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Is censorship threatening the first amendment?

Meese, Strossen to open second half of Speaker Series with debate

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The argument on censorship and its role in America comes to Behrend tonight as Edwin Meese

University of California at Berkeley, has served in a wide variety of fields. He was vice president of a leading aerospace and transportation technology company, a practicing private

Foundation and the Hoover Institution, and is a nationally syndicated columnist.

One year ago, The American Civil Liberties Union elected Nadine Strossen its first female



Tonight's debate centers on whether censorship impinges on the First Amendment or protects Americans from immoral language.

III and Nadine Strossen debate "Clamping Down on Censorship" at 8 p.m. in Erie Hall.

From his days as a District Attorney in California to his three-and-a-half year term as the head of the Justice Department, Meese has been repeatedly in the news, leaving his mark on America. Meese, who holds degrees from both Yale and the

attorney and a faculty member at the University of San Diego before becoming the nation's 75th Attorney General.

It was in this last capacity that Meese made his most lasting contributions to this country. Dozens of espionage arrests, a western world united against terrorists, increased drug enforcement and education efforts are all results of Meese-Heritage

president in the organization's 71-year history. Strossen, a professor of constitutional law, Federal courts and human rights at New York Law School, has served the A.C.L.U. as a board member since 1983 and as a general counsel since 1986. She has taught at Columbia and New York law schools and practiced commercial litigation at several

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Handicap accessibility at Behrend

New buildings to have improved facilities

by Mark Owens
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Handicapped access -- how much is there at Behrend?

Depending on where you look, buildings are either difficult or easy to gain access to, especially from a wheelchair-level view of the world. While many of the older buildings on campus have been retro-fitted to accommodate wheelchair users, some have expressed concerns that Behrend's new buildings should be more accessible.

To be certain, physically challenged students have proven that they can get along just fine

in a university setting -- not to mention anywhere else. And while there aren't that many physically challenged students at Behrend, administrators want to make sure that when those numbers increase, Behrend is ready.

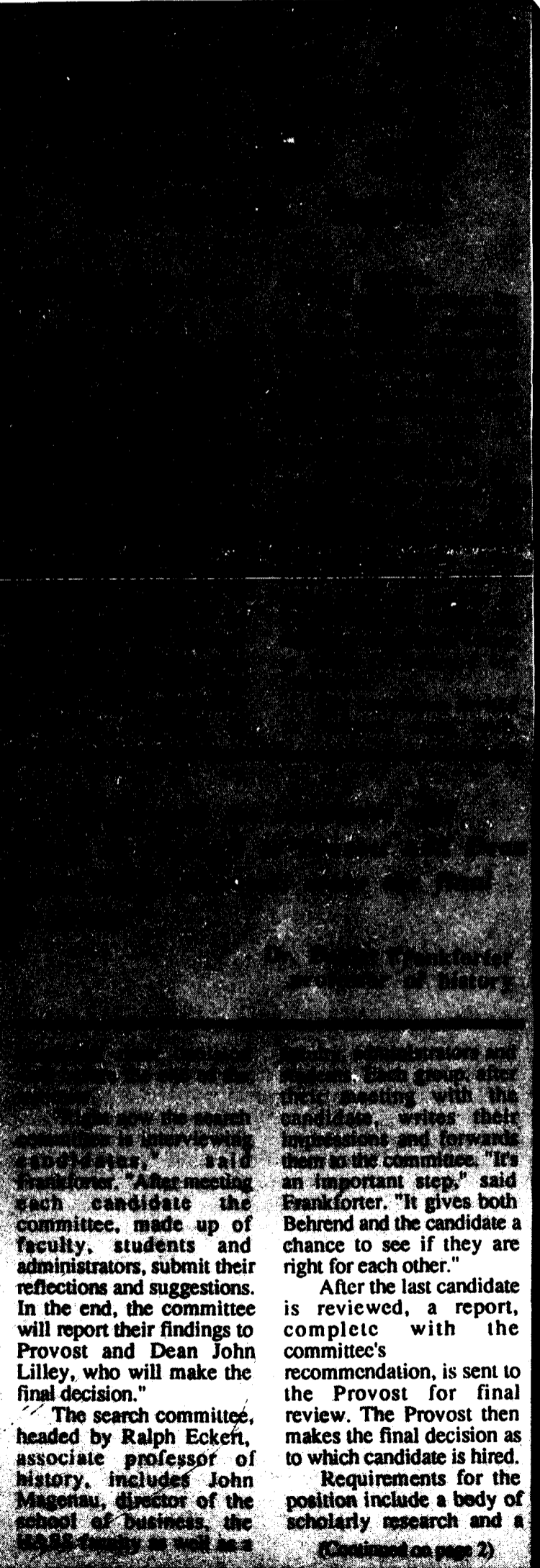
"So far there hasn't been a large problem with student accessibility," said Gerald Spates, minority student and special programs counselor for Behrend. "Students have been made aware of Behrend's accessibility before enrolling here, but we provide many services that make their lives easier."

Depending on the student,

those services range anywhere from relocating classes to the more accessible Reed Union Building to specially-equipped vans to transport students. "Students need to help us by letting us know what their needs are," said Spates.

While Spates doesn't foresee an appreciable growth in the number of physically challenged students in the next few years, he said eventually Behrend may reach the point where a separate office for disabled students may be needed.

"Frankly, I don't think we're capable of handling it (large (continued on page 3)



The search committee is interviewing candidates, said Frankforter. After meeting each candidate the committee, made up of faculty, students and administrators, submit their reflections and suggestions. In the end, the committee will report their findings to Provost and Dean John Lilley, who will make the final decision.

Each group, after their meeting with the candidate, writes their impressions and forwards them to the committee. "It's an important step," said Frankforter. "It gives both Behrend and the candidate a chance to see if they are right for each other." After the last candidate is reviewed, a report, complete with the committee's recommendation, is sent to the Provost for final review. The Provost then makes the final decision as to which candidate is hired. Requirements for the position include a body of scholarly research and a (Continued on page 2)