Page 6

Daily Nebraskan

Friday, September 23, 1983



Baseball stars criticize drug abuse

By Jim Rasmussen

Two former major league baseball stars visited Lincoln high schools Thursday and spoke to students and faculty about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.

Ryne Duren, helped the New York Yankees to the 1958 World Series with his relief pitching, and

Staff photo by Dave Bentz Lou Johnson, a former major league baseball player, spoke to students Thursday at Lincoin Southeast High School. Johnson, who played for the Los Angeles Dodgers, warned the students about the hazards of drug and alcohol abuse, which shortened his career.

"Sweet" Lou Johnson, who hit two home runs to help the Dodgers to a World Series title in 1965, spoke at Lincoln High School, Lincoln East High School, and Lincoln Southeast High School.

About 700 people jammed the Southeast auditorium to hear the two men speak.

Johnson said that by the time he reached the major leagues in 1965, he was consuming about a fifth of whiskey a day, and started using marijuana:

"I eventually ended up with cocaine, and I was doing about a half-ounce of coke a day," he said. "By 1969, I was out of baseball because of my problem."

Johnson said he has been without alcohol and drugs for three years.

"I'm proud of Lou Johnson," he said.

"Young people, if you have had a beer in your life, keep it to the minimum," Johnson said. "Know your body, and what it can handle."

Duren said he thinks students need to be better educated about the use of alcohol and drugs.

"Alcohol is a drug," Duren said. "It's important to know that. We need to get smart about it. If you don't understand the drug, you're going to get hurt."

Johnson and Duren are in Lincoln to play in the "Celebrity Swing" golf classic, which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday. The two men arrived a day early so they could speak to the students.

The aim of the "Celebrity Swing" is to increase awareness for the School Community Intervention Program, which started this fall in Lincoln. The pro-gram will use teachers and parents to help young people who may have problems with drugs or alcohol.

Several of the celebrities who will play in Friday's golf classic were introduced at a press conference Thursday evening at the Lincoln Hilton. Besides Johnson and Duren, those attending were: Lincoln native David Doyle, who played Bosley on "Charlie's Angels"; Grant Goodeye, an actor on "Dynasty" and "Eight is Enough"; Gordon MacRae, film star and Lincoly resident; Harold Stone and John Larch, two character actors who have appeared on many television shows; Claude Retherford, former NU basketball star, and nationally known organist Lenny Dee. Bob Devaney is also scheduled to play, as are several other celebrities. Add the autom all

is just blocks away.

Union Bank & Trust Company has student representatives on campus to answer all your questions about **Guaranteed Student Loans**

Union Bank Depot 1944 "O" Street

Jim Graves 2212 R St. No. 15 476-2898

Jerald Holzinger 475-2511

464-1260 Norman Kromberg 466-7009

Ed Woodman

920 North Burough

488-0941

UNION BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

ment agencies and private industry opportunities to advise small business owners and potential owners.

Expo aids small busi

The second annual expo took place Thursday at Southeast Community College. The day-long event featured booths with sponsors ranging from the Ming Palace restaurant to Public Works and Utilities, guest speakers and mini-seminars where aspects of business management were disclosed.

"The expo basically has two objec-tives," said Robert Glenn, coordinator of Adult Business Occupations. "We want to help those people who think they would like to get into business for themselves.

Small Business Expo'83 gave govern- who are already in business and have a problem," Glenn said. "Here they can get expert advice from people who have already been there and have succeeded."

"Our second objective is to help those

"Times aren't easy. some people I've talked to are unemployed and they see opening a small business as the answer to their problem," said llene Reed, president of Reed Promotional Consultants.

The City Economic Development Di-vision and Commission, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Private Industry Council, Southeast Community College University of Nebraska-Lincoln Small Business Center and Service Associa-tion of Nebraska co-sponsored the expo.

