

# Students See Open Heart Surgery

DICKINSON—The Health Occupation students of Dickinson High School were privileged to observe open heart surgery in progress on a recent field trip to the Houston Medical Center.

The operation was being performed on a 69 year old man suffering from arteriosclerosis, and the students were able to watch the operating room activities from a dome-shaped observation area. A coronary by-pass was performed on the patient, and as the various steps were taken, the procedures were explained to the students by the hospital operating room instructor.

During the operation the students were able to view the actual incision which exposed the heart, and they watched the removal of a vein from the patient's right leg which was needed to by-pass the blockage in the area of the heart.

Before returning to Dickinson the students also visited other areas of interest in the medical center.