

Gil Scott-Herron Performs At WSSU

Noted lecturer and musician, Gil Scott-Herron gave a dynamic performance in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium on April 18, 1977. The program was sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Herron played to a full house of students, instructors, and other interested persons. In the last two months he and his champion, the Doctor, have performed at numerous Black college campuses. Herron began his lecture by telling the audience about an African custom where one man in a tribe learned the entire history of his tribe. The man who committed his tribe's history to memory was called a "giant". Next Herron urged Blacks not to become complacent, but to remain abreast of the things happening to other Blacks.

He told of another African custom where the traveling poet was accompanied by a percussionist. In keeping with that custom, Herron travels with an associate called the Doctor. The Doctor is an outstanding percussionist who builds his own instruments and teaches others how to play them. The Doctor displayed and demonstrated many of his instruments. The instruments shown included rattles used to drive away evil spirits, bells used to bring good spirits, a hand bone, an aerial phone, and an assortment of drums. The audience really enjoyed the Doctor's performance, espe-

cially when he invited them to help him sing a boating song called "Alien Bo". While singing, the Doctor played an instrument called the "Shake-a-Ray" so vigorously that shouts of approval came bursting forth from the audience. After the Doctor's performance, Gil Scott-Herron began to lecture again.

Herron said that man is a creature that has three dimensions. First there is the dimension of rhythm, next is the dimension of the mind and finally there is the dimension of the spirit. Men should seek three dimensional experiences which consist of the transfer of information.

Next Herron talked about the Black man's demand for relevant poetry. This type of poetry is needed for information and communication. He did a poem called "Billy Green is Dead" that the audience really enjoyed.

He recounted many of the laws passed that have put Blacks at a disadvantage. The law Herron placed particular emphasis on was enforced mainly on Blacks.

Herron talked about the many things that he sees wrong with America. One thing that he was aware of was the strange discrepancies in our calendar and alphabet. He has coined a word that he uses when he can't understand the inconsistencies of the world. The word is "Dot Dot Did It, Dot

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Professor Completes Book

Eddie D. Cecil, professor of French here at W.S.S.U. will have a book published early in May. The book is entitled *Contes Faciles En Varies*.

It is full of delightful stories designed for children who are beginning to read French. There are topics

pertaining to people, animals, places, and situations which the younger generation can apply to their own experiences. The book is both informative and descriptive and it contains along with the cited reading material, six fables of La Fontaine.

This is Dr. Cecil's first book and he is very pleased to have it published. This book is a culmination of his ambitious background.

Dr. Cecil received his B.S. degree from North Carolina A&T State University and his M.A. from the University of Michigan, the Certificate De Langue Francaise from the Sorbonne University of Paris, the Professional Diploma from Teachers College, Columbia University, and the Doctor of

Education degree from the University of Idaho.

He has taught French as well as English on the elementary, secondary, and college levels in several states across the country. He also served as Chairman of the Department of English and Foreign Languages at Benedict College, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Dr. Cecil has traveled extensively. He has visited Belgium, France, Guadeloupe, Holland, Martinique, South America, and Switzerland.

Anyone interested in obtaining this book may contact Dr. Cecil in Carolina Hall, Room 118.

Julius S. Wilson, Jr.

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Dr. Nathan F. Simms was recently presented with an "Outstanding Achievement Award" for service to the Minority Small Business Community, and in recognition of his leadership as Chairman of the Forsyth County Economic Development Corporation and the Forsyth County Investment Company.

The award was made by James F. Hansley, a representative of the awarding companies.