## Cagers drop to last place

Graves' 23-point effort not enough against UMass players from Penn State's frontline,

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Despite a career-high 23 points by Terry Graves, 17 of which came in the second half, and a strong performance by David Griffin (18 points), the men's basketball team bowed to the Massachusetts Minutemen 88-81 Saturday night at Curry Hicks Cage in Amherst. Mass.

The loss marks the ninth straight for the Lions and their seventh straight in the Atlantic 10 Conference. Penn State, which had a record of 5-6 overall and 3-2 in the division just a few weeks ago, now owns sole position of last place in the Atlantic 10 with a 3-9 record. It also boasts the worst overall record (5-15) among

Atlantic Ten teams. UMass is not a basketball powerhouse itself, however. The Minutemen were 8-11 overall and 4-7 in the conference going into the game and with a victory, Penn State could have lack of it, by Penn State made things pulled into a tie for ninth place with

The Lions never led in this game, however, and as in so many other go in. games in this long streak they put hemselves' in the hole in the first the Minutemen a 48-35 lead at the half half. Penn State's second half effort and it looked as if that margin would have pulled this one off, but in the for a comeback fell short again.

This time it was the inside game that got the Lions in trouble. The The Lions trailed by 13 or more The Lions trailed by five 86-81, with UMass front line (which consisted of points for more than 15 minutes in the 13 seconds left but UMass connected Edwin Green, John Hemple and Ho- second half. With just 5:36 remaining on two free throws and sealed the race Neysmith) outscored the four the Minutemen boosted their lead to victory 88-81.

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(Graves, Griffin, Dick Mumma, Marshall Grier) by a 28-16 count. In addition to the UMass domination underneath the basket, the Lions

were victims of their usual blunders turnovers and poor rebounding. Penn State turned the ball over 13 times in the first half alone. Head Coach Bruce Parkhill felt that was the worst of all the evils in the first

twenty minutes of play. "In the first half, our main prob- near the end of the second half. lems were on offense," he said. "We they scored probably 10 points on fast break baskets off turnovers.'

the first half for the Lions. Parkhill said the rebounding, or

that much worse because the Minutemen were getting second and third chances when their first shots didn't

All these factors combined to give remain as large throughout the books it just goes down as another

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But that's when then the UMass domination ended. Things started to go sour for the Minutemen and Penn State slowly found itself with a chance to win the game.

With six minutes left in the contest Neysmith fouled out for the Minutemen. Green, who had 10 points in the first half and finished the game with 16 points, 14 rebounds, and four blocked shots, cooled off significantly

On the otherside of the court things couldn't run our offense, we were started to look good and Penn State turning the ball over too much, we was getting hot. Graves went on his were impatient. And the results were scoring rampage in the second half and also finished with six rebounds. Other factors began to contribute to UMass outrebounded Penn State the Lion comeback and before long 22-15 in the first half. But even more (1:06 remaining) they only trailed by alarming, however, was the fact that five 82-77. UMass got into foul trou-6-10 Dick Mumma had no rebounds in ble. the Lions began to rebound (Jim Forjan came off the bench to grab 10 and Penn State outrebounded UMass 44-41 overall despite the unproductive first half) and when given the oppurtunity to put the game out of reach UMass foul shooters missed.

> In the end, however, Penn State ran out of ticks on the clock. Given another two or three minutes they might

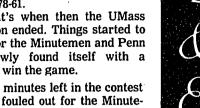
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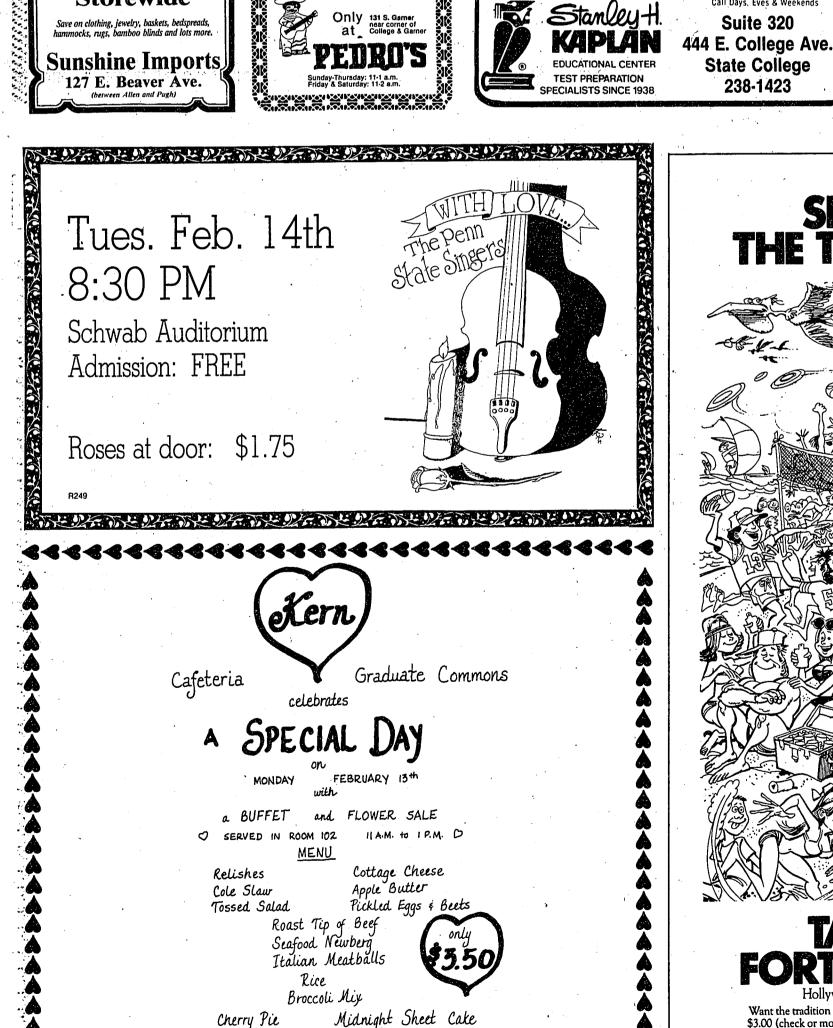
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