JUNIOR-SENIOR GAME.

this morning at 10 o'clock

STATUS OF FRESHMAM

AT WISCONSIN By Berton Braley, '05

general university politics. To be con-honor in due time. these things is to be "queered" for should be modest, willing, tractable in after years.

to reform the rules.

But that doesn't mean that he shoulnot get into the activities in which he has a place. If he can write a little or thinks he can, the college maga zines give him the opportunity to con tribute; if he has talent for drawing or a whimsical bent in prose or verse "The Sphinx," Wisconsin's humorous biweekly, offers him a chance; if he can sing or play, there are organiza tions that will try him out; and if he has athletic leanings, there are freshman teams for which he can com pete. "The Daily Cardinal," the university newspaper, will give hi ma chance to make good as a reporter.

In any or all of these activities, the freshman should bear himself unas sumingly and cheerfully. He should work hard and unselfishly, taking whatever comes his way manfully, but never "starting anything." Marked independence or individuality is a freshman is neither desired nor toler

But the freshman needn't toady. He won't get anywhere by that, any more than he will by antagonism. A decent respect for his college, for himself, and for the older fellows who are "doing things" in the university, is all that is required of him. Having conformed to those standards, he will find it easy to make friends among his fellows. And in this he should exercise great care. Which means that he should get to know everybody he can. but make his intimates among the men who potentially or actually amount to something. An upper class friend is a valuable asset to a freshman-a man who will be comrade, philosopher and guide.

The first year is the time for the freshman to study the fraternity system at Wisconsin; so that, if later he is asked to join a "frat," he can do it intelligently and to his own best ad-

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * vantage. While a man's fraternity is ★ not vital, it will determine a good many of his associations, and he should → be very sure that the organization he Junior-senior football game * joins is composed of men he likes and * respects. That is the real test-the Class championship game will * social prestige of a fraternity should Be held on Tuesday at 4 o'clock. 🛊 not influence a freshman too much, ★ because that way lies snobbery. Yet * it is a fact that the best fraternity. socially, is composed of the best men best in a general way.

There are senior and junior societies at Wisconsin; but none that is of much importance except Iron Cross, a society that elects men on achieve ment and achievement only, which is in no way a social organization, though A freshman at Wisconsin, like a always individually one of the most freshman anywhere else, is not of any powerful forces in the university. To importance. That is the first lesson "make" Iron Cross is worth while, he has to learn, and when the boy but the way for the freshman to make comes from a small high school where it is to forget about it and work for he has probably been the "main the university. He needn't order his squeeze" in his class, it is a hard lest life along any particular lines, he son. Once that fact is digested, the needn't indeed he mustn't be a snob, freshman will have small difficulty in he needn't join any particular frat or assimilating others; such as the wis-travel with any particular crowd, to dom of conformity to student rules make from Cross. Such actions won't for his conduct, the folly of taking help him a particle. But service, hard himself too seriously, and the danger work for the university in any direcof too acute an interest in class or tion, is most likely to bring him the

spicuous in the first year for any of To sum up, a freshman at Wisconsin the rest of a college career; for the but not meek companionable and enfellow who tries to be important or a ergetic. If he has to work his way, he leader, when he is a freshman, gets should do it without any great assump his head hit every time he sticks it up tion of virtue, and whatever his situa tion he should be democratic. He And that is quite as it should be, should not toady, and he should not because college is a new game to the antagonize, but conduct himself as freshman, and he should wait and befits a beginner in a great institution learn something about it before he where, in spite of some tendencies plays it, and certainly before he tries otherwise, the ablest, keenest, and fin est fellows hold the largest measure of power and popularity.



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