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Comedian and civil rights activist Dick Gregory will discuss the "Social Crisis in America" in an address in Capitol Pavilion at St. Martin's March 1.

Brought to Thurston County by a number of academic programs and the Third World Coalition at The Evergreen State College, Gregory will appear at 7:30 p.m. in the Lacey pavilion. Tickets, available at the door, are \$1 for students; \$2 for others.

Gregory, who began his career as a comedian at Chicago's Playboy Club in 1961, has consistently made headlines for more than a decade --- not only as a comedian, but as a participant in civil rights demonstrations, as a lecturer who travels to more than 300 college campuses a year, and even as a write-in candidate for the Presidency of the United States and for the mayor of Chicago.

Most recently, the controversial comedian staged an 800-mile "run against hunger" from Chicago to Washington D.C. to call attention to the world hunger crisis and "to prod national conscience into responding to that crisis." In 1970, Gregory 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 albums, Gregory describes himself as a pacifist and "freelance humanitarian" who has made "the provincial concerns of civil rights a universal call to appreciation for international human dignity."

In his March address at St. Martin's, Gregory is expected to discuss the continuing

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problems of hunger in the world, the political process in the United States, and the "great social revolution that is going on in America today." "The wonderful thing about this revolution," Gregory declares, "is that it is not Black against White. It is simply right against wrong. The number one problem in America today," he asserts, "is not air and water pollution. It is moral pollution."

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