

'Courage to write': author describes career struggles

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Vertamae Smart-Grosvenor, author and commentator on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," entertained an audience in Hanes Art Center Thursday night with "The Courage to be a Woman Artist," her account of how she became a published writer.

Grosvenor's talk, sponsored by the Carolina Union Human Relations Committee and WUNC-FM, highlighted her experiences discovering

the literary world, which eventually led to the publication of an autobiographical cookbook, "Vibration Cooking."

Grosvenor described the book as containing "creative and wonderful food memories that I've had with my family and my friends."

A South Carolina native, transplanted at an early age to Philadelphia, Grosvenor said she sought courage to overcome the inferiority she felt as a "Geechee," a Carolina lowland native with a peculiar accent.

Grosvenor said she used her courage later to help her become a writer.

"It takes a tremendous amount of courage to write," said Grosvenor. "You have to become a wordsmith to make people feel something."

Writers also must use their courage to overcome financial problems, said Grosvenor.

"Most of the time the rewards are up and down," she said. "And you have to explain to your family why it is you're still doing this thing that brings a great deal of satisfaction, but

you don't get any money."

Artists must believe that they will overcome their lack of success, Grosvenor said.

"You have to explain with a great deal of conviction, 'I am an artist. This is what I do. Can I borrow a dollar?'"

Grosvenor said her many influences included the books and plays she read as a child. Her growing admira-

tion of artists led her to quit school when she was 18 and seek an artistic community in Paris, she said.

"In Europe I learned I was a long way from home," she said. "I had learned American and now I had to learn French."

Grosvenor said her experience in France learning a new language helped to eliminate her feelings of inferiority as a Geechee because she

realized that she had not been taught to speak English correctly.

Grosvenor's first book was published in 1969 after her 9-year-old daughter published a book of poetry. The two entered the literary world together and appeared on talk shows as a mother-daughter team, she said.

She also published a book about domestic workers called, "Thursdays and Every Other Sunday Off."

Ballot

service because there is a lot of animosity towards gays on campus, he said.

"This referendum itself proves there's hostility," Friedman said.

The STV referendum will be on the ballot because of a Student Congress bill passed Wednesday night.

The referendum will request a \$1 fee increase for fall 1988 and spring 1989 to pay for STV equipment.

Tim McMillan, STV operations manager, said the station needs two

new cameras, two portable recorders and an editing board.

The new equipment, which will be worth about \$35,000, is necessary because the station's current equipment is four years old and wearing out because of constant use, McMillan said.

In last spring's budget process, STV was only allocated enough money to maintain their operations, McMillan said.

Neil Riemann, finance chairman of

the congress, said the money will be requested through a referendum because it is more money than congress usually appropriates after the budget process.

"I can't remember congress ever giving an appropriation of \$35,000 (after the budget process)," Riemann said.

There will now be six referendums on the ballot. Congress previously approved four others, which will:

- ask to call for a \$1.25 per semester increase in student activities fees for general use,

- ask to strike references to specific student organizations from the Student Constitution,

- request a change in the inauguration date of officials elected in campus-wide elections, and

- ask to redefine the role of the student body treasurer on the congress.

Friedman said six is a large number of referendums and may cause some confusion.

"It's going to be rough and make the voting process more difficult," he said. "There will be a certain amount of backup at the poll sites."

The referendums may cause more people to vote, Friedman said. He said the ones requesting fee increases should especially bring voters out.

"Getting fees raised has a more direct impact on people than the student body president election," Friedman said.

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Rape crisis center to sponsor support group for assault victims

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Anger, fear and guilt — only a few of the feelings sexual assault victims experience — will be dealt with in a support group sponsored by the Orange County Rape Crisis Center beginning March 1.

The group will meet every Tuesday from 7:30-9 p.m. for 10 weeks at the center, located at 406 W. Rosemary St.

Sexually assaulted women will have an opportunity to share common experiences, gain support and learn from each other when they participate in the group, said Tina Groover, Committee Education and Outreach Coordinator. "It's for anyone, whether they prosecuted or didn't tell anyone," she said.

Groover said the support group will explore why the victims made the decisions they did and if they feel guilt because they did or didn't report the assault.

"I'm sure we'll have people who have gone through all of the channels of reporting the assault to the police, and they can give advice to others contemplating the next steps," Groover said.

The center provides counseling and educational services for many students. "We offer an alternative opportunity for those who don't want to be a part of campus groups for sexual assault victims, for confidentiality or whatever reasons," Groover said.

The Rape Crisis Center will also

be co-sponsoring a program with the Orange County Women's Center entitled "Supporting a Victim of Sexual Assault," for friends and relatives of victims. The program will be held Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Women's Center at Suite 24, The Courtyard.

The program will focus on the aftermath of rape, the needs of the

victim and the role of the support person. Participants will also learn about community resources that offer further help to victims.

Both programs are free of charge. Groover said those who want to participate should preregister because enrollment is limited. For more information, call the Rape Crisis Center at 968-4647.

Police Roundup

■ Susan Lynch, of 501-A North St., reported Saturday that her car had been spray-painted with black paint.

■ UNC senior Jennifer Jo Kline reported a robbery at her house at 905 E. Franklin St. on Monday.

According to the police report, Kline said the last person to be in the house left at 9:45 a.m. The person returned at 10:10 a.m. and found the front door had been smashed.

Reported stolen was \$10 in cash, \$4,220 worth of jewelry, 2 cameras worth \$750 and a \$70 purse.

■ James A. Norris, of Smithfield, reported that his car had been broken into while it was parked behind Granville East Tuesday.

Entry was gained by breaking a window, according to police reports.

Norris reported that a radar detector valued at \$295 was stolen.

■ Bob Lee, a student at the UNC Pharmacy School, reported that he returned to his truck parked on McCauley Street Tuesday and found that his radar detector had been stolen.

Entry was gained by using a clothes hanger, according to police reports.

The radar detector is valued at \$270.

■ Andrew Martinique, of 109 Oak Leaf Lane, fell about 20 feet when he was working on a chimney at Kirkwood Apartments Wednesday, according to police reports.

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