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Two former Iowa football players received payments from the sports agent, Norby Walters, while playing for the Hawkeyes in 1985, a university committee reported yesterday. National Collegiate Athletic Association rules prohibit an athlete from being represented by an agent until his or her eligibility is up. The rule specifically includes agreements that do not take effect until after the athlete's last game. The report from a three-member committee appointed by the university president, James O. Freedman, identified the players only as "Student A" and "Student B." But at a news conference to release the report, committee member David Vernon identified "Student A" was Ronnie Harmon, the former running back. Freedman organized the committee after published reports said Harmon, a first-round draft choice now with the National Football League's Buffalo Bills, received up to \$54,000 from Walters in 1984 and 1985. The committee report said it uncovered money orders from Walters to the two players, with Harmon getting a total of \$1,000 in four payments and the other player \$575.

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