

# THE GUILFORDIAN

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## Town Meeting is Held

by Jimmy Johnson  
Cub Reporter

The first town meeting of the school year was held Wednesday evening in the cafeteria. In the past years, the town meeting has served as an opportunity for the entire college community to exchange ideas and thoughts. During last year this kind of meeting helped open up the issue of antiquated visitation hours for women and eventually helped change them to a moderate degree. This year's first meeting was a rather low key affair with approximately seventy-five students, faculty, and administrators attending. Though there were new faces present most people seemed pretty familiar.

Ken Schwab, Dean of Students, opened with a brief explanation of the purpose of town meetings and then introduced Bob Forman, President of the Student Body. Forman talked of the transformation of Guilford from last year to this year; the mixture of new and old giving an exciting feeling to the coming months. He mentioned a wide range of new happenings including a winning football team, a \$6500 grant for Women's Studies, and a new method of communication called "take a teacher out to lunch."

Forman called attention to two important issues for Guilford students: visitation hours and alcoholic beverages. The Student Senate has just passed another bill which would give women a choice on when their hours should be.

In reference to these two issues Forman presented the figures of a poll taken in the

cafeteria, Wednesday with the response of about 50% of the student body. On the issue of visitation hours approximately 84% voted yes they would like to decide their own hours whereas 15% said no. On the alcohol issue 78% voted for alcohol in the Grill Room and coffeehouse and 21% voted against it.

Forman closed his speech with a description of the Guilford College Community. He included not only students, faculty, and administration but those people we never see who provide a large portion of the money.

With a short introduction Forman turned the microphone over to President Grimsley Hobbs. President Hobbs spoke of the excitement of opening another year and called it "a time of new beginnings" for students and teachers. He felt a very positive attitude in the air and said that Guilford had the best new faculty in ten years.

President Hobbs said the new College Center was on its building schedule and promised it to be ready for use next August. He expects the College Center to be a "unifying function" at Guilford with its recreational lounges, classrooms, meeting rooms, and auditorium.

President Hobbs talked about the Self Study of Guilford which is just being completed. He said we will not just sit back now that the study is complete but go into new directions from what we have learned.

He also read a brief statement on the purpose of Guilford College which is now

being put together. He stressed the many types of individuals at Guilford and said that this diversity must be recognized. He hopes that there will be a close community and that it will not become fragmented into "we-they" groups." One new line of communication that will help this situation is the Community Council. This is a group made up of all parts of the community.

President Hobbs finished his speech with some figures on the growth of the library and the number of faculty with PHD's.

After Cyril Harvey's introduction of the new faculty, Bruce Stewart reviewed some of the highlights of Guilford. He emphasized the many stimulating programs we offer and the achievements of our students.

Following Stewart's speech there were refreshments. Thus the first town meeting was a kind of formal introduction to Guilford.



Ms. Verrett to Perform in Dana Auditorium

## Verrett Opens Art Series

by Jon Hiratsuka

Shirley Verrett, Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano, will appear in Dana Auditorium on Monday, Sept. 23, at 8:15 p.m. Her recital is the first event sponsored by the Guilford College Arts Series this year.

Although best known as an opera star, Shirley Verrett's versatility enables her to sing music of many forms, periods, and cultures. This Monday night Miss Verrett will sing Negro spirituals, art songs of Italy, Germany, and France, and one operatic selection by Rossini. Critics say Miss Verrett has "a voice which can do practically everything."

Shirley Verrett has a beauty of voice and a pleasing stage manner. She enriches and brings out the emotion in her material, be it a Negro spiritual or an opera sung in Italian. Her capacity to create beauty and convey emotion through voice is not unlike that of Joan Baez, due

consideration given to differences between their types of music.

Born in New Orleans and raised in Los Angeles, Miss Verrett began her musical career late in life. Says she, "I could always sing, but I didn't do anything about it. After college I found myself working in real-estate sales and I asked myself what am I doing here?"

Miss Verrett then went to Julliard School of Music where she won numerous awards. For some time she avoided opera in deference to the Seventh-day Adventist's disapproval of opera's passion and violence. But in 1966 she toured Europe and sang in the operas "Carmen," "Aida," and "Don Carlo". Her fame grew rapidly, and in 1968 she made her Metropolitan Opera debut as Carmen.

Shirley Verrett has sung with the major opera companies, orchestras, and festivals in the United States and in other countries. Her roles

have included Cassandra in "The Trojans," Azucena in "IL Trovatore", and her mainstay, Carmen.

Arts Series coordinators Hugh Stohler and Bob Bussey are proud to have the international star perform at Guilford. Bob Bussey emphasized that on Monday night Guilford students will have the opportunity to see one of the world's greatest performers. He also spoke of the Arts Series' purpose of bringing to the college a variety of artistic, cultural, and intellectual events.

Other Arts Series events this semester feature columnist Art Buchwald and the Claude Kipnis Mime Theatre.

Full time Guilford students are admitted free to all events upon showing student ID cards.

Any student interested in attending a reception for Ms. Verrett Monday evening following her performance is requested to contact Lin Cruickshank at the Arts Services office in Bryan Hall.



Sideline Celebrations were in order as the Quakers won their second straight game. For related stories, see Pages 7 and 8. photo by Catoe