Torch ability

Photo by MICHEAL PIWONKA

It's just another class assignment at A&M. Angela Rivera, a junior engineering technology major from Houston, uses an acetyline torch to help construct a balcony addition for J.R. Thompson Hall. Rivera and her classmates were working Monday on the balcony as part of their ET 313 class.

Bank reports record earnings

HOUSTON — Texas Comperce Bancshares Inc. Tuesday eported earnings of \$45.8 mil-on for the first quarter of 984, a 2 percent increase from e \$44.8 million earned in the st quarter of 1983.

On a per share basis, earngs were \$1.41, up 1 percent om the 1.39 earned in the first

The board of directors Tuesday declared a regular quarterly share for common stock and 45 cents per share on preferred

Loans averaged \$11.8 billion during the first quarter, an in-

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with the fourth quarter of 1983, average loans increased \$696 million, the highest level of

crease of 21 percent from the first quarter of 1983. Compared banks of Texas Commerce had consolidated total assets of \$19 billion, total deposits of \$12.7 billion, total loans and leases of linked-quarter loan growth in \$12.2 billion and stockholders Texas Commerce's history. equity of \$1.1 billion.



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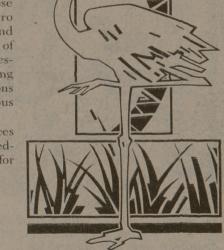
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Listen to heart trouble signs

DALLAS — Every year in this country about 1.5 million people feel a sudden tightness in the chest, a crick in the neck or arm, a queasy, rolling stomach, lightheadedness or an abrupt drench of sweat. Many wait to see what will happen

For 350,000, it will be their funeral.

'People don't want to cause trouble to others, and that's a big mistake," says Chicago car-diologist Dr. Gary Wilner. "Believe me, there's no reason to be overly courteous if you're hav-

Wilner, in Dallas to open a heart study exhibit at the Southwest Museum of Science and Technology, said people should consider heart attack symptoms for what they are: screams of distress from their bodies. He said chances of recovery hinge on speed of medical assistance.

"Things have improved since Leonardo da Vinci," Wilner said. "Leonardo said, 'The heart ... is a vessel formed of thick muscle ... it moves of itself, and does not stop unless for-

In fact, says Wilner, who is president of the Chicago Heart Association, five million Americans are enjoying life today despite their hearts' best efforts to wheeze and stop.

"Half the deaths from heart attacks occur within four hours after the symptoms begin," Wilner said. "People are making it to the hospital sooner than they used to, so more are being saved.'

But as with so many things, Wilner said, when it comes to keeping a healthy heart, the best defense is a good offense, or, as Irish physician Sir Wil-liam Stokes put it in the mid-

"We must train the patient gradually but steadily to the giv-ing up of all luxurious habits. He must adopt early hours and pursue a system of gradual muscular exercise.

Wilner said certain factors bearing on coronary health heredity, age, race and sex — can't be changed, but others

"What we're talking about here is self-help," Wilner said. "Smoking? Stop. High blood pressure? Reduce salt, or talk to our doctor about beta blockers (a group of heart drugs). Diet? Cut back saturated fats. They plug up the veins and arteries. Weight? Get rid of the excess

Under stress, the body starts pumping out adrenalin-like hormones that head for receptors in the heart, prepping it for "fight or flight" by spurring it to work harder, beat faster. The stress may be physical, like shoveling snow, or mental, like stage fright.

People with hard-driving personalities have snap reactions to stress and hyperadrena-

lize repeatedly each day, Wilner said, soaking their long-suffering hearts with stimulants. He said over time, the toll shows up

as coronary disease. Starting in 1978, Wilner headed a research group study-ing heart attack victims to see if beta blockers improved their survival odds. One drug, pro-pranolol HCL, reduced the death rate from heart attack recurrences by 26 percent.

by adrenalizing hormones, blocking their action, he said, so the heart continues ticking

along at a normal pace. Propranolol is given now to people with the highest risk of

heart attack, he said. Exercise increases the strength and efficiency of the heart and circulatory system. Diet can reduce cholesterol content of the blood and burn off Beta blockers pre-empt the excess pounds.



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