

Author Gore Vidal speaks here today

Grossmont College will present best-seller author Gore Vidal at 11 am today in Room 220 and at 8:00 tonight in the college gymnasium. Novelist, playwright, critic, political sharpshooter, Vidal has had a unique career.

At the age of 19, Vidal published his first novel, "Willawa," which is still recognized as not only the first, but one of the finest of World War II novels. In 1954, Vidal turned from fiction to dramatic writing. In two years he wrote a dozen plays for television which were produced by Philco-Goodyear Playhouse, Omnibus, and Studio One. Among them was the popular "Visit to a Small

Planet," which he adapted for the stage in 1957. This successful play ran for two seasons on Broadway. Among his films were such productions as "Suddenly Last Summer," and among his hit plays was "The Best Man."

In 1964, after spending ten years writing for television, stage, and screen, Vidal returned to his first love, fiction, with the novel "Julian." A number one best-seller, this biography is the story of the Fourth Century Emperor, Julian the Apostate, who attempted to stop the spread of Christianity.

Vidal will speak on "The Novel in an Age of Science."

Students will be admitted tonight for 50 cents with ASB card.