

## and down season for the four-time Super Bowl champions, as they've struggled to a 4-4 record. A win only remedy for Steelers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Are the Pittsburgh Steelers — now But Noll was dissatisified with the entire performance, even losers of three straight — too old, too fat, too complacent, too though Pittsburgh gained 393 total yards and scored 26 points familiar or too hurt? Can the Steeler empire strike back? "We've got to. There is no choice," said coach Chuck Noll

earlier this week. "If we keep playing like we are, it's not good There were more questions than answers following a 27-26 loss in Cleveland that put Pittsburgh in a do-or-die situation. The Steelers are 4-4, trailing the Browns and Houston by a game in their division. But Noll says the only cure the ailing

Steelers need is winning. "We have to do what's necessary to get the thing untrackwe have to do is get a good game under our belt — several good

"That'll solve all the problems. If we have to go back to anything, we have to go back to a proper standard." Most of the critics pointed a finger at the Steeler defense for allowing Cleveland to bounce back from a 26-14 deficit in the fourth quarter. Brian Sipe shredded the Pittsburgh secondary for 348 yards while being sacked only once by a feeble pass

with quarterback Cliff Stoudt making his first start ever. "What it came down to," he said, "we just didn't play well position. There is another four-year that. I was going to keep on playing and enough in any area to win. . .that's offense, defense and the cicking game. We're going to have to improve every aspect of Sally Scheller — but since Scheller spent our football game.'

Noll refused to fix the blame, but he had no ready answer when asked how to revitalize the pass rush. "That's a good question," he said. "If you're not getting there, people can ascribe anything to it — bad foot, bad leg, playing her first three years as a and my broken jaw. I lacked confidence bad hamstring, bad knee, chronological age. You can use any ed,'' he said. "If we do that, there would be no problem. What excuse you want. "We've got to be more physical. When you're sweeper — a position she'd never played these upperclassmen, a little freshman. not 100 percent, it's tough to be physical. We've got to put our before. ears back and go after them."

Injuries have been decimating. The offense is playing with said. "I didn't know what to do. And my freshman." people like Stoudt, Smith, Bell, Hawthorne and Davis instead timing wasn't quite right. I was always a "I used to be real cautious; I wouldn't tent. And I think people are pretty confiof Bradshaw, Swann, Stallworth, Harris, etc. John Banaszak reinjured a hamstring, and Noll says the doctors think he'll be out for three weeks. Middle linebacker Jack

# after broken beginnings ...

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Terri Lovelace has played golf once in "I got hit by the ball," she said. "It split my face and shattered my jaw. It was the first time I played — the first and the last time, too." So when Lovelace graduated from Pit-

man High School in Pitman, N.J., and headed for Penn State to play field hockey, she started her freshman year of hockey practice with her jaw wired

"I hadn't eaten solid food for so long," Lovelace said. "I was weak, and it didn't help when I tried out." "She was in terrible trouble," Penn State coach Gillian Rattray said. "She was very, very weak. And I had sent her a brochure before the season started with the conditioning program in it, and she wrote back to me saying, 'I think you should know I'm not able to do some of those things because my jaw's wired

shut, and I'm on fluids.' "I felt so sorry for her. Here was a hockey player looking forward to trying out in her first year of college hockey. said to her, 'Don't worry about it.' And if I remember correctly, (when practice started) she had only had her wire off for one day. I told her to take it slowly. It

was a rather bad beginning." But not too bad. Lovelace said her injury didn't help her at tryouts, but it sense of confidence she showed to didn't hurt her that much either. When others, that overrode Lovelace's broken her freshman season started, Lovelace jaw as a freshman, Rattray said, and had earned a starting berth as a back in made her a starter. And in part, that's the Lady Lions' defense, and three years the way Lovelace sees it, too. later, as a senior, she's still there. Lovelace, playing at sweeper this

starter, four years in relatively the same starter on the team — senior center back her first year playing offense, Lovelace year much of a success. though. is the only one who is in relatively the same position she started in.

"Terri's very dependable," Rattray experience behind her, and she anticipates and positions well. Also, she's state title. . not as fast as some of the others. "That's not saying she's not fast, but a always there, ready and anticipating."

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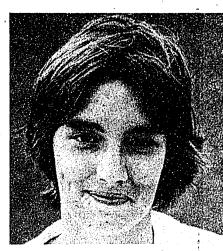
"I was always a hustler," she said. "I gave 100 percent. When I first came up. season, is about a month away from Miss Rattray kept telling me, 'If you get completing four years as a defensive dizzy or feel sick, sit down.' "But there was no way I was gonna do pull it out." Lovelace doesn't exactly consider that

"Until towards the end of the season," she said, "I didn't play up to my ability, The key word there is relatively. After all things considered — my weakness sideback, Lovelace was switched to in the beginning. I was out there with all Every time I made a mistake, they must really count on. "I didn't like it at first," Lovelace have been thinking, 'Oh, you stupid "I've got more confidence now," she

play all-out. I was too worried about dent in me. When I was a back, there was usually so-ting out and playing. Then one of the meone behind me backing me up. Now assistant coaches told me I'd better get I'm the last person before (goalie) Jean-moving or else I wouldn't be starting

Rattray said Lovelace was moved to she was used to playing championship sweeper because her style of play - hockey. She was a stalwart on her high calm, steady and reliable — is suited to school hockey team for four years, winn- suite ing four varsity letters at Pitman High. And three out of four years the team won said. "She has a lot of game sense and its league championship, and in her

When it came to colleges, Lovelace said she didn't really know where to go. 🙀 sweeper doesn't need speed. And Terri's She considered New Hampshire and Ursinus before choosing Penn State. These are the qualities, along with a "New Hampshire was probably my



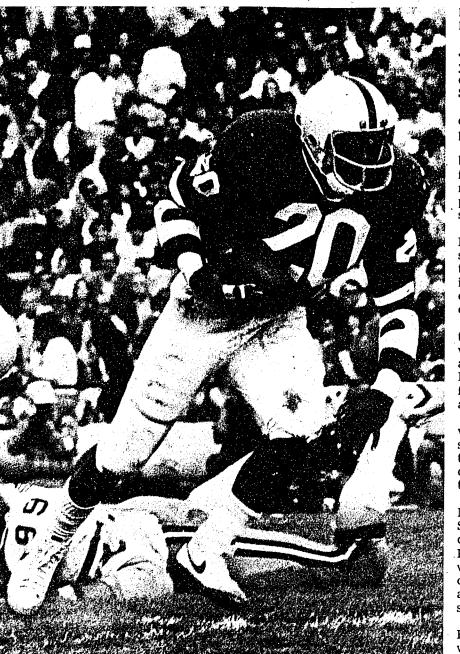
put me on a waiting list because my ap-

"I hated it here the first time up." she said. "My high school had 600 people in it, maximum. This place was so big and monstrous. I started to like it better spring term. And I had the hockey team. Now I love it."

In her four years at Penn State: Lovelace has seen the program "come so far so quickly." She's seen it develop into à national contender, She's seen herself develop as well.

said. "I consider myself fairly consis-

## Lovelace starts 4 years Meade, Coles Lions on the run



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Joel Coles came out of high school three years ago, they were like most of the other football players recruited by Penn State coach Joe Paterno. They both were highly sought by many

colleges in their home states and they Meade was a first team All-Delaware both his junior and senior seasons at fullback and was accorded honorable mention status in his sophomore campaign. He also captained the team his senior season at Dover High. Coles also received similar honors in

Pennsylvania. He earned first team allstate honors two straight seasons as a tailback at Penn Hills High School. During Coles' three-year career, the Indians compiled a 34-1-1 record and were state champions in his senior year. And naturally their credentials attracted many big-time schools. Meade

was contacted by national powers such as Michigan and Stanford as well as Penn State, while Coles received offers fromOhio State, Oklahoma, Tennessee and arch-rival Pittsburgh. Both Meade and Coles admit they were caught up in the last minute deci-

sion making process of what school to attend, but Meade said he made a prior committment to go elsewhere before actually deciding on Penn State. "I had unofficially agreed to go to Michigan and play for (Bo) Schembechler," Meade said. "I guess I decided to go there because a kid (Tony Kelsie) from a high school close to mine was going there. But then coach Paterno called me the night I made that decision

scholarship. "That's when I decided to come to Penn State. At the time I was 18 and I was really unsure of how to judge myself as to what program I would best fit into. "I just wanted to go to a major college power close to home," he said. "And I

thought this place was best suited for

Coles experienced many of the same frustrations his roommate did, but an earlier decision made his final choice that I wasn't going very far away,"

"And of course Pitt wanted me badly, but I didn't really like what (Jackie) Sherrill was telling-me about the program. He was really acting suspicious, like there was something he wasn't telling me. That's when I opted for Penn State because I felt it was the most logical choice at the time."

Meade and Coles are both juniors, and so far, they haven't had much of a chance to live up to their potential. Both have mostly been limited to reserve roles, although Coles started seven games on defense in 1979 before being switched back to tailback for last year's On defense, he had 12 unassisted and

four assisted tackles, while in limited dutyon the other side of the line, he rushed nine times for 31 yards. However, Coles didn't particularly like the situation. "At first, I was a little slow on defense because I hadn't played there since high school," he said. "I thought I was doing a decent job and was becoming a good defensive back, then I was switched back to offense."

But perhaps Coles' frustrations were relieved as a result of a play that occurred in the Lions' 9-6 victory over Tulane in the Liberty Bowl. He completed a 39-yard option pass to Tom Donovan that set up Herb Menhardt's winning field And last year. Meade carried 29 timesfor 121 yardsas a backup to Matt Suhey. He wasn't particularly pleased with lastseason either.

"It was a little disappointing, but I tried not to let it bother me, although that's difficult to do at times," Meade said. "After games, whether we won or not. I kind of felt somewhat hollow inside and told me I had won a Black Scholars because it seemed as if I wasn't contributing anything to the team." But both Meade and Coles have made significant contributions to the fate of this year's team, although both have again been forced to backup duty.

> Through seven games, Coles has rushed 50 times for 215 yards while Meade has logged 104 yards on 28 carries.Meade also collected his first collegiate touchdown in Maryland this season on a pass from running back Jon Had it not been for an injury suffered

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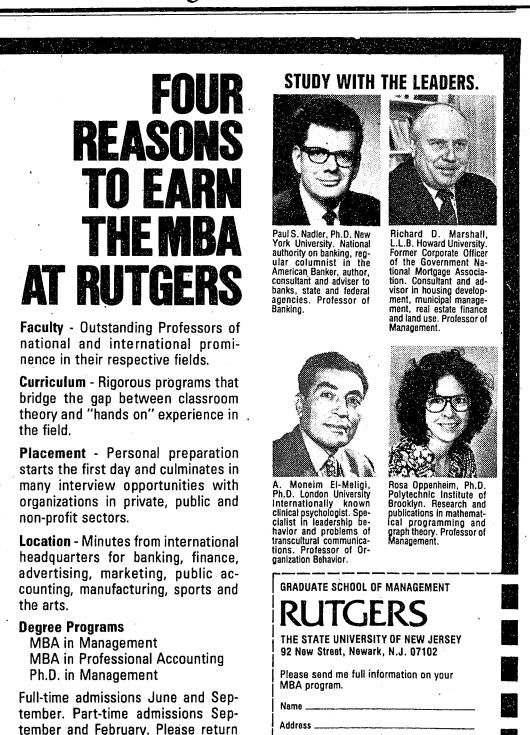
wasn't contributing anything to the team. -Mike Meade

'I pulled a groin muscle in late spring because of Booker's (Moore) size and experience at running back that he

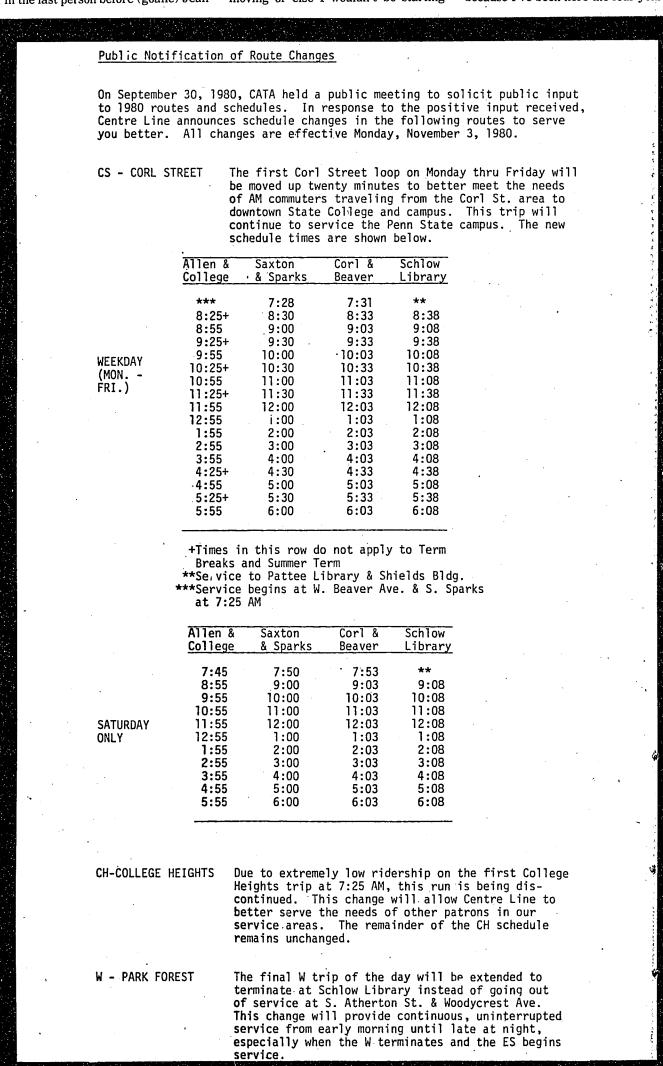
and at that time the staff realized that Meade when the time comes to get ready beyond me, we didn't have much ex- for the game, knowing that Warner and perience," Meade said. "So they felt Moore will be in the starting lineup. "Both Mike and I have to properly would be a good choice for the position." because we never know when we're go-"Since we already had Joel and Curt ing to get called upon," Coles said. "But Coles said. "I wanted to stay closeto in spring drills, Meade said he might (Warner) at running back, it made the when we do get the call, we got to

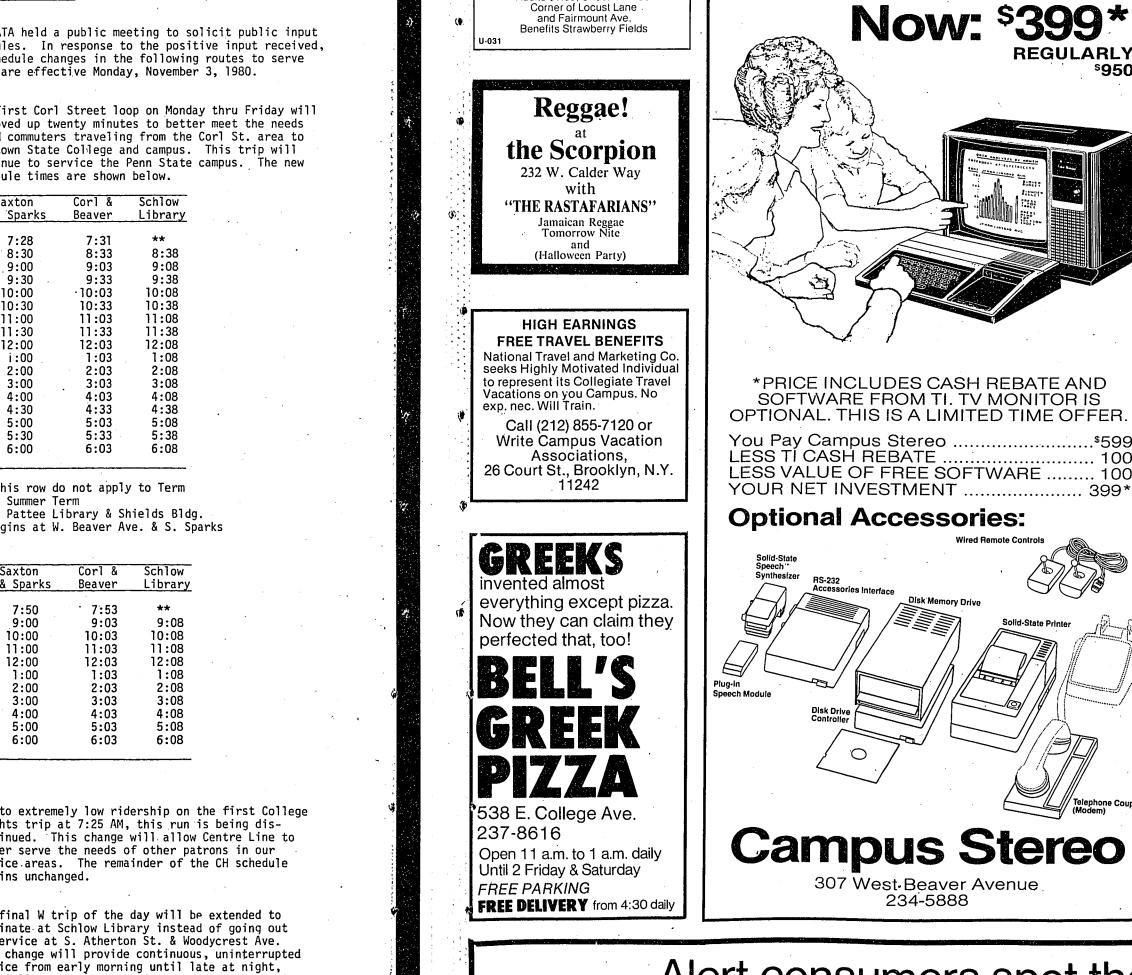
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