. The trip, geared towards the beginner and intermediate backpacker, is limited to 14 participants.

The second backpacking trip is to Sam Houston National Forest on December 5-7. There will be a \$35.00 fee which covers the same as the other trip. More details will be avialable for the trip later.

For more information call Patsy Greiner at 845-7826.



Lift your spirits in the IM Weightlifting Contest. Entries open TODAY!

SATURDAY

PLAYOFFS

-Indoor Soccer playoffs began last night, Nov. 2. Teams should check the schedules posted across from the racquetball courts.
-Flag football playoffs continue. Only one week at a time is posted so all teams should check the schedules every Monday to see when they play that week.
-Innertube Water Basketball Finals are Monday, Nov. 3. Come on out to the Indoor Pool to see some great teams in action.
-Volleyball Playoffs will be posted next Monday., Nov. 10. the Playoffs will begin Wed., Nov. 12.

THURSDAY

PUNT, PASS & KICK CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the 1986 Punt, Pass & Kick Champions. Both Champions set new TAMU Records for this competition. Men-Rodney Edge 171.2 Yards

Women-Becky Braly

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MONDAY

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