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A SPIRIT OF UNREST.

MUCH is being said these days about the spirit of unrest and disruption that is infesting all fields of human endeavor. And not the least among these being mentioned is the educational world, which to be sure is getting its share of the spotlight.

Locally, three public speakers and several student writers have given vent to their ideas concerning the present mode of training young people for the teaching guild. Heretofore, The Nebraskan, editorially, has not taken part in the debate but has remained silent and chooses to remain so, except for the enumeration of a general slant on the subject.

At the meeting of the Institute for Administrative Officers of Institutions of Higher Learning held at Chicago last week, so Dr. T. J. Thompson, dean of students affairs at the University of Nebraska, reports, this very matter was discussed quite at length.

According to the dean, the consensus of opinion at the meeting was to start some program whereby young instructors who go out to their various fields may be thoroughly equipped to handle the subjects which they have been assigned. And this is to start right at the top—with the institutions of higher learning.

THE Nebraskan does not wish to deprecate the efforts done by the University of Nebraska teachers college. It realizes full well that that branch of work is being carried out on this campus to the best intents and purposes on the part of the faculty and administrative officers.

But to say that there is nothing wrong with the system in general is evading the issue. It is clear to see that something is in the air and unless something is done similar to that at the Chicago meeting, the coming generations will continue "to be hampered by the American school system," as observed by one of the eminent speakers here this summer.

It is true that wailings and rumblings of the critics of the American educational program may have that "what is wrong with us, anyway," complex, but it is surely hoped that they may be able to see some change in the usual lethargic attitude taken by the American public in general.

HOW COME?

JOE Deming, the columnist, today wonders what has become of that true old Cornhusker spirit. He seems puzzled over the supposed lack of student interest in one of the University of Nebraska's major activities—the yearbook.

It does seem peculiar that from among a group of at least 7,000 persons, who attend the regular term of school here, that not even 2,000 copies of the Cornhusker can be disposed of.

What is the trouble? Why should the publication be forced to face a deficit in its accounts? Is it because its clientele will not support it? Or is it because of mismanagement?

At the beginning of the last school year, in September, 1929, it was found that the now defunct Awgwan, humorous magazine, was trailing in its balances with some huge amount. The reason then was attributed to the staff members for alleged lack of business ability and for apparent lack of interest.

WHETHER this same accusation can be hurled at the Corn-

husker staff is a question, although it may seem plausible when one compares the record of this year's staff with the one which operated last year.

The comparison is simply this: In July 1929 there were less than half a dozen copies of the Cornhusker unsold; in July 1930 there are more than 350 copies stored away in the basement of University hall, waiting to be sold.

It is entirely possible, however, that a great change came over the Nebraska student body during the past year. Interest of the student masses in matters outside the realm of curricular activities may have become dampened during the twelve month interim by the many happenings that characterized the last school year.

If so there is need—dire need—for a reawakening among University of Nebraska students for such things as their only annual—the Cornhusker. If that is not trouble—then there is need for careful scrutinizing of the work on the part of the student body.

DIGNITARIES FEEL NEED FOR ACTIVITIES

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students. Another is the hesitancy that the faculty is apt to show in granting any considerable amount to power to a student governing body.

"I leave it to The Nebraskan editor to point out the manifest advantages of student government.

"Of course there will always be scoffers—cynical persons who can see nothing but the obvious facts of life. There must be some student activities and some school social life for there to be any need of student government.

"Officers and members of the regular term student council will welcome a similar organization during the summer session."

Barb View Given.

From the standpoint of the non-fraternity student or the "barb" as he has become to be known, Alan G. Williams, boss of the barbs, is strong for student government at all times—summer or winter.

"Students ought to be able to run their own affairs—and it seems to me that the authorities should encourage it as it is wonderful training for what the college boy or girl will be up against after graduation," he said.

Williams is positive that the barbs would give the idea unqualified support and would also take an active interest in the affairs sponsored by the group, should one be organized.

GUNDERSON GOES EAST.

E. E. Gunderson, university finance secretary, left Saturday, July 19, for an extended vacation in the east. He plans to return in the middle of August.

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