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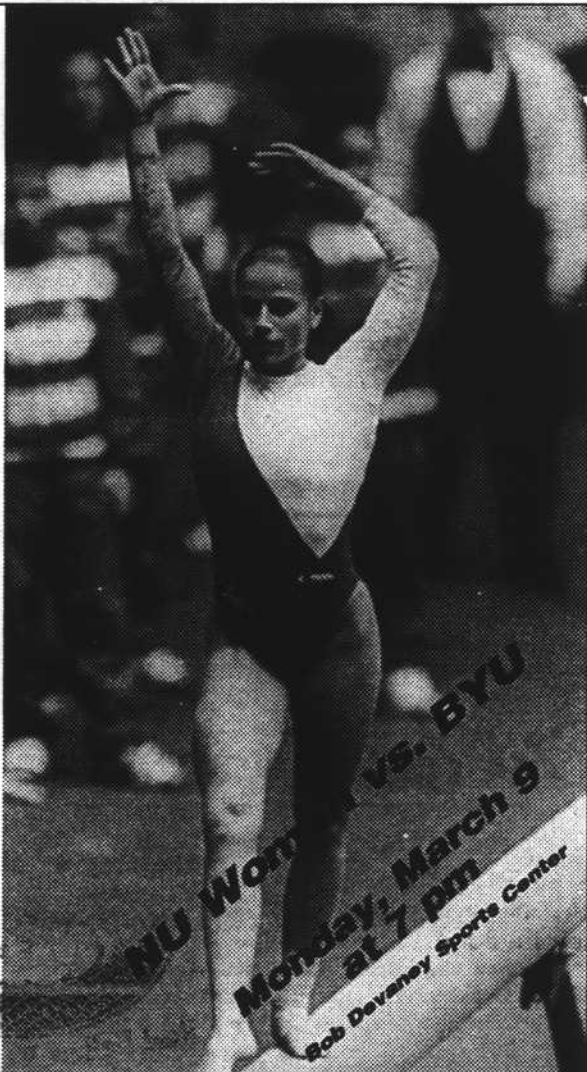
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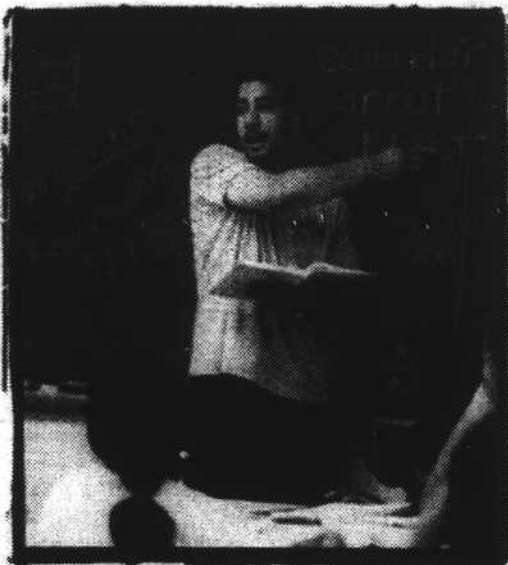
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Malaysian celebration warms snowy evening

By KIM SWEET
Staff Reporter

The snow fell Saturday night, but those in the Nebraska Union were carried away to a blue-skied, warm weather paradise - Malaysia.

Though the only blue skies and tanned bodies present were those shown briefly in a slide show, Dr. Van Den Berg, adviser to the Nebraska University Malaysian Student Association, urged attendants to use their imaginations.

"I was looking forward to this nice, warm environment," Den Berg said. "Think of palm trees and warm weather."

The 450 attendants were given great opportunity to pretend. Entertainment took the audience to Malaysia, showcasing its mix of Indian, Chinese and Malaysian cultures, represented with pieces like a Chinese opera, traditional Indian dance and the piece "Dikir Barat," performed with Malay instruments.

The food also reflected Malaysia's diversity. Guests enjoyed authentic fare, including Malaysian Satay beef and Chinese pork steak.

Guests of Malaysian students were able to fully absorb Malaysian culture, said Poshia Korber, a senior mechani-

cal engineering major.

"I have a couple of friends from Malaysia," Korber said. "I wanted to learn about the culture."

NUMSA president Cheryl Benois Marie was impressed with the turnout.

The evening was delayed one half-hour to give guests a chance to arrive in time for the festivities.

Malaysian night was the culmination of months of planning by NUMSA and organizations helping to fund, plan and entertain.

NUMSA members had the stress of strained economies in their country, which caused problems raising money.

"Initially, we had problems because our country is having economic problems," Benois Marie said. "We couldn't ask for support there, so we had to ask here."

The economic strain made it difficult to recruit entertainers.

"Performers were working more hours, leaving them less time to practice," Benois Marie said.

Once the night was over, people returned to the snowy-reality.

"It was an eye-opening excursion into the Malaysian experience," said Olusegun Okubanjo, a law student.

Afterwards, Okubanjo had other things on his mind - how to get home.

"I think I am going to cross-country ski."

Snow forces Lincolmites to bundle up

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forced into an overnight stay in Lincoln. Two airlines announced the cancellation of most of their flights Sunday.

John Kennedy, Lincoln Municipal Airport terminal services manager, said all United Airlines and Trans World Airlines flights were canceled, and some Northwest Airlines and US Airways flights were canceled.

As of Sunday afternoon, all of today's flights were scheduled to arrive and depart.

Powers, the National Weather Service forecaster, said temperatures in the next few days will be colder than normal with highs in the mid-40s. Temperatures below freezing are expected until Thursday, when the weather will warm up and more precipitation is expected.

Tour to combat 'calcium crisis' on campuses

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This year is the second year for the nationwide collegiate mustache contest, Hyland said. The tour didn't visit UNL last year.

Hyland said the focus of the tour is to educate college students about the health benefits of drinking milk.

"A national survey found that students leave milk behind with Mom," he said. "We want to let college students know that they should still be drinking milk."

Susan Drew, a registered dietitian in Chicago and UNL alumna, said in a statement that milk is one of the best dietary sources of calcium.

"There's a real calcium crisis on college campuses across the country," Drew said.

Students should drink more milk to reduce the risk of bone injury now and osteoporosis later in life, she said.

"It's healthy and you need it all throughout life," Hyland said, "not just when Mom gives it to you."

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