## Accessibility to improve for physically challenged students

(continued from page 1) numbers of physically challenged students) right now. If we were to grow more in that area, we would need to establish a better equipped department to handle their needs," said Spates.

New buildings on campus will be better equipped also. According to John Ream, director of operations, new buildings must meet federal regulations for accessibility.

"The new library/academic complex and the chemistry lab complex will be equipped with elevators to make them more accessible," said Ream. "And when the library moves out of the Reed Building to its new

home, plans call for an elevator to be installed to make the Reed more accessible as well."

New residence halls should be more accessible as well, with many of them constructed with wheelchair access mind.

"It's unfortunate that many of the buildings on campus were constructed during a time when not much thought was given to accessibility," said Ream. "Fortunately our new buildings will have that accessibility."

And in some ways Behrend's geographic location doesn't help either.

The stairtower, located behind the new suits, and the stairwell in Dobbins Hall are the two main routes for travel between the apartments and the academic buildings. Neither one have elevators or ramps for wheelchairs, but Ream said that's not a practical consideration.

"It would be very, very difficult to build an elevator or ramp system at that part of campus," he said. "Instead we provide a van or special parking to make coming and going a little easier."

Spates said Behrend is trying to get more funding for improvements in order to make accessibility better.

"I don't think Behrend is lacking, but there's more we can do and better ways to do them."

## Debate tonight...

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A graduate of Harvard Law School, Strossen is a strong advocate of involving young people in the process of protecting civil liberties, and has left a wake of A.C.L.U. chapters at colleges where she's spoken.

In the February 2, 1991 issue of *The Economist*, Strossen said, "The solution is more in better speech, not censorship," in regard to university policies concerning hate speech punishment.

"I think this is the most important organization in the country, if not the world," said Strossen. "To say what we're doing is controversial is to say that the Bill of Rights is controversial. I want to emphasize the American in American Civil Liberties Union."



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# Plans for new lab approved

Earlier this month the Penn State Board of Trustees approved the proposed sketch and preliminary plans for a new \$8 million chemistry lab complex to be built at Behrend.

The new lab, which will be located next to the Hammermill and Zurn buldings, is expected to be finished by late summer of 1993. The complex will connect with the Zurn and Hammermill buildings at the lower level and the Nick building at both the upper and lower levels.

With 50,000 square feet of space available, the lab complex will contain classrooms, lecture facilities, offices, a tool and die shop and, naturally, laboratories.

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### World

UNITED NATIONS -- United Nations inspectors are searching for Saddam Hussein's secret biological and chemical factories they believe still exist, officials reported Tuesday. The 18 member U.N. team of inspectors arrived in Baghdad on Monday and were mobbed by 40 Iraqi demonstrators. No one was injured. Inspectors have already recovered more than 125,000 Iraqi chemical munitions.

BAKU, AZERBAIJAN -- Armenian rebels shot a civilian helicopter out of the air Tuesday, according to a presidential spokesman. 40 men, women, and children lost their lives after the helicopter was shot down by a heat seeking missile. The helicopter was "presumably carrying weapons and ammunition to Azerbaijanis who have been attacking the Armenian village of Karintag (near Stepanakert) for the past three days", said Miyana Minakian, a press secretary at the Armenian Mission in Moscow.

#### Nation

WASHINGTON -- President Bush proposed tax breaks and business incentives Tuesday night in his State of the Union address to revive America's economy and promised, "We're going to lift this nation out of hard times." His new economic plan includes putting more money in people's paychecks by lowering tax withholding rates. President Bush even received applause from Democrats when he called for a \$4.4 billion extension of unemployment benefits.

DETROIT -- The nation's Big Three auto makers -- Ford, GM and Chrysler -- are expected to report \$6.8 billion in losses from last year, perhaps the biggest loss in the American auto industry ever, according to analysts. U.S. automakers are:'t expected to make money until June of this year, provided the economy begins to recover. "If our economic forecast is right, everybody should be mostly in the black (starting in June of 1992)," said Joseph Phillippi, analyst for Shearson Lehman Brothers.

WASHINGTON -- Rep. Louis Stokes, who headed the House investigation into President John F. Kennedy's assassination, said Tuesday that he will introduce a resolution to release secret files on the case. Most of his committee's records were released in 1979, while others were to be released in 2029. Stokes said that the files will reveal nothing about a government coverup. Public attention has been drawn toward the files, according to officials, due to Oliver Stone's latest movie "JFK."