Agents sue Fullwood, Flagler, say they accepted money

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

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LOS ANGELES - Two New York-based agents have filed lawsuits against former college football standouts Brent Fullwood of Auburn and Terrence Flagler of Clemson, charging that the players reneged on contracts signed before their eligibility expired last season.

Agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, in suits filed in New York Supreme Court, seek \$500,000 in damages from both Fullwood and Flagler. The agents claim in the suits that they gave money to Fullwood and Flagler during their college careers - a violation of NCAA rules.

In a related development, the FBI has begun an investigation into the work of Walters and Bloom, The

FBI begins investigation of Norby Walters, Lloyd Bloom

Atlanta Constitution has learned.

one agent - all of whom asked not to be named told The Constitution they have been interviewed by the FBI regarding Walters and Bloom. The FBI has asked for access to some taped telephone conversations that allegedly exist between the agents and vari- cy has no comment on the matter. ous athletes, sources said.

The Constitution reported on March 12 that the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA) had received calls from two college seniors who said that Walters had threatened "to break their legs" for firing him.

FBI agents have been on the Auburn campus ques-One college head coach, one assistant coach and tioning officials regarding Walters and Bloom and have said they want to question Fullwood, according to Joe Boland, chairman of Auburn's committee of intercollegiate athletics.

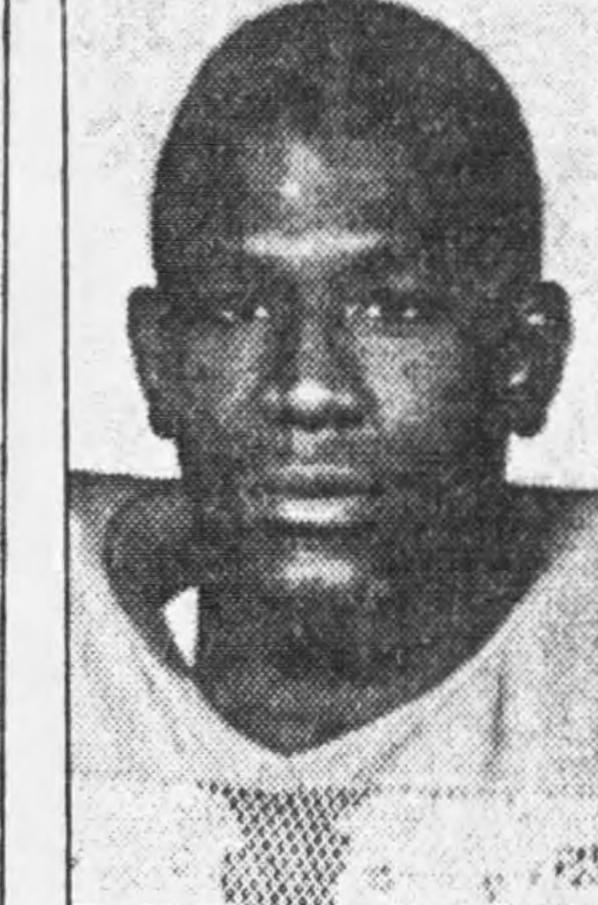
An FBI press officer said Thursday that the agen-

"That's news to me," Walters said Thursday night of the investigation. "What's happened is that probably some agent or the NFLPA (National Football League Players Association) knows somebody in the FBI and

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Brent Fullwood



Terrence Flagler

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Kuhn blames wrong folks

By Bowie Kuhn's estimate, free agency is a millstone around baseball's neck. He believes the game's popularity may be as much an illusion as the stompings of a dying bull. "We may be charging around not knowing we have a serious wound," said Kuhn, who thinks baseball's success springs from marketing ("the fruit of our good executive work") and that continued mediocrity on the field could "undermine all that good

Kuhn quickly amended the language. "'Mediocre' is too strong a word. 'Less than as good as you can be.' The public is too smart to accept less than the best for very long."

By which a man across the breakfast table was moved to think: Oh, my, Bowie is so wrong.

Baseball never - never - had as many great players at once as in the decade since free agency began in 1976. A commissioner of that era declaring baseball mediocre (even if he then seeks the safety of euphemism) is enough to make a man drop his toast, to say nothing of Kuhn's theory that George Steinbrenner represents both baseball's decline and its salvation.

Steinbrenner started ball rolling

"Steinbrenner started the whole thing," Kuhn said, meaning the big money for free agents such as Catfish Hunter and Reggie Jackson. "If Steinbrenner hadn't started it, you would never have seen the fiscal insanity that has ensued over the last 10 years. Never."

"You don't think a Ted Turner would have done it without Steinbrenner's example?"

"I do not. Ted would have been happy to get his fair shake, whatever that was. But he wasn't looking to build empires. The Braves were attractive on the SuperStation. It's not a difference in egos because both of them have enormous egos. But George was just more driven than anyone else. And he never seemed to get his fill of free agents.

"The others had no alternative but to follow him. They would have been perfect jackasses in their own cities, their own media, had they not followed him. . . . And then owners finally said, 'We're stuck with it, we have to follow."

As Bob Horner, Jack Morris and Tim Raines have discovered, the free agent market is now closed. The players association charges collusion among owners to drive down salaries illegally. Where the players see

collusion, Kuhn sees common sense. "I think that what's happened is that George has looked at his operating statement of the last few years and seen how bad it is ... and George has looked at how long it's been since he won the division (1981) and may have decided the others have a better

way to go and he's pulling out. "The others in a minute would sit back and say, 'OK. Fine. Let's see what happens.' That's a very realistic scenario."

A man destroying a ham-and-cheese omelette said to Kuhn, "You don't see collusion as much as you see George realizing he's been insane and trying to regain his sanity?"

"I don't know how you could get these guys (the owners) to agree on anything. . . . You could get five of them in the National League to agree to go after the commissioner (a wistful allusion to the palace coup that deposed him). ... Getting five to agree to that was a miracle. Getting 26 of them to agree, I just find incomprehensible."

Multi-year deal was OK for commissioner

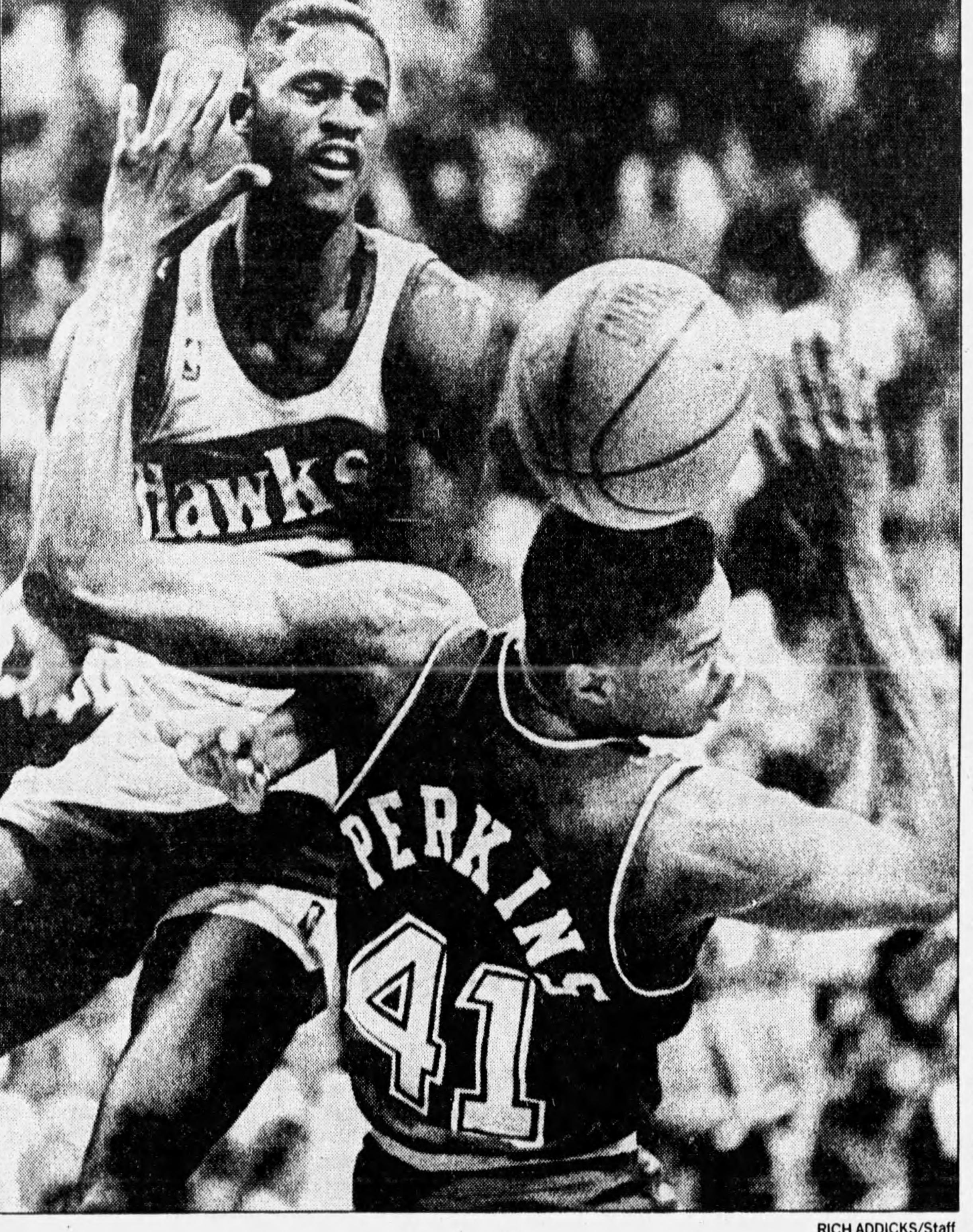
Kuhn was in town selling his book, "Hardball: The Education of a Baseball Commissioner." If Kuhn, as always, presents himself as correct in every instance, the book's stiff righteousness is leavened by its reporting on baseball's outsized characters. (Charlie Finley is the pits; Henry Aaron is a whiner; Jackie Robinson "rode a charger and carried a lance," Ted Turner "is not so much flesh and blood as a kaleidoscope of swirling emotions.")

Kuhn's book lists the symptoms of the free-agent "illness": "shoddy, half-hearted efforts on the field, lack of respect for managers, indifference to fans ..." He says the illness is caused by long-term contracts and would be cured with one-year deals.

It is revealing of baseball's executive mentality that Kuhn should want the fans to believe players have despoiled the game by loafing under multi-year

contracts. Yet Kuhn, who ran out every figurative ground ball because (he keeps telling us) he loved the game, served as commissioner for 14 years on two sevenyear contracts. He was angling for a third seven-year deal when the owners hired Peter Ueberroth. The double standard - multi-year deals are good for the commish, bad for the players - is never dealt with in Kuhn's book. Maybe in Vol. II.

Hawks lasso Mays 120-112



RICH ADDICKS/Staff

Dallas' Sam Perkins (41) fouls Atlanta's Domingue Wilkins on a drive to the basket.

Record-setting crowd sees 48th win of year

Hawks Notebook, Page 2-D Koncak more aggressive, Page 4-D By Jeff Denberg Staff Writer

There are nights when the Atlanta Hawks are so good they are positively scary. Much of Thursday was one of those nights.

The Hawks controlled a talented Dallas team in the

second half to the delight of a recordbreaking Omni crowd for a 120-112 victory, their 15th in the last 16

That made them 48-22 and put another nail in the coffin the Hawks are building for Detroit in the Central Division race. And

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the usually tame Atlanta fans - 14,480 of them - responded vocally to the moment. The crowd officially broke the franchise's single-season attendance record, now 452,312 with six dates left.

Atlanta broke the game open in the first six minutes of the third quarter, taking a 77-67 lead after trailing by one at the half. The Mavericks did not got closer than four points after that, and the Hawks opened a margin of 12 with 6:41 left in the game.

It was close at the end - six points with 2:44 to go - because the Hawks were guilty of gross butchery at the free throw line, where they had missed more than half their shots as late as the middle of the fourth

Until a final flurry at the end, the Hawks were better from the field than the line. They finished with .570 field goal shooting (49 of 86) and .588 free throw shooting (20 of 34). "We'll shoot some free throws in practice tomor-

row," coach Mike Fratello said. But that came only after he had revelled in his club's performance, one that featured these achievements: Dominique Wilkins recovered from a 3-for-10 start

to score 31 of his 35 points in the final three quarters. He also took 12 rebounds and had three steals and three assists. This was his sixth straight game of 30 or more

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Ballesteros, Floyd penalized for 'just practicing'

TPC scores, Page 14-D By Tom McCollister Staff Writer

PONTE VEDRA, Fla. - The golf rulebook is like the fine print in contracts. Every player should read it, but not many do.

Raymond Floyd and Severiano Ballesteros should have. Because they didn't know the rules, both players were assessed two-shot penalties Thursday in the first round of the Tournament Players Championship as they prepared to resume 7:30 a.m. with Greg Norman leading play after a one-hour, 20-minute rain delay.

Hitting from tee during rain delay costs both golfers 2 strokes at TPC

postponed an hour later with half the field of 144 golfers — some with 14 holes to complete — still on the course. Play resumes Friday at at 5-under 67.

Floyd and Ballesteros likely

Another suspension came at 4 would prefer to start over, especialp.m. before the first round was ly Floyd, who was guilty of golfing sins of omission and commission, costing him four unusual strokes for an official round of 74.

> First, the omissions by Floyd and Ballesteros. While waiting for

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High schools to use three-point shot

College coaches favor keeping rule, Page 7-D More on high schools, Page 11-D By Steve Figueroa

Staff Writer

Georgia and all 49 other states will use the three-point shot for boys and girls high school basketball games next season.

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFSHSA) adopted the three-pointer as mandatory, overruling last year's Georgia High School Association vote not to implement the rule.

At the annual meeting of its rules committee earlier this week in Kansas City, Mo., the NFSHSA voted in the 19-foot, 9-inch distance used this season in NCAA men's games.

Use of the three-point shot has been approved by the NFSHSA for the past two seasons, but on a voluntary basis. Nine states, none in the South, used the three-point goal this season.

"Everything we've heard back from those states has been positive," said Dick Shindler, assistant director of the NFSHSA. "The committee felt it was time we all started playing the same game, so they made it mandatory for next season. We think it will be real good for the game. I think a lot of people's opinion has been changed this season with the college play.

"There were a lot of people against the rule at the beginning of the college season, but there's no

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Seve Ballesteros lines up putt on fifth green as his caddie, Nick DePaul, keeps the rain off him.

Tech beats Howard in a.m. game

Tech Notebook, Page 2-D Box scores, Page 14-D By Tom Whitfield Staff Writer

In a perfect world, Georgia Tech wouldn't have played a baseball game Thursday. But because Yellow Jackets coach Jim Morris and Howard coach Chuck Hinton are friends, accommodations were made.

The game started at 10 a.m., lasted only five innings because of speed-up rules and ended with a predictable result, Tech winning 11-0. Shortly after the 78-minute game, the fifth-ranked Yellow Jackets (20-2) left on an 11-hour bus trip for a game at Maryland on Friday.

Tech (1-0 in the ACC) also plays at Virginia on Saturday and Sunday before returning for home games against fourth-ranked Florida State on Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon.

"I think (a weekend sweep) would help our confidence," said Morris, who has lost five players this week, four to academics and No. 1 starter Todd Shiver to an injury from a freak accident in the batting cage. "Before we lost those guys, I think our players felt we had the best team in the country. Now there's probably some question in the back of our players' minds whether they can go all the way."



CALVIN CRUCE/Staff

Tech coach Jim Morris congratulates freshman Doug Harof (right) after homer in fifth inning.

Bulldogs handed sixth loss, fall 4-3

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ATHENS - The Georgia baseball team (16-6, 6-2) dropped a 4-3 decision to Youngstown State foot (3-1) taking the loss for Georgia in relief of Matt Hoitsma.

Georgia jumped to an early lead after three innings on an RBI triple by Pete Freeman and an RBI double by Scott Bohlke. Youngstown recatcher Roger Miller.

Georgia could score but one other time, the runs coming on an RBI single by Derek Lilliquist.

Solarz went nine innings giving up three runs while striking out seven. Hoitsma went 5\% innings, allowing three runs and striking out

Georgia meets Ole Miss at Oxford, Miss. this weekend.

Thursday. Greg Solarz (2-0) went taliated in the fourth with two runs the distance on the mound for scoring on a wild pitch by Hoitsma Youngstown State, with Scott Broadand a subsequent throwing error by

NFLPA wants more control over players' agents

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES - The NFL players' fight for free agency is the major topic at union meetings this week, but included in the bargaining plan is an extension of its control over players' agents.

If the union gains jurisdiction through labor negotiations over college seniors eligible for the annual NFL draft, it could put some agents out of the football business.

Among the affected agents could be Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, who allegedly signed college players and gave them money before their eligibility expired.

"We're seeing too many players coming with problems they don't need," said Mark Murphy, a former player and the union's assistant executive director. "We can remedy some of that if we get jurisdiction over the seniors, and I think we will."

The union apparently will meet some resistance on such jurisdiction.

"I don't see that as a solution," said Jack Donlan, director of the NFL management council. "If the union says they're going to control representation of kids, they'll take it one step further. They'll say to management that the seniors don't have to take drug tests at the (National Scouting) Combine testing."

"But I personally see some kids who are really being taken advantage of, and I would like to see it stopped."

The NFLPA gained the authority in 1982 to set up agent regulation as established in Section 9a of the National Labor Relations act. In the ensuing collective bargaining agreement, NFL teams agreed they could not negotiate with an agent who was not certified by the

"This regulation has withstood attempted legal action on a couple of occasions," said Tom DePaso, an attorney in the NFLPA's legal department.

However, the current rule does not affect collegians. Players do not become union members until they sign their first NFL contract.

Agents are certified after they submit an application detailing their background. They are asked to sign a certification agreement which includes regulations and a code of ethics.

Among the regulations is a rule that does not allow an agent to pay or advance money to an athlete in an effort to sign him as a client.

Because of lawsuits filed by Walters and Bloom against certain players that document such payments, their agency will be de-certified by the union this week.

Walters maintains that without jurisdiction over college players, the NFLPA would not be able to damage his business. But the union believes that the NBA has provided a legal precedent for such control over incoming players.

Leon Wood, a first-round draft pick of the Philadelphia 76ers two years ago, challenged the NBA's salary cap when he was offered the \$75,000 minimum. Wood maintained he was not yet a member of the union, but a court ruled against him.

Other agents, such as Jack Mills of Colorado, is in favor of the union's fight for control over college players.

"I do think it's necessary, merely because

that's where the biggest opportunity for abuse is," said Mills, who is on the union's agent advisory committee. "The business has its troubles, but I think the type of publicity we're getting on the Walters' case is extremely damaging. We need to eliminate that."

Pittsburgh athletic director Dr. Edward Bozek agreed. Pitt linebacker Tony Woods is one of the players Walters and Bloom signed early.

"If the union can get control, it would be a big help," said Bozek. "That would be a warning to the college players that signing early is not going to benefit them. I think this is a fight that's going to get bigger in the next couple of

NOTES: The NFLPA convention formally opened Thursday with a four-hour welcoming session. One of the opening speakers was former Atlanta Falcons center Jeff Van Note, who has had the distinction of being a self-described "scab," as well as a union president. "I think I'm able to offer both views to the players," said Van Note. During the players' strike in 1974, Van Note said he crossed the picket line prior to a labor settlement, earning the "scab" label. But by 1982, he was a union official and served as vice president during the strike and as president in 1983. . . . The convention picks up Friday and Saturday when the union issues are discussed with players. According to NFLPA executive director Gene Upshaw, 437 players (out of 1,581) showed up Thursday, with more expected Friday. "When you get onefourth of your union, and we're not providing any expenses, that is a strong showing," said

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got them to start an investigation. I've done nothing wrong."

The agents' suit against Fullwood, a running back expected to be drafted by the NFL early in the first round next month, claims that he signed a contract a month before the start of his senior season at Auburn last fall and that he had received \$8,038 by the end of the season.

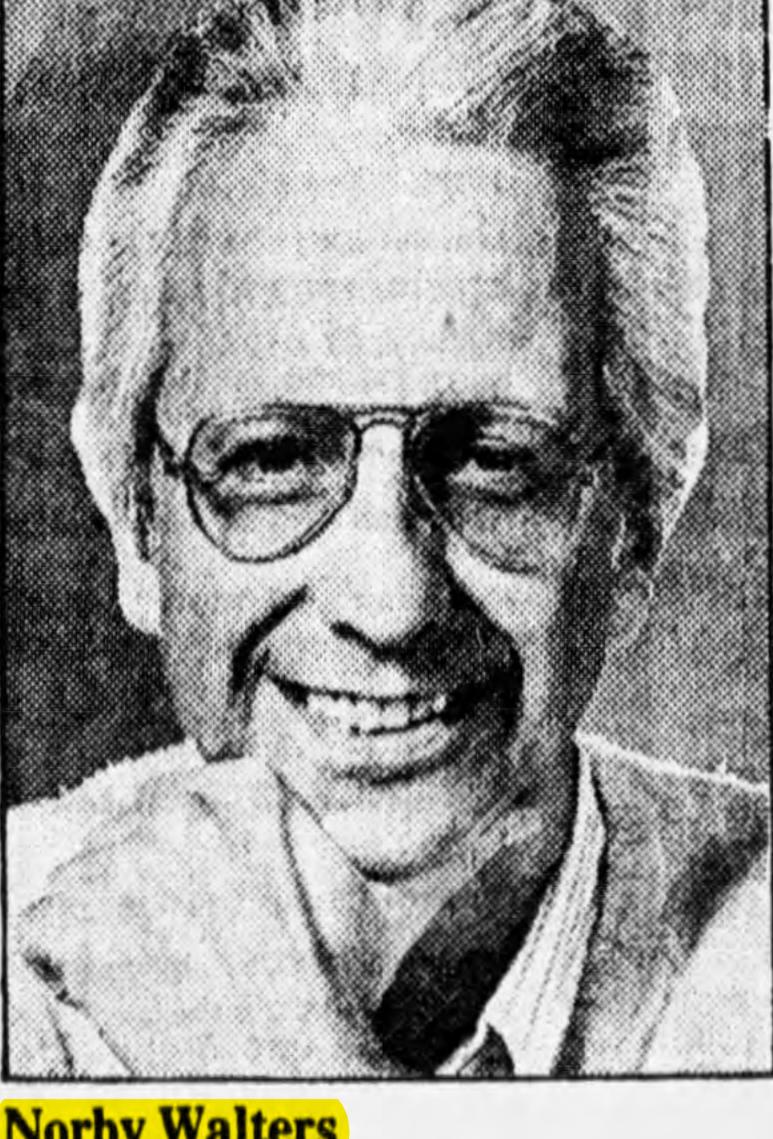
The suit against Flagler, a running back regarded as a second- or third-round draft pick, claims that he, too, signed a contract before his senior season last fall and received \$2,500.

Clemson teammate — running back Kenny Flowers - has reached a settlement with Walters and Bloom to avoid a similar lawsuit, according to Flowers' current agent, Gene Burrough. Burrough conceded that Flowers entered an agreement with Walters and Bloom before his senior season at Clemson last fall. Burrough declined to elaborate.

It is against NCAA rules for players to agree to be represented by an agent or to accept money from an agent until the end of their college playing career. The NCAA is investigating Walters' activities involving numerous college football and basketball players around the country.

Schools with players found to have violated NCAA rules regarding agents could be forced to forfeit football games at the discretion of individual conferences. Basketball teams could be forced to forfeit games as well as return championships or revenue from the NCAA tournament

Walters, in The Constitution on March 12, said he has given money to numerous college football and



Meanwhile, Flagler's former basketball players before their eligibility expired in an attempt to sign them as clients. He described himself as a businessman making investments.

Fullwood is scheduled to meet with Auburn officials Friday to discuss his association with Walter and Bloom, who head a 42-person entertainment and sports agency.

According to court documents, Fullwood signed a contract with Walters' firm on Aug. 20, 1986 and the contract was post-dated to Jan. 2, 1987. Attached to the lawsuit is a copy of a promissory note Fullwood allegedly signed for receipt of

After Aug. 20, the suit says, Fullwood received an additional \$4,038 from the agents.

Boland said he began an investigation into the possibility that Fullwood had signed with an agent prior to Fullwood's final game at

"I asked him about it just prior to the Citrus Bowl, and he denied it," Boland said Thursday. "He wasn't being truthful then, but I think he'll be truthful with us

Fullwood has declined comment Bloom. Fullwood's current agent, Purdue defensive back Rod Wood-"I'm not going to have any comment on this."

Flagler's father, Robert Flagler, said his son signed a contract with Walters that was post-dated so it would appear it wasn't signed until after the season.

"These guys (Walters and Bloom) are just dropping a lot of cash on a bunch of kids," Robert Flagler said.

Walters said earlier this month he would eventually sue at least eight college athletes for accepting money from him and then breaking contracts with him.

In addition to the suits against Fullwood and Flagler, Walters and Bloom have filed suit in New York against University of Pittsburgh linebacker Tony Woods, who the agents claim also signed a contract during his senior season last fall and accepted money.

The suit alleges that Woods received \$2,500. Pitt coach Mike Gottfried told The Constitution that his investigation has proven that Woods signed with Walters before the end of his senior season. Pitt athletic director Dr. Edward Bozek said he will file a report to the NCAA.

Gottfried and Bozek have asked all of the Pitt football players with eligibility remaining to sign "re-certification documents on their scholarships, prohibiting agreements with

"We had all these kids sign under oath - by notary," said Bozek. "It protects the university. But our investigation will continue. We hear some things that maybe some underclassmen have been involved (with Walters and Bloom). If that is true, we will declare those players ineligible if and when we discover evidence. We've asked anybody who has done so to come forward with the truth.'

It has been previously reported on his dealings with Walters and that Walters has filed suits against George Kickliter, said Thursday, son and Buffalo Bills running back Ronnie Harmon, formerly of Iowa. Both suits, like the ones against Fullwood, Flagler and Woods, charge breach of contract and seek \$500,000 in punitive damages plus a return of the money allegedly received by the players.

The suit against Woodson, an All-America cornerback projected as a first-round NFL draft pick this year, accuses him of accepting \$21,606 in payments from Walters and then breaking a representation contract.

The suit against Harmon claims he received \$54,172.92 from the agents dating back to his junior season at Iowa.

Walters said he also will file suit against University of Washington defensive end Reggie Rogers, expected to be one of the first three players chosen in the NFL draft.

"We're trying to get the papers served, but he's hiding," Walters said. "He's hiding, but we'll get him. I know we'll get him at least by the first day he has to show up in camp

In another development, the NFLPA plans to de-certify Walters' agency, according to union sources who are in Los Angeles for a players' meeting. De-certification would mean that the agency would not be allowed to represent NFL players. Union regulations prohibit offering cash to athletes in efforts to sign them as clients.

"I am going to sue the NFLPA," said Walters. "I am amassing information on statements (NFLPA director of research) Mike Duberstein has made to certain athletes, and I will sue him and the NFLPA for defamation of character."

Walters said he is continuing to be "aggressive" in signing players as clients.

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PORTER

Funeral services for Ms. Beverly Jean Porter, of 2306 Burroughs Ave., S.E., Saturday, March 28 at 2 p.m. from Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 768 Martin St., S.E. Rev. Timothy Fleming, Pastor, officiating. Interment, South View Cemetery. Survivors son, Jeffery T. Mitchell; mother, Mrs. Beverly Harris; father, Mr. Clarence Mitchell; aunt, Ms. Ruth Cox; two brothers, eight sisters, a host of other relatives and friends. Family will receive friends tonight at the residence. The cortege will assemble at the residence at 1 p.m. Murray Bros., 502 Pryor St., S.W., 688-4680.

PRYOR

Funeral service for Miss Shelby Pryor, age 12, of Winston, Ga., will be held Saturday, March 28, 1987 at 2 p.m. from Old Mountain Top Baptist Church. Rev. Norris Welborn officiating. Interment, church cemetery. Walker & Wilson, Funeral Home.

RAGLAND

Mrs. Barbara Ann Plant Ragland, of 200 East Lake Blvd., Apt. 1603. Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 28, 1987 at 2:30 p.m. from Stocks Kirkwood Chapel, 1970 Boulevard Dr., N.E. Evangelist Catherine Anderson officiating. Interment, Chestnut Hill Cemetery. Survivors are husband, Mr. Alvin Barner; six children, Andre; Trudy; Tamala; Sylvester: Santiba and Lakie; three grandchildren; four brothers and a host of other relatives and friends. Relatives and friends are asked to assemble at the residence at 1:30 p.m. Stocks Funeral Home, Kirkwood Chapel Inc., 377-0458-9.

RIGGINS

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Mae Riggins, of 150 Juniper St., N.W., Apt. 709, will be held Saturday, March 28, 1987 at 2 p.m. at Beulah Church of Christ Holiness USA, 770 Shadowridge Dr., Decatur, Ga. The Rev. Victor P. Smith, Pastor, officiating. Interment, Kennedy Memorial Gardens. Survivors are son, Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph Riggins, Jr., East Point; niece, Mrs. Elaine Jones, Atlanta; three grandchildren and a host of great-nieces and great-nephews, other relatives and friends. The family will receive friends TONIGHT Friday, March 27, 1987 from 7 until 8 p.m. at Sellers Bros. Chapel, 889 M.L. King, Jr. Dr., N.W. The cortege will assemble at 1340 Wadley Ave., Apt. 5, East Point, Ga. at 12:30 p.m., Saturday. Sellers Bros.

ROBERTS

Funeral services for Mr. David Roberts, of 720 Smith St. S.W., will be held Saturday, March 28, 1987, 11 o'clock a.m. at Sellers Bros. Chapel, 889 M.L. King Jr. Dr. N.W. Rev. B.J. Johnson, Jr. officiating. Interment, Greenwood Cemetery. Survivors are son, Mr. Walter Roberts; brother, Mr. Tommie Roberts; cousin, Mr. Harry Cliffton and family; a devoted and loving friends, Miss Gladys Sims; (Mrs.) Emilie H. Cotton; other relatives and friends. The cortege is asked to assemble at the residence at 10 a.m. Sellers Bros., Mc-Daniel St.

ROSSER

Miss Alma Rosser, St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Atlanta, died March 25, 1987. She was formerly employed by Sears. Survivors are nephews, Mr. Philip R. Collier, Kennesaw; Mr. Walter Collier, Fayetteville; Mr. David B. Collier, Jonesboro; Mr. Dennis K. Collier, Kennesaw; Mr. Clay Douglass, California; half sisters, Mrs. Mary McMichael, Newnan; Mrs. Lucy Mitchell, Morrow; great nieces and nephews. Funeral services Friday, March 27, 1987 at 2:30 from the graveside in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Rev. Max Wall will officiate. McKoon Funeral Home, Newnan.

SCHMEELK

Mr. William Henry Schmeelk, Sr., of Atlanta, died March 25, 1987. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Bolen Schmeelk, Atlanta; sons, Mr. William H. Schmeelk, Jr., Marietta, Mr. John B. Schmeelk, Lawrenceville; sister, Mrs. Margaret Hanley, Boyertown, PA; five grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 28 at 11:30 o'clock at Oglethorpe Hill. Dr. James I. St. John officiating. Interment, Arlington Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 7 until 9 and Friday from 2 until 5 and 7 until 9 at Oglethorpe Hill. H.M. Patterson & Son, 4550 Peachtree Rd.

SCHROEDER

Mr. Darwyn L. Schroeder, of Atlanta, died March 26, 1987 at age 43. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Buena M. Schroeder, Emerson, Neb.; sister, Mrs. Glen (Darla Mae Kai) Stewart; niece, Miss Thersa Mae Kai, Pender, Neb. The remains were taken to The Munderloh Funeral Home, Pender, Neb. for services and interment. H.M. Patterson & Son, Spring

SHINHOLSTER

Mrs. Johnnie Mae will be funeralized Saturday, March 28, 1987 at 1 p.m. from St. Joseph Missionary Baptist. Rev. C.J. Johnson, officiating. Interment, Lincoln. Survivors are three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Collins (Alice), Mr. and Mrs. Moses Raines (JoAnn) and Ms. Wanda Shinholster; eight grandchildren, Elliott, Juan and Deon Raines, Lauren, Jonathan and Erica Shinholster, Deondre and Shelcly Collins; great-grandchildren, Darius Deon and LaJuan Marquis Raines; two sistersin-law, Ms. Ouida Sherman, Catoula, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. R. Patterson, King Mountain, NC; two nephews, Jimmy Lee Sherman, Catoula, Ga. and Mrs. Theodore O'Neal, Concord, NC; a god-daughter, Ms. Theresa Walker. The family will receive friends tonight at 5593 Windwood Rd., College Park. Please assemble at the residence at 12 noon. The remains will lie in state at the church 11 a.m. until hour of service. Raleigh Rucker Funeral Home, 288-7015.

Mr. Charlie, Jr., 728 Beech Ave., Social Circle, the husband of Mrs. Catherine Simon, passed March 25. Young, Covington.

SIMONTON

Robert L. Simonton of Phoenix, Arizona formerly of Atlanta died of a heart attack March 25. He is survived by one son, Bobby Simonton and two daughters, Yvonne Simonton and Pam Coole. Graveside services will be held Saturday, March 28, Rosemart Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee. Memphis Funeral Home,

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SIMS

Funeral services for Mrs. Fannie Sims, of Allanta, Ga., formerly of Villa Rica, will be field Saturday, March 28 at 1 p.m. from Flat Rock-Baptist Church, Villa Rica. Rev. J.F. Hatcher. and Rev. M.L. Green officiating. Interment, church cemetery. Walker & Wilson, Evergreen-Mortuary, Villa Rica.

Mrs. Mildred Sirmon, Marietta, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Castellaw's Concord Chapel with Rev. Steve Kirkpatrick and Rev. David Caudill officiating. Interment, Pine Ridge Memorial Park. ... Mrs. Sirmon was a member of The Iron Hillish Baptist Church, Acworth. Survivors include : two daughters, Mrs. Ed (Sheryl) Grant, Ellijay, Mrs. Thomas (Marilyn) Mullinax, Mar- " ietta; two sons, Daniel and Thomas Sirmon: Woodstock; one sister, Mrs. Eva Roberts, V. Danville, VA; four brothers, Jack and Cecil Mitchell, both of Danville, VA, Edgar Mitchell, Altavista, VA, Clyde Mitchell, Reedsville, NC:six grandchildren, Barry, Mark and Joel Mutti---nax, Marietta, Aimee Blanchard, Marietta, --Julie and Andy Sirmon, Woodstock; several nieces and nephews. Castellaw Funeral Home. Smyrna, 435-9038.

SMITH

Mr. William George Smith, of Hampton, died March 25, 1987. Survived by wife, Mrs. Rose. Marlene Smith; daughters, Mrs. Candace Haynes: Miss Cynthia Lou Smith; Mrs. Cherrie at Ann Smith; son, Mr. William Allen Smith; father, Mr. George W. Smith; brothers, Gordon T. Smith and Philip J. Smith; granddaughter, Christy Haynes; sons-in-law, Wayne " Haynes and Steven Smith. Funeral services Friday 10 a.m. St. Johns Episcopal Church. --Rev. Don Harrison officiating. Interment, 2 p.m. Andersonville National Cemetery, with full military honors. In lieu of flowers make donations to the American Diabetes Association. Howard L. Carmichael & Sons.

SWANSON

Mr. Carl DeWayne Swanson, age 41, of Dallas, Ga., died Thursday. Call Norman Medford for arrangements, 427-8447.

THOMASON

Mr. Olan Thomason, of 961 Desota St., N.W. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. from Springfield Baptist Church, Waverly Hall, Ga. Rev. R.L. Walker officiating. Interment, Pinegrove Cemetery. The family will receive friends in our chapel tonight (FRIDAY) -from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. He is survived by children, Bridgett Renae; Aldophus Dennis; Stacey and Roselee Thomason; several grandchildren; grandfather, Mr. Mack Whitehead; brothers, Mr. Mack Allen Pue; Mr. Henry. Whitehead; Mr. Kenny Thomason; sisters, Ms. Eunice Pue, Ms. Sannie Pearl Pue; and Ms. Carrie Thomas; a host of other relatives and friends. The cortege will leave from our chapel Saturday at 11 a.m. Hines.

THOMASON

Mrs. Jessie L. Thomason, of Mableton, died Wednesday. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Castellaw's Concord Chapel, with Rev-Jack P. Buice officiating. Interment, Stone Mountain City Cemetery. Survivors include six daughters, Mrs. J.C. (Lillian) Morris, Doraville; Mrs. G.H. (Marie) Taylor, Panama City Fla.; Mrs. Richard L. (Bobbie) Powell, Mableton; Mrs. Lamar (Linda) Mitchell, Woodes stock; Mrs. Jean T. Eunice, Waycross; Mrs. 39 Leroy (Carmen) Tatum, Ellijay; five sons, Mr. L.B. Thomason, Jr., Ellenwood; Mr. F.E. Thomason, Temple; Mr. Randall Lee Thomas son, Smyrna; Mr. Tommy L. Thomason, Jonesboro; one sister, Mrs. Geneva York, Mableton; 33 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren. Castel-. law Funeral Home, Smyrna, 435-9038.

THORNTON

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary L. Thornton will be held Saturday, March 28, 1987 at 2 p.m. from Hill Chapel Baptist Church, Greens boro. Rev. David Harper, officiating. Interment, Sawdust Cemetery. Survivors include at a la dear husband, Mr. Jimmie Lee Thornton, Sr.; ... two sons, Cedric J. Thornton and Jimmie Lee Thornton, Jr.; mother, Mrs. Juanita Redd; father, Mr. Doc Redd, Jr.; six sisters, Mr. and Mrs. MacArthur Giles (Jeannette), Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Crawford (Evelyn), Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mosley (Regina), Annie Lois Redd, Amanda Redd and Juana Redd; grandmother Mrs. Eula Redd; mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Thornton; father-in-law, Mr. John H. Thornton; four brothers-in-law, one sister-in-law, nieces nephews, uncles, aunts, other relatives and friends. The cortege will assemble at the residence of Mrs. Juanita Redd at 1 p.m. Watts -Union Point, 486-4557.

Mr. Willard L. Todd, Sr., age 61, of Austell died March 26, 1987. Funeral arrangements. later. Roy Davis Funeral Home, Austell.

Funeral services for Miss Willie Mae Turner, of 24 Howell St., N.E., will be held Saturday, March 28, 1987 at 2 p.m. from Allen Temple A.M.E. Church. Rev. Benjamin Gay officiating. ... Interment, Southview Cemetery. Miss Turnerwill be placed in state at the church at 12 noon until the hour of service. Survivors are_ = _ a loving and devoted sister, Miss Charlotte-Turner and a host of other relatives and friends. Pallbearers and flower ladies are asked to assemble at the church at 1:30 p.m. Relatives and friends will assemble at the above residence at 1 p.m. for the cortege. Murdaugh Bros., Morticians, 367 Parkway-Dr., N.E., 873-6539 or 6530.

Dea. Lewis J. Wadley, of 161 South Ave. S.E., the husband of Mrs. Ida Mae Wadley, the brother of Mrs. Martha Sanders, Mrs. Alice Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wadley, passed March 26, 1987. Funeral announced later. Pollard Funeral Home.

WEDDLE

Mrs. Josephine L. Weddle, of Dunwoody, died " March 25, 1987. Surviving are her husband, ... Lt. Col. Paul A. Weddle, Sr., Dunwoody; daughter, Mrs. Judith A. Eilers, Kennesaw son, Mr. Paul A. Weddle, Jr., San Juan Capistrana, Calif.; two grandchildren, Lisa and Drew Weddle, San Juan Capistrana. Funeralservices will be held Saturday, March 28 at 10:30 o'clock at Mt. McPherson Protestant Chapel. Chaplain Wayne C. King officiating. Interment, Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. The family will receive friends Friday evening from 7 until 9 at Oglethorpe Hill, H.M. Patterson & Son, 4550 Peachtree Rd.

WILBORN

Funeral services for Mrs. Sadie F. Wilborn, of 3920 Wisteria Lane, S.W., Atlanta, Ga., will. be held Saturday, March 28 at 2:30 at Andrews Funeral Home Chapel, 116 Ashby St.; www. N.W., Atlanta, Ga. Rev. Larry H. Williams officiating. Interment, Lincoln Cemetery. Survivors are six loving children, three daughters, Mrs. Eddie Will Harris (Kitty); Mrs. Evelyn W. with Mitchum (JoJo); Mrs. Palto Smith (Ronnie); three sons, Hilliard (Sonny); James, (Jack); -John Wilborn, Jr.; 19 grandchildren; 10 great: " Tel grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Julius Smith (Tot); one brother, James Ferrell, New York devoted cousin, Mrs. Arthur Parker (Lula"-Mae) in addition to a host of other relatives " " and friends. The family will receive friends Friday, March 27, 1987 at the home of Mr. 1 and Mrs. Eddie W. Harris, 3055 Benjamin E. Mays Dr., from 7 until 9. Please assemble of 3055 Benjamin E. Mays Dr., March 28 at 2 p.m. Andrews Funeral Home.