

Dick Gregory set to speak at UNC-G

Comedian and human rights activist Dick Gregory will speak on South Africa at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, in Aycock Auditorium as part of the observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Gregory's career as a comedian began in 1960 in St. Louis. As the 1960s progressed, he joined the civil rights movement. Mixing politics with comedy, Gregory became increasingly well-known for one-liners such as, "I spent six months sitting at a lunch counter in Atlanta, and when they finally took my order, they didn't have what I wanted."

At one point in his career,

Gregory weighed more than 300 pounds, but through dieting, running and fasting, he shed much of the weight. Many of these activities were conducted to call attention to civil rights and health issues, the Vietnam War, acid rain and the Equal Rights Amendment.

A popular speaker, Gregory delivers more than 300 lectures annually on college campuses and at health and political events.

Gregory's appearance is part of the University Concert and Lecture Series. Tickets will be available at the door, or they can be reserved through the Aycock box office by calling 334-5546 weekdays from 1 to 5:30 p.m.



Dick Gregory

Triad March of Dimes prepares for annual Mothers March

A 40-year tradition will continue Sunday, Jan. 18, when 9,000 men and women in the Greater Triad go from door to door in their neighborhoods to collect funds for the March of Dimes.

The funds collected by the volunteer group will be used for research and education toward the amelioration of birth defects. North Carolina ranks fourth in

the nation in dead and birth-defective babies. This is due mainly to lack of proper medical care before the birth of the baby and no understanding of the medical care available to expectant mothers. Most babies born with birth defects are those that are born too small, too soon.

Through funds collected for Mothers March, it is expected that these problems will be solved.

All marchers who take part in the event can turn in their collection kits at Hanes Mall in Winston-Salem and Four Seasons Mall in Greensboro from 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18.



Members of the Institute for Islamic Involvement sponsored a special program on South African apartheid last weekend at the Main Library. The program featured a showing of the film "Witness to Apartheid," which was followed by a discussion period. Above, Faruk Malloy, a member of the sponsoring group, mediates the discussion (photo by James Parker).

Friendship Force plans a visit to Africa

From June 12 through June 27, 80 North Carolinians will share an experience as the first group of Friendship Force ambassadors of good will to visit Nairobi, Kenya, in East Africa.

This exchange marks the first visit by the Atlanta-based international exchange organization to a country in Africa other than Egypt. During the exchange, ambassadors will have a unique opportunity to develop friendships and to learn more about the lifestyles of the people of Africa.

Leaders of the group hope to take with them a cross section of the socioeconomic, ethnic and cultural diversities that is representative of North Carolina itself.

Applications are now being accepted for the exchange. Interviews for the North Carolina-Kenya exchange are being scheduled across the state. Interviews will be held at Knollwood Baptist Church Thursday, Jan. 29, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tony Brown to speak at Wake Forest

Wake Forest University's celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday will feature a speech by television commentator Tony Brown Sunday, Jan. 18. The free program will be held in Brendle Recital Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Brown, who has been described as the most respected black television commentator in the United States over the past 10 years, is the host of "Tony Brown's Journal." The show has appeared on NBC-TV for three years and was on PBS as "Black Journal."

Brown describes the show, which is the longest-running black affairs television show, as a "documentary series about black people for all people."

Dr. Ernest Wade, director of minority affairs at Wake Forest and coordinator of the event, says a Martin Luther King Award will be presented to "someone who over the years has best exemplified those ideals that were so much a part of Dr. King's life."



Tony Brown

Brown is the author of a nationally syndicated column which carries the same name as the television series. He was founding dean of Howard University's School of Communications and is also the host of "Tony Brown's Daybreak," which is shown in the Washington area.

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