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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that the Women's Studies Committee at Harold Washington College completed their annual celebration of Women's History Month this March on the college's campus, and;

that the month-long celebration, themed "Women Wrule," explored female leadership and social constructions of sex, gender, and sexuality. Faculty, staff, students, and administrators participated in the diverse array of organized events. These events included a film festival that began with an opening field trip to see *The Queen* and continued with screenings and discussions of films, such as *Whalerider*, *Sankofa*, and *Daughters of the Dust*, and *Sor Juana film: Yo, la peor de todas/I, the worst of all*. The month also included a panel discussion on the topic of "Race, Gender, and Sexuality," two panels on Women and/in Religion, a presentation by Laura Garcia on Teatro Chicano, a luncheon geared towards discussing nutrition for women, and two self-defense workshops among other events, and;

these events were generally well-attended and inclusive of intelligent discussion of ideas and the month's theme. Reports on some of the organized events are as follows: "Moderating the Women's History Month panel discussion, "Race, Gender, and Sexuality" was a great experience because it brought together voices from all parts of the HWC community. We had a student (Santiago Castrillon), a faculty member (J-L Deher Lesaint), and administrators (Anna Blum and Keenan Andrews); our diverse panelists offered an impressive range of experience and viewpoints which made our discussion of the interesection of racial, gender, and sexual identities particularly fruitful;" "Both of the women and religion panels were very well attended. At the first one, Athir Mahmud spoke about Islam; Sister Joan McVeigh spoke about Christianity; Marcy Henry spoke about Buddhism. At the second panel, Ilene Sandman spoke of Judaism and the beats and a bit of Buddhism, and Marcy Henry spoke about the different schools of Buddhism and my experiences living in various Buddhist centers in Asia," and;

that the planners and presenters, many of whom were HWC faculty and staff, were greatly encouraged by the support of the HWC community as well as by the intensely collaborative process of making the month a success. Those planners and presenters are as follows: Amanda Loos, Betty Harris, Cheryl Dias, Ilene Sandman, Judi Nitsch, Kristin Bivens, Michal Eskayo, Tim Donahue, Margaret Johnson, Donyel Williams, Maria de Jesus Estrada, Anna Blum, Keenan Andrews, Marcy Henry, Les White and the Psychology Club, Lynnel Kiely, Diane Adams, Leslie Villasenor, Adriana Tapanes-Inojosa, Johanny Vazquez-Nieves, Dr. Sharon Khurana, Laura Garcia, Kathryn Nash, and the AAWCC- HWC chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chancellor

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