

HOW CAN WE IMPROVE HIGH SCHOOL DAY?

The fact that eight inter-scholastic records were broken, in spite of unfavorable weather conditions, it shows very clearly that the Ninth Annual High School Day was a splendid success, as far as the quality of the individual contestants was concerned. The average ability of the individuals in attendance was easily the best ever shown at any inter-scholastic meet held in Texas.

It was evident, however, that not enough schools were represented. The main object of High School Day is to influence high school and academy students, including promising athletes, to enter the A. and M. College. It therefore stands to reason that the larger the number of schools attending High School Day the greater and more far-reaching will be the results obtained.

Our limited finances and dormitory facilities will probably always restrict the attendance to less than two hundred. In order to approach this number as closely as possible, it is going to be necessary to make a few changes in the policy followed in past years. Some of the most important of these changes in my judgment are given below:

1. Instead of paying the expenses of a few teams and individuals that have made certain records, we would pay, say, fifty per cent. of the expenses of teams winning in all district meets and of all individuals not on winning teams who score as high as twelve points in such meets.

2. The academies should be eliminated, and the money spent on medals and cups for that division should be used in bringing additional high schools to the meet.

3. The attendance tickets should be sold at least thirty days in ad-

vance of the meet, so as to enable the committee in charge of selecting teams to know definitely just how many contestants can be invited. Had this plan been followed the past year, several more teams could have been invited.

As High School Day is supported principally by the student body, I desire to invite a frank and free discussion of the suggestions made above by the students interested. I also wish to invite other constructive suggestions for improving High School Day.

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