ACLU leader visits campus

Robert Strossen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union, conducted a speech Monday night in the Student Center. Strossen spoke about the effects of the USA Patriot Act and its possible future.

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Strossen's speech was part of USA Today's Collegiate News' School of Speech program. The program is designed to recruit speakers who can help students understand the effects of the USA Patriot Act.

"There is a split in the conservative community," Strossen said. "Some people are against it. Some people are for it. I think that there is a split between the Democrats and the Republicans on this issue."

Strossen said that he has been fighting to defend anybody's right to say a political issue, and he never has said that he would defend any radical speech.

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