

Catholic U. wins M.D. track title

Lexington, Va. (Special). Catholic University won its sixth straight Mason-Dixon Conference indoor track championship yesterday at the Virginia Military Institute, scoring 54½ points, three more than Mount St. Mary's.

The meet went down to the final event, the pole vault. Mount St. Mary's had two vaulters in the final and CU none.

The Mountie vaulters had to take first and fifth to win, but managed only third and fifth.

In capturing the title, the Cardinals took five of the 13 events and set two of the three meet records. The quartet of Don Mahoney, Kevin Roddy, Jim Blackburn and Dave Burgaff bettered the two-mile relay mark of 8.04.1 by 1.8 seconds. The record had been set by CU teams in 1969 and 1971.

Blackburn also put his name

in the record books for the mile run, covering the eight laps of banked track in 4.18.5.

Other wins for the Washington school came in the 440 and 800 yard runs and the mile relay.

Norwegian muscleman Odd Haugen, of Western Maryland, contributed the third meet record in the shot put, besting the conference's oldest mark. The 22-year-old junior pushed the 16-pound ball 47 feet, 2¾ inches to top the old mark of Hampden-Sydney's Jim Frazier, 46-11, set in 1957.

Towson State finished third, with 40 in the eight-team field taking three first places in the process.

Charlie Fowlkes won the long jump, 21-7¾, Jay Gunter the pole vault, 13-6, and senior Gus Knotting defended his 60-yard high hurdle title with a 7-7 dash.