Ags win opener over SFA

By TRAVIS TINGLE

Texas A&M didn't know what to pect from Stephen F. Austin in its me basketball season opener Sat-day night. In fact, the Aggies dn't know what to expect from

emselves. The Aggies returned six letter-en from last year's squad, includreturning starters guard Todd loway, center Jimmie Gilbert and wards Winston Crite and Kenny own. The Aggies were expected have enough experienced players d talented newcomers to enable em to peak earlier in the season.

The Aggies didn't exactly peak their 79-64 victory over SFA was impressive step in the right direc-

"We just didn't know what to exct from Stephen F. Austin," saidolloway, who chipped in 11 points. hey were a very patient team and alf, I guess you could say we played little lackadaisically. They were oming up with a lot of big shots."

The Aggies put together a balanced scoring effort. Gilbert led the gries with 16 points.

gies with 16 points — the first e he has accomplished that in his ee years at A&M. Crite had 10 nts and blocked five shots.

Brown added 10 points, mostly m "downtown," and Don Mar-ry scored 12. Holloway said Marry's play will make up for the loss Darnell Williams, who was de-ared academically ineligible for

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Holloway, who has emerged as floor leader in only his sophoyear, said this season's home ner was better than last year's —

Our offense is more together this compared to last year," Holloway said. "Some shots didn't go tonight, but they'll be a lot of nights
like that. We were kind of dragging
ourselves around the court tonight."
Metcalf's Aggies were slow getting
out of the gate and needed a 17-foot mp shot from Holloway with:01 ft in the first half to take a 32-31 lftime lead over the tenacious umberjacks.

"(Stephen F. Austin) is a well-oached team," Metcalf said. "I was ased with the way we played for nost part. Defensively, we're not far along as we'd like to be, but I n't see anything out there tonight at can't be corrected.



Jimmie Gilbert (right) goes up high to stop an outlet pass by SFA's Doug George during Saturday's 79-64 Aggie win. The Aggies will host St. Mary's University Wednesday night.

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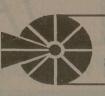
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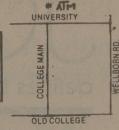
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