

Alcohol

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His dog made him think about getting help, but the real change came after vacationing at a friend's house in Arizona, he added.

"I didn't have any weed or drugs for a week, so my head had begun to clear. I saw what a great family life Tim (my friend) had, and just how rotten my own life was. I wanted to go through treatment right then," Daniel said.

Now that Daniel is sober, he is able to see all the abuse going on around him. Recently, three

of his close friends have died from substance abuse-related incidents.

Andrew, a University sophomore, was a well-known drug dealer two years ago at Lakeridge High School. He'd been using drugs since the fifth grade.

A school counselor befriended Andrew and recommended treatment, but Andrew said he reacted defensively and denied the problem.

"I told my parents about this crazy, screwed-up counselor

who thought I had a drug and alcohol problem. They just listened and asked me what I thought I should do," said Andrew.

Andrew was deeply in debt, failing school and rapidly losing weight. He said he decided to prove to himself and everyone else that he "really could go 30 days without drugs."

"Treatment taught me I could have just as much fun without drinking or using.

Andrew said that he now is able to look back and see what a great impact his counselor's concern had upon him.

"He didn't even know me, and yet I saw he really cared," he said. "That was the turning point for me."

Johnson

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player at that age, he was it. He was very commanding. You couldn't beat him; he would always win.

"Earvin would make people around him better. When he played in the gym during the summer, you could put him on a team with three other guys who couldn't walk and chew gum at the same time. The four guys they would play would be great players, but Magic would always win. He made you competitive.

"And he always does the right thing. Towards the end of a close game, when you needed somebody to take a charge, get a steal or a rebound, he would come up with it."

In Johnson's freshman season, the Spartans were

ousted by University of Kentucky in a Midwest regional game of the NCAA tournament. He followed his first year by being named first team All-America in 1979, and led Michigan State to a national championship win over an Indiana State team which featured Larry Bird. This was the first of many championship battles between Bird and Johnson.

Johnson decided to pass up his final two years of eligibility and enter the NBA draft the following season, and as Monson said, "when he got to Michigan State, we told him that when the time and the money was right, he could leave. We never wavered on that promise, and after they won the championship, he really had nothing left to achieve."

The Lakers drafted Johnson with the first pick of the 1979 draft, and Johnson disappointed no one with his rookie season performance. Los Angeles advanced to the NBA finals against Philadelphia, and with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar injured, the Lakers moved Johnson to center. Johnson responded with one of the most outstanding playoff performances ever, leading the Lakers to victory and earning the playoff MVP award.

Even at 6-foot-9, Monson calls Johnson "the greatest player ever at the point guard position. He's the catalyst. He's always held that title anywhere he's played," adding that his versatility is what earned Johnson the MVP award for the 1986-87 regular season.

Magic had a career-high 23.9 points per game, led the league in assists for the fourth time, and picked up 65 out of 76 first place votes to become only the third guard to win the award since its inception in 1956.

Finally, Monson sees a tough series between the Lakers and Celtics, but expects Johnson to come through once again. "I'll take L.A. in six," he predicted.



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choices, according to members. Our Choice members meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the University Counseling Center.

"People have shown a real interest in incorporating substance abuse prevention into campus life," said Wilson. "Next year we're hoping to increase the programs currently being offered and double the circulation of the Network newsletter."

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