

The Senior Mechanical Society

The Senior Mechanical Society is an organization of the senior class in mechanical engineering, and was founded by the Class of 1905. It was originated with a three-fold purpose, first to secure membership in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, second, to maintain an organization of the students of mechanical engineering at Armour Institute of Technology, and third, to create a closer fellowship among those seniors in the mechanical engineering course.

The membership is divided into two classes, active and associate. The members of the senior mechanical class are eligible to the former, and the members of the junior class who have completed their winter term's work, to the latter. In this manner it is expected to maintain a permanent organization.

The society was seriously handicapped this year by the lack of suitable quarters. Owing to the rapid growth of the institute, no rooms could be spared for the use of the society, and it was compelled to seek outside shelter. Plans were set on foot at the beginning of the year to secure a flat in conjunction with other similar societies in the institute. These plans did not materialize however, due to failure to secure the necessary co-operation.

The society is greatly indebted to Mr. F. U. Smith for his kindness in offering a room in the Armour Mission, where regular meetings were held on the first Tuesday of each month. It is the aim of the society to discuss topics of interest to the members along the lines of mechanical engineering, and especially the power plant work taken up during the senior year.

It is hoped that succeeding classes will soon be established in permanent quarters, where they will be able to support the society in a proper manner and perpetuate its life.