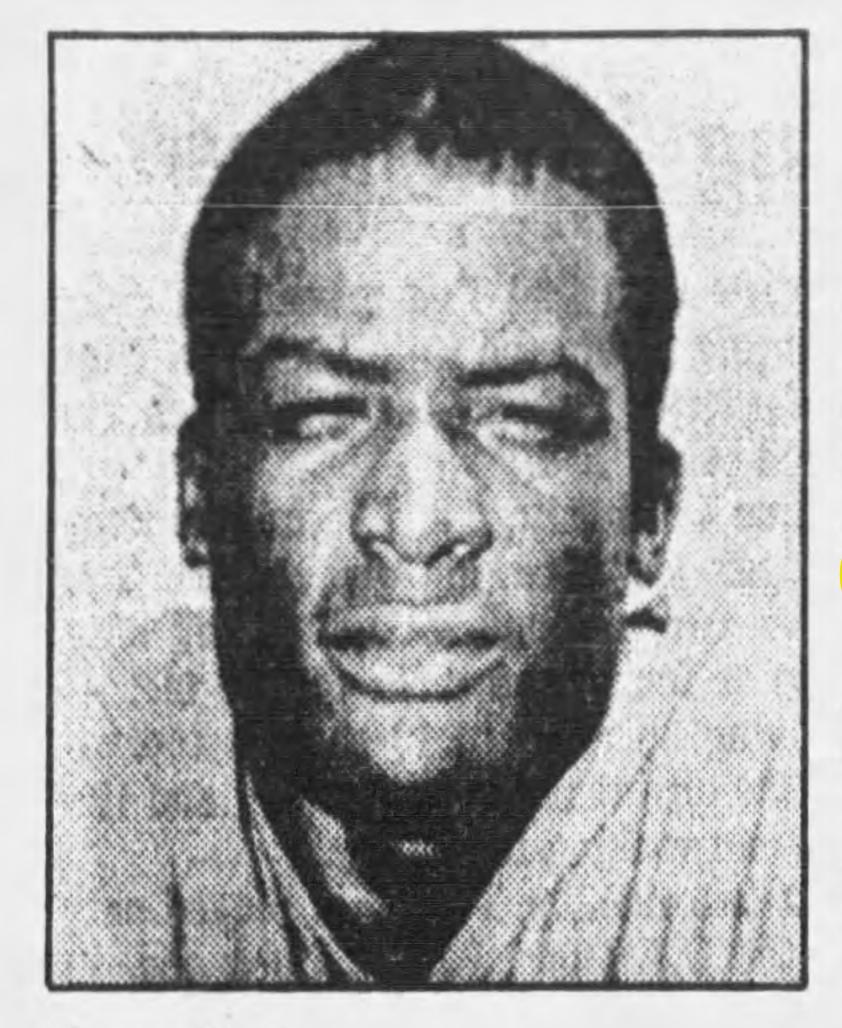
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[•] Texas rules Lott ineligible for taking \$800 from agents



James Lott

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

The University of Texas on Tuesday formally declared defensive back and three-time NCAA high jump champion James Lott ineligible in both football and track for accepting \$800 from sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd

"It seems ridiculous because it's an incredibly small amount of money," said Texas athletic director De-Loss Dodds. "But whether it was \$1 or \$800, it was wrong, and James knew better."

Lott officially becomes the sixth athlete to lose his senior season of

eligibility because of dealings with Walters and Bloom.

Dodds said Lott admitted on Friday that he had taken \$800 in cash from Bloom and signed a promissory note. However, Dodds said Lott claims he did not sign a representation contract; thus, Dodds said, it will be up to the NCAA to determine whether the school acted properly in ruling Lott ineligible.

"James' situation is different from that of other players because, as best we can determine, he did not sign a contract, only the note," said Dodds. "It's up to the NCAA now to determine whether we acted properly in this ruling. Since James did not sign a contract, the NCAA

may look at his case differently if he paid the loan back."

However, the standard promissory note that Walters and Bloom routinely had athletes sign in exchange for cash does raise the question of whether it is indeed a contract.

A copy of the note, obtained by The Atlanta Constitution, states, "As security for the obligation of the payor (Walters and Bloom) under this agreement and note, player hereby assigns, pledges and transfers to the company, and grants to the company, a security interest in all of the player's rights ... on behalf of any professional football team."

It also reads: "During the term of this agreement, player shall not assign, pledge or grant a security interest in any of his rights under the player contract to any third party."

Bloom said Lott signed the promissory note after his sophomore season. Bloom said he thought Lott received \$1,500, but he said \$800 "could have been (the) right" figure

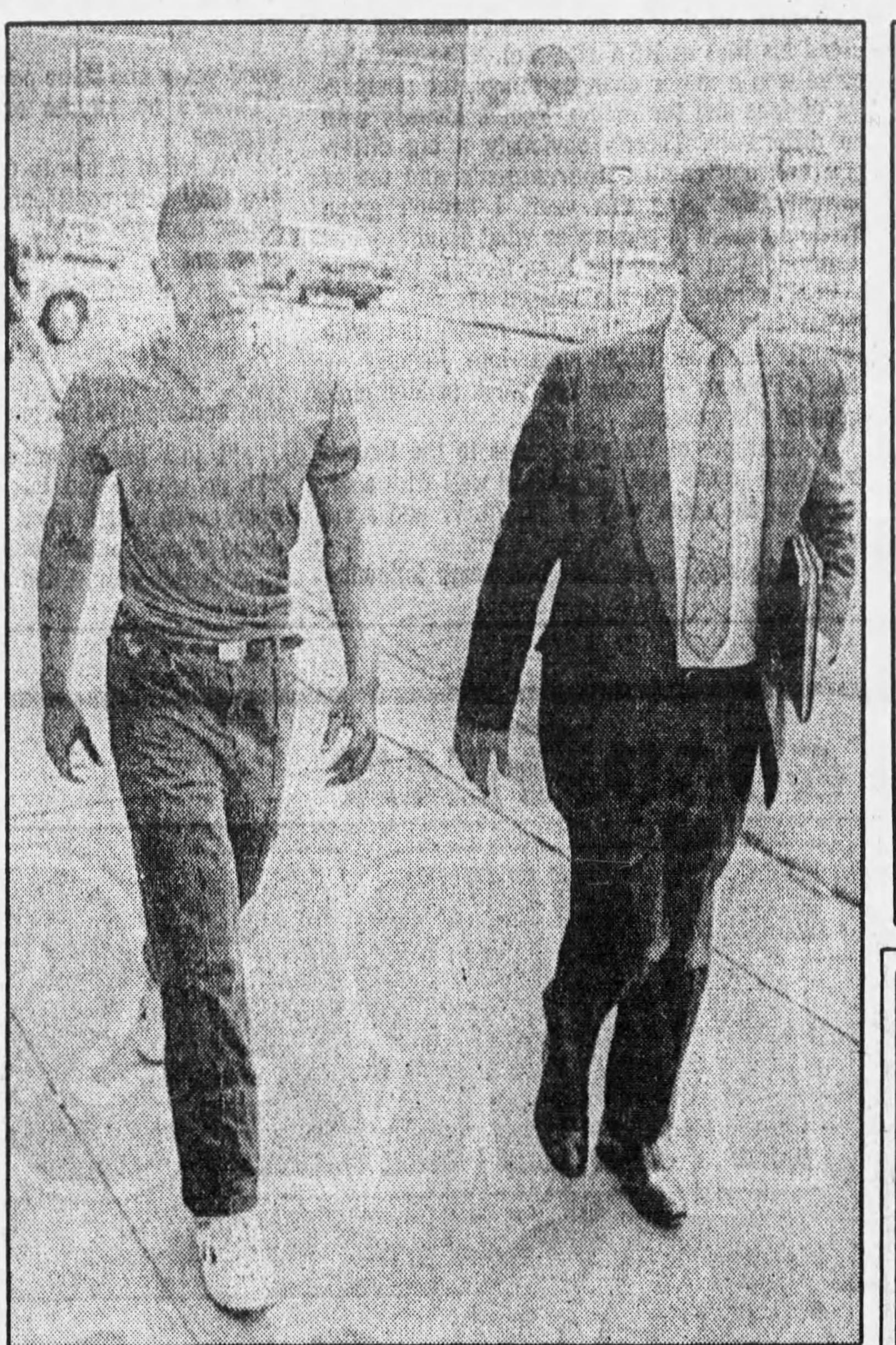
"I do remember that he received the smallest amount of money we gave anyone," said Bloom. "He was a track guy who decided to skip football (his junior season), so we dropped him."

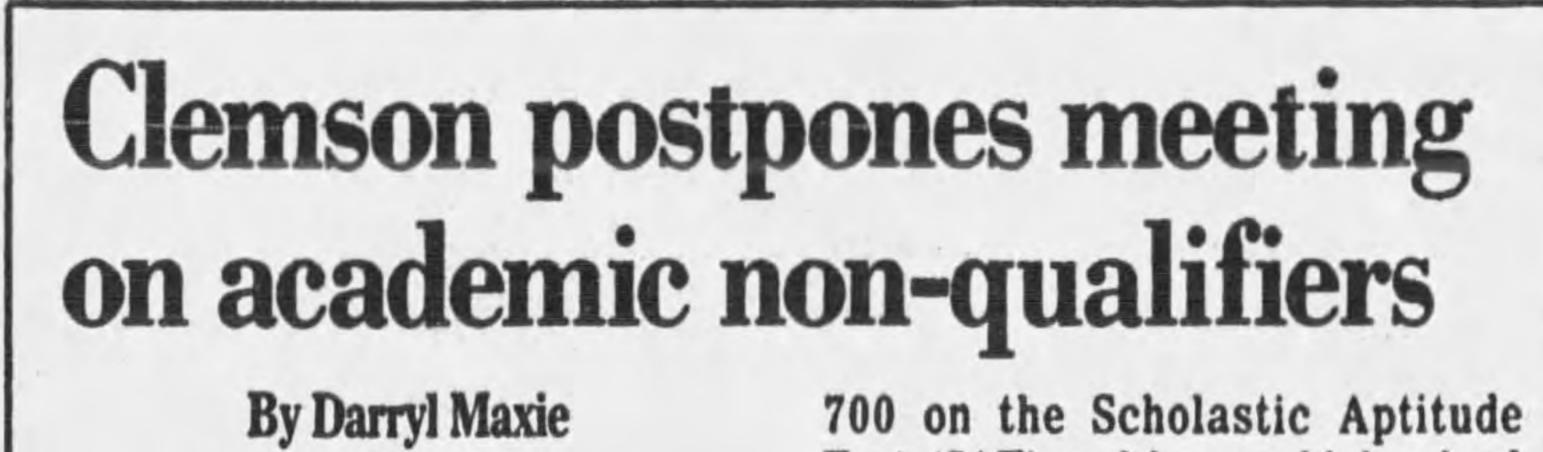
That is consistent with Lott's account, said Dodds.

"James said that Bloom flew to Texas to meet with Edwin Simmons and some other players, and that's when he took the money," said Dodds. "He remembers it well because he said Bloom asked him, 'Do you need any money?' Lott told him he could use \$800 because he had a car repair bill for \$790. So Lott said that Bloom just took the cash out of his pocket, peeled off \$800 and then had James sign a promissory note for it. James said he never heard from them again."

Dodds said he does not expect the NCAA to restore Lott's eligibil-

Rosenthal is named AD by Notre Dame





From Wire Reports

SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Richard Rosenthal, a former Notre Dame basketball player who spent two seasons in the NBA, Tuesday was named to replace Gene Corrigan as athletic director of the school.

Corrigan is leaving Notre Dame after 61/2 years to become commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Rosenthal, 54, has no previous experience as an athletic administrator. He retired last month after 25 years as president of the St. Joseph Bank and Trust Co. in South Bend

After graduating from Notre Dame, Rosenthal played for the Fort Wayne, Ind., Pistons of the NBA in the 1954-55 and 1956-57 seasons. He averaged 7.8 points in his first year with the team.

After leaving the NBA, he became an executive with Indiana Bank and Trust Co. in Fort Wayne. In 1962, he returned to South Bend as president of St. Joseph Bank and Trust Co.

Vandy's Newton tells Metro not to consider him for post

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Vanderbilt University's C.M. Newton said Tuesday he has told the Metro Conference selection committee not to consider him for the job of commissioner.

Two of Tennessee's recruits must sit out football season

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Two of Tennessee's top football recruits failed to meet NCAA academic standards and cannot play this season.

Anthony Morgan, a wide receiver from Cleveland, Ohio, and Mark Moore, a defensive lineman from Charleston, W. Va., failed to qualify under NCAA Proposition 48, which mandates minimum high school grade-point averages and minimum scores on college entrance exams.

Judge to player: Make team at Butler or go directly to jail

INDIANAPOLIS - A judge ordered Joseph Gillum, 19, to attend college football practice and either make the Butler University team or be jailed until school begins. Marion **County Superior Court Judge Thom**as E. Alsip issued the sentence to Gillum after finding him guilty of a misdemeanor for getting into a fight on the Butler campus July 27, 1986.

Alsip also ordered Gillum to spend the Thanksgiving, Christmas holidays and spring break in jail.

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Out on bond

RALEIGH, N.C. — Former North Carolina State quarterback Percy Moorman (left) leaves the Wake County Courthouse with new attorney Robert Smith. Moorman was released Monday on \$5,000 bond to await a new trial on rape and breaking and entering charges.

Staff Writer

A scheduled meeting was postponed Tuesday between Clemson football coach Danny Ford and the school's admissions department. The meeting is to determine whether the school will admit four academic "nonqualifiers" who have been signed to football scholarships.

"Coach Ford will meet with them one day this week," said **Clemson sports information direc**tor Bob Bradley, who added that he could not be more specific.

The four players did not meet the academic requirements of NCAA Bylaw 5-1-(j), which mandates that athletes score at least

Test (SAT) and have a high school grade-point average of 2.0 in 11 core subjects. If admitted, they would not be eligible to play as freshmen, but could earn eligibility by passing the required number of hours.

The four are David Gulledge, a quarterback from Pell City, Ala.; Kelvin Hankins, a consensus All-America tackle from Camden, N.J., and running backs Doug Bolin of Blacksburg, S.C., and Reggie Lawrence of Jacksonville, Fla.

The meeting is expected to include Ford, athletic director Bobby Robinson and director of admissions B.J. Skelton, who is also athletic Clemson's faculty representative.



Newton said he will remain at Vanderbilt as head basketball coach and associate athletic director.

"First, I want to continue to coach at Vanderbilt," Newton said. "We've really not finished the job we were hired to do, and that is to get this program competitive for a championship. That's an important and unfinished goal for me."

Newton said he also wanted to continue living in Nashville.

The position of Metro Conference commissioner has been vacant since earlier this year when incumbent Steve Hatchell resigned.

\$200,000 for Louisiana State University sports doesn't include a \$300,000 contribution to LSU's general fund, said athletic director Joe Dean. "Basically, we're broke in the athletic department," Dean said in a report to the LSU athletic council. ... If 7-foot-1 center John Pittman wins his NCAA appeal, he may still have trouble enrolling at the University of Kentucky, where he wants to play basketball. He does not meet the school's general scholastic requirements, and his case would have to be reviewed by an

academic exception committee. After Pittman was declared ineligible under NCAA guidelines, Terry High School in Rosenberg, Texas, filed an appeal on the grounds that a math course Pittman took was one of those required by the NCAA. .. Forward Matt Bullard, the University of Colorado's leading scorer and

rebounder last season, says he will transfer this fall to attend a school with a stronger basketball tradition. ... Memphis State will meet Florida in football for the first time in 1988. The two-game series will start with a game at Gainesville in 1988, and the Gators will travel to Memphis in 1989.



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