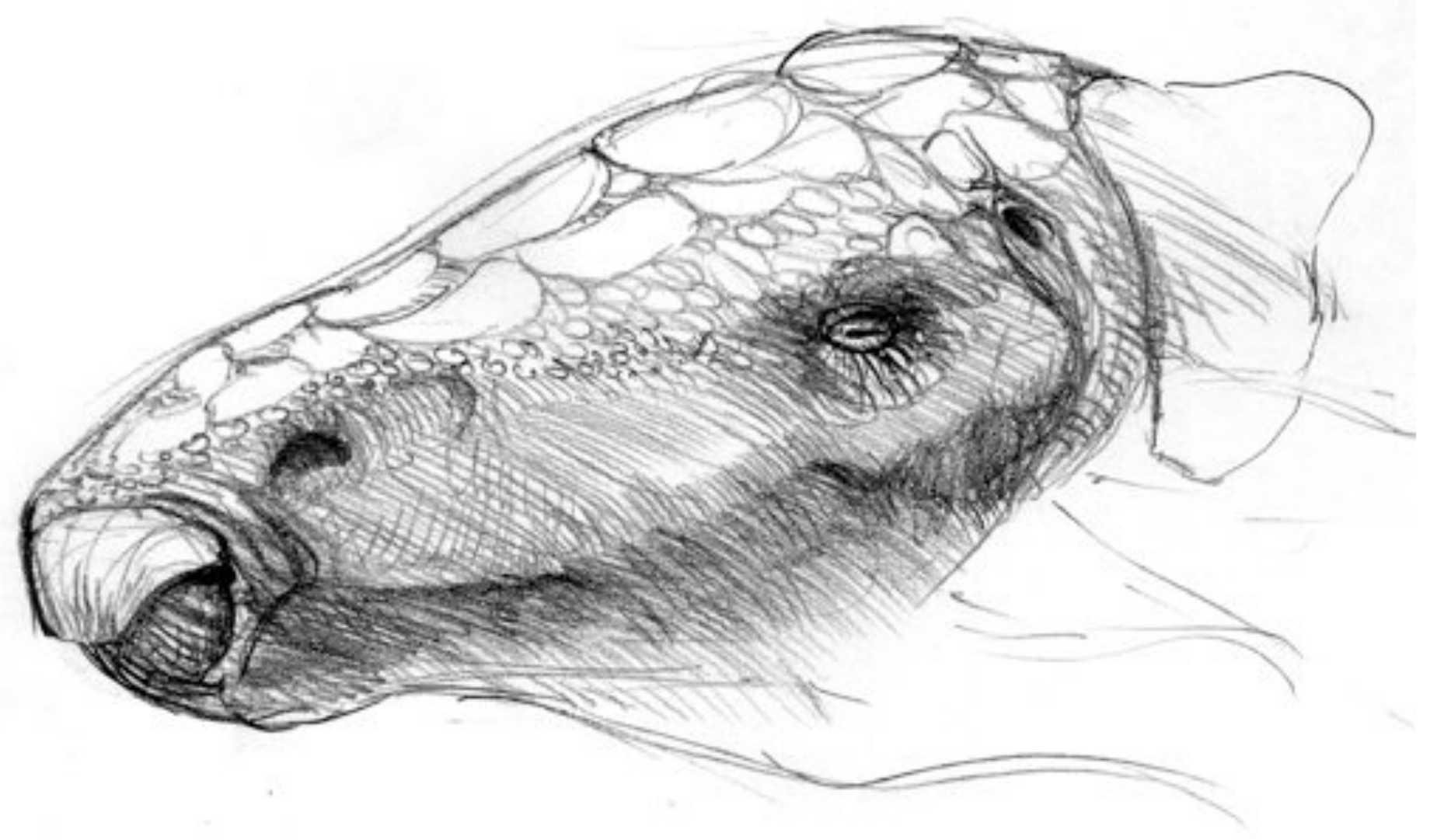


Thyreophorans: *the Shield-Bearers*

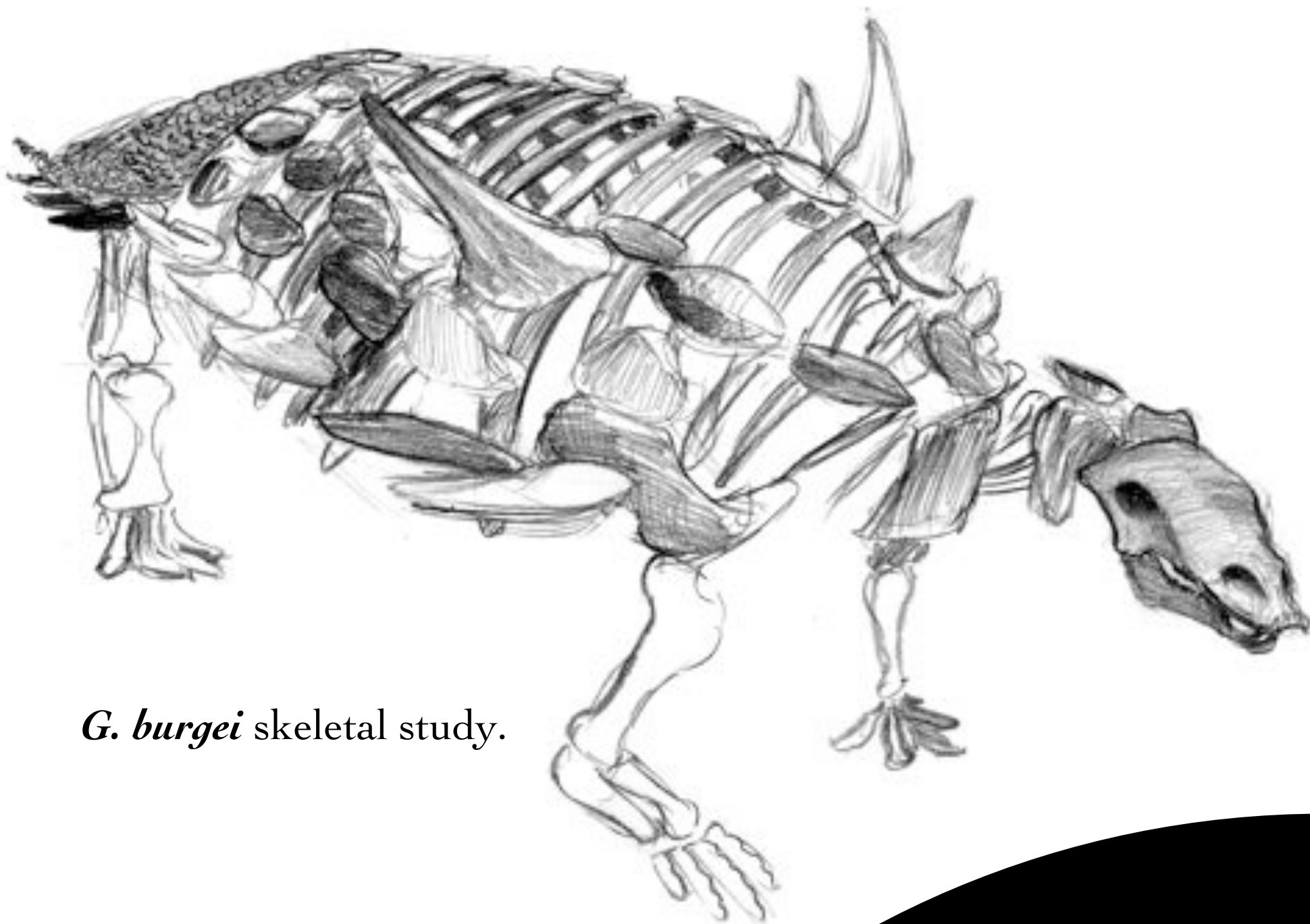
Thyreophorans as a group are comprised of Ankylosaurs and Stegosaurs, known for their armor plating and thagomizers (spikes) or clubs at the ends of their tails. They are exclusively herbivorous dinosaurs with beaks, large guts, and heavy arrangements of scutes, scales, horns and sometimes spikes around their heads and bodies.



Gastonia burgei head study.

Ankylosaurus is not well known, though paradoxically, it is one of the more famous dinosaurs.

The *Ankylosaurus* featured omits the spikes made ubiquitous by the restoration made for the 1964 World's Fair, since these are unknown to the genus.



G. burgei skeletal study.

