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come and my sister was going to get there that day."

Johnson stayed in College Station, albeit under solemn emotions. Later that day in front of a capacity crowd at Olsen Field, his Aggies delivered a 6-2 victory.

Despite the somber mood that his father's death cast over him, Johnson lists the accomplishment made by his team that day as one of his highlights of his career at A&M.

Ironically, most of what Johnson considers to be highlights during his 10 seasons as the head coach at A&M have taken place away from the diamond.

"I believe that my calling is to

work with young people and maybe give them some direction in life," Johnson said. "Some of my highlights are guys (former players) calling back who have found a job or are needing help."

Junior shortstop Robert Harris said he admires Johnson for having those feelings and beliefs.

"Coach Johnson is the type of person that I'd like to be," Harris said. "He's a fair person and he always comes through with what he says."

Before becoming head coach in 1985, Johnson served two years as an assistant under A&M coaching legend Tom Chandler.

When Johnson arrived on the A&M campus in 1983, he brought with him an impressive resume.

After playing three seasons

(1967-69) in the New York Mets' minor league organization, Johnson began his coaching career as an assistant to Bob Leigh at his alma mater, the University of New Mexico.

After two seasons at New Mexico, Johnson moved on to the University of Arizona in 1972 where he served as an assistant for five seasons, one of which was under Hall of Famer Frank Sancet and the other four under Hall of Famer Jerry Kindall.

In 1977 Johnson journeyed east to take an assistant coaching job at Mississippi State University under yet another Hall of Famer, Ron Polk.

Johnson said that he learned a great deal from each of the coaching greats that he served

under. He attributes much of his success from the knowledge that he garnered as a member of these respective staffs.

"Just through osmosis I should have a little extra information," Johnson said. "All of those coaches were different, so I got to pick and choose what I thought would work in my personality."

His career .731 winning percentage makes him the sixth winningest active Division I coach.

After being named NCAA Coach of the Year last season, Johnson joins Polk, Kindall, and Sancet as past winners. If Johnson continues on his current pace, he could join them in the Collegiate Baseball Hall of Fame as well.

Dodgers' Strawberry suffers sting of substance abuse

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Darryl Strawberry's lawyer says the troubled Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder was abusing drugs and alcohol for a "substantial period of time" before admitting he had a problem.

Bob Shapiro also said Wednesday he thinks Strawberry "bottomed out" on Sunday when he disappeared and failed to show up for an exhibition game.

Strawberry returned to Los Angeles from New York on Wednesday after meeting with one doctor representing the players' union and another representing the owners to determine a course of treatment for his drinking and drug use. Shapiro said Strawberry was accompanied to New York by his wife.

Shapiro said he believes Strawberry will enter an undisclosed clinic by Friday at the latest.

"He's headed back here awaiting the doctors' recommendation regarding the proper drug treatment facility," Shapiro said. "The doctors have concluded he has a substance abuse problem and is amenable to treatment."

"The doctors will recommend the appropriate treatment facility and Darryl will be admitted immediately, as soon as we find out what the facility is."

Strawberry, 32, was treated for alcohol problems in 1990.

When asked how long Strawberry had been using drugs and alcohol, Shapiro said:

"I can't give you a direct answer to that. It has been going on for a substantial period of

time. Despite his erratic behavior and concern from family and friends, he was in denial and not able to acknowledge the fact that he had a problem."

"The history is very clear. If you check with anyone close to Darryl, including his family members, (Dodgers manager) Tom Lasorda or (Dodgers general manager) Fred Claire, they would confirm they had suspicions of drug use based on his erratic behavior for a long period of time."

Claire said Tuesday he questioned Strawberry about substance abuse several times last season, but Strawberry's always insisted he was clean.

"The rumors were abounding for years involving Darryl," Shapiro said.

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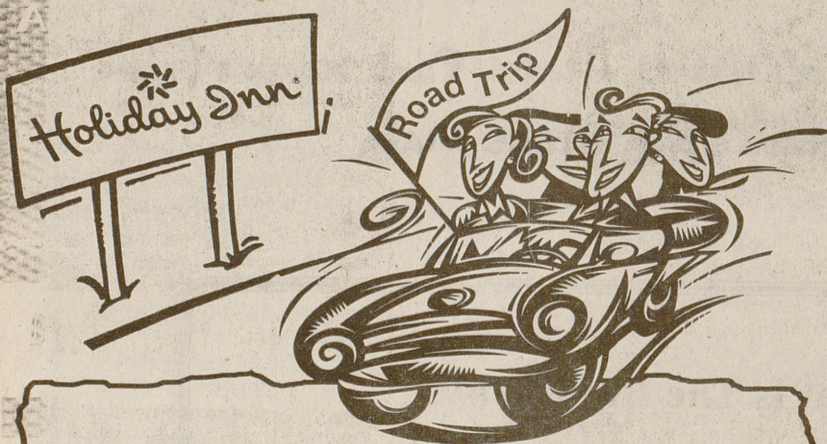
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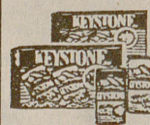
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