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NFC titles appear stable...

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Central Division.

Dolphins in the AFC East.

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The Dallas Cowboys, a wild-card playoff berth already assured, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers can clinch division titles in the National Football Conference with victories Sunday.

They would join San Francisco as NFC division champions, the 49ers having locked up the West title Nov.29. Last weekend's action eliminated only one team from playoff contention — the Los Angeles Rams. They lost to the New York Giants and fell to 5-9. They're out of the playoffs for the first time since 1972, the last time they

inished below .500. The Rams joined the Chicago Bears and the New Orleans Saints, each 4-10, as the only NFC teams out of the running.

Just two years ago, when the Rams won the NFC West and made it all the way to the Super Bowl (where they lost 31-19 to Pittsburgh), the Cowboys were the champions of the East and the Buccaneers, celebrating their "worst-tofirst" season, won the Central Division.

Dallas and Tampa Bay are poised, just one victory away, from winning those titles again.

The Cowboys are 11-3 and two games ahead of Philadelphia, whom they beat 17-14 Nov.1. And they face the only if all of the following occur: The Packers win their two visiting Eagles Sunday. The Eagles still can win the East games to finish 9-7, while Tampa Bay loses its two games title, while the three other teams in the division — the New against Detroit and San Diego, the Lions lose to Minnesota York Giants, St.Louis Cardinals (each 7-7) and Washing- (and beat Tampa Bay) and the Vikings lose to Kansas City ton Redskins (6-8) - are only in wild-card contention. after beating the Lions. That would leave the Bucs, Lions In the scrambled NFC Central, Tampa Bay is 8-6 and one and Vikings all at 8-8

The Pittsburgh Steelers, by losing Monday night at

The Steelers could have a 9-5 record, and would have

• It enabled the Bengals, 10-4, to stay two games up on

loss by Pittsburgh) will give the Bengals the division title.

Kansas City Chiefs and San Diego Chargers, and one game

behind the 9-5 Denver Broncos in the AFC West, and half a

game behind the 8-5-1 New York Jets, one game behind the

9-5 Buffalo Bills and 1¹/₂ games behind the 9-4-1 Miami

division title (remaining games in parentheses):

• It left the Steelers with an 8-6 record, tied with the

Oakland, helped out just about everyone but themselves in

the American Football Conference's scramble for playoff

But Oakland beat Pittsburgh 30-27, and:

game ahead of the Minnesota Vikings, Detroit Lions and Green Bay Packers. In the West, Atlanta is 7-7 and clinging to wild-card Here is a look at what each NFC team has to do (and

what help each needs) to win a division title (remaining games in parentheses); Dallas (Philadelphia; at New York Giants) clinches with a victory or a loss by Philadelphia.

Philadelphia (at Dallas: St. Louis) clinches by winning its remaining games, while Dallas loses its two. The Eagles and Cowboys would end up tied at 11-5 overall and 5-3 in division games. The Eagles would finish with a better NFC record, 8-4 to Dallas' 7-5.

Tampa Bay (San Diego; at Detroit) clinches with one more victory. A tie at the end of the season with any division contender would be broken in the Buccaneers' favor by virtue of a better conference record. The Bucs can do no worse than 8-4 to a possible 7-5 by Minnesota and Detroit and a possible 6-8 by Green Bay. Minnesota (at Detroit; Kansas City) clinches by winning its two remaining games, while Tampa Bay loses once.

Detroit (Minnesota; Tampa Bay) clinches by winning its two remaining games. Green Bay (at New Orleans; at New York Jets) clinches

.while AFC dogfight rages

one apiece. Buffalo (at New England; at Miami) clinches by sweeping its final two games.

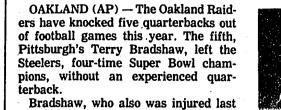
The Jets (at Cleveland: Green Bay) clinch if they win their remaining games and Miami and Buffalo lose one apiece. If they win their remaining two, they're assured of t least a wild card spot. Cincinnati (at Pittsburgh; at Atlanta) clinches with a victory of its own or a loss by the trailed first-place Cincinnati by one game in the AFC Steelers.

Pittsburgh (Cincinnati; at Houston) clinches only if it wins its two games and the Bengals lose their two. The teams would finish tied at 10-6 and the Steelers would get Pittsburgh. One more victory by Cincinnati (or one more the title based on a better division record, 5-1 to Cincinnati's 3-3. Denver (Seattle: at Chicago) clinches by sweeping its final two games.

Kansas City (Miami; at Minnesota) clinches by sweeping its two games, while Denver and San Diego lose one apiece. If Kansas City and Denver finish tied at 10-6, the Chiefs win the title based on a better conference record, 8-4. The Broncos can do no better than 7-5. • It kept alive the Raiders' hopes of reaching the San Diego (at Tampa Bay; Oakland) clinches if it wins

playoffs. Oakland is 7-7 and within striking distance of the its two games and Denver loses one. If San Diego and second AFC wild card berth, although it will take a near- Denver finish tied at 10-6, the Chargers get the title based on a better division record, 6-2. The Broncos can do no The weekend's action eliminated two more AFC playoff better than 5-3. If San Diego and Kansas City finish tied at contenders — Houston, 6-8, and Cleveland, 5-9. They joined 10-6, the Chargers win the title. Baltimore, 1-13, New England, 2-12, and Seattle, 5-9, on the Oakland (Chicago; at San Diego) can not win the

division title. The Raiders could finish tied at 9-7 with any Here is a look at what each AFC team has to do to win a of the other three teams but would lose out either on head to-head competition or by virtue of a poorer division



year in a game against the Raiders, joined Steve Dils of Minnesota, Gary Danielsen of Detroit, Bill Kenney of Kansas City and Jim Zorn of Seattle as starting quarterbacks hurt by Oakland durinng the 1981 season.

Bradshaw went out with a broken hand on the Steelers' first possession of the second quarter, one series after the 12year veteran had thrown a 5-yard touchdown pass to tight end Bennie Cunningham, giving Pittsburgh a 7-0 lead over the Raiders in a nationally televised game Monday night.

Bradshaw's injury, which will keep him on the sidelines for at least four weeks, forced Pittsburgh to turn to inexperienced second-year pro Mark Malone who, despite a fine effort, failed to overcome Oakland, which won the game 30-

For Pittsburgh, 8-6, the loss was devastating on two counts. The Steelers fell two games behind Cincinnati, their next opponent, with two games to play and should something happen to Malone, they would be without a quarterback. Pittsburgh's Cliff Stoudt, the ex-backip, suffered a broken arm this year when he hit a punching bag in a bar. "I don't know who we would have we lost," he said. "I would be surprised if tions, one by Lester Hayes with five

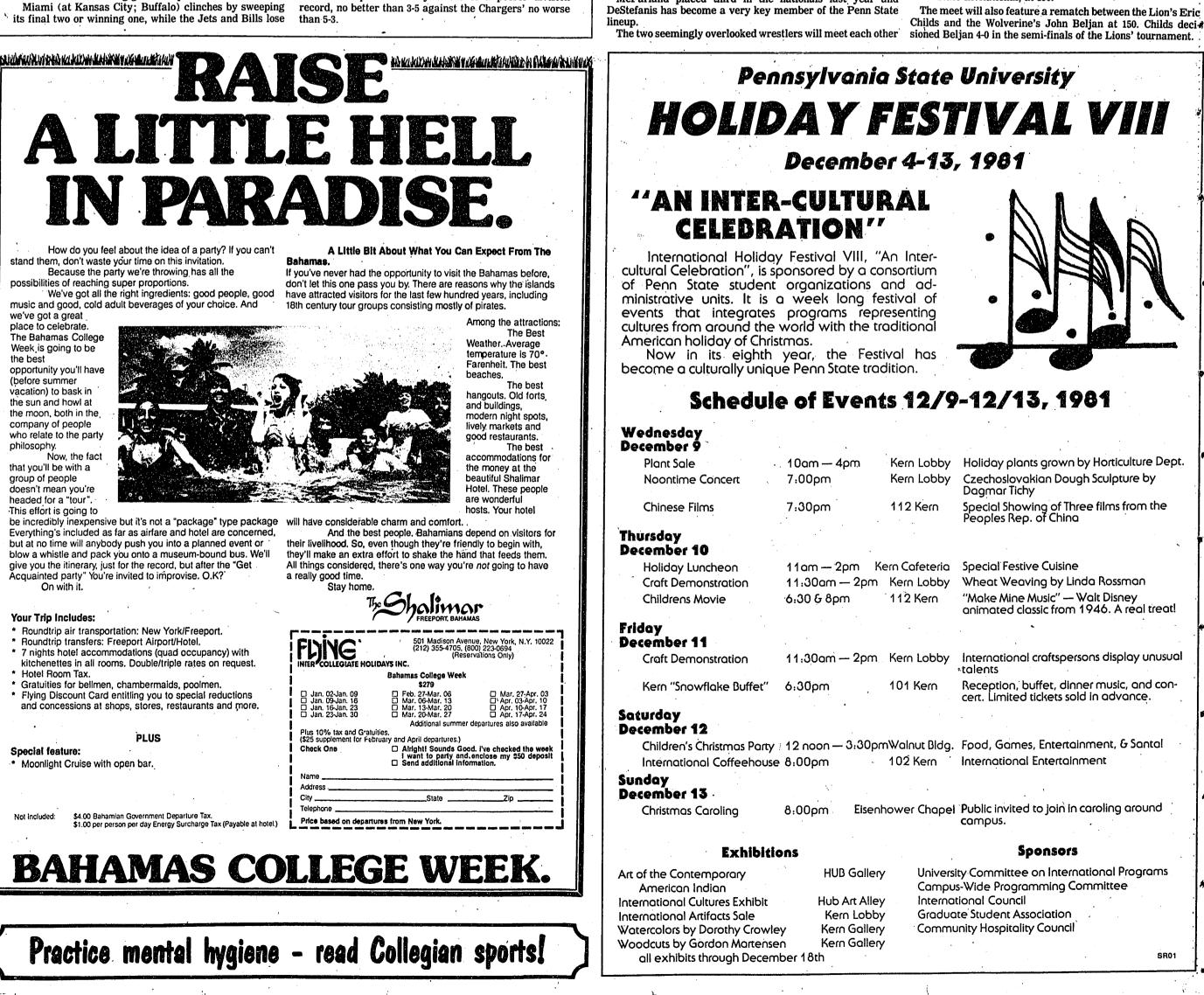
played if Mark was injured," Pittsburgh we let down now. Mark earned the re- minutes remaining, hurt the Steelers.

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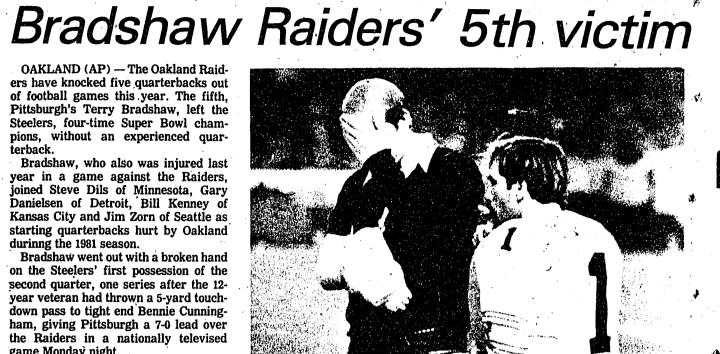
Daily Collegian Sports Writer Two years ago Penn State head coach Rich Lorenzo, and his counterpart at Michigan. Dale Bahr, were searching for a 118pound wrestler to fill a void in their lineup. At the top of their recruiting list was a youngster by the name of Barry Davis. Davis visited each school but eventually chose Iowa. As a result, Lorenzo and Bahr moved down the recruiting list to their second choices, but once again, they had no luck. This procedure continued until both coaches arrived at their No. 4 choice, Joe McFarland. Bahr came away with the prize as match against McFarland as he fell behind 4-1 in the first

promptly moved down the list another spot and went after Carl this time, McFarland was the aggressor. And the Nittany Lions finally had their 118-pound recruit when the two-time state champion from Locust Valley High School in Bayville, N.Y., chose Penn State.

unable to obtain one of their top three choices, they are more McFarland placed third in the nationals last year and



McFarland decided to enroll at Michigan, while Lorenzo period. Usually, DeStefanis comes out very aggressively, but



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw, with his injured right arm in a cast, talks to place kicker Dave Trout during Monday night's 30-27 loss to the Oakland Raiders in Oakland. Bradshaw will be sidelined a minimum of four

Coach Chuck Noll said. "We were looking spect of our football team." for volunteers." Bradshaw. with his hand in a sling, overcoming his injury.

Malone finished the game as Pitts thought the Steelers were capable of burgh's leading rusher with 29 yards and completed 17 of 27 passes for 244 yards "The team is down right now because and three touchdowns. But two intercep-

Matmen look to decision Michigan

Wolverines tonight in Ann Arbor, Mich.

for the second time this season when the Nittany Lions face the

McFarland pinned DeStefanis, on his way to the

Michigan will also feature another Penn State Invita-

championships, Saturday in the semi-finals of the Penn State

tional champion in heavyweight Eric Klasson who easily.

DeStefanis was unable to take control of the championship

The fiesty Wolverine kept the pressure on and led 7-2 after

two periods. He then pinned DeStefanis a minute and two

defeated Syracuse's John Dougherty 8-1 in the finals.

manage to recruit

seconds into the final period. The irony of this recruiting tale is, despite both coaches being Another key match in the meet will feature Michigan's Pat McKay, who finished eighth in nationals last year. He will battle against the Lions' Joel Johnson, who placed second at the Penn State Invitational, at 190. The meet will also feature a rematch between the Lion's Eric

'Were the Phillies mugged?' baseball experts question

By RALPH BERNSTEIN AP Sports Writer

tion being asked at baseball's annual will reach his potential with a good team potential of players in the Philadelphia meeting by some baseball experts is behind him. whether the Philadelphia Phillies have had their pocket picked in recent deals. Keith Moreland and pitchers Dickie who did not figure in our plans." Noles and Dan Larson to the Chicago Cubs yesterday for pitcher Mike Krukow "I think Philadelphia has the horses, it's just been a matter of a few pitchers and a player to be named later.

It followed Sunday's sale of veteran catcher Bob Boone for a reported \$250,-000 to the California Angels. Before the Phillies came to Florida for the yearly bartering session, they dealt

catcher Bo Diaz. Smith and Moreland had been considered stars of the future. Noles and Larson both showed potential. Boone still is

an excellent defensive catcher Paul Owens, Phillies' general mana strong arm that will cut down the base stealing that hurt the Phillies last season. He also is supposed to have interest in had a strong arm, but said the former American Leaguer has trouble catching

the hall Smith demonstrated the ability to hit 300 or better, is an exceptional runner, and the type of player who seemed to make things happen. He's a crowd pleas-

Moreland also is a fine offensive player with the potential to drive in 100 runs. He still is learning the mechanics of catch-

The Phillies need pitching to remain a contender in the National League East, and Owens said he expects Krukow to win 15 to 18 games.

"I knew we would have to give up an Green said of Moreland, "I think he's a awful lot, but I think we have the depth to The Phillies traded young catcher do it." Owens said. "We traded players who need to be consistent." Krukow said.

"I feel I can fill that void." 'I'm psyched...are you kidding?' added the 29-year-old pitcher in a telephone interview from Chicago. "The putfielder Lonnie Smith to Cleveland for prospects of going to what I think is the most talented organization everyday

playerwise in the National League. . . it's a tremendous challenge." the pitcher Owens says he isn't through dealing

He reportedly is trying to obtain pitchers reger, defends the deals. He said Diaz has Vern Ruhle from Houston and Mike Cald-he's "going to a team that's in the rewell of Milwaukee

One baseball source agreed that Diaz Toronto outfielder Barry Bonnell, a former Phillie The Phillies' bait for Ruhle and Cald-

well could be outfielder Garry Maddox, infielder Luis Aguayo and Ryne Sandberg.

If Maddox, a gold glove center fielder, is dealt, the Phillies probably would go with rookie Bob Dernier, one of their top prospects. Or Bonnell, if they can get

deal with the Cubs between Owens and Dallas Green, who resigned as manager of the Phillies in October to become vice president and general manager in Chicago.

Krukow was 9-9 last season for a poor Green was Phillies' farm director be-Chicago team and is 45-50 in his career. fore becoming manager at the tail end of HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) - The ques- Owens' theory is that the righthander the 1979 season. So. he knows well the the

> good offensive baseball player who will fill a void in the Cubs' organization. He's versatile since he can play third and first base and the outfield.

> "It is no secret I like Keith Moreland." "I expected this to happen." the 27vear-old catcher said after learning o the trade. "I'm glad to go somewhere where they think I can do the job." Green said Noles "is a good, hard-nose kid who only needs to develop consisten-

Larson just came on the last few years and added a slider that has made him a much better nitcher. Larson, 3-0 during the 1981 season. said building and I'm happy to be part of

that " He said he is pleased about going to work for Green again and looks forward to a position in the starting rotation. "There were times when I wondered how much he (Green) really thought

about me, but I think I've convinced him over the last year or so I can pitch in the 'major leagues," Larson said. Ruhle won 12 and lost 4 in 1980, and was

4-6 last season for pitcher-rich Houston. Caldwell won 22, 13 and 16 for Milwaukee the last three seasons. Bonnell has a lifetime .268 batting average in four major league seasons.

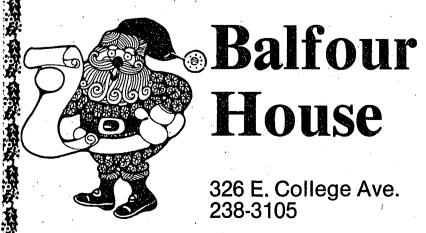
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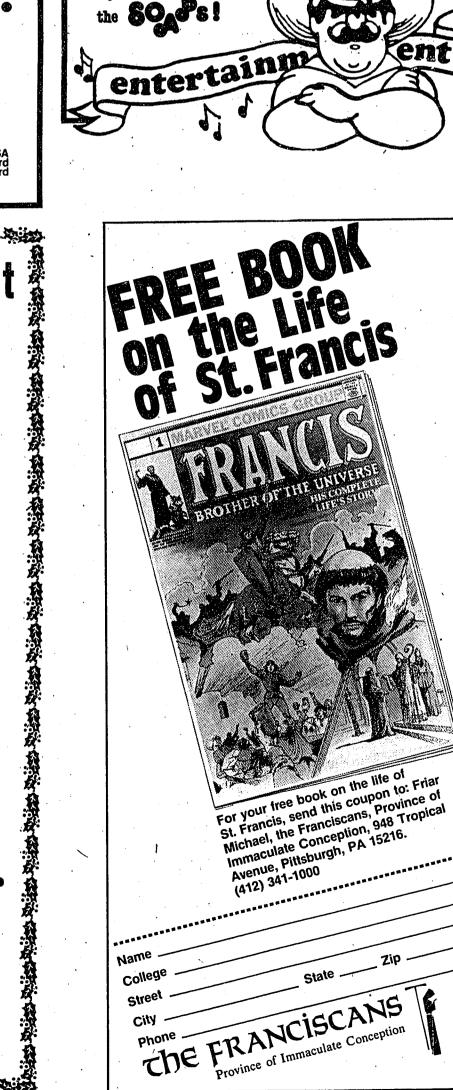
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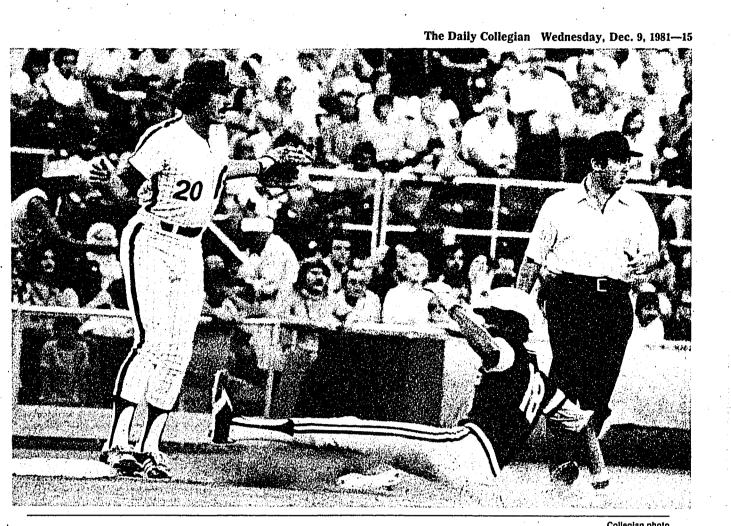
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Philadelphia's Mike Schmidt (left) was awarded a Gold Glove by the Sporting News yesterday as the National League's outstanding third basemen. The Phillies also made another major trade at baseball's winter meetings

Schmidt captures 6th Gold Glove

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Third baseman Mike Schmidt of the Philadelphia Phillies and outfielder Dwayne Murphy of the Oakland A's are top vote-getters on Gold Glove major league teams announced yesterday by the Sporting News. Schmidt, the National League's Most Valuable Player, earned his sixth straight fielding award. Major league manage-

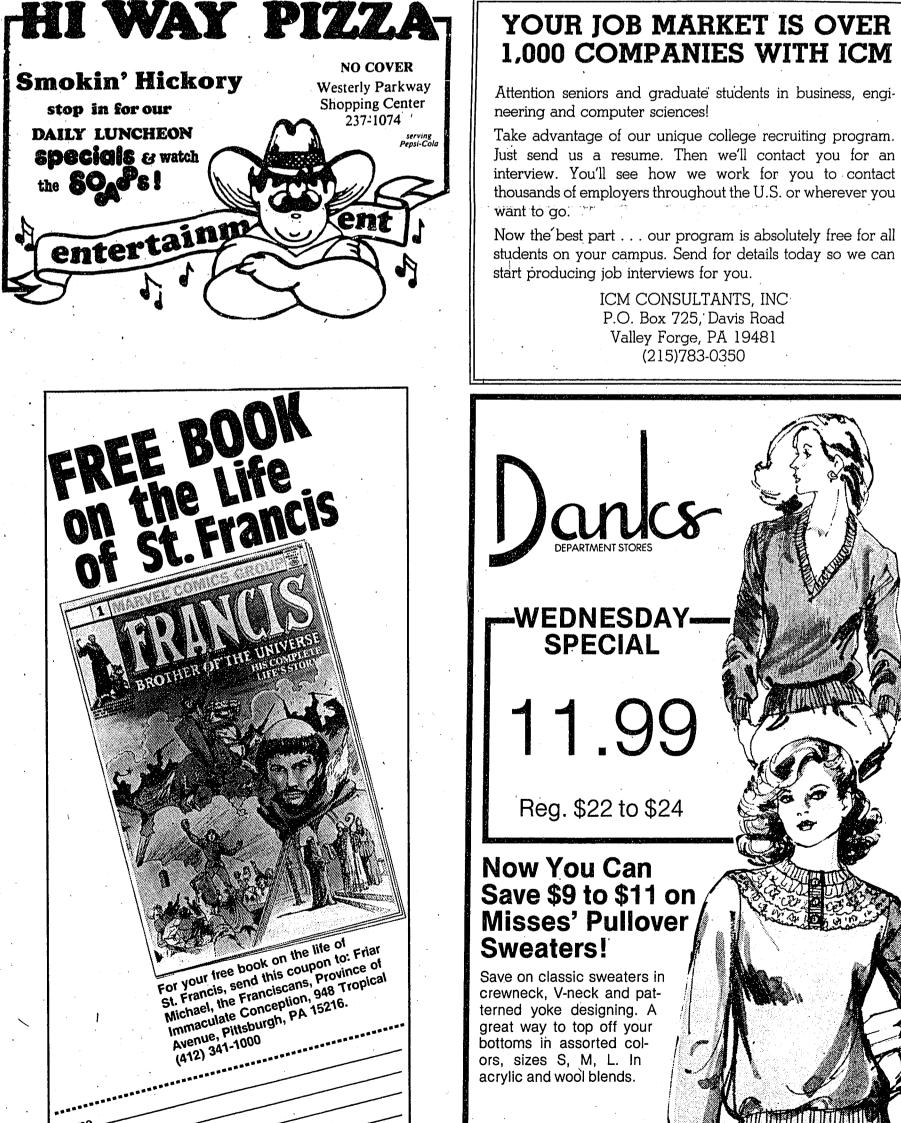
rs and coaches selected the teams, sponsored by Rawlings Sporting Goods NL selections also include left-hander Steve Carlton, choser for the first time, and outfielder Dusty Baker of the world

champion Los Angeles Dodgers. Carlton outpolled veteran St. Louis Cardinals left-hander Jim Kaat by a single vote. In the American League, the first-time

award winners are first baseman Mike Squires of the Chicago White Sox and outfielder Rickey Henderson of Oakland. Catcher Jim Sundberg and third baseman Buddy Bell of the Texas Rangers were selected to the AL team for the sixth and third year in a row respectively Second baseman Manny Trillo and outfielder Garry Maddox

join Carlton and Schmidt as Philadelphia Gold Glove representives on the NL team. First baseman Keith Hernandez of the St. Louis Cardinals

was chosen a fourth straight time. Additional NL Gold Glove winners are shortstop Ozzie Smith of the San Diego Padres and outfielder Andre Dawson and catcher Gary Carter of the Montreal Expos



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