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Radio static causes weird associations

After spending last Sunday night trying to figure out my economics notes, an accounting textbook and the lyrics to the new Pearl Jam album, I decided I was bored. So, I switched on the radio in hope of finding the Houston Rockets taking on the Portland Trailblazers somewhere on my dial.



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Sportswriter

Forty minutes later, I heard those words that every Rocket fan loves to hear "The newly-activated Granville Waiters in for Olajuwon." Actually, I really couldn't hear the game because it kept fading in and out with three other stations.

One moment, I would be listening to an earth shattering dunk and the next, the newest country hits. Sometimes a talk radio program or an adult contemporary station would wander over and be broadcast around my room.

It was one of the strangest experiences of my life.

Static! ... Static!
"Maxwell into Hakeem, he turns and shoots. Good! That gives Olajuwon." *Static! ... Static!*
"Another number one hit with 'Almost Goodbye.' He's touring the

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A&M soccer: Men advance, women reflect



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Junior Rolf Boerrensen prepares to boot the ball against Southwest Texas State.

Men's squad Nationals bound

By Jose de Jesus Ortiz

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By winning the National Collegiate Soccer Association Southern Regional tournament in Austin last weekend, Texas A&M's club soccer team captured a spot in the National tournament in Phoenix, Arizona on November 18.

Player-coach Nick Peffley said winning the title was the easy part for A&M, who finished the season at 12-1.

Now comes the difficult part. A&M must find a way to finance the trip to the championship tournament. The university's sports recreation department allocated the Aggies \$2,450 to travel during the season and buy uniforms.

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Women's coach Guerrieri discusses season, future

By Jose de Jesus Ortiz

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The Texas A&M Lady Aggie soccer team (13-3-1) will finish its inaugural season as an NCAA scholarship team when they take on Centenary and Florida Atlantic in Shreveport, Louisiana this weekend.

A&M head coach Gerald Guerrieri said that barring a total collapse Saturday and Sunday, the season will be an exceptional success.

"The coaching staff came in with modest expectations and the girls came in with high expectations," he said. "And in many ways we exceeded both."

Guerrieri said that the key to the Lady Aggies' success was that the play of senior defender Rennie Rebe, junior midfielder Brittan Hlista and freshmen midfielders Jamie Csizmadia and Kim Duca.

"Early in the season, we wanted to focus on the midfield and the defense," he said, "and they were the cornerstones in the building of this team."

With Rebe handling the duties as captain, Guerrieri said the lone senior on the squad provided great leadership for the Lady Aggies. She was the steady force for the Lady Aggies but when the team needed to shut down an opponents' leading scorer, he said he gave junior defender Kristi Dillinger the call.

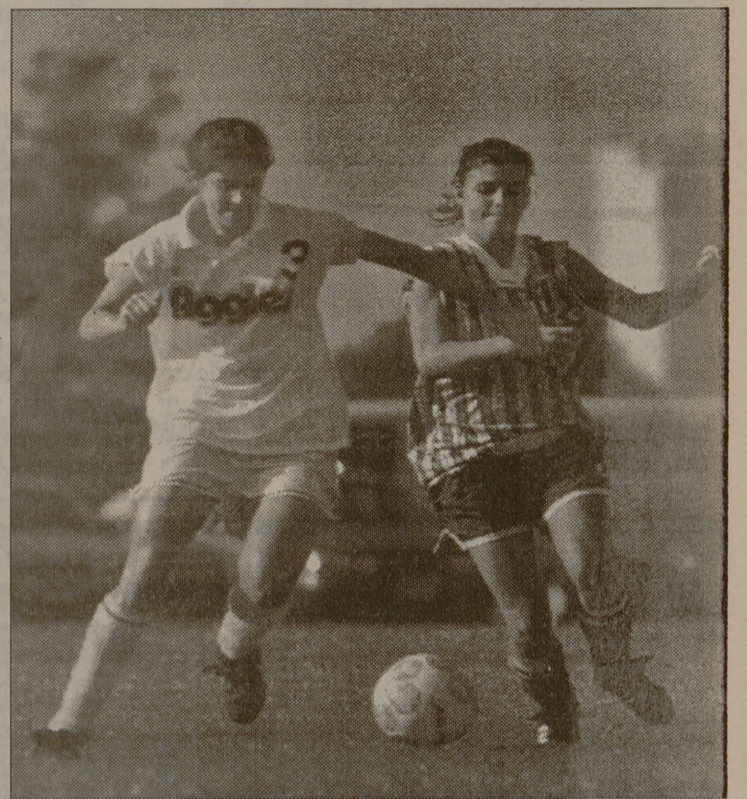
In what Guerrieri called Texas A&M's "biggest game," Dillinger shut down Southern Methodist's All-American forward Kara Lee, as the Lady Aggies tied the nation's 16th-ranked Lady Mustangs at one goal apiece.

"Kristi has been the answer for us against a lot of teams," Guerrieri said. "She stopped three All-Americans and every matchup she has been involved with she has dominated."

Csizmadia's 13 goals made her a consistent scoring threat and in the middle of the season, she had a six-game scoring streak.

On a freshmen dominated team, the improvement of two of the first year players, forward Yvette Okler and goalkeeper Sunny McConnell, helped A&M win 13 of its last 15 games. Okler scored four goals against the University of Texas and was a key in the win over the University of New Mexico last weekend during the Aggieland Invitational, winning the tournament's Most Valuable Player Award on offense.

"I was surprised at how we did," Okler said. "I didn't think we were going to win so many games. I just tried to push myself, (and) as my self confidence improved, my play got better." McConnell's play was a pleasant surprise, Guerrieri said.



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Senior A&M defender Rene Rebe (3) beats a Hardin Simmons player to the ball in the Aggies 6-1 victory on Oct. 17.

"I knew her (McConnell) for a few years and I had some concerns about her play," he said. "But all the shortcomings that we thought she had, she more than overcame them."

McConnell said that her play improved because she had to battle all year to keep her job. She said that she was pleased that her hard work paid off when she was chosen to the Aggieland Invitational All-Tournament team.

Guerrieri said that the 2-0 win over the University of New Mexico during the tournament gave A&M national recognition.

"That was a matchup between the top two first-year teams in the nation," he said. "And we dominated them from the starting whistle to the last whistle."

Because Texas A&M only recruited one forward, that position was the biggest uncertainty for the Lady Aggies at the start

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