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## Dick Gregory Captivates Crowd At WSSU

An evening with Comedian-lecturer Dick Gregory proved to be a most inspiring experience for the hundreds of people who crowded into the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium on Tuesday evening to hear this man who has devoted himself to the cause of human liberation.

The crowd welcomed Gregory with a hearty standing ovation which was indeed due because Gregory's lecture was an informative spark that was needed to awake the crowd to the unpleasant realities affecting Americans every day.

Gregory began his lecture with a comical introduction that produced roars of laughter from the audience. Widely known for his role as a professional comedian, Gregory revealed his superb ability to accomplish two tasks in one. He prepared his audience, as he stated, for something heavy by getting them in the mood. And what better way than by letting them laugh at themselves.

In revealing his serious side, and calling attention to the perplexing problems that are facing Americans today, the humanitarian comment-

ed on three domestic issues that the Carter Administration have been requested to take immediate action on. "The new administration under the leadership of President Jimmy Carter must take immediate action to make sure that the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are properly investigated. They must also study the current weather patterns in this country in relationship to reports of weather modification techniques. Thirdly, it will be the job of these new leaders to make public the various government experiments that secretly use human beings as subjects."

Gregory says he will continue to stress the importance of the current special investigation into the deaths of Kennedy and King, by continuing a fast which he began on the day of the Presidential inauguration. In a January telegram sent to President Jimmy Carter, Dick Gregory stated the following: "Millions of Americans are questioning the confusing and conflicting government reports surrounding the deaths of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King,



Dick Gregory

Jr. Both the public and the press are anxious to see the results of this new investigation which will hopefully reveal the truth surrounding both of these deaths. I cannot begin to stress the importance of this latest exploration, but I sincerely believe that in order to preserve freedom and democracy, the citizens of this nation must be told the truth. This can only happen if the special committee is allowed to take whatever steps are necessary to complete its inquiry. I will personally express my concern on this matter by giving up conventional food until which time the accurate and undisguised truth is revealed. I have begun a fast on which I will consume only liquids, and I will remain on this fast for as long as it takes the committee to bring the truth to the American People. It may take months or even years, but I make this sacrifice in hopes of raising the consciousness level of all the new members of our

administration."

On the subject of weather modification, Gregory says he believes scientists have used various techniques to cause adverse weather conditions across the United States. In the summer of 1976, Mr. Gregory ran from Los Angeles, California to New York City to dramatize the critical food situation in this country. His "Bicentennial Food Run" as it was called, brought attention to

### Energy Crisis

## Thermostats Lowered

In compliance with Governor James Hunt's request for energy conservation the University has adopted the following measures outlined in a memorandum for Chancellor Williams to all departments.

Thermostats in all classroom buildings, the Student Union, Auditorium, Dining Hall, the Administration

the problems of hunger, starvation, and the need for a new cabinet post. Gregory advocated the need for a Secretary of Food and Nutrition. "This person would work independent of the Secretary of Agriculture. The job would entail working directly with small farmers and the millions of Americans who suffer because of high food prices." In 1975 Gregory had information

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Building and the Library have been lowered in keeping with the orders of Governor Hunt. Dormitories are being kept at a comfortable, but lower temperature than before, until 12:00 midnight in order to provide students an opportunity to complete their studies.

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## Refunds Requested

This semester a great many students tried to get a meal ticket refunds because they believe it is cheaper. The students obtained doctor excuses stating they could not eat in the dining hall.

However, some members of the administration feel some of the excuses are void because they do not state adequate medical reasons for not eating.

Students feel the food should be better and there should be a better way of paying for meals. They pay for three meals a day even if

they do not eat all three meals.

Dr. Wilson, Director of Student Affairs pointed out a new system had been discussed before Christmas. The system discussed was "chit books." These are booklets that are payed for monthly. The students pay for each meal because the booklets are similar to money. However if the booklets are lost, it is the same as losing twenty-five or thirty dollars. The booklets

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