

Bill Gary Honored

On Thursday, August 23, 1973, William "Bill" Gary, school social worker and advisor to the Outreach College Guidance Club at Neighborhood House, was honored in a surprise testimonial affair given by former Outreach Club participants in recognition of his dedicated service to the club and the city of

Plainfield.

The testimonial for Gary was attended by over 150 former Outreach students, friends and family members. The group heard Mr. Henry Thompson, vice principal at Plainfield High School, speak of Gary's significant contribution to city youths and his role in motivating and assisting

students into getting into college. Mr. Thompson described Gary as a determined, dedicated young man who has an excellent rapport with people and is considered an outstanding social worker by his colleagues in the school system.

Rick Taylor, a member of the Neighborhood House Board of Trustees, also addressed the audience at Neighborhood House. Taylor received enthusiastic applause as he described Gary's contributions to Plainfield and in particular his work with the Outreach College Guidance Club. Taylor equated Gary's contributions on a local level to minority youths and his ability to get them into college as being equally significant as work done on a national level by other prominent black leaders.

The surprise testimonial

was conceived by Miss Carolyn Jenkins, a former Outreach Club participant and now a senior at Montclair State College. Miss Jenkins, assisted by Everett Ellis, spearheaded the work in arranging the testimonial and did a yeoman's job in contacting students and friends of Bill Gary. Ellis, Model Cities Youth Employment Coordinator, served as master of ceremonies.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a plaque and a Bulova gold watch to Gary from the Outreach Club in recognition of his service to the club.

The program concluded with refreshments and live music by Plainfield's own "Functions" who donated their time to the affair.



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