

Did you ever wonder how Andy Rooney views A&M?

Every Sunday when I turn on the tube and watch 60 Minutes, I can hardly wait for the end of the show and "A few minutes with Andy Rooney" — what a joke. Rooney's "did you ever wonder" bit is getting a little old.

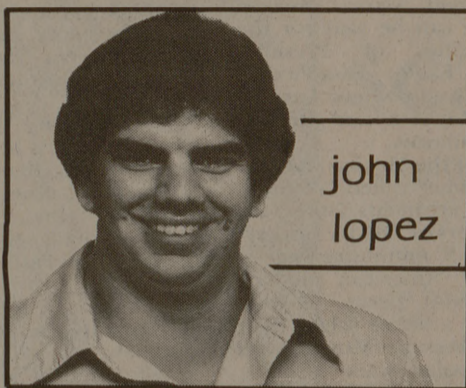
Did you ever wonder what Rooney would have to say about Aggieland athletics? What would he have to say about Jackie, Shelby, Tom Chandler and the Twelfth Man?

Let's pretend.
A FEW MINUTES WITH ANDY ROONEY ON AGGIELAND:

"Did you ever wonder if Jackie Sherrill owns a sports coat in a color other than maroon? Or, have you ever wondered if Sherrill's wife still remembers what he looks like after Sherrill's seemingly endless recruiting trips? Did she throw a coming home party on Feb. 9 (national signing day for recruits)?"

"And did you ever wonder if the University of California is going to break in the 12th Man kickoff team next year with another 5-lateral kickoff return like they did to win the game against Stanford this year?"

"And have you ever wondered if Shelby Metcalf is really smiling when he sits on the Aggie bench with that sheepish grin on his face? If not, what does he look like when he does smile? Or have you ever wondered if Metcalf would do a reverse slam jam thank you ma'am if he had springs for legs like Lowell ('boy how I love to slam') McHenry? Or would he execute to perfection the one-foot-on-



John Lopez

the-ground-I-don't-care-if-it's-boring lay-up.

"And have you ever wondered if all those Aggies in G. Rollie White Coliseum are really reading The Battalion when the opposition is introduced, or are they just looking for pizza coupons?"

"Or have you ever wondered if Reveille had a reason for doing her deeds at mid-court during half-time of the Houston game? Was there an underlying message to be learned from her escapade?"

"Did you ever wonder how Houston head coach Guy Lewis would have reacted if he had seen the incident? Would he have scoffed at Reveille — or would the incident have brought thoughts of the UPI pollsters to his mind?"

"Or did you ever wonder how baseball

coach Tom Chandler learned how to whistle so loud? Does he have whistling practice while his players are having batting practice? And exactly how much of Olsen Field is watered with water and how much with chewing-tobacco spit?

"Have you ever wondered why more Aggies don't go to home baseball games? Is it possible that the baseball team is neglected because there isn't a 10th Man tradition at Olsen Field similar to the 12th Man tradition at Kyle Field?"

"Why doesn't someone start a 10th Man tradition? And if there is a 10th Man tradition started at the ball park, what would we do during the seventh-inning stretch? Will it be called the seventh-inning sit?"

"Did you ever wonder if we would have a 12th Man tradition at all if E. King Gill (original 12th Man) would have made it into the game and fumbled?"

"And what about the women athletes in Aggieland? Did you ever wonder how tall the men are that date players from the Aggie Lady basketball team? Why don't they play basketball?"

"Have you ever wondered how athletic traditions will change in the future as the University increasingly grows liberal? Will we have to change our "Farmers fight" yell to "Radicals romp?" And will ol' Army come to be known as young preppies? Who'll work on the bonfire — redpots or pink Polos?"

"And did you ever wonder if this column was ever going to end? Well, you can stop wondering."

TANK McNAMARA

by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



Coogs beat MHB twice to remain undefeated

United Press International
HOUSTON — Junior pitcher Greg Brinkman fired a two-hitter and rightfielder Dan Larson capped a nine-run fourth inning with a three-run homer in the second game Tuesday for the University of Houston, which swept a doubleheader from Mary Hardin Baylor, 6-1 and 11-0.

Brinkman walked three and struck out five. In the fourth inning, leading 2-0, the Cougars sent 14 men to the plate and battered three Crusader pitchers.

With one out, leftfielder Gary Wright walked, then Mark Massey doubled him home and moved

to third on Billy Savarino's single. Steve Seberger bunted Massey home with the Cougars' fourth run before Larson took Crusader pitcher J.D. Meeker's first pitch deep over the leftfield fence to give Houston a 7-0 lead.

In the first game, Cougar pitcher Aty Garcia threw a four-hitter and struck out 10 batters for his first victory of the season. The big blow of the game came in the sixth on a Savarino pinch three-run homer off Crusader Doug Delany.

Houston improved its record to 6-0 on the season, while Mary Hardin Baylor dropped to 3-10-1.

Trail Blazers beat Rockets, 113-107

United Press International
HOUSTON — Portland guard Jim Paxson led the Trail Blazers to a 113-107 victory over the Houston Rockets late Tuesday, but he said it was team play that allowed him to chalk up 28 points.

"This team makes sure I get the ball in the right places. If I move and get open, they give me the ball," he said.

"For a player like Paxson to be effective, the rest of the offense has to move the ball to him," said Portland Coach Jack Ramsay.

Portland took command of the game on a 12-4 spurt at the start of the third period, and Paxson was in the middle of that rally, accounting for four points on two jump shots.

Mychal Thompson, who scored 22 points, hit three buckets during the surge.

The victory was the fifth straight for Portland. It was the sixth consecutive loss for Houston, even though the Rockets shot a hot 85 percent in the second period.

Allen Leavell keyed the Houston offense, connecting on 8-of-9 shots for 16 points in the quarter. He finished the night with 30 points and eight assists.

At one stretch in the first half, the Rockets made 22 consecutive field goals, the longest string in the club's history, but Ramsay said that did not slow the Blazers.

"We are playing very well," Ramsay said. "Even though they made 22 baskets in a row against us in the first half, the most we got down by was 7 points."

"They got off on their fast break too much against us tonight," Leavell said. "They shot a lot of layups."

Calvin Murphy came off the Houston bench to hit six straight jumpers in the fourth period to bring the Rockets to 105-99 with 3:30 remaining. Rocket rookie Terry Teagle hit a jumper with two minutes remaining to pull the Rockets to 105-101, but free throws by Thompson and Paxson secured the victory.



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