

Dick Gregory and Stewart Udall scheduled as the final two speakers in 1972-73 Mandeville Lectures

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Comedian, satirist, and activist Dick Gregory and former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall have been scheduled as the final two speakers in the 1972-73 Mandeville Lectures sponsored by the University of California, San Diego.

Gregory will speak at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, and Udall at 8.00 p.m. Tuesday, May 8. Both lectures will be held in the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park and both are free and open to the public.

The lectures are part of a series underwritten by the Mandeville Foundation and presented through the UCSD Campus Programming Board. The series began in 1966 and has continued on a regular basis ever since.

Gregory, a man of many activities, will speak on 'Social Problems: Social or Anti-Social?' Gregory first became known as a professional comedian. Today, he lists himself as a recording artist, author, lecturer, actor, human rights activist, critic, philosopher, and political analyst, 'combining all of these roles to serve the cause of human liberation and to alleviate human suffering brought on by ignorance and apathy.'

Gregory was born in St. Louis, Missouri. In high school he was a state champion in track and field and later ran track while attending Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. He began a career in comedy at a time when Black comedians received bookings only in Black clubs and theaters. In 1961 he was a last-minute replacement at Chicago's Playboy Club and an almost immediate success.

Appearances in other top clubs and on major network television followed. During the civil rights movement of the 1960's, Gregory took part in many demonstrations. He has been jailed several times including a 45-day sentence in Chicago in 1965 and another 45-day sentence in the state of Washington as a result of his demonstrating with the Niqualy Indians.

Gregory formally entered politics in 1967 running as a write-in independent candidate for mayor of Chicago. The following year he was a write-in independent candidate for President of the United States.

He has numerous record albums to his credit and is the author of six books including his autobiography, "Nigger," "The Shadow That Scares Me," and "Dick Gregory's Political Primer" published in 1972. As a lecturer, Gregory has visited hundreds of college and university campuses during the past several years.

He holds the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Malcolm X University in Chicago and a Doctor of Laws degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

Udall, appointed Secretary of the Interior by President John Kennedy, was born in St. Johns, Arizona, in 1920. He attended the University of Arizona in Tucson and played guard on the school's 1946 basketball team, the first Arizona team to take part in the National Invitational Tournament in Madison Square Garden.

He received an LL.B. degree from the University of Arizona Law School in 1948 and began practice in Tucson in partnership with his brother, Morris. He was elected to Congress from the 2nd District in Arizona as a Democrat

in 1954 polling over 61 per cent of the votes: He was reelected to Congress for three more terms before being appointed to a cabinet post In 1961.

During his six years in Congress, Udall favored longer terms for Congressmen and the President, elimination of the seniority system, and home rule for the District of Columbia. He was also a constant supporter of civil rights legislation.

He was the first Arizonan to hold a cabinet post, succeeding Fred A. Seaton as Secretary of the Interior. He was confirmed by the Senate without Opposition in January, 1961, and served in the post for eight years.

Udall was named Chairman of the Board of the Overview Corporation in 1969 and has served as the writer of a syndicated column titled "Udall on the Environment" since 1970. He is the author of "The Quite Crisis" and "Agenda for Tomorrow."

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