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Dick Gregory, a former college track star who recently staged an 800-mile "run against hunger",will verbally sprint across the American social scene in a public lecture at the Capitol Pavilion in Lacey March 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The comedian and civil rights activist, known for more than a decade for his energetic involvement in what he calls the "great social revolution going on in America today," is appearing in Lacey courtesy of numerous academic programs and the Third World Coalition at The Evergreen State College. Admission is \$2 for adults; \$1 for students.

Gregory, who last year staged his long distance run from Chicago to Washington, D.C. to call attention to the world hunger crisis, has consistently made headlines across the nation since he began his career in 1961 at Chicago's Playboy Club. In 1970, he staged a 71-day fast in Toronto, Canada to dramatize the drug problem in America, and three years earlier he served a 45-day jail sentence in Thurston County for his participation in an Indian fishing demonstration along the Nisqually River.

Author of nine books and recorder of numerous record albums, Gregory travels to more than 300 college campuses a year, attempting to make the "provincial concerns of civil rights a universal call to appreciation for international human dignity."

In his Monday night address on St. Martin's College campus, the dynamic comedian is expected to discuss the continuing problems of hunger in the world, the political process in the United States, and the "great social revolution" in America today.

Persons interested in obtaining advance tickets to his address are invited to contact the Third World Coalition at Evergreen, 866-6034.

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