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"Whatever I asked for, I could get it," Maxwell is quoted as testifying before the grand jury. In further testimony, he estimated that he received approximately a thousand dollars a month from the coaches during a six-month period in his sophomore and junior years. Whenever he needed money, he "primarily went to Coach Towe and Coach Sloan . . . and used some of this money for cocaine," the motion said.

Defense attorneys Donald Bierman and Hugh Culverhouse Jr. filed the motion to dismiss a 21count, 94-page indictment that charges agents Gerald Gratenstein, Greg Latimer, John Kasbar and Glenn Haft - all officers in Professional Athlete's Financial Advisors Inc. (PAFA) of Hollywood, Fla. signed and paid athletes before their collegiate eligibility expired, a violation of NCAA regulations.

The agents' attorneys claim the government's case is invalid because the athletes were accepting money from coaches and thus already had forfeited their eligibility.

over Christmas which he thought came from Coach Sloan and Coach **Towe and Coach Ken McCraney as** a reward because he was a basketball player at the university."

In his senior year, according to the motion, Maxwell stopped receiving money from Sloan because the coach was "disappointed" and "because of the fact that I came up positive on the [drug] test," the motion

According to the motion, Maxwell tested positive for marijuana in his sophomore year, and during his junior and senior years tested positive for cocaine. The motion said Maxwell also used crack.

Maxwell also said he received money from Bobby McKibben, identified in the motion as a Florida alumnus who owned a construction site in Gainesville. "Anytime, you know, I needed some money, I could go out to this job," Maxwell is quoted as saying. "He owned a con-

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struction site. I could go out there. pulled him to the side and asked him for \$100, \$50, you know, whatever, and I could get it. And sometimes after we play a game, I ask him for some money. He'll give it to

Maxwell also received money while the team was in Las Vegas from another man identified as a Florida booster, Hubert Early, "to gamble with while we was out there."

For more than a year, the U.S. attorney in Tallahassee has been investigating possible drug use and drug sales by University of Florida athletes. The university also has been conducting an internal investigation.

The grand jury investigation subsequently included sports agents based in south Florida.

On May 22, the grand jury indicted the four agents on charges of racketeering, conspiracy, mail fraud

and wire fraud. The grand jury added tax charges to the indictment Sept. 8.

According to the indictment, PAFA agents signed and paid Maxwell and former Gator football players Charlton, Alonzo Mitz, Frankie Neal, Moten and Duhart. Former **Tennessee** State football player Onzy Elam also was named as a sig-

Duhart later transferred to Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Neal to Fort Hays (Kan.) State. All the athletes were unindicted co-conspirators.

Prosecutors in Florida patterned their indictment after the one written by U.S. attorneys in Chicago, who obtained convictions in April against sports agents No alters and Lloyd Bloom on similar counts. The government's contention: When eligible athletes sign with agents, schools lost control of their property, namely athletics

scholarships.

In addition to the charges brought against the agents, 11 persons were indicted on cocaine trafficking charges. At a bond hearing for six of those charged, a prosecutor said two of the men sold cocaine that eventually was purchased by University of Florida athletes.

Rick Swain, Maxwell's high school basketball coach at Gainesville Buchholz, said Tuesday that he knew nothing of payments by the University of Florida. He said the allegations in the motion surprised

Told of the amount of money Maxwell is said to have received, Swain said: "Then I wish he wouldn't have borrowed so much money from me when he was there. But the bottom line is that he was always broke. He was never flashing around any extra money he might have had. I'm shocked about that,

Florida coach Norm Sloan was implicated in ex-player Vernon Maxwell's testimony on payoffs.

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because that means I'm definitely in the dark about that."

Swain said he never was approached by college recruiters.

The agents are scheduled to go on trial Monday in Gainesville.

Maxwell concluded his Florida eligibility in 1988 and played this past season in the NBA with the San Antonio Spurs. He is the Gators' all-time leading scorer and the No. 2 scorer in Southeastern Conference history.

The motion, which relies heavily on grand jury testimony by Maxwell, other former Gators and federal drug investigators also says that:

Former football player Moten testified under oath that he took a drug test for teammate Alonzo Johnson, "a player who had a drug problem." Johnson later played for the **Philadelphia Eagles.**

Former Gator football player Clifford Charlton, now with the Browns, received Cleveland "around \$500" from former Florida linebacker coach Ty Smith, who sold Charlton's season tickets to fans.

Gator basketball player Stacey Poole, a freshman injured before last season, received money from Florida. Maxwell speculated it was from Sloan or Towe.

Moten, after he was out of school, received money from head football coach Galen Hall, some of which was delivered through Bo Bayer, identified as a former academic counselor and "heavy recruiter."

Moten also testified that teammate Tommy Duhart was "dealing

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crack and cocaine."

"When Maxwell signed with the University of Florida, he was asked by Coach Monty [sic] Towe how much money he wanted and he told Coach Towe a thousand dollars," according to the motion. "When he signed, he received 'a thousand dollars in an envelope from Coach Towe.' Coach Sloan was in the 'vicinity' but not in the room when Maxwell got the thousand dollars."

Sloan and Towe could not be reached for comment Tuesday. Said Hall: "The only reports I have received about this have been from the media, and I would rather study what was actually said before commenting."

Sloan and Towe both have testified before the grand jury, which began its investigation in June 1988.

Citing a federal judge's gag order, Towe's attorney, Larry Byrd of Sarasota, Fla., would not comment directly on the motion. He said: "Monte Towe is an honest, hardworking basketball coach who has done nothing in violation of the law or NCAA regulations."

Said Florida athletics director Bill Arnsparger: "I really am not up to date on what you're saying ... I just don't want to comment until I have been brought up to date."

According to the motion, Maxwell "received lump sums of money

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