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## Former Husker aide enjoys big leagues

Chuck Pool hasn't had time to develop a dark tan, but the former sports information assistant at Nebraska said that he is still enjoying his new job with the Houston Astros.



Jeff Apel

Because of the hours he works as the assistant director of public relations with the Houston baseball team, Pool said that he doesn't have any time to step out of the Astrodome and enjoy the Houston sun.

But the benefits of working for a major-league baseball team far outweigh the fact that his body remains untanned, Pool said.

"Being indoors, I just don't see the sun," he said. "It's great to be here, though. Even after 50 games, I still blink and ask myself if I'm really here."

Pool said that the Astros' system of sharing the public relations duties among two individuals has worked out extremely well.

Last fall, Houston general manager Dick Wagner elected to hire Pool and former Wichita State sports information assistant Rob Matwick to handle the Astro's media needs.

Although the dual system was set up in hopes that neither Pool nor Matwick would have to work an enormous number of hours, Pool still finds himself working over 15 hours a day on game days.

"It's a grind," he said.  
Pool said that he really hasn't noticed much difference between the athletes he used to deal with at Nebraska and the professional athletes he now works with.

Coming into his job with the Astros, Pool said that he tempered his expectations to expect the worst from the baseball players he would have to be dealing with.

But once he arrived and got settled into his office in the Astrodome, Pool said that he found that professional baseball players don't have any type of ego problems.

"Most of the time they are real easy to get along with," he said.

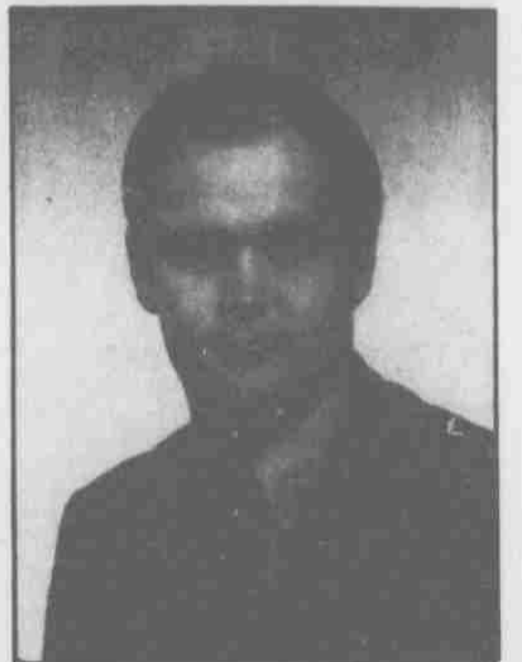
Pool said that while traveling with the players, he is often reminded of his

five-year stint with the Nebraska sports information department.

During a recent road trip to Chicago and St. Louis, Pool said the bus on which he was riding reminded him of the days when he traveled with the Nebraska baseball team.

The only difference between the buses was that while traveling with the Astros, Pool spoke with assistant coach Yogi Berra. When he traveled with the Cornhuskers, Pool spoke mainly with Husker coach John Sanders.

The Husker sports information department still includes him on their mailing list, and Pool was fortunate enough to tune in the Nebraska-Montana State basketball game to hear former Husker center Dave Hoppen become the Cornhusker's all-time leading scorer.



Pool

He will also have the benefit of watching Nebraska football games on cable television in Texas, although Pool said that following the Husker football program still won't be as easy for him as it was in the past.

"It used to be that I had a general idea of who all the players were," he said. "But starting with this year's recruiting class, I won't have a chance to meet the players. I won't be as close to the athletic program at Nebraska as I used to be, but it's not like I am divorcing it since I will always consider Nebraska my home."

Apel is a sophomore journalism major and current sports editor of the Daily Nebraskan.

## Arizona upsets top-ranked team

By The Associated Press

OMAHA — Mike Senne and Gar Milay hit two-run home runs in the sixth inning and Gary Alexander pitched a seven-hitter as the Arizona Wildcats defeated Florida State, 10-2, to win the NCAA college baseball crown.

Alexander, who finished the season with an 8-2 mark, lost his shutout bid in the ninth inning when the 61-13 Seminoles touched him for both runs.

Luis Alicea hit a triple and scored on a single by Bien Sitgeroa. Ed Fulton then singled to score Sitgeroa and give the previously top-ranked Seminoles their second run.

Arizona had taken a commanding lead earlier in the game when it erupted for four runs in the sixth inning.



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