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Title

Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering, Department of Mechanical
Engineering Records

Creator

Department of Mechanical Engineering, Jerome J. Lohr College of
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Dates

1950

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Abstract

The Department of Mechanical Engineering is oriented toward applied problem solving; to conduct meaningful research which broadens the base of engineering and scientific knowledge with a regional emphasis; and to provide technology-based and related managerial assistance to existing and emerging businesses, industry and government. The collection is composed of a program from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers conference held at South Dakota State University in 1950 and invitations to banquets for retiring faculty members.

Historical Note

Mechanical engineering has always been taught at South Dakota State University. In the earliest years, students could opt to take a prescribed set of classes leading to the BS degree in Mechanical Arts (later Mechanical Engineering). For the first two years, mechanical engineering students took classes with civil engineering students. Specialization occurred in the junior and senior years. In 1897, a Department of Mechanical Engineering was established to administer mechanical engineering work. Most civil engineering classes moved to the Department of Architectural and Agricultural Engineering at this time, although some remained with mechanical engineering. In 1902, when the Civil and Electrical Engineering departments were established, the Department of Mechanical Engineering became a fully independent department, much as it is today.

Mechanical engineering graduates have a range of career directions from which to choose. Work is in research, development, design, testing, manufacturing, operation and maintenance, marketing and sales, or in management and administration.

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Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	American Society of Mechanical Engineers Conference (program)	1950
1	2	Retirement banquets for Christianson, Ken and Knofczynski, Clayton (invitation)	undated