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Junior Banquet

Annual Banquet of the Junior Class Held on the Night before San Jacinto Day. Closer Ties of Union Cemented. Ten Elegant Courses Served. Rousing Toasts Given and Speeches Made.

There is one event in the Junior year which makes it a memorable one in the lives of all the members of that class. This is the Junior banquet and those who were present on the night of the 20th can testify to its being the most enjoyable event of their whole college career.

At 10 o'clock the doors to the hotel D'Sbisa were thrown open and the crowd of impatient Juniors filed in and were assigned seats at the four different tables. At each plate was a handsome menu card, which contained the following courses:

Chicken a la Marengo
Thick Green Turtle a L'Anglaise
Sweet Pickles Celery Olives
Salted Almonds
Stuffed Crabs a la Creole
New Potatoes Parsillade
Croutades of Sweetbread a la Reine
Asparagus Tips a la Cream
Soufle of Bananas a la Maraschino
Roman Punch a la A. and M.
Stuffed Turkey, Oyster Dressing
Currant Jelly
Waldorf Salad
Royal Ice Cream

Strawberries a la cream
Assorted cakes
Fruit Nuts Coffee
Cigars Cafe Noir

It would be useless to say that everyone did full justice to the repast. Few words were exchanged for all were busy with the subject in hand. During the feast the menu cards were passed around and signed by the members of the class and later on several cards belonging to absent members of the class were signed.

After the cigars were passed around the following toasts were given:

The Class—R. E. Huckabee.
Our Sweethearts—T. A. Van Amberg.
Comradship of A. and M. Cadet—M. H. Weinert.
Class Future—J. S. Williams.

Mr. W. R. Gilbert, the popular toastmaster, introduced each speaker with a few appropriate remarks, which were received with much applause. Each speech, well gotten up and delivered, was the source of much enthusiasm and there were many pauses on account of the rousing applause.

Owing to lack of space all the speeches can not be published, but this should not be taken as a sign that those left out were in any way inferior to the ones published.

The Class.

Gentlemen: The subject chosen for my brief address this evening is—"The Class." This subject and this body is hard to handle, proof of my statement may be obtained from _____, _____, and they are prepared to swear to it.

Since first we entered the iron gates of A. and M., we have been, are and always will be, the class '09. It is reported that twenty thousand of the _____ of Texas are knocking at our _____ Three years ago there were not so numerous so we have today the most notorious, most gentlemanly and the most determined class that ever graced the halls of A. and M.

Some of us have fallen by the way-side, some have joined the class 1910, but we hope that none shall ever graduate in 1911, although at present we bid fair to graduate the majority in

1910 or 1911, let us hope not however.

As a class we are the class of A. and M., the junior class, the class '09. Gentlemen, when old A. and M. has become world famous, when our mighty republic is an empire the class '09 will be revered and honored and well-thought of for the men of grit and iron determination that composed its ranks in the school year 1907 and '08.

But besides this, we have a right to be proud of ourselves, for since the nativity of the class '09, not one man from our ranks has "peached." What class has a record for not sending one man to the Bull with a tale of woe of how the old boys treated him, to straps and bad language. None that I know of, if there is such a class, let one of the members stand forth and proclaim it with a loud voice for we wish to hear it.

But for more than this or anything else when the times were dark and lowering and when indignation, resentment and strike stalked abroad, we like men of old, stood up as men and as gentlemen. When the mightiest

