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EASTERN PLANS ACTIVITIES FOR WOMEN

CHARLESTON, IL.--In observance of Women's History and Awareness Month, the Women's Studies Council at Eastern Illinois University is sponsoring a month-long series of activities, including films, exhibits and other programs.

One of the highlights during the month has been the presentation of three Woman of Achievement awards and a Student Writing award.

The Woman of Achievement award recipients are Dr. Judith Anderson, Bonnie Buckley and Dr. Nancy Taitt.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Anderson was honored for her services as the Affirmative Action Director at Eastern and for her work with the Coles County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Buckley is director of the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service on campus and was honored for her work against domestic violence and sexual assault.

Taitt, Associate Professor in the Mathematics Department and Coordinator of Faculty Development, was praised for two decades of outstanding teaching in mathematics and excellence in service to the math department and as faculty development coordinator.

The Student Writing award was presented to freshman Mickey Carrell for her essay titled "Working Women in World War II."

"Rethinking the Past; Rewriting the Future" is the theme of Women's History and Awareness Month, a local event first implemented by the Women's Studies Council in March 1983, in conjunction with National Women's History Week and International Women's Day.

"The purpose of this local annual celebration is to focus attention upon the achievements and concerns of women on campus and in the community," according to Dr. Lynda Kayser, chairperson of the Women's Studies Council.

Prompted by the enormous national success of events such as these, Congress has designated the entire month of March 1988 as Women's History Month.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Dr. Melanie Rawlins, a member of the Women's Studies Council and professor in the educational psychology and guidance department at Eastern, will present a hands-on workshop titled "Time Out for Me: Creative Energy Renewal" at noon Wednesday, March 30 in the Union's Arcola Room. Participants will discuss and practice ways to relieve stress.

The film "The Woman was an Artist: Women Painters 1550-1950" will be shown at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 31 in the Tarble Arts Center.

A special display of women's photographs will be featured in Booth Library through the end of the month.

All activities are being co-sponsored by the EIU Foundation, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Faculty Development Office, Affirmative Action Office, Tarble Arts Center and the University Board.

The Women's Resource Center, located in the Union, is the headquarters for the Women's Studies Council. The center contains information on women's studies and other programs of interest to faculty, staff, students and the local community.