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REPORTS

ERITREAN AMBASSADOR HAILE MENKERIOS

that the Eritrean Ambassador to the United Nations, the Honorable Haile Menkerios, the first African Ambassador to visit the College, spoke at Truman on May 22 as part of the 8th Annual Eritrean Independence Day activities which included:

- ▶ Speeches by Kebire Ahmed and Khaled Bashir of the Association of Eritrean Professionals and Academics for Development;
- ▶ A presentation by Shana Wills, a DePaul graduate student specializing in Eritrean studies;
- ▶ Attendance by more than 200; and that Truman College has the largest enrollment of Eritrean African students of any of the other City Colleges;
- ▶ A proclamation from Mayor Daley recognizing May 24 as Eritrean Independence Day in Chicago, read by Arnold Romeo, Director of the Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on African Affairs;
- ▶ Celebration of Eritrean independence, won from Ethiopia eight years ago after thirty years of war, and although stable relations between the two countries existed for a short time, they are currently at war again over disputed territory;
- ▶ Coordination by Angesom Atsbaha of Truman and DePaul University, who is also a member of the Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on African Affairs.

PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

that officials, high school principals, and senior administrators from the city of Jingmen, visited Truman College as part of a fact-finding tour of various United States educational institutions; they reviewed various programs and student services offered at Truman, and toured the College and Technical Center.

Respectfully submitted:

Wayne D. Watson  
Chancellor

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