‘Riders Place Sixth at Texas A&M

College Station, Tex. --- Southern Arkansas University placed sixth in 16-team field at the Texas A&M Invitational Cross Country Meet here Saturday. The host Aggies were first with 27 followed by Stephen F. Austin State University with 77. Sam Houston State University was third with 81, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi fourth with 101, Northwood Institute fifth with 210 and the Muleriders were sixth with 216.

Rounding out the field were Texas Christian University seventh with 224, University of Texas-San Antonio eighth with 239, Texas A&M University-Commerce ninth with 241, Texas A&M University-Kingsville 10th with 246, Texas State University (formerly Southwest Texas) 11th with 254, Lamar University 12th with 268, University of Texas-Arlington 13th with 302, Tarleton State University 14th with 394, Texas A&M International 15th with 442 and Prairie View A&M University 16th with 451.

Individually, Tommy Bonn and Brian McKinstry led the Aggies to a one-two finish over the 8,000-meter course in times of 24:41 and 24:42, respectively. Adrian Romanos paced SAU with a 17th-place finish in 25:45 with teammate Tyler Johnson 31st in 26:07. Others scoring for the ‘Riders were Chris Layman, 71st in 27:11, Matt Quinn 109th in 28:14 and Elliot Isom 110th, also in 28:14. Others competing for SAU were Tim Cannon, Jermaine Jones, Nick Vinson, Blane Slack, A.J. Stewart and Chris Johnson.

In the women’s division, Texas A&M made it a sweep with a first-place 35, TCU was second with 58, Rice University third with 81, TA&M-CC fourth with 156, Lamar fifth with 169, Abilene Christian University sixth with 172, SFA seventh with 182, UTSA eighth with 226, the University of Texas ninth with 235, UTA 10th with 242, TSU 11th with 261, SAU 12th with 346, TA&M-K 13th with 398, TA&M-C 14th with 401, St. Mary’s University 15th with 411, TA&MI 16th with 470 and PVU 17th with 538.

Mary Kinyanjui of TCU was first over the 6,000-meter course in 21:34 followed by Kate Gorry of Rice in second place in 21:44. Gaby Mendoza was 12th for the Lady ‘Riders in 22:30. Also placing for SAU were Hope Jimenez, 73rd in 24:15, Lindsay Musiekak 116th in 25:32, Ashley Weeks 146th in 28:13 and London Hall, 156th in 30:36.