

## One for the money

# I ♥ North Carolina: February 14 in the State of Luv

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If all goes well and our persistent satellite hookup problems have been corrected, you'll be reading this paper with a mere week left until Valentine's Day.

This particular holiday has many strange effects on folks, the most interesting being the courage it gives otherwise sheepish people to write and send anonymous poetry to the objects of their desires. Of course, a lot of people skip the anonymous part and use the day as an excuse to ask out on a date that object of desire, or worse to read said poetry in a public place as a sign of affection. Yep, goofy people doing goofy things in public places—that's what February 14 is all about.

Speaking of Supreme Court Justice David Souter, some of us have been wondering lately how the High Court's only un-wed member plans to spend his Valentine's Day. All news reports until now have indicated

that David leads a dull bachelor's life. Even the ordinarily hyper-inquisitive *People* has yet to turn up any compromising photos with the Associate Justice sitting in a boat on someone's lap.

Well, our crack team here at *The Guilfordian* has found (via reading the New York Times) what we believe to be David Souter's smoking gun of luv. While researching a still-unfinished report for history class, we discovered that in the 60 or so opinions handed down by the Supreme Court since David joined the bench, he has sided with one other member *every single time* on *every single decision*. That member? Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Now we don't want to start any false

rumors here, but it's just that we see 60 identical opinions as, well, more than coincidental. Also given the fact that David is 50, unmarried, and until only recently living with his mother, we think it's possible that the shy, bookish Justice may have been smitten by happily-married Sandra and is

now trying to curry favor with her at work.

Silly wishful Valentine's Day speculation on our part? Maybe, maybe not. Confirmation was not difficult.

David's office in Washington, D.C. declined to make any official comment on the question of a Souter/O'Connor get-

together, saying only that David was out of the office and wasn't going to be back anytime soon. "I really can't comment on that,"

his secretary said when pressed on the question of whether David would be buying Valentine's Day gifts for any of his colleagues in particular.

(Remember that in Washington-speak, "No comment" is just another way of saying "Yes.") We had our answer.

In any case, since next Friday is *still* Valentine's Day, we here at *The Guilfordian* decided to put together an itinerary of events around the state just in case a couple of out-of-towners were to want to drive down from, say, Washington, D.C. for the weekend. We feel these happenings reflect a broad range of NC cultures and lifestyles, and that a healthy smattering would give an out-of-stater the true feeling of Valentine's Day south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

(Unfortunately, the state's most popular and undeniably romantic cultural event—the annual Spivy's Corner Hollerin' Contest—doesn't get cranked up for some three

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## Action Angle

# Making the world safe for budding idealists

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### Eco-actions

- Save energy. Don't use the elevators unless you are physically unable to use the stairs.
- Keep recycling. See the Greensboro News & Record's People & Places section for recycling times and places. Recycle your copies of *The Guilfordian*.
- War is not an energy policy. Write to Congress and ask your senators and representatives to support or sponsor bills that would stop oil drilling in more fragile coastal areas, require cars to get more miles per gallon, to implement more solar and wind energy use and to stop funding nuclear energy programs.
- Walk, jog, skip, hop, rollerskate or bike instead of using a car whenever possible.
- Buy recycled paper products, write on both sides of a page of paper, re-use envelopes, and use pencils or fountain pens instead of disposable ink pens.
- Carpool.
- Help save the rainforest by boycotting the following companies whose timber affiliates are destroying rainforests: Mitsubishi (Nikon), C-Itoh (Fuji, Isuzu, Fujitsu, Hitachi, Mazda, Pentax, Shiseido), Marubeni (Nissan, Canon, Sapporo), Toshiba and Toyota.
- The old growth forests of the U.S. are disappearing. Acres and acres of public land are clear-cut by the U.S. Forest Service and

the Bureau of Land Management who build 10,000 miles of logging roads into virgin forest per year. Write your congresspersons asking them to support Rep. Bryants House Bill #1969 which bans clear-cutting on public lands.

### Vote

Only three states in the union had smaller voter turnouts in the 1988 election than North Carolina did. Register to vote now at the following locations:

- Board of Elections offices at 301 W. Market St. (373-3836)
- At any Greensboro Public Library (there's one on W. Friendly Ave. across from the Quaker Twin movie theater)
- Department of Motor Vehicles

To vote by absentee ballot in the state in which you live, contact the Board of Elections in your county at least two months before the election.

Volunteer to help register voters. Contact the League of Women Voters at 274-0202 for more information.

### Think globally, act locally

Whales are not the only endangered species—entire cultures are in grave danger as well. There are less than 32 families of Penan natives left living in the forests of Sarawak in Borneo and Malaysia, where the rainforests are being cut at a rate of 2500 acres per day. The natives are jailed and beaten for blocking logging roads.

Help save the natives of Sarawak and their

home by writing:

Mr. Razali Ismail, Ambassador to the U.N., 140 E. 45th St. 43rd Floor, New York, N.Y., 10017. Ask him to help stop the destruction of the rainforests of Borneo and Malaysia.

*If you are an idealist and you want to commit yourself to non-violence I have one word for you—the most important word: start.*

—Colman McCarthy

Do you want to start committing yourself to non-violence? This week's focus angle is peace actions, but remember: essentially, every action is a peace action, especially voting and making any effort to save our planet. However, here are some identifiable "peace" actions that you may choose to do:

- Write your congresspersons and ask them to stop non-military sanctions of Iraq. Due to sanctions the present food supplies in Iraq allow a ration sufficient for only eight to 10 days per month. If Iraq was allowed a one-time sale of oil strictly for humanitarian needs, it would be able to provide for the basic needs of its people—food, medicines, water purification and waste disposal. The Iraqi people need help now. Write President Bush and let him know that non-military sanctions must end *now*, not when Saddam Hussein is removed from power.

Write to: U.S. House, Washington, D.C. 20515 or U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510

- Continue boycotting the Defense De-

partment contractors from last week's issue.

• If you want to help solve problems around the world, start with you're own little corner of it: express your feelings clearly and directly when you speak with people. If you are angry with your roommate, tell him/her—not your neighbor.

• "Think about the kind of world you want to live and work in. What do you need to build that world? Demand that your teachers teach you that."—Peter Kropotkin

• If you want to change our history of war, you need the knowledge and skills to do it. Take advantage of these courses offered at Guilford: Community and Commitment (IDS 401), Response and Community (JPS 220), Conflict Resolution (JPS 244), Peace, War, and Justice (Rel 233), Non-violence (Rel 330), Cultural Anthropology: Conflict & Cooperation (SOAN 103), Personal and Social Change (SOAN 345) and Building Community (IDS 401).

• Peace belongs in political science as well. If you are in an international politics class, for example, demand that Gandhi, King, Dorothy Day and other advocates of non-violence be taught, not just Hobbes, Locke and Marx.

• Read Gandhi, King, Dorothy Day, Jeanette Rankin, Sargent Shriver, Margaret Mead, Albert Schweitzer, William Penn and Albert Einstein. For a comprehensive non-violence/peace reading list, and other helpful information, write to: The Center for Teaching Peace, 4501 Van Ness Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016.