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The Armour Student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers traces its origin to a mechanical society that was founded at the Institute in 1905. At that time senior students in the mechanical department organized the Senior Mechanical Society. Such an organization had been proposed by students in the department for several years, but the senior class of 1905 was the first class to take actual steps towards its formation. They founded the society to obtain student membership in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, to maintain an organization for the mechanical engineering students at the Institute, and to gather for the discussion of engineering subjects. Membership in the Society was at first divided into two groups. Active membership was confined to senior mechanical students while all men who had completed the first semester of the Junior Mechanical course were eligible for associate membership. The Society expanded and in 1908 it acquired quarters in Chapin Hall. There regular meetings were held and discussions and student presentations were frequently heard. Officers in the organization petitioned the national organization of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for membership after it became apparent that the Society was destined to continue. In 1910 a student charter was granted the Society, and this charter has been held continuously.

The present chapter of the national organization is active in all engineering affairs. Members of the student branch are eligible to receive the Society's monthly magazine, and they are recognized by the national organization as junior members. Each year a student convention is held, and this meeting is made possible by the students themselves.

New success in the way of student participation in the activities of the student branch was realized this year due to the added stress laid upon the importance of public speaking experience for student engineers. Subjects presented by the students were on material gathered through personal research, reading and experience. It was hoped that through this means, practical illustrations of the application of class room work could be demonstrated.

Outside speakers and occasional moving pictures were presented during the year and these were carefully chosen with a view to bringing before the organization the outstanding men and material on subjects which would prove both valuable and interesting to the entire membership.

This year the chapter had an exceptional increase in membership. A new high was set for the Armour branch, and this proved to be a concrete example of the growth of interest in the organization both by the upper and lower classmen.

Top Row: Falk, Graf, Bystricky, Sipp, Menke, Maxant, Chelgren, Badalich, Malmfeldt, Aravosis, DeBoo.
Second Row: Winkler, Klamczynski, Derrig, Harrison, Risany, Henriksen, Lozins, Janicek, Rice, Rune.
Third Row: Russnak, Morris, Footlik, Huntly, Libby, Winston, Nachman, Fridstein, Lease, Landow, Van Alsborg.

