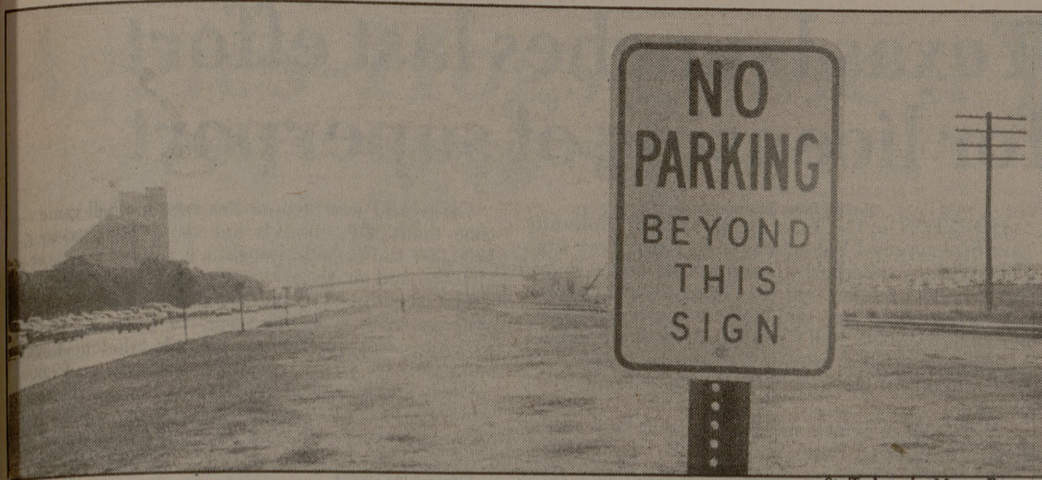


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This sign, along the railroad tracks near Wellborn Road, seems to be taken seriously. Students parked here until complaints were made by railroad officials about blocked tracks.

Staff photo by Marcy Boyce

On-campus parking a challenge

By NATHAN R. HINES
Battalion Reporter
Finding a place to park on campus is tough, but it is even tougher trying to find a legal parking place.

The parking problem was worse last year because the parking lot behind Kyle Field (Parking Annex 62) was unusable because of construction. Students had to park somewhere else, usually across the tracks in PAs 56 or 61.

Some students dealt with parking lot problems by using a lot across from Kyle Field in the area between Wellborn Road and the Southern Pacific railroad tracks. This 50-foot-wide strip of land runs through Texas A&M University grounds, but it is owned by Southern Pacific.

Texas A&M signed a lease agreement with Southern Pacific in 1967 providing authority for use of the railroad right-of-way for parking on football weekends.

"We sort of turned our back to students parking by the railroad tracks last year because of lot 62 being closed," said Col. Tom Parsons, director of security and traffic at Texas A&M.

"We allowed the parking because

Southern Pacific didn't seem to mind. However, we had problems with people parking too close to the tracks, blocking the trains. Then Southern Pacific calls us to move the cars."

The railroad company must have had enough of the inconveniences because on Feb. 6, an agent for Southern Pacific contacted the University police and requested that the terms of the lease be enforced; no

parking except on football game days. The University Police then printed notices and placed them on the cars that were parked on the Southern Pacific land. The notices explained the lease agreement with Southern Pacific and the railroad company's request for the University to honor the lease. The notice also said that tickets would be issued the following week.

Pigeons used in muscle study

By MARK TRIESCH
Battalion Reporter

A Texas A&M University researcher is conducting experiments that are really "for the birds."

Dr. Carl Rieke, assistant professor of anatomy, is using pigeons as test animals in his study of human movement disorders.

Rieke is studying illnesses, such as Huntington's disease and Parkinson's disease, for which no cures are known.

Huntington's disease is a progressive movement disorder which gradually strips the victim of his muscle control, Rieke said.

"Huntington's disease strikes around 40,000 people in the United States every year," he said. "It affects men and women equally, and usually shows up when the victim is 35 to 40 years old."

The disease destroys 500 to 1,000 of the victim's nerve cells every year, said Rieke. These cells do not regenerate themselves and thus, control of the nervous system breaks down.

Rieke said that when an extract from the Japanese seaweed kaininso, kainic acid, is injected into a pigeon's

brain it produces lesions which cause symptoms similar to Huntington's disease in the bird.

"Kainic acid is a selective toxin," said Rieke. "It destroys certain neurons in the brain, but does not destroy the sensitive nervous pathways. Because of this we can isolate certain cell bodies that we want to examine."

Once the symptoms of Huntington's disease are recreated in the brain of the pigeon, Rieke said, the progression of the disease can be carefully monitored, and possible retardants introduced to combat the disease.

Rieke said that pigeons were chosen as the test animal because their nervous system is very similar to that of mammals.

Rieke said his experiments will deal only with the physical aspect of the muscle disorders. "These diseases usually also cause personality changes in the victims," he said.

"Since we have no way to measure psychological changes in the pigeons, we can only deal with physiological factors."

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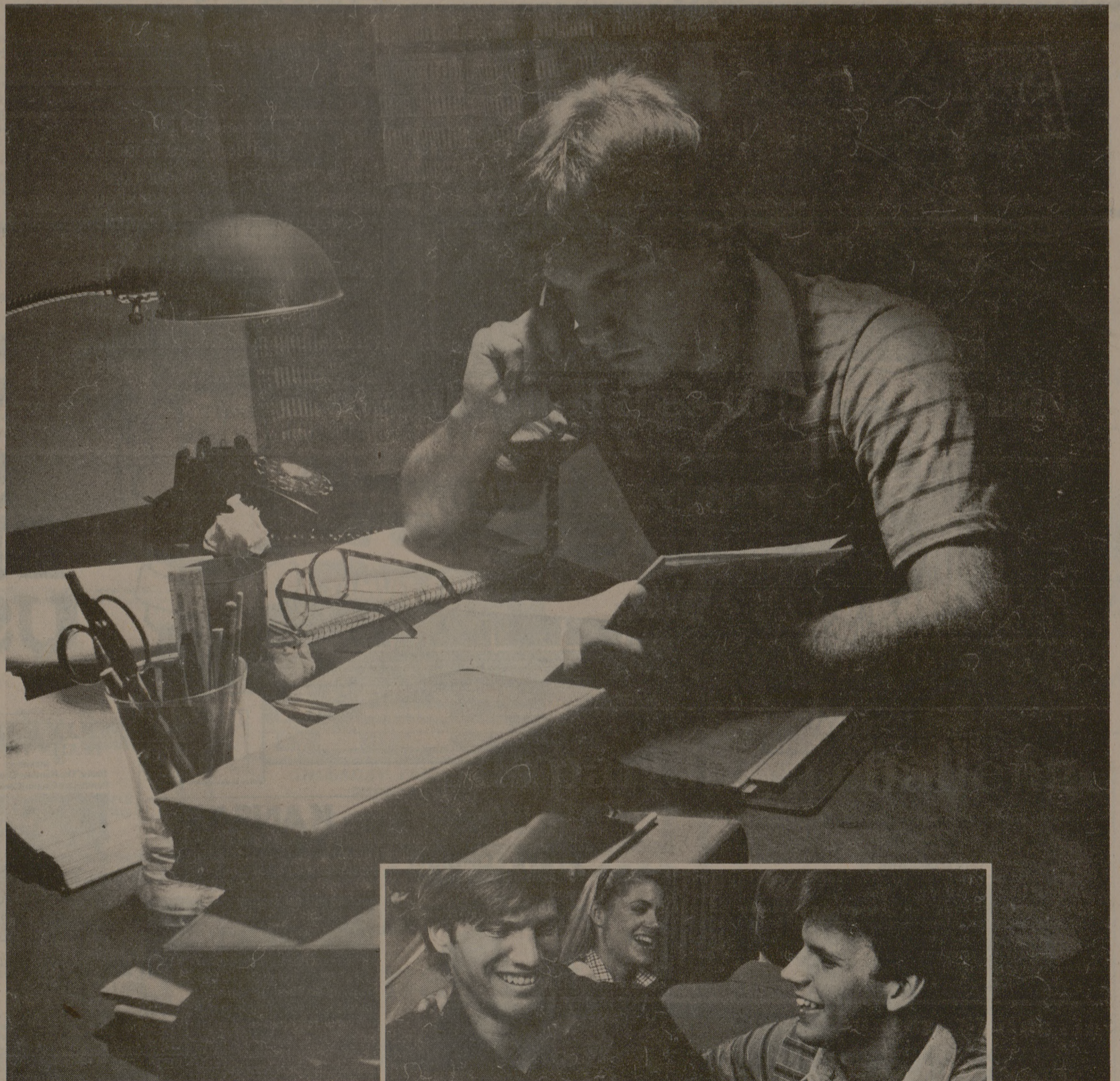
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