

Having ticket doesn't guarantee parking

By PAT EDMONDSON

While merely obtaining a ticket to Texas A&M football games is a perilous chore, securing an adequate parking space is a dilemma. Parking is a continuing perplexity at Aggieland and other universities. Automobiles, campers, trailers and mobile homes flood the campus on game day, decreasing the available spaces on streets and in parking lots.

Fair, but improving is how Wally Groff terms the parking enigma at A&M.

"Generally," he said, "we're (Texas A&M) in better shape than half our competitors in the South-west Conference."

As A&M Assistant Athletic Director for Business Affairs, Groff coordinates parking at all school athletic events. His duties include issuing permits for space in nine parking lots that surround Kyle Field.

Priority is given to University of

officials, Athletic Council and Athletic staff, Aggie Club members, handicapped persons, family of team members and the press. A limited number of maintenance men, plumbers, electricians and concession employees park inside the stadium.

Groff estimates the number of automobiles within a half mile radius of the stadium on game day to be 15,000.

"Every student and faculty lot on campus is full," he said. "That includes a large group of cars which park on the drill field behind Duncan Dining Hall."

There are no plans for future lot construction, although additional parking will be provided for upon completion of the new baseball diamond. The new diamond will be located south of lots "B" and "E" across Jersey St.

In an effort to increase parking capacity this year, Groff has taken

advantage of existing space on campus.

"We're parking on the old baseball field (Kyle Field) for football games now," he said. "We feel like we've got a situation where we will pave the area for next year."

Currently, the field will hold approximately 450 cars. If paved, it will increase the capacity for 150 automobiles, Groff said.

The lot will be used for day student parking during the school term.

"We couldn't justify building a parking lot for five ballgames," he said. "The campus police are tickled to death about the possibility of another lot for the students."

South of Kyle Field lies an area designated as lot "RV." It is the astroturf practice field, an innovation of former head football coach Gene Stallings and his staff. The football team no longer uses the facility. The turf is worn and deteriorated.

It would not be feasible to lift the worn astroturf, and Groff is using the area to park campers, trailers and mobile homes.

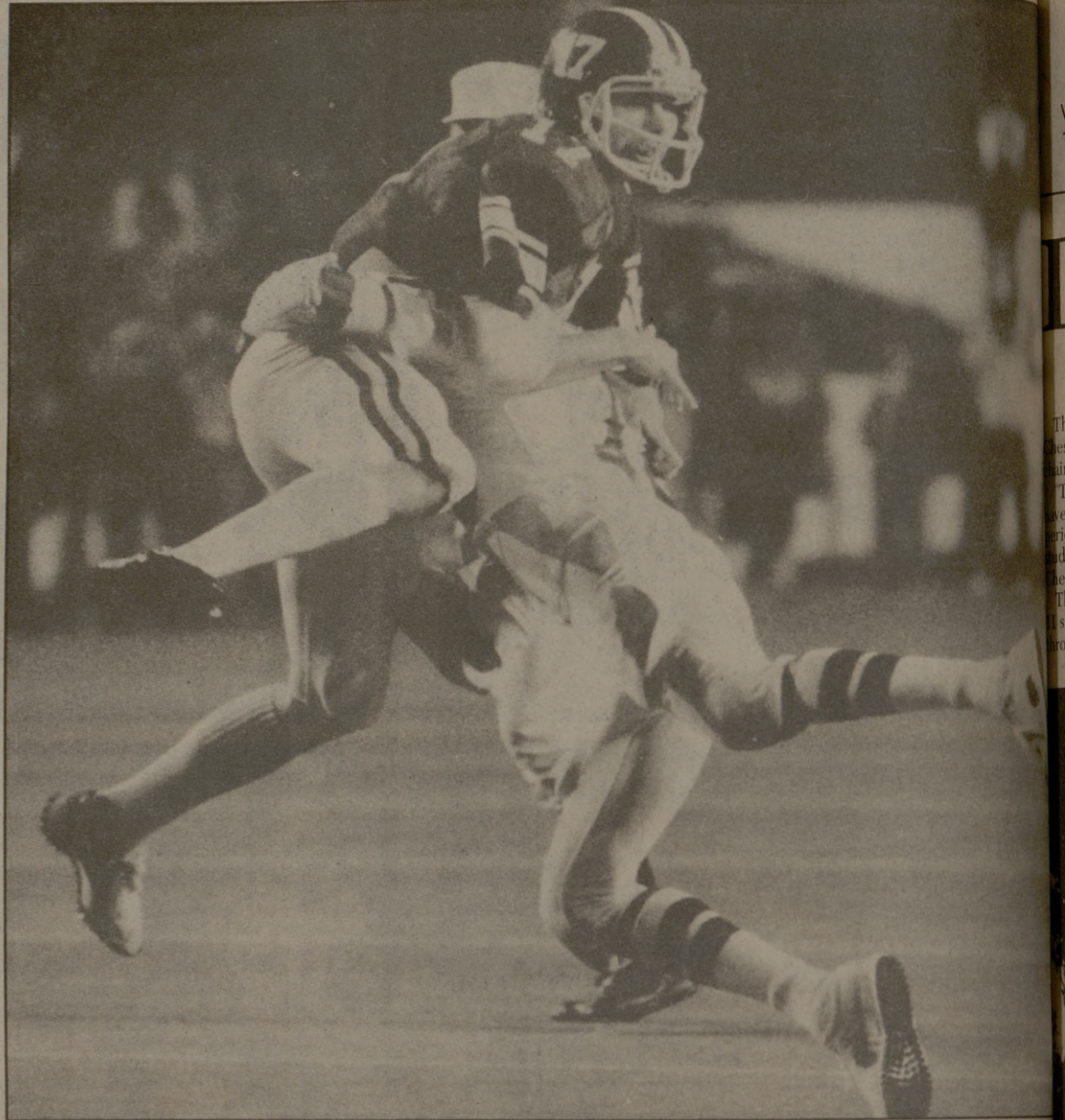
"P.E. (Physical Education) would love to have it for intramurals," he said. "But they don't have \$200,000 to replace it."

"We badly needed space for campers," Groff said. "We used it for the Kansas game, although a lot of people were unaware of it. We hope to fill it for the rest of the home games." There is space on the field for 80 campers.

Until lot "RV" was created, camper space was limited to one row in lot "D" adjacent to G. Rollie White Coliseum.

"Lot 'RV' is basically for those people with the privilege of a reserved parking spot," Groff said. "We send the others to lot 'D'. Unfortunately," he added, "it is usually filled by Friday afternoon."

Groff cited the University of Texas and Arkansas as schools with extensive parking problems. Parking at Rice University, Baylor University and Texas Christian University was described as adequate.



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Top rodeo stars add to winnings

United Press International

DENVER — Paul Tierney and Danny Torricellas picked up more than \$2,400 apiece at two of three rodeos during the weekend, according to the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Tierney, 25, of Rapid City, S.D., made a clean sweep in calf roping by winning the first and second go-rounds and the average at Billings, Mont., for \$1,294.

He also picked up \$580 in steer wrestling at Billings, then finished with a go-round win in the same event at Portland, Ore., for a total of \$2,488.

Twelfth-ranked bull rider Barney Brehmer of Peterson, Iowa broke his arm during the Billings rodeo when he was bucked off a bull.

Rice wide receiver David Houser and A&M cornerback Mike Williams saw a lot of one another last Saturday night. Williams' primary

A duet

responsibility was to cover Houser. The defensive back said Houser was the best he faced this year.

Horns, Irish may be Cotton Bowl bound

United Press International
DALLAS — With the likely jump by the Texas Longhorns into the No. 1 spot in the country and with surprisingly one-sided Notre Dame thrashing of Southern California last Saturday, speculation has already begun on the chance for another Texas-Notre Dame matchup in the Cotton Bowl.

Bowl officials cannot hand out invitations until Nov. 19, but a Longhorns-Irish meeting on Jan. 2 is heavy on the minds of local fans.

There is plenty of work, however, for the Longhorns to do before they can become the host team in the Cotton Bowl.

Texas (6-0) has a critical test week against 13th ranked Tech in Austin and the Longhorns close the season against rival A&M — currently ranked 11th.

Notre Dame's remaining games are against Navy, Georgia Tech, Clemson, Air Force and Miami (Fla.).

Texas and Notre Dame met in straight years in the Cotton Bowl. The Longhorns downed the Irish 21-17, on Jan. 1, 1970, to win the national championship. Notre Dame ended Texas' 30-game winning streak the next year with a 24-10 victory.

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