

Ten women runners head for STS championships

Ten members of the Florida State women's track team will travel to San Marcos, Tex. this Saturday to participate in the Southwest Texas State University Women's Track and

Field Championships.

This will be the first year the Seminole girls have attempted the San Marcos meet, and this could be their biggest season ever with two nationally-ranked competitors on the team.

Both Laura Gibbons and Sharon Burgess are with the team again this year after posting performances last season that ranked them with the best women amateurs in the nation.

Burgess, a middle-distance runner, is rated 24th in the nation according to a survey taken by the Jan.-Feb. issue of *Women's Track and Field World*. The place was given to the junior from Niceville because of her fine 4:50.0 time in the mile run at the Dogwood Relays last season.

Gibbons also rated in her specialty, the javelin. The talented senior from Miami, who is probably the most versatile women athlete on campus, is ranked 28th in the country with a javelin heave of 133-5, which was recorded at last year's National Women's Intercollegiate Championships.

At the nationals last season,

Burgess finished fourth in the mile and Gibbons was seventh for her event. Both are expected to improve this year, according to head coach Ken Miller.

Miller also is predicting several scoring performances this Saturday from other members of the Seminole team. Talented newcomers who could give a good showing include Jeanette Brown, Nancy Helms, Kathlene Irej, Judi Keffer, Peggy Reed and Janice Shadwell.

All of these girls will be competing in their first collegiate track competition.

As far as the competition at the Texas meet, it will be as stiff as any this season as the Tribe will be running up against teams like the 1971 women's national champion, Texas Women's University.

Besides the meet this Saturday, the girls are also scheduled to compete in four other competitions including the national intercollegiate in Knoxville, Tenn. and the Seminoles' own Tallahassee Invitational, which will feature most of the good teams from around the Southeast on May 6.

Women tracksters pick up third place, some records

Florida State, led by the record setting performances of Sharon Burgess and Laura Gibbons, finished third in the Southwest Texas State Invitational Track and Field Championships at San Marcos, Tex. this past Saturday.

Gibbons was possibly the most valuable athlete in the meet as they won three events: the javelin, high jump and discus.

In the javelin, her specialty,

Gibbons topped her own personal high in the event and also broke the meet record as she won it with a heave of 132-9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Her other two wins also broke school records as she leaped to five feet in the high jump to raise that standard by an inch and threw the discus 122-1. This latter mark shattered the existing school record.

The Seminole's other

nationally ranked woman track athlete, Burgess, lived up to her expectations by establishing a new meet record in the 1,500 meters and the half mile. Her time in the longer event was 4:57.6 and she ran a 2:23 in the half mile.

All eleven FSU women making the Texas trip scored points, with Peggy Reed and Jeanette Brown contributing outstanding performances in taking second places in the shotput and 220 respectively.

Reed's 36- $\frac{1}{2}$ effort in the shot, and Brown's close finish in the 220-yard event to Texas Woman's University's national class athlete Judy Murphy were particularly noteworthy.

Linda Crutchfield, Judi Keffer, Janice Shadwell, Nancy Helms and Kathleen Irey each placed in two or more events.

The Seminoles did have some misfortune at the meet as the state AAU champion hurdler, Joyce Dickinson, received multiple injuries when she hit a hurdle in the 200-meter event and may be lost to the team for the remainder of the season. Her loss will be keenly felt in the hurdles, sprints and long jump.