

## STUDENT INTEREST

Ways to Increase Student Interest in their state and National Associations:

The same suggestions were given so frequently by the various schools that they can be summed up in the following main ideas:

1. Have student sections -- with well planned meetings at Conventions.
2. Send delegates -- their enthusiasm when they return is contagious. Have them report on Convention.
3. Have students take a larger part in activities and planning.
4. Student sections in bulletins, etc.
5. Have space in bulletins devoted to their interests. Have evaluating committee approve a limited number of student articles for publication each year.
6. The interest of the staff in stimulating student interest. Constant discussion in physical education classes of matters pertaining to Association affairs.
7. Better publicity in schools. Have well-known speakers come to the school during the year. Use of bulletin boards, etc. Attractive posters.
8. Contests, such as best student article published given yearly "honor" award.

## CONCLUSIONS

With few exceptions, the answers to the questionnaires showed a keen interest in student affairs. They also pointed the way to future action along new lines and, in many cases, showed the need for correction of existing weaknesses. There are several points which stood out above all others. These are:

1. The need for greater faculty interest in student matters.
2. The need for an understanding of the difference between pressure on students and a "laissez faire" type of attitude towards them. Some place in-between lies good motivation and guidance.
3. Most questionnaires considered values of a national student section in terms of a convention only. It might be pointed out here that a national student section as well as state and district ones can be functioning throughout the year on student problems over and above conventions. Conventions are only one phase of their planning.
4. Membership has two sides to it -- values of membership to the student and values of student membership to state and national associations. Only the first angle was brought out in any questionnaire. Associations need student membership for their maintenance and progress. This is not a utilitarian viewpoint, because in the end the students benefit from the Associations progress.