

### Socially Speaking

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And a happy new year to you, chum...

The bowl game is swiftly receding into just a rosy memory but a slug of folks have several tangible articles to remind them of what fun vacations are...

In the Kappa corner we give you Cece Mitchell is bedecked with the diamond ATO Clark Kupfing presented for Christmas... Ann Craft is wearing an Annapolis Middle's Phi Delt ditty and Mini Cramer is carrying around the Beta sweetheart pin of Ax-Man Bob Aden...

Sig Nu Jack Cole's formally all engaged now and Lois Keller's diamond is a beauty... Lenore Mansfield, Ohio, came back from Iowa with an ATO pin from the same place...

Pat Rosenbaum, AOPJ, is wearing Aub Stevenson's Delta pin and beauty queen Maisie Imig of the same house has Glenn Graham's diamond...

Pi Phi Shirley Wiley is engaged too... the proverbial man at home came through with the proverbial diamond... Pi Phi Evelyn Leavitt accepts the Christmas diamond but with obvious reservations...

Margo White gave her fraternity pin back for an Xmas present... Farm House Norm Davis is wearing his pin now...

Happy or unhappy—and we're frank to say we don't know which—goes the deal of Sig Nu Duke Schatz and DG pledge Dottie Thomas... wasn't there a slightly unhappy angle about their whipping around Omaha together...

While on things... Alpha Chi Mary Bullock is definitely all washed up with Smith Davis, DU who is on the west coast...

And while we're on the west coast... well.

The football lads seem to have had one of their fun moments when they saw quite a bit of the MGM studios and Lana Turner... That was a nice squib that Bill Stern embellished John McDermott's program with... Ohio Jo-Ann Macoy's Christmas present from Delt Ray Prochaska was somewhat different... Ray saw some love birds in Arizona and thought they were so pretty he just upped and expressed them to gal friend...

### Vold to address Young Advocates Thursday at 7:30

Dr. Lawrence Vold, professor of law college, will speak at the meeting of the Young Advocates, pre-law society, on Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the social science auditorium.

"Aid to Great Britain in the Light of Legal Analysis" is the subject of Dr. Vold's lecture. All pre-law students are invited to attend the meeting.

### Ruten named chairman

W. H. Ruten assistant professor of practical mechanics, has been appointed chairman of a sub-committee to the apprenticeship training committee of the American Foundrymen's Association. The group is working on a plan of awards to engineering students for competition in some specified project. Professor Ruten has written a textbook on "General Woodworking for Engineering Students" which is being used for the first time this year in University mechanical engineering classes.

## Spotting for Bill Stern in Rose Bowl game was no snap says McDermott

BY JOHN McDERMOTT.  
(Spotter for Bill Stern.)

Every Nebraska fan that sat in the huge Rose Bowl in Pasadena last week received many a thrill before the ball game was over. I believe that I experienced more of



John McDermott.

a thrill than any other Nebraskan, as I had the unusual opportunity of sitting next to NBC's famed sports announcer, Bill Stern.

I spotted Nebraska players for Stern during the course of his broadcast, and I have never been under such a strain in my life. I had to identify scarlet jerseyed Huskers on every play and that in itself was a difficult job as the radio booth was some 80 rows above the playing field.

My first contact with the mild mannered announcer was at lunch at the Hollywood-Roosevelt hotel in Hollywood on Tuesday, Dec. 31. After the luncheon he explained his intricate spotting system and the pre-game preparation and then we hurried over to Pasadena to see the Huskers in their last workout before the great ball game with Stanford.

### Pointed out players.

That afternoon it was my job to familiarize the announcer with Nebraska's system, their plays and the football players themselves. While the Huskers polished their running attack, I pointed out all of the football players to him and explained that Nebraska ran their offensive attack mainly from the single wing offense with a few variations.

The game was an important one to Stern, and he wanted to do the best job possible and wished to know as much about both teams as possible, so he invited me to spend the night with him in Pasadena, at the Huntington hotel. After dinner on the eve before the game, Don Burness, the Stanford university spotter, Bill Stern and I went to work. I supplied Stern with as much personal information about the Huskers as possible giving him a few of the highlights of Nebraska's regular season. Then Burness and I began to go into detail about our respective teams and supplied Stern with the majority of information of a personal nature that he used during the course of his broadcast the next afternoon.

### Practice game.

Stern set up a fake microphone on the table and I sat on his right and Burness on his left. We sat very close together to facilitate speed and began to rehearse. I had a slanting board in front of me with the line-up of Huskers on it. At the top was Nebraska's right end and right down the page was the remainder of the line. To the rear of the line was the backfield. The Stanford spotter had his board on the other side of

Stern, and his line faced the line on my board.

We pointed to all of our players that were involved in any play with a pencil. As Nebraska would come out of the huddle it was my job to point first to the center, and then to give the player who was in the tailback spot, or farthest back in the offensive line-up. As the ball was snapped I pointed with my finger to the fellows who handled the ball and a quick glance by Stern from board to board enabled him to follow the play on the field and to pick up the names of the football players who were involved in each play.

### Booth soundproof.

The Rose Bowl game this year was the first football game that Stern ever has broadcast behind a sound-proof booth. The ASCAP ruling banning music forced NBC to construct a sound-proof announcing booth to protect themselves in case any banned music might be played by the bands in the Bowl. Because of the ruling none of the music played was allowed to go over the air and it was also difficult to bring in any

crowd noise, and as a result much of the excitement that generally prevails during a football broadcast was missing on New Years Day.

It was the spotters' job to report all of the substitutions made, and to aid in keeping track of first downs and penalties. Thumb-nail sketches of several of the players were given to Stern by the spotters during the course of the game. All relevant material that we could give was desired so we were writing notes to Stern during the course of the broadcast, and were giving him scores of other Bowl games during his broadcast.

### Praise for teams.

Graham McNamee, Ken Carpenter and Bill Stern, were all of the opinion that the 1941 Rose Bowl game was one of the fastest moving, thrill packed Rose Bowl games they had ever witnessed and they were high in their praise of both teams. They consoled me with the fact that "altho Nebraska lost, you can still be proud of your team. It was indeed a great Nebraska team, and one of the best teams to ever play in the Rose Bowl."

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### Team returns—

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Mayor Campbell of Lincoln who praised and congratulated the team and coaching staff on their excellent showing.

The enthusiastic crowd which had gathered at the station nearly two hours before the arrival of the special sent up a tremendous cheer when Jones, accompanied by his wife and daughter, stepped from the train.

Following the greeting at the station, the crowd paraded thru the business district preceded by the Nebraska band, a dozen riders on horseback attired in cowboy outfits, and the team members, who rode in trucks bearing a huge sign which read, "Herein Ride the World's Finest Huskers."

The parade ended with the band playing several numbers in the main lounge of the Union.

Speakers at the bonfire rally besides Jones included Freddy Meier, a member of the varsity football squad and Beth Howley, Nebraska's Rose Bowl Queen. Meier, in addressing the crowd, received a tremendous ovation when, after looking around for a moment, he said, "Truthfully, I have never been happier in my life to return to a place than I was to come back to Nebraska."

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