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**CALENDAR.**

Wednesday, 6.30: Sophomore class meeting; 7.30, Literary Club.  
 Thursday, 6.30: Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. meetings.  
 Friday, 7.00: Literary Societies, Clay-Zatasian reception.  
 Saturday: Basketball, Guilford vs. Lenoir at Guilford.  
 Sunday, 11.00 and 7.30: Religious meetings.  
 Tuesday, 6.30: Junior Class meeting.

**"LET HER RIP, BOYS."**

The basketball season is in full swing and the Quaker Quint has been playing an excellent brand of ball. Without a doubt the smallest team in the State, the Quakers have overcome this disadvantage by remarkable agility and concerted team work. The game here on Tuesday of last week with the Davidson quint, as genteel a set of players as ever donned basketball togs, was really nothing short of a classic. Fighting with every erg of energy, the Quakers maintained a safe lead during the first half but succumbed to the spectacular work of the visitors in the second frame. This fact remains, however, that despite the loss of the game by the narrow margin of one point the Guilford quint was all the time in the game. With the spirit which characterized the work of the Crimson and Gray in both the Davidson and Elon games, victory after all is a relative matter. The team is playing the game—and playing in true Guilford style.

And there is a reason. The team has had the support of the student body almost to the man. Never have the students rallied more enthusiastically to the colors than during the past week. An alumnus stated that he had never seen so much spirit in the history of the college as was manifested by the student body in

the Elon game. One wonders what this alumnus would have said had he been present at the Davidson game. Cheer-leaders Carroll, Yow and Armstrong are doing their part and the cooperation is whole-hearted and spontaneous. The Guilfordian wishes to make one suggestion, however. The singing in the west end of the gym is a little off color. The yelling is great; the singing can be made so. What is needed is some good practise with Fort tickling the keys and producing the right tones. If the cheer-leaders will hold several basket ball meetings and put the emphasis on the singing end of the program, a revolution will be wrought. The support of the team has been great; the quint has appreciated it and responded nobly. Let's keep it up, boys, and "Let her rip."

**PUT A NIGGER ON THE SAFETY VALVE.**

The speaker on Sunday evening mentioned the uselessness of a big mass of machinery unless there were steam in the boiler to move it and as we sat there we wondered whether some of us do not have the steam and yet fail of getting results. Almost every one in college has had a vision of his opportunity and that vision has been the motive power of his endeavor. Yet often we fail to make good and we wonder why. The story is told of two cotton steamers which were racing down the Mississippi. One was gradually losing and to get more speed they put a nigger on the safety valve. It is not only steam you need but pressure—you may have the vision of what you want to be and do but unless that vision is under pressure it will do you no good.

Some of you are like power plants with under-sized boilers—you can run along very efficiently for a few moments—you can concentrate on Trigonometry for say 90 seconds and then your energy is all gone and it takes 15 minutes and half a pound of fudge to get up steam again. You need a bigger source of mental energy and that can be secured only by enlarging the one you have by a great deal of use. Try working for 91 seconds at a time and resting only 14 minutes and soon you will find your ability grown as large as your task.

Then there are some who put too many niggers on the safety valve and they experience the fate of the steamer we mentioned above. Nature refuses to stand the strain and the result may be very serious. Some few of this class have become really drunk with success and are trying to make their human faculties do more than they were meant to do, but for the most part the necessity for the tremendous pressure is due to leaks of precious energy. Perhaps most of your steam is used to blow the whistle; or perhaps it is used up in

some other non-productive endeavor.

If you are working under pressure and not getting results; if your profs insist on handing you D's and E's—first stop the leaks, then if your boiler is too small make it larger by vigorous application.

If, however, you are failing because you haven't got steam up, get your fires going and if necessary "put a nigger on the safety valve."

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