Acadian Ambulance
Continues To Excel

What do you do for an encore when your ambulance service is already recognized as one of the best in the nation?

In the case of Acadian Ambulance, it is obvious that the status quo is not acceptable and things must improve.

The announcement this week of two educational programs of major importance in the field of emergency medicine, USL President Ray Authement announced plans for an associate degree program in Emergency Health Science and LSU Medical School Dean Dr. Paul Larson told off a contract under which resident physicians preparing for a career in emergency medicine will work with Acadian Ambulance personnel in the field.

And then another improvement — Petroleum Helicopters, Lafayette General and Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center are joining with Acadian to put an even more efficient helicopter into the Air Med program that added a new dimension to emergency response in the Acadian service area.

The new helicopter is bigger, faster and now will have a resident physician on board.

Perhaps Congressman John Breaux said it best. "Many areas of the nation have not been as fortunate as we have. These areas who have attempted to finance emergency medical services through government agencies are facing declining tax revenues which endangers the ability to fund their ambulance programs. People from throughout the U. S. regularly visit Acadiana to study the Acadian operation and primarily to learn about the subscription program which has provided the continued funding for truly outstanding and constantly upgraded service."

Breaux also pointed out that each and every year Acadian has to ask for the community's vote of confidence through its annual membership campaign. "The support of the people has always been overwhelming and reflects the realization that Acadian is totally dedicated to the best interests of the people it serves."

The annual membership drive is currently underway and the good news is that the price tag for the annual membership has not increased since last year — it remains at $45.

In brief, this is a good deal, guaranteeing expert medical emergency care by one of the finest — and the largest — private ambulance service in the U. S.

Forty-five dollars a year is a small price to pay for a service that we sincerely hope no one will have to use, but it's a good feeling to know that we are in our community are fully protected if that need should arise.

We endorse the service as heartily as we did upon the inauguration of the firm in 1971 and urge our citizens to continue support of the service by signing up before the deadline on Friday, Sept. 7.