

AS I SEE IT

By

Chuck Peterson

Baseball in particular and sports in general lost one of its best friends Thursday last, when President Roosevelt passed away. F. D. R. was always one of baseball's most prominent supporters, and it was not uncommon to see the President sitting in his private box behind third base in Griffith Stadium, the home of the Washington Senators.

The President loved baseball and all sports as far as that goes, and it is my opinion that baseball would have suffered the same fate as horse racing suffered this year if the President hadn't been such a fan.

Established Record.

The late Mr. Roosevelt established a record for Presidents by making nine opening day appearances in a row at Griffiths Stadium—1933 to 1941—in addition to acting as a substitute in World War I, by throwing out the ball for President Woodrow Wilson. Roosevelt was then assistant secretary of the Navy department.

Only last month Roosevelt referred to himself as the nation's number 1 fan, and removed any doubts that baseball would be allowed to carry on in its fourth war time season.

And so it is that the sporting fans, along with the rest of the world, lost a great friend.

A release from Minneapolis tells me of a guy the Cornhuskers could use—Ed.

Bob Graiziger's name should have been "Andy" for "Andy" goes with "handy" and that is a fitting single-word description of the husky athlete who is about to win his ninth University of Minnesota "M."

Graiziger, handy-andy of Gopher athletics, is not only versatile in respect to outstanding ability in football, baseball and hockey, but has proved capable of adjusting himself to virtually every position on these three teams.

The 200-pounder from St. Paul whose cherubic countenance has earned him the nickname "cueball" among his fellow athletes, is a "coach's dream," particularly in this day of shortages when manpower must be spread and shifted to fill the many gaps in team personnel.

Fullback.

Bob announced himself as a fullback in his first appearance as a freshman football candidate in 1941—year of Minnesota's latest national championship varsity eleven. Because Vic Kulbitski, an experienced hand, had the fullback situation well under control,

Coach Dr. George Hauser decided to use Graiziger's talents in the line. "Cueball" immediately adapted himself to the line spot and became a first-string guard. He played at this position thru the 1943 and '44 seasons.

Graiziger's impressive physical attributes identified him to Hockey Coach Larry Armstrong as a defenseman. For three seasons he spent most of his playing time around the blue line, smashing with his jarring body-checks or deft poke-checking, virtually every attempt of the opposition to work in for a scoring shot at the Gopher net.

Coach Armstrong figured his earnest, hard-working veteran in his defensive plans for the season just past, but after recurrence of a knee injury, decided not to risk him on the back line where Al Opsahl and Al Van were proving themselves highly capable. Depending on the needs of the moment, Bob played both center and wing—until the final game of a record-breaking season when, in Al Van's absence, he dropped back to defense. The change had no effect on the veteran's performance. He was the outstanding star with sterling defensive play, plus two goals and an assist. These points gave Bob a total of 18 for the season and second place in scoring on a sextet that broke all existing Big Ten team records.

Apt Student.

Coach Larry Armstrong praises Graiziger as "The most apt student and the greatest competitor I've ever coached, in my 12 years at Minnesota or in professional hockey before that."

Coach Dave MacMillan was in a bad way for catchers last spring for his Gopher baseball team. There wasn't a man with experience on the squad. He had two of the Conference's "hottest" pitchers in Southpaw Mutsy Nolan and Gene Kelly, right-handed speed ace, but no one to handle them.

Who finally solved his problem? "Handy-Andy" Graiziger, who hadn't played baseball for three years. This season, with Hudson (Hockey) Mealey who caught so impressively two seasons ago before entering the Marine Corps, Graiziger has shown enough improvement to give him a battle for the job. However, MacMillan needs a first-baseman. You guess who's getting the nod in daily workouts. "Handy's" moved again. Wherever he finally lights in the lineup, he'll do a real job. The records show that's the way of this adaptable ex-Marine.

Ohio State Holds Special Services For UN Grads

Ohio State University will honor Prof. E. F. Almy and Prof. Ivan McKillip, both graduates of UN, at recognition services held this week.

Professor Almy will receive special recognition from the Ohio State Board of Trustees for his 26 years of service. Born on a farm near Greenwood, Nebraska, he took his first college work at Nebraska. He received the degrees of bachelor and master of science at the university in 1916 and 1917.

Professor McKillip will receive similar recognition for his 30 years of service at Ohio State. He is a native of David City and attended high school at Albion. Professor McKillip received his bachelor's degree from Nebraska.

He is an instructor in the animal husbandry department of Ohio State.

First literal tongue-in-cheek role is played by Betty Hutton in "Cross My Heart." She plays a girl with a vivid imagination who places tongue in cheek when she's coming up with another whopper.

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Musical Sorority Selects Officers In Formal Voting

Delta Omicron, musical sorority, chose its new officers at a formal election Tuesday. They are: Marjorie Ellis, president; Barbara Jean Olson, vice-president; and Shirley Treme, recording secretary, Marilyn Nelson was chosen corresponding secretary, Lela Mae Jacobson, treasurer; Arlene Heinz, alumna secretary; Margaret Shelley, chorister; and the warden and chaplain, Norma Clements.

Joyce Stuve, Lorraine Woita, Eunice Bracken and Maxine Weldin comprise the rush committee, and Brennie Breck is the historian.

Eight pledges, the alumna and the actives are having a banquet at 6 p. m. at the Union, Friday. New pledges to be initiated are: Eunice Bracken, Brennie Breck, Pauline DeBoer, Norma Clements, Alice Saunders, Joyce Stuve and Vista Venier.

Coeds File for Counselor Positions Monday, 9 to 6

All coeds interested in becoming Coed Counselors are asked to file Monday in Ellen Smith hall between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. on the city campus and at ag hall on ag campus. Interviews will be held Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment, according to Suzanne Pope, president.

Sports



Cornhuskers Prep For Entry In Drake Relays March 25

With the Drake relays in Des Moines coming up the 25th of April, the university cindermen are beginning to preen themselves for their first big outdoor event.

With the old standbys Dean Kratz at the 440 and 880, Norval Barker, running the hurdles, and Dick Miller, pole vaulting and high jumping, the Cornhuskers ought to be in the running.

Then add the freshmen Dick Piderit, putting the shot, Tom McGeachin on the hurdles, Morrison on the mile and two-mile paths, and Jiggs Whitmore working at the two-mile event, the Cornhuskers, who lost the indoor meet by a narrow margin, should be in there pitching.

Bill Lyda Trophy.

Kratz, who already has two legs of the Bill Lyda trophy, should place high in the 880 and 440. The Bill Lyda trophy is a memorial to the Sooner athlete who lost his life in this war. If Dean takes the indoor 880 again next year, he will have the three

wins required to retain this trophy.

Barker, who has consistently taken the hurdles from Big Six opponents, should be able to fare well against the best in the country. Miller, who has been the sole Husker representative in the high jump and pole vault, should have some help from dischargee Jim Meyers in the pole vault department. Meyers has been nearing the 12-foot mark consistently in practice, and by the 25th, should be able to stay fairly well with the field.

Mile Races.

Morrison, former Lincoln high man, has shown fairly well in the mile races, and Piderit has been working on the discus and javelin along with the shot.

Coach Weir still does not have quite the size squad that he would like to have and expressed the opinion that there must be more boys in school with track experience than those out for track now.

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