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Health center: Convenient locale to increase offerings

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people out. We're just hoping people will feel comfortable enough to come in, to sit, to read books."

About 240 students have used the health education office each month during winter term so far, Dochnahl said. According to the office's log-book, the majority of those students received nicotine replacement products or came for condoms, which are "the only form of contraception that also protects against STIs (sexually transmitted infections)," Dochnahl said.

About 15 million new cases of STIs occur each year, two thirds of which are contracted by people 25 years old or younger, according to the American Social Health Association.

Condoms are 85 to 98 percent effective, depending on how correctly and consistently they are used, according to Planned Parenthood.

The University's health education program gives out about 500

condoms each month, Director of Health Education Paula Staight said.

Staight said the EMU resource center will offer a more comfortable environment for students.

"It's a convenient place for students to stop in and get information without having to go into a clinic environment," Staight said. "It doubles their options and helps us get some more visibility in a more student-oriented place."

Dochnahl said the health resource center will evolve over time, eventually hosting movie nights, discussion groups and workshops.

"We have this vision of what it's going to be," Dochnahl said. "But we are not sure what will actually manifest."

The resource center will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for its grand opening today, with regular hours from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Professor: Colorado governor called for Churchill's resignation

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event to stay on topic.

"His topic was not the main focus of the conference," Morse Center Director Margaret Hallock said. "It wasn't part of the original intent."

"The joint presentation — which was not centrally related to the conference — would overshadow two days' worth of other presentations," CoDaC Associate Director John Shuford said in an e-mail. He also cited concerns about the security and safety of all participants.

"We knew that it would significantly change the nature of the conference," Hallock said.

Hallock added that the decision was made within the last couple weeks. One of Churchill's papers from 2001 became a focal point of national scrutiny after the professor had a speech canceled at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. in early February. The essay, entitled "Some People Push Back: On the Justice of Roosting Chickens," offers Churchill's analysis of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Churchill referenced Malcolm X's statement on the assassination of John F. Kennedy in the controversial essay's opening paragraphs.

"On the morning of September 11, 2001, a few more chickens — along with some half-million dead Iraqi children — came home to roost in a big way at the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center," the essay reads.

Churchill referred to some victims working at the World Trade Center as "technocrats" and called them "little Eichmanns," a reference to Nazi Adolf Eichmann.

The essay didn't receive much attention until Churchill was scheduled to speak at Hamilton College on Feb. 3. The New York Times reported Saturday that Churchill received more than 100 death threats prior to the event, which the college canceled for security reasons.

Prior to the cancellation, Churchill responded to the controversy in a Jan. 31 press release.

"I am not a 'defender' of the September 11 attacks but simply pointing out that if U.S. foreign policy results in massive death and destruction abroad, we cannot feign innocence when some of that destruction is returned," Churchill said in the statement. "I have never characterized all the September 11 victims as 'Nazis.' What I said was that the 'technocrats of empire' working in the World Trade Center were the equivalent of 'little Eichmanns.' Adolf Eichmann was not charged with direct killing but with ensuring the smooth running of the infrastructure that enabled the Nazi genocide."

Churchill resigned from his position as University of Colorado's chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies and has been placed under review by the institution. Colorado Gov. Bill Owens, a Republican, denounced Churchill and called for his resignation in a letter given to the University of Colorado's College Republicans, according to his Web site.

"We are not compelled to accept his pro-terrorist views at state taxpayer subsidy nor under the banner of the University of Colorado," Owens said in the letter. "(Churchill's views) are at odds with simple decency and antagonistic to the beliefs and conduct of civilized people around the world."

However, members of the University of Colorado College Democrats defended Churchill in a Feb. 7 letter posted on the group's Web site.

According to the letter, attacks on Churchill are "attacks on the Academic Freedom of the University."

"The content of his statements notwithstanding, his position with the University should not be in jeopardy for exercising his freedom of speech," the students said in the letter. "The actions of those who have sought Ward Churchill's dismissal from the university are misguided and unjust."

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