

India poet presents latest book

He said the University's college received many of its research dollars from the feder-

He said the direction of the college has changed in recent years.

"We've built the school to last," he said.

Divakaruni, being an ethnic writer, described the many questions she must ask herself in the creative process. Finding her audience and exactly how she is going to present her culture in her writings are constant struggles, she said.

Later in the evening, the author read from her new book, which has been nominated for the National Book Award, hit many bestseller lists, and is in its second printing since initially being published in July. Divakaruni read excerpts of her short stories and a few poems from her 1987 book, *Dark Like the River*, to the crowd of 60 gathered in Gerlinger Lounge.

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