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**For Ag harriers**

**National meet gives experience**

By **PAUL McGRATH**  
Battalion Sports Editor

For Coach Ted Nelson and his three-man squad, experience was the only valuable item brought back with them from Pennsylvania.

Freshman Manfred Kohrs and sophomore Bruce Smith, both South

Africans, and junior Kyle Heffner journeyed with Nelson to the 37th NCAA cross country championships held at Penn State University.

Kohrs and Smith finished almost simultaneously at the 186th and 187th spots in the 276 man race. Heffner was 224th.

Let one be deceived by these re-

sults, it must be taken to mind that the Aggies were up against some of the top distance men in the nation. The list was filled with sub-four minute milers and former All-Americans.

Kohrs crossed the stripe at 31:00.0 flat. Smith, 30 seconds slower than his district finish, was nine-tenths of

a second slower. Heffner came in at 31:30.2.

Rice's Jeff Wells took all-American honors for the second straight year, finishing two places higher than last year's 24th spot. Wells was in pain after the race, but his 29:19.2 time is a testimonial to the ability of the Owl senior who has dominated South-west Conference distance races for the past four years.

Arkansas as a team finished 13th with their top man, Naill O'Shaughnessy, taking 35th with a 29:30.0. The Razorbacks were second to last in 1974 but had a shot at finishing in the top five this year had their ace distance man Randy Melancon not tired at the five mile mark of the six-mile race. Melancon suddenly appeared to tighten up at that point and dropped out of the top 50 all the way to 266.

The race was won by the exemplary efforts of Craig Virgin of the University of Illinois in 28:23.3, a pace of 4:44 a mile. Virgin was neck and neck with last year's champion Nick Rose of Western Kentucky until the 5 1/2 mile mark when he shifted gears and pulled away from Rose. Virgin was 30 yards and 15 seconds better than the former champ. Rose settled for second behind the Illini junior.

The team championship was won by the University of Texas at El Paso with a team consisting of five Kennans. UTEP had the meet's low score of 85 points to Washington State's 92. The number of foreigners on UTEP's squad added to the growing pressure being made by some coaches to disallow imports from competing in the United States.

Although the Aggies had only a mediocre finish, Nelson is proud of the performances of his squad throughout the year. He says the experience gained by going to the national meet will ultimately be beneficial. "There's no way that Arkansas would have finished 13th if they hadn't come last year," he said. "The competition in these meets is tremendous and you learn a lot by just being there."

This meet closed out the harrier season for A&M. The Aggies lose only Charles Cottle, that by graduation. The squad is young and the experience gained this year should make A&M a conference favorite next season. Meanwhile, Nelson and Head Track Coach Charles Thomas will be planning the strategy for the upcoming indoor track season. The season gets underway January 16.

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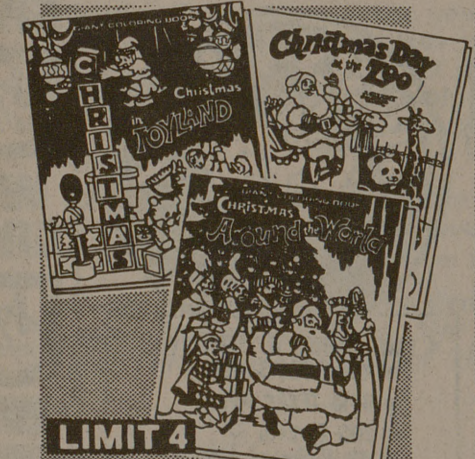
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