

...CU offers helping hand to students with disabilities

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Office of Services to Disabled Students serves students whose disabilities aren't always visible. About 30 students on campus use wheelchairs, but last year, the office served about 525 students, about half in the learning disabilities program.

The office has three programs: the learning disabilities program, deaf and hard-of-hearing services, and services for students with disabilities (which serves blind students and students with physical disabilities).

"Attitudes about people with disabilities are the hardest to change," said Ruth Fink, director of the office.

But she said the changes for ADA compliance for physical accessibility are a step in the right direction for breaking down attitudinal barriers. "It raises awareness of the issue," she said. "It's saying people with disabilities are welcome at the university."

Fink said the numbers of CU students with disabilities is probably higher, because many don't disclose they have a

disability until they run into a problem. She advises them to check in with the office early on.

Henry Claypool, coordinator for the services to students with disabilities program, agrees. He suggests checking in with the office instead of waiting until there is a problem. "There are still barriers out there, and we want to minimize the inconvenience to students who encounter these barriers," he said.

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...CU faces the ADA

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"We'll be faced regularly with cases where we will be required to make program changes. We'll be required if we make the program accessible physically then to move it."

CU-Boulder has completed 29 projects at \$2.6 million, and plans for fiscal year 1995-96 will cost \$1.9 million. There are 14 projects in progress on campus with a total cost of more than \$3.6 million. Other campus costs have been well under \$1 million each fiscal year. The Health Sciences Center has current projects that total about \$1.1 million.

Herbstreit said CU-Boulder received \$4.8 million out of the \$6.7 million requested from the state last year, and plans to request more.

"We are moving diligently, but depending on external funding will slow down the process."

Assistant Vice President for Budget and Finance Jim Topping explained that CU depends on the state for funding for all capital construction related to the ADA compliance.

Funding from the state is needed for renovations on all campuses, although some of the campuses' own money has already been used.

"We cannot do it on our own," Herbstreit said. "But every dollar we are able to invest in physical accessibility makes that many more programs accessible."

"We also need money for education and training," he said, adding that Garnett Tatum, director of affirmative action, is working on developing training programs.

Herbstreit said that even after the final projects in the plan are completed in 1996, there will still be some parts of buildings on campus that are not physically accessible. "There is a key distinction. We don't need to make every facility accessible, but the object is to make programs accessible or relocate them so they are acceptable. We are spending a lot making physical changes, but that won't cover everything."

CU-Boulder and other campuses have formed program-accessibility committees to meet needs of the disabled, to develop strategies for ADA compliance, and to provide grievance procedures.

CU gets scooter for those with disabilities

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Thanks to donors such as the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, CU's office of services to disabled students was able to raise enough money to buy a motor scooter to help students with disabilities get around campus.

Xiaoyin Lu, a graduate student in Chinese literature, is the scooter's first rider, although the office hopes many students will benefit in the future. She received the scooter during the semester break.

Lu, who uses crutches because of polio she had as a child, won't have to rely on friends for rides anymore, and she won't worry about walking up hills in snow and ice, she said. The scooter has eased her trip from her Athens Court apartment to classes and the library.

Henry Claypool, program coordinator for services to students with disabilities, said the CU Foundation coordinated the fund-raising effort for the more than \$2,000 needed. He thanked the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, which donated more than \$1,000; an anonymous donor; CU Regent Pete Steinhauer; and everyone who dug into their pockets.



CU photo

Xiaoyin Lu, a graduate student in Chinese literature, rides the university's new motor scooter on campus. The university raised money for the purchase of the scooter.

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Barriers to disabled set to drop

By AMY REINHOLDS
Colorado Daily Staff Writer

CU's four campuses reported more than \$11 million will be spent by 1996 to make campuses accessible to the disabled, but administrators at a CU Board of Regents committee meeting on Wednesday explained there is still work to do.

"We still have a way to go compared to other campuses," Bill Herbstreit, CU-Boulder acting vice chancellor for administration, told the capital construction committee in Denver.

The CU-Boulder campus has a higher barrier to physical compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act than other campuses because of the size and age of the campus.

The federally mandated ADA compliance deadline is January, and CU's campus plans stretch over a four-year period from 1992 to 1996. The university's goal is to make all programs accessible by moving them on an as-needed basis.

The report was issued in response to a resolution the regents passed in November 1993 that called for a commitment to "timely removal of physical and programmatic barriers" through current ADA transition plans.

Regent Norwood Robb looked at the numbers and praised CU for spending more money on changes now than in the past. Herbstreit mentioned that the figures don't reflect money spent on the "program" side of accessibility. Campuses that are accessible to students, staff and faculty with disabilities go far beyond physical access, he said.

"There is a significant investment beyond physical accessibility," he said, listing the office of services to disabled students and its programs, including signers for the hearing-impaired, test proctors and training.

Watch out! Smoking promotes a pack of lies

By KEVIN BLOCKER
Colorado Daily Staff Writer

In preparation for Thursday's Great American Smokeout, anti-smoking activists want to convey the following:

Cigarette smoke contains more than 4,000 chemicals. Some of those chemicals include ammonia, arsenic and hydrogen cyanide. Lung cancer kills more men and women than any other cancer. The annual cost of a pack-a-day habit is about \$700. Oral cancer occurs several times more frequently among snuff dippers compared with non-tobacco users. The risk of cancer of the cheek and gum may nearly double among long-term snuff users.

This week, the American Cancer Society is sponsoring the Great American Smokeout. On the CUI campus,

And for those attempting to be tobacco-free, free packs of chewing gum are available in the UMC loggia.

CU student Kelly Heiberger is a cancer society volunteer. As a former smoker, she knows how difficult it is to quit. "I got started when I was in high school," Heiberger said. "One of the reasons I did was because I didn't think cigarettes were dangerous."

Heiberger speaks to classes at CU and high schools about the dangers of nicotine.

"When our parents were young, they didn't know about the dangers of cigarettes," Heiberger said. "Today we have more information about just how dangerous tobacco is."

Here's some more of that information:

Worldwide, an estimated 3 million people died from smoking in 1992; an estimated 418,000 Americans will die from smoking-related deaths this year, and an estimated 1,200 Coloradans will die from lung cancer this year.

CU student David Wood, another cancer society member, said the Great Smokeout does not aim to bash smokers. "They feel like everyone is out to get them because their right to smoke is being infringed upon," Wood said.

"Our goal is to provide information to those who aren't aware of the dangers of tobacco, and to provide support to those who are having a tough time quitting," Wood said.

Said Heiberger: "Don't bash a smoker; give them a

he was prepared to work toward something we're all comfortable with."

The 1990 ADA outlines a transition plan

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ers to education.

"Students will have the benefit of a more cohesive, responsive financial-aid delivery system," Jacks said. "In essence, institutions will provide one-stop financial-aid service."

"Our financial-aid staff are on the phone all the time with agencies who haven't sent the funds to students and parents who want to know what happened to their loans," Jacks said, referring to loan disbursements that come from private lenders to students through CSU's financial aid office.

Under the new system, the federal government will give universities a line of credit for students. The loans will have no funding cap, and the Department of Education, not the schools, will collect the loan payment and deposit the money into the federal treasury.

According to Sullivan, student borrowers will have more attractive payment options, including graduated and contingent repayment schedules.

Under the terms of a graduated loan, students who graduate and enter the work force

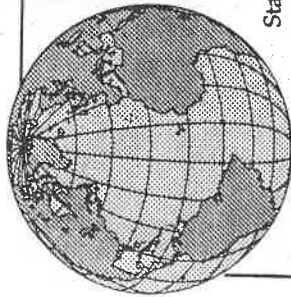
will be able to pay back what they can, according to their earnings. As their earnings increase with more experience, loan repayment will be adjusted accordingly.

The contingent loan plan is also dependent upon former student salary after graduation. However, if former student borrowers are laid off, that will be taken into consideration, and they will be asked to pay only what they can.

According to Sullivan, the education department is negotiating with the Internal Revenue Service to see if that institution would be interested in taking over collection of student loan repayment. He said for now, the IRS doesn't seem enthusiastic about the idea.

Supporters of direct-lending estimate the program will save taxpayers more than \$4 billion from fiscal year 1994 to fiscal year 1998.

The criteria for selecting colleges and universities to participate in the new program were a strong school administration, a low default rate, and demonstrated support for the

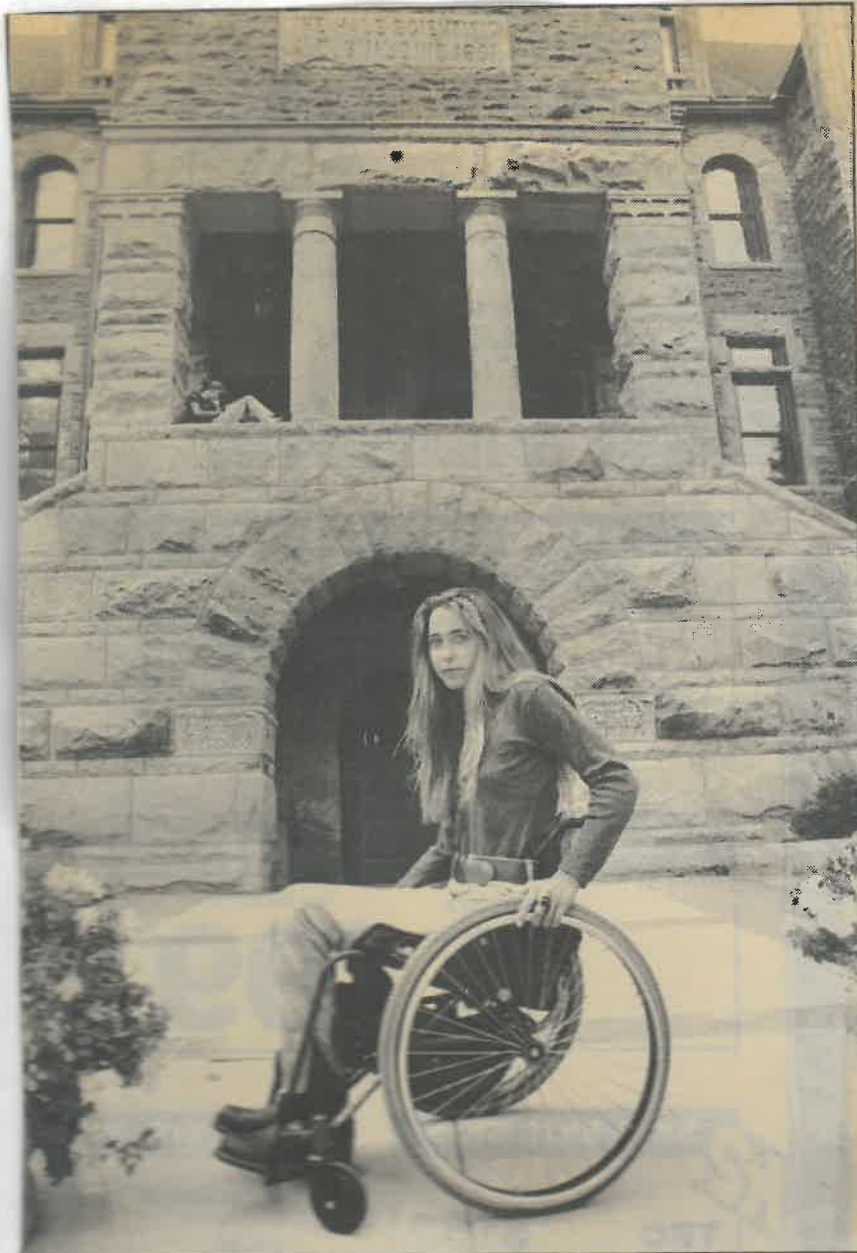


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Gretchen Schaper, a fine arts major at CU, says some facilities are a particular problem for those who move by wheelchair.

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Deadline looms, and disabled still shut out

By **AMY REINHOLDS**
Colorado Daily Staff Writer

Wheelchair-bound Buff fans should be able to ride an elevator in the press box to see the first season football game on Saturday. Entrances to the University Memorial Center, some dorms and other campus buildings are also wheelchair-accessible.

But CU still has work to do. "Program accessibility in its entirety is a very high standard," said Henry Claypool, director of the office of services to disabled students. "The university is on the way toward that level," he said, adding that the delay is attributed to CU's getting the state money — \$4.8

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...CU is 'Goliath' among those with obstacles for the disabled

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million — only this semester.

Claypool said that CU is "one of the biggest problems the state has. We were sort of a Goliath for them." In fact, CU will probably ask for more state funds, he said.

CU won't meet a Jan. 26 American with Disabilities Act deadline with its physical accessibility, since construction won't be completed until October 1996. But the program-accessibility committee says it provides accessibility to all programs on request.

"We believe we are now in compliance," said campus architect Bill Deno. "We are doing our best to meet the needs of the constituents."

The ADA directed institutions to develop a plan for accessibility in January 1991 and carry it out by January 1994. The ADA act of 1990 states that public institutions shall see that each program and activity "viewed in its entirety is readily accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities."

Gretchen Schaper, a fine arts freshman, said the places she finds most inaccessible are bathrooms. She has classes in "accessible" Ketchum and Hellems, but the bathrooms in the buildings are too small for her wheelchair.

"It's frustrating. I've missed 20 minutes of class before, and it's unnecessary."

Bathroom upgrades are on the list, but she hopes CU will give priority to bathrooms in buildings that already serve disabled students.

On her first day of a drawing class, the freshman found there was no access to the third floor of the fine arts building. The class was moved to a first-floor room.

She said she is grateful for the support services, but she pointed out that accessibility is more than just a way to get into the building.

"I can get to all of my classes, but by a round-about way and through the back door. The wheelchair entrance is separate. It would be really nice to have all the entrances accessible."

Some of the state funds went to reimbursing campus money for a project already underway. After a complaint, a ramp and elevator were planned for the Henderson museum.

The program-accessibility committee assigned the remaining \$3.2 million to priorities:

- \$1.3 million for 12 elevator renovations and additions
- \$1.1 million for bathrooms and fountains
- the remaining funds for power-assist doors, parking, doors, ramps, handrails, signs and visual alarms for hearing impaired.

Problem buildings are at the top of the list

CU priorities in renovation

CU buildings assigned priority for disabled-access renovation

- Stadium Offices
- Guggenheim Geography
- Geology
- Economics
- McKenna Languages

and include: Folsom Stadium; Guggenheim Geography; Geology; Economics; and McKenna Languages buildings.

A preliminary project schedule targets design for the next two months. Bidding for contractors opens in March, with construction scheduled to begin on May 30 and end on Oct. 21, 1996.

The priorities are still being worked out, and Claypool said anyone who wants to add to the discussion should bring comments to Garnett Tatum, the head of the committee.

Claypool serves about 100 students in his office, about 10 of whom have mobility problems. He said this semester, about three or four students needed classes moved.

Hellems, Ketchum, Education and the University Theater buildings already have elevators. Claypool said the Hale Sciences is one of the most accessible buildings on campus. "You can look at some of these buildings and see what it will look like in the future."

Schaper agrees. The Hale lecture hall has a desk with extra space for a wheelchair in the middle of the seating, so she doesn't have to sit up front or hide in the back.

But she questions why a ramp couldn't have been added at the front entrance where there are only two steps.

"I'm new at CU, but it does seem like there was enough time to make more changes than they did." She said changes upon request accommodate her needs, but the stress is put on the student to make the requests.

But she is not asking for special treatment. "All I really want is to be able to do what everyone else does."

One project in progress, the addition of an elevator in the Balch Fieldhouse press box, is the result of a complaint. It is being funded by the athletic department, according to CU official Jon Buriánek.

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...CU won't meet deadline for accommodating disabled

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There is a 99-percent chance it will be in operation for the first CU Buffaloes game on Saturday, said Mark Spiegel, contract overseer. He plans a test with the contractor today. It looks very promising."

The CU Board of Regents passed a resolution last November that charged President Judith Albino with reviewing progress and setting goals for the four-campus university.

Claypool said although he has not worked with Albino's office yet, he expected a plan would be presented by this November's meeting. Regent Jim Martin, who proposed the resolution, said he looks forward to a report from the president.

The state took requests from institutions for two fiscal years, 1993-94, and 1994-95, and gave one lump sum, based on priorities set up by the federal ADA priorities. Top priorities are facilitating student movement from the parking lot into the building and installing elevators to help students reach all levels of the building. Bathrooms and other renovations sit lower on the list.

buildings that have distinct programs."

He listed academic programs in Farrand, Sewall, Kittredge and Williams Village.

Graninger, a member of the program-accessibility committee, said missing the deadline wasn't a setback.

"I don't look at it as a drop-dead deadline. The entire campus and the whole nation have a lot of work to do."

UMC Director Jim Schafer said accessibility has always been a priority for the UMC. The center just completed remodeling bathrooms on the second floor. Ramps have been

on the north side of the building since 1974, and the UMC includes automatic doors. "I don't know if we're 100-percent accessible, but I think we've done a good job of keeping on top of it."

Betsy Jay of the CU foundation said her office was being renovated to include ramps. Donors often earmark funds for specific buildings, but she said no one has full accessibility renovations. But new buildings are always built with ADA compliance, she said. The foundation works with campus planning at all levels.

Pat Graninger, assistant to the director of housing, said that four dorms have one floor that is accessible, and family housing includes two apartments designated to be accessible. He said he only knows of one disabled student this semester who lives in CU housing. The student resides in a recently modified family housing apartment in Athens North.

The dorms that have one floor with accessible bathrooms are Kittredge Commons, Kittredge West, Cheyenne Arapaho and Libby. Graninger said his department plans to renovate Hallet and Libby halls this year, and next on the list would be dorms with academic programs. Hallet Hall is at the top of that list because it houses the administrative offices.

"The ADA really talks about program accessibility, so our concentration is on

Because CU-Boulder needed funding for the top priorities, it received a bigger chunk from the state. Other campuses, such as the Health Sciences Center and the Denver campus, received less money, because they were already accessible in some ways.

"The state set up priorities the way the ADA did, and there wasn't enough to fund bathrooms and internal work," said Kathy McNally, an architect with the Auraria campus that includes CU-Denver. "That's telling us to tell the students they can get in the door, but they will have to go home to go to the bathroom."

CU-Boulder's housing department and the University Memorial Center have been working on their own plans. Neither receive state money, and both fund their own projects as auxiliaries.



CU to ease the way for those with disabilities

By **AMY REINHOLDS**
Colorado Daily Staff Writer

CU-Boulder students, staff and faculty with disabilities will see some barriers to accessibility fall this year.

The \$4.8 million the state gave the campus last year will fund elevators in eight buildings and other renovations beginning this fall.

According to facilities planner Philip Simpson, a seven-building project should be contracted and under construction by Nov. 1. Elevators will be added in the Armory, Geology, Economics and McKenna Languages buildings, and in the Stadium offices and Carlson Gymnasium. Indoor renovation will include ramps and power-assisted doors, restroom construction, and remodeling of water fountains.

An elevator in the engineering school will be installed to serve the third floor of a tower that now can be reached only

by stairs. An engineering graduate student complained last year when she could not get to the Women in Engineering Center there. The engineering school was attempting to solve the problem itself, but as a general-funded building, the Engineering Center was eligible to receive some of the state dollars.

The renovations are expected to be completed by August 1997. The campus is asking for \$6.4 million more from the state to see that all of its 66 general-funded buildings are accessible.

The Americans with Disabilities Act, signed into law in 1990, mandates that public institutions be usable by people with disabilities. While CU has been making physical changes, its policy is to meet the needs of individual students with disabilities by rescheduling programs to accessible areas.

While physical disabilities are noticeable, CU-Boulder's
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Boulder's best buildings

The most accessible classroom buildings on campus, ranked by Henry Claypool, program coordinator for services to students with disabilities.

1. MCD Biology (the newest building on campus)
2. Hale Science
3. Mathematics
4. Macky Auditorium
5. Ramaley Biology
6. Business
7. Engineering Center
8. Hellem's Arts and Sciences

Disabled access still lacking

Lawsuit threats don't scare campus officials

BY MATS EKIVEDT
Campus Press Staff Writer

Gretchen Schapher needed a bathroom, and she had to find one in Hellem's Arts and Sciences Building. One problem: she is in a wheelchair.

Even able-bodied persons have trouble finding a bathroom in Hellem's. Schapher found one restroom, but the stall wasn't deep enough for her chair so she could not close the door. She finally went to the University Memorial Center and found an accessible bathroom.

According to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, "No handicapped individual in the United States shall be denied the

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CAN'T GET THERE FROM HERE: Gretchen Schapher, one of the few students in a wheelchair on the Boulder campus, makes her way up one of the ramps at the University Memorial Center.

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...Student registers complaints over accessibility

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decisions. "They knew what they were overlooking when they added the office two years ago."

She prepared complaints on Wednesday to file with the state civil rights office. Other complaints she listed on the CU-Boulder campus include bathrooms (she said there were only two bathrooms accessible to wheelchairs out of seven different levels in the engineering building), parking (spaces are not wide enough for a chair), snow removal, and computer labs. She is also doing an interdisciplinary project with the department of linguistics, which is in Woodbury, a building with no elevator.

"I have been in a chair for 11 years, and I quit fighting for a long time," she said, but after constant frustrations, she said it's time to try again. "The whole campus is getting to me."

She said she also planned to file a complaint through university channels and consult a private attorney.

Corotis said he has communicated through E-mail with Ponzini and offered an option of closing down the program until the office could be accessible. "It's important to work with her and do what she thinks is best." He said he hasn't been able to talk with anyone from Facilities Management since the message, but hoped to continue to work with them. Campus Architect Bill Deno could not be reached Wednesday.

"I don't know where we go from here,"

Corotis said. "I feel frustrated." He said he also asked the office of Affirmative Action to request more money from the state if possible.

Ponzini received her undergraduate degree in electrical engineering in 1987 from the Colorado Springs campus, which she said was more accessible than Boulder. She said she was considering continuing her graduate work at another school.

"This campus should be disgraced. It wouldn't be so bad if Boulder didn't claim to be such a wonderful, liberal place. I've never been in a place where they put up barriers instead of take them down."

After her undergraduate degree, Ponzini worked for six years for McDonnell-Douglas in Pueblo, which she said was an accessible facility.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 states that public institutions shall see that each program and activity "viewed in its entirety is readily accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities." CU won't meet a Jan. 26 ADA deadline with its physical access, since construction is planned to go through October 1996. About \$4.8 million from the state is already assigned to several projects. But the program-accessibility committee says it provides accessibility to all programs on request.

Ponzini said moving the program would "be a Band-Aid. It would be fine for that issue, but not address the issues as a whole."



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Jeanine Ponzini pauses at the base of the stairs which she's not able to use to get to the Women in Engineering Resource Center.

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Student says CU puts up barriers

Wheel-chair bound woman may sue CU over accessibility

BY AMY REINHOLDS

Colorado Daily Staff Writer

A CU student who planned to file a complaint Wednesday with the state office of civil rights has found barriers to accessibility are not only physical but also bureaucratic.

Jeanine Ponzini, a second-year graduate student in computer science who uses a wheelchair, cannot get to the Women in Engineering Resource Center, because stairs are the only way to reach the third floor of that tower.

"They kept sending me fliers about all the wonderful programs in the center, and I wrote back, 'I'm in a wheelchair. How do I get to this wonderful center?'"

The center offers job search and graduate school resources as well as seminars for women engineering students.

Ross Corotis, who took the post of engineering dean this year, said the engineering school had targeted enough money for an inclined lift for the stairwell. But he said Facilities Management told him Tuesday that the ADA accessibility committee did not approve the lift, recommending either installing a standard elevator, which would cost \$1 million (10 times as much), or discontinuing the program.

Ponzini said she received "lip service" from meetings with administrators. "The people in the place to do something don't care." She said she appreciated Corotis' willingness to help, but pointed a finger at past administrative



Graduate student Jeanine Ponzini sits in front of the first-floor elevators in the engineering center. The elevators go to the third floor of the building, but not to the tower housing the Women in Engineering Resource Center.

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ACCESSIBLE: Henry Claypool, director of the Office of Services to Disabled Students at the University of Colorado, shows a ramp at Hale Science Building that people in wheelchairs can use.

Accessibility campus goal in revamping

Renovations will aid people with disabilities

By CAROL CHOREY
Camera Staff Writer

The University of Colorado is embarking on a myriad of building renovations — from elevators to wheelchair ramps — that will make the Boulder campus more accessible to people with disabilities.

The state Legislature has allocated \$4.8 million for the improvements under the Americans with Disabilities Act, signed into law in 1990.

While the money is not the first CU has spent on improving access for people with disabilities, it is the first state allocation to the university designated for such improvements and will offer a significant boost for what has been called the biggest accessibility project in the state.

CU has asked the state for another \$6.4 million to address additional needs.

The money will be spent on general accessibility of buildings for people with hearing or vision loss to those who use wheelchairs.

Work will include eight new elevators along with a slew of ramps, automatic door openers, restroom renovations, accessible water fountains, visual alarms, signs and parking improvements.

Some outdoor work already has started, but the bulk of it is in the bidding process. Indoor renovations are expected to begin in October and will take about two years.

The total number of buildings that will be upgraded was not avail-

able this week, but improvements are planned for a number of classroom buildings as well as Folsom Stadium using the state money.

Improvements to the University Memorial Center, Wardenburg Student Health Center, the Coors Events/Conference Center and some residence halls also will be made using auxiliary accounts.

Garnett Tatum, Americans with Disabilities' coordinator for the Boulder campus, said the improvements will result in fewer programs having to be moved to provide equal access to people with disabilities. In the past, since not all its buildings are accessible, the university has moved programs when requested to comply with the law.

Henry Claypool, director of CU's Office of Services to Disabled Students, said the improvements also may result in more disabled students attending CU.

Now, an estimated 525 disabled students are on campus, including about 20 who use wheelchairs.

"The reality is if someone using a wheelchair (visits) campus, they probably won't come here because it's not very accessible," Claypool said. "Students with mobility impairments go to places where they can be integrated into campus."

Claypool said after the next round of improvements make it possible for people with disabilities to get into the majority of buildings, the university can move forward on classroom renovations that would make it easier for disabled students. Such projects often take more than just Americans with Disabilities funding, however, meaning that they will have to be done in conjunction with other planned renovations.

The Construction Corner

For the past couple of years there has been very little construction on the Boulder Campus. That will change this fall and spring with as many as thirty construction projects scheduled to start.



This fall, projects scheduled include the new Drescher Undergraduate Engineering wing to house the Integrated Teaching and Learning Laboratory, an interior build-out of the MCD Biology lower floors, health and safety upgrades to the Engineering Center, and an elevator in the Armory.



This winter, projects will include a new building for Geological Sciences and the Earth Sciences Library, a renovation of the first floor of Ekeley Sciences, health and safety upgrades in Porter Biosciences, an addition and renovation at Imig Music, and elevators in the Stadium Building and Economics.



In the spring, a renovation is scheduled for the west end of Cristol Chemistry and elevators will be added in Guggenheim, Geology McKenna, and Carlson.



Next summer, Cottage No. I will be renovated for Women Studies.

The Department of Facilities Management is concerned about the impacts of construction on the campus community, especially on

students who may not be here long enough to realize the benefits of new and newly renovated buildings. It is because of these concerns and the amount of construction scheduled that we have attempted to coordinate all projects collectively to minimize their impact.

To accomplish this, we want to communicate to faculty, staff, and students with monthly articles in the *Silver & Gold Record*, job site signage with project update sheets, and announcements on CU's home page on the World Wide Web.

In addition to providing this information, we will work to limit the use of the campus by contractors during construction. Construction workers will be required to park away from the main campus. Major construction staging will be consolidated into two areas. Individual projects will be limited to small material drop-off sites, and these drop-off sites may have additional restrictions for noise and circulation, depending on the location. It was felt that these concentrations of staging areas would be less of an inconvenience to the campus community than many smaller ones.



If you have questions about construction on the Boulder Campus, call Marie Caldwell at 492-5686 or send e-mail to Caldwell@spot.Colorado.EDU.

Elevator projects under way at UCB to comply with ADA

By Shelley Downing

One elevator has been installed and two other elevator projects are under way at CU-Boulder to help bring the campus into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The plans for the project were presented to the Boulder Campus Planning Commission at last week by Denver architect Peter Nelson of Gensler and Associates.

The state gave UCB \$4.8 million to make ADA improvements on the campus, and CU-Boulder has already asked for an additional \$2 million from the Office of State Planning and Budget to supplement that money.

Nelson said the campus has \$3.4 million to fund 13 elevator projects and that might not be enough to complete all of the projects. Elevators are to be installed in some buildings that were built more than a century ago and the cost to install all of the elevators is running much higher than was originally anticipated.

Only one of the 13 elevator projects, an installation in Henderson museum, has been

completed. Four other elevator projects were presented to the University's Design Review Board, and only the plans for the Geology Building and for Guggenheim Geography were approved for construction in late summer or early fall. The plans for projects in the Armory and Clare Small Arts and Sciences buildings have not yet been approved.

The elevator in the Geology Building will be installed at the south entrance. Because the floors of the building are unlevel, the elevator will have doors that open on each side of the cab. The elevator project in Guggenheim will take away some office space in the building and will also include improvements to restrooms. Both elevator projects are being done with as little impact to the roof lines of the buildings as possible and the elevator shafts will be compatible with the sandstone-and-clay-tile-roof theme carried out on the rest of the Boulder campus.

An elevator was installed last year in Balch Fieldhouse to allow access to Folsom Stadium, and was funded through different sources.

Many disabled students stay away from CU

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benefits of any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

This act is 21 years old, older than Schapher, yet she still has to go from Hellems to the UMC to find an accessible bathroom.

Henry Claypool, coordinator of services for students with disabilities, said CU has been slow in trying to make the campus more accessible to people with disabilities.

He said instead of scrambling to meet deadlines now, the university should have planned ahead.

"They are just putting out fires right now," Claypool said. "Why didn't the university budget for alterations during the 1980s?"

No elevator

Schapher, a first-year-student and fine arts major, also faced another barrier during her first week of classes this fall.

On her way to the drawing room in Sibell Wolle Fine Arts Building, Schapher discovered that the elevator in the building only goes down to the basement from the ground floor, not up to the first floor where her class is.

After some discussion, the instructor moved the class to another classroom so Schapher could attend.



PUSH TO OPEN: Gretchen Schapher prepares to back through the automatic door at the UMC.

"It was like the entire class had to move just because of me," Schapher said. "That problem could have been taken care of earlier, I think."

Ruth Fink, the director of the Office for Disabled Student Services, said CU is trying to meet the Jan. 25, 1995, deadline of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which officials call a reaffirmation of the Rehabilitation Act.

This means, among other things, installing an accessible restroom in Hellems.

"But I don't think we will be able to make that deadline," Fink said.

If so, anyone directly affected by the delay in compliance could bring a lawsuit against CU.

"In case of a lawsuit, CU would probably be in the clear," Fink said. "Because we will have the transition

plans ready by Jan. 25, and that will be enough to show we are in compliance."

Garnett Tatum, the CU ADA coordinator, is more optimistic about meeting the deadline.

"I think we are in compliance right now, as far as the ADA goes," Tatum said. "To me, compliance means that when someone requests accommodation changes, we provide these changes."

Bernadette Delcarpio/Campus Press

State stingy with money

The campus architect, Bill Deno, said very little was done to improve accessibility during the 1980s.

"The money to improve was requested from the state, but the state said no," Deno said.

Tatum said the lack of funding from the state of Colorado during the 1980s was more because of the general attitude of U.S. society, than the state in particular. "All through the United States, people were paying less attention to issues of disability than they are now," Garnett said.

"The state owns CU, and if it doesn't want a liability on its hands, it has to run it according to laws such as the ADA," Claypool said.

Question of priority

Claypool said that CU has always had some flexibility with its budget, and that funding for people with disabilities at CU was a question of priority.

According to the CU budget office, CU got 11.8 percent of its 1994-95 total budget from state appropriations.

This ranks Colorado 49 in state funding for higher education, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics.

Deno said the lack of state funding directly affects CU because construction projects fall under the state's responsibility towards its university, and not the university's responsibility towards its students.

Claypool said CU is working hard now to meet the demands of students with disabilities.

Act reaffirms opportunities for disabled

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 prohibits discrimination against disabled people.

It mandates protection against both physical barriers and discrimination in areas such as job security, school accommodations, transportation, public accommodations and telecommunication.

The ADA is a reaffirmation of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This act, under Title 504, for the first time recognized that all people with disabilities belong to a class, regardless of which disability they have.

Everyone in this class shares the experience of discrimination. It was also established that this discrimination led to isolation, segregation and second-class citizenship.

Following the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the burden shifted more from the individual to society, and a more socio-political policy was adopted instead of a rehabilitation-charity policy.

It was decided that affirmative action was needed to provide opportunity for people with disabilities. CP

-Mats Ektvedt

"There are five new elevators on the way, and we plan for more," Claypool said. "But there are still examples of departments that have very limited access to their resources." He said that CU needed at least 10 more elevators.

There are around 500 students with various disabilities at CU, and 10 of those students use wheelchairs. Claypool credits this relatively low number to a hard-to-access campus.

"People with disabilities see the problems they might face at this university, and they take their business elsewhere," Claypool said.

Fink said, "The campus isn't perfect for people with disabilities, and it probably never will be." CP

...CU vows to solve Engineering Center access dilemma

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math building that has problems and may not be wide enough to meet guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Another choice would be to put in a full-sized elevator, which would cost between \$150,000 and \$250,000.

The college could also change the way the current freight elevator runs and renovate it to be accessible, a solution that would carry a "substantial" cost, Thweatt said. New products on the market must also be researched, he said.

The state gave \$4.8 million to CU-Boulder to help it meet the ADA requirements, but the engineering center was not on the Program Accessibility Committee's priority list. Some buildings do not have any elevators.

"To form a list and target highest priority is the hardest task," Thweatt said. "I think the whole group of people involved in making the campus accessible would agree that we should choose what is most important but be prepared to change priorities if it seems there is a bigger need elsewhere."

The state took requests from institutions for two fiscal years — 1993-94 and 1994-95 — and gave one lump sum, based on federal ADA priorities. Top priorities are

getting from the parking lot into the building and using elevators to get to all levels of the building. Bathrooms and other renovations fell lower on the list.

Some of the \$4.8 million given to CU-Boulder went to reimbursing campus money for a project prompted by a complaint and already underway. A ramp and elevator were added to the Henderson museum.

The program accessibility committee divided the remaining \$3.2 million into priorities:

- \$1.3 million for 12 elevator renovations and additions.
- \$1.1 million for bathrooms and fountains.
- The remaining funds for power-assisted doors, parking, doors, ramps, handrails, signs and visual alarms for hearing impaired.

Priority buildings include: Folsom Field, Guggenheim Geography Building, Geology, Economics, and McKenna Languages Building.

A timeline drafted over the summer targeted a bid opening for contractors by the end of March, start of construction by May 30, and completion by Oct. 21, 1996.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 states that public institutions must

make sure that each program and activity "viewed in its entirety is readily accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities." CU won't meet a Jan. 26, 1995, ADA deadline with its physical access, but the program accessibility committee says it provides accessibility to all programs on request.

Meetings are planned for Wednesday between faculty, staff and campus planners to begin the process of assigning some state money to renovation projects, Thweatt said.

Garnett Tatum, chair of the Program Accessibility Committee, campus architect

Bill Deno, Project Manager Gil Fike, and a consulting architect will discuss plans with interested employees at four meetings on campus.

"Now we are going to spend time discussing how it will impact the campus, and faculty and staff will have the opportunity to provide their suggestions," Thweatt said.

Jane Lillydahl, a faculty member of the Boulder Campus Planning Commission, aired concern at Thursday's BCPC meeting that academic planning might be left out of the physical planning. She said Friday she was pleased to hear of the meetings.

CU's disabled aren't ignored, officials claim

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Open meetings slated this week

By **AMY REINHOLDS**

Colorado Daily Staff Writer

A CU graduate student who has threatened a lawsuit against the university for failure to make a resource center accessible to her with her wheelchair has not been ignored, CU officials said Friday.

Unable to reach the Women in Engineering Resource Center on the third floor of the engineering building, a computer science graduate student began filing a claim with the Department of Education civil rights office last week. But officials say while a solution has hit some roadblocks, they are continuing to look for a way to overcome

the barrier.

"Any retrofit to a facility needs to have funding, and it's clear that solutions are very expensive," said Steven Thweatt, assistant director of design and construction.

But he said a team of planners in facilities management and engineering administration have been working on making sure the third floor of the engineering building tower is accessible.

Engineering Dean Ross Corotis said last week the college was able to find some funds for an inclined lift for the tower stairwell, but Thweatt said there was not enough space required by fire codes for the lift.

"It was financially a good solution, but it won't work to meet existing requirements."

Thweatt said, however, campus planners are researching several options.

One option is providing new elevator access between the third and fourth floors, which is estimated at about \$75,000. But Thweatt said that elevator would be similar to an elevator in the

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CU to improve buildings

By CAROL ROWE
Camera Staff Writer

The University of Colorado will spend \$6.4 million in the next three years to continue making buildings on the Boulder campus accessible for people with disabilities.

Improvements to 57 buildings will range from installation of elevators to wheelchair ramps. The state Legislature last year allocated money for the work to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

CU officials kicked off the second phase of improvements and celebrated completion of the first phase with a reception Friday. Since last year, \$4.8 million in improvements have been made.

Upgrades will increase accessibility

Improvements go beyond those needed to accommodate people who use wheelchairs, also meeting the needs of people with hearing or vision loss. Signs and visual alarms are being installed as well as power-assist doors, exterior ramps and handrails, elevators, and handicap-accessible restrooms and drinking fountains.

Instructor Leanne Sander of the History Department said the campus is making progress but more needs to be done. "I started using a wheelchair just about two years ago, so I'm very con-

scious of the kinds of things that didn't appear to be obstacles, but do now," she said.

Sander, whose office is in the Helms Arts and Sciences building, said she appreciates easy access to the building from the parking lot and early snow removal to keep sidewalks passable. But the building's elevator goes only to the second floor, restricting access to the third floor.

Steep wheelchair ramps and step-risers to lecterns in large classrooms are also problems.

"The risers were put in recently —

they were part of the upgrades — but they upgraded them right out of use for a lot of people," she said.

Garnett Tatum, CU's ADA coordinator, said physical improvements are only part of what the campus needs to do. Greater awareness and sensitivity also are needed.

Faculty, for example, should know how to provide access to students who request accommodation for a disability, he said.

"We have to really educate ourselves on how to deal with people with disabilities," he said. "Part of sensitivity is to be aware that everyone needs full access and to know how to provide that."

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ADA levels the playing field

In August a letter from John DeL-aubentfels addressed the negative im-pact of the Americans with Disabili-ties Act (ADA). He states the ADA "gives people very real and concrete reasons to fear the presence of dis-abled people." Maybe he doesn't real-ize that there are more than 43 mil-lion people with disabilities in our country who have been discriminated against for decades. Seventy percent of the disabled population is involun-tarily unemployed because either businesses are not accessible or em-ployers do not hire people with dis-abilities. The ADA is a civil rights law

whose purpose is to reverse the im-pact of past discrimination.

Those of us who are employed still face discrimination on a daily basis. When was the last time John had to be carried up stairs in a wheelchair to eat lunch at Tom's Tavern? How many times has he been patted on the shoulder and congratulated for getting across the intersection at Broadway and Arapahoe, using a walker, safely? How often has he been late for work because "Special Transit" (the transportation system for those who can't use RTD buses) forgot to pick him up?

I do not mean to ridicule John's opinion. I know many individuals, who think the ADA is a bad law, claiming it demands that businesses install ramps and other accommodations without regard to cost. Actually this is not so. The ADA is very fair in that only new buildings are required to be completely accessible. Buildings in existence when the law was passed are required only to do what is "read-ily achievable" (easy to accomplish without great expense).

All we want, and all the ADA pro-vides, is an equal opportunity to par-ticipate in the world. Sometimes all it takes is one step or one employer's negative attitude to stop us. We do not want "special rights" or privi-leges. People with disabilities have struggled for decades to seek volun-tary change, but it has not worked. Just look around. Is your house acces-sible? Why are there still dozens of stairs to the entrance of the Boulder Post Office? Why is the Office of Disa-bled Students at CU on the third floor? We would have rather "just talked this out," but when people re-fuse to provide necessary accommo-dations the line has to be drawn somewhere. John is right though. Voluntary actions can bring about real change. I will not file any law suits if people voluntarily comply with the law.

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Barriers to disabled set to drop

University to spend \$11 million to comply with ADA, but more to be done

By **AMY REINHOLDS**
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CU's four campuses reported more than \$11 million will be spent by 1996 to make campuses accessible to the disabled, but administrators at a CU Board of Regents committee meeting on Wednesday explained there is still work to do.

"We still have a way to go compared to other campuses," Bill Herbstreit, CU-Boulder acting vice chancellor for administration, told the capital construction committee in Denver.

The CU-Boulder campus has a higher barrier to physical compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act than other campuses because of the size and age of the campus.

The federally mandated ADA compliance deadline is January, and CU's campus plans stretch over a four-year period from 1992 to 1996. The university's goal is to make all programs accessible by moving them on an as-needed basis.

The report was issued in response to a resolution the regents passed in November 1993 that called for a commitment to "timely removal of physical and programmatic barriers" through current ADA transition plans.

Regent Norwood Robb looked at the numbers and praised CU for spending more money on changes now than in the past. Herbstreit mentioned that the figures don't reflect money spent on the "program" side of accessibility. Campuses that are accessible to students, staff and faculty with disabilities go far beyond physical access, he said.

"There is a significant investment beyond physical accessibility," he said, listing the office of services to disabled students and its programs, including signers for the hearing-impaired, test monitors and training.

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"We'll be faced regularly with cases where we will be required to make program changes. We'll be required if we make the program accessible physically then to move it."

CU-Boulder has completed 29 projects at \$2.6 million, and plans for fiscal year 1995-96 will cost \$1.9 million. There are 14 projects in progress on campus with a total cost of more than \$3.6 million. Other campus costs have been well under \$1 million each fiscal year. The Health Sciences Center has current projects that total about \$1.1 million.

Herbstreit said CU-Boulder received \$4.8 million out of the \$6.7 million requested from the state last year, and plans to request more.

"We are moving diligently, but depending on external funding will slow down the process."

Assistant Vice President for Budget and Finance Jim Topping explained that CU depends on the state for funding for all capital construction related to the ADA compliance.

Funding from the state is needed for renovations on all campuses, although some of the campuses' own money has already been used.

"We cannot do it on our own," Herbstreit said. "But every dollar we are able to invest in physical accessibility makes that many more programs accessible."

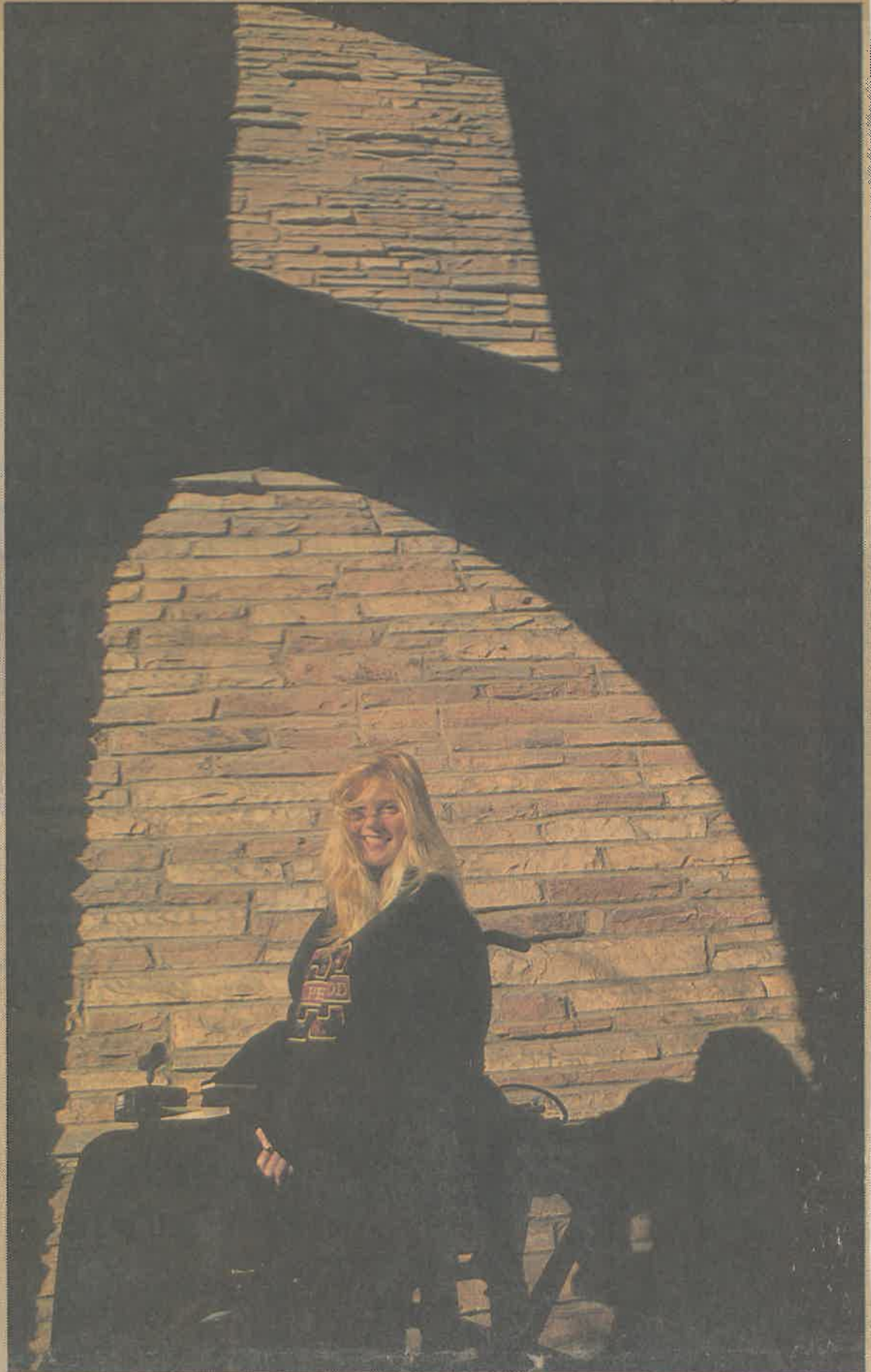
"We also need money for education and training," he said, adding that Garnett Tatum, director of affirmative action, is working on developing training programs.

Herbstreit said that even after the final projects in the plan are completed in 1996, there will still be some parts of buildings on campus that are not physically accessible. "There is a key distinction. We don't need to make every facility accessible, but the object is to make programs accessible or relocate them so they are acceptable. We are spending a lot making physical changes, but that won't cover everything."

CU-Boulder and other campuses have formed program-accessibility committees to meet needs of the disabled, to develop strategies for ADA compliance, and to provide grievance procedures.

SLOWLY OPENING DOORS

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NICO TOUTENHOOFD / Daily Camera

CLASSES RELOCATED: Laurel Labdon, 23, a junior international relations major at CU, attends four of her five classes in the Hellems Arts and Sciences building — one of a handful of classroom buildings on campus with an automatic door opener.

Access comes slowly to CU

Disabled still shut out of many campus buildings

By DOUG COSPER
Camera Staff Writer

When Laurel Labdon rolled into the University of Colorado in her motorized wheelchair last month, there were no dormitory accommodations with both the automatic door and the roll-in shower she required.

"They bent over backward," she said of campus housing officials, who within a week installed door-openers, adapted an elevator and arranged cafeteria and mail assistance for the 23-year-old junior.

But when the time came to attend her five classes in five different CU buildings, the bar-

riers were more formidable. Only one was equipped with an automatic door-opener, which Labdon needs to independently enter a building. A broken neck suffered in a summer-vacation auto accident left Labdon without the use of her legs and only partial use of her arms.

The first week at CU, her mother opened doors for her. The second week, campus volunteers took over that task.

"Then I brought up the idea that if all my classes were in Hellems (Arts and Sciences), I can get inside there by myself. And the next thing I knew, they were," Labdon said. Cam-

pus Affirmative Action officials arranged for three of her classes to be moved to Hellems, which is equipped with an automatic door.

"They were great," Labdon said of CU officials, "but obviously it's only a temporary solution. If I wanted to hear a lecture in a different building, I'd still have barriers in my way."

The episode exposes shortcomings in the university's efforts to make the campus accessible to people with disabilities, said Henry Claypool, coordinator for CU's Services (See DISABLED, Page 3C)

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Charlie Johnson/Colorado Daily

Employees of the Office of Services to Disabled Students are eager to help ease the road to graduation for students with any disability at CU.

...Some places are more accessible than others

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accessibility: MCD Biology, Hale Science, Mathematics, Macky Auditorium, Ramaley Biology, Business School, Engineering School and Hellems Arts and Sciences.

Residence halls Claypool recommends are Cheyenne-Arapaho, Kittredge West and Libby. He tells students to take advantage of renovations to the CU Recreation Center and check out the Henderson museum.

Some other tips from Claypool, who uses a wheelchair himself, are:

- Use the bookstore in the University Memorial Center, if you want to get to all the books yourself. The bookstore on the Hill has an accessible front door, but students in wheelchairs have to ask someone to get books on the second level.

- The UMC is a good place to hang out and get food.
- The campus is the best place to see movies. Chemistry Room 140, the UMC Forum Room and Muenzinger auditorium are accessible to wheelchairs.
- For musical entertainment, Claypool says, "The Fox is a great place to see a show."
- The RTD and the Hop buses are accessible to wheelchairs and will take you around Boulder and to Denver. Coors Field has good seating for wheelchairs, Claypool said, and it is on an RTD bus line.

Office hours for the Office of Services to Disabled Students are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call 492-8671 for more information.

Wheelchair user frustrated at CU

Editor:

I was most interested in your article of Feb. 2 on the lack of accessibility on CU campus to "wheelies" (as a neighbor self-describes). Several weeks ago you published an item through "Dear Abby" about callous boors' misuse of a toilet stall designated for wheelchair users. A few articles have described a possible program through the City of Boulder to complement enforcement of the ordinance prohibiting vehicle parking without appropriate license or placard in spaces set aside for vehicles transporting mobility impaired people.

I wish to recommend a "thorn" to CU for the lack of proper planning, budgeting and implementation of changes necessary to make their facilities accessible to the wheelchair-bound. That accessibility was mandated by law. It is my understanding that the original deadline was extended. One of my classes was moved from the third floor of a very old building to an accessible building clear across campus because neither the instructor nor myself "do" these flights of stairs without great discomfort.

CU's phone-line registration for classes has no provision to discover if a registrant needs "handicap access" classrooms so that changes in class location can be effected before semester begins. All that, and City of Boulder's removal of some "handicapped" parking spaces along the 13th Street Folly by Pearl Street mall, amazes me in a city where the residents so frequently stroke their consensual vanities for being "politically correct" and "sensitive to diversity."

A woman shopping at King Soopers "God blessed" me and hoped I'd be "saved," and chided me for "being so rude to her" when I pulled my car in back of hers and said out my driver's window, "Ma'am, if you have no handicap placard or plate, I need you to move your car now. I need the space."

Phooey. I should have just blocked her in and gone about my shopping. Sure wish I could, sometimes.

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