

If she's not here by noon, I think I'll leave. I'm only here til tomorrow morning and even though I live in a city, this one is so different, and it's not snowing here yet. I'm wearing my favorite outfit today (just because I don't support the beauty industry doesn't mean I don't care what I look like). Pale green corduroys which used to belong to Carl, my friend Pilar's boyfriend. My long-sleeved grey-blue top. The misshapen button-up purple sweater my grandmother made for my dad thirty

years ago (it was misshapen then, too). I never met her, but she feels important. Her name was Miriam also. This is my serious duty outfit. I wore it my first day as a typesetter. I wear it when I go to the dentist. I wore it when I came out to my father, right before he died last year and I hadn't seen him since I was 19. (He just smiled. I'm not sure if he understood what I said. I'm not sure if he even recognized me. I'm not sure it's important.) I wear it to feel comfortable. I wear it when I

know I'll be uncomfortable. (It's odd to feel uncomfortable around your own family. I'm not getting used to it.) I wore it, actually only the sweater, last December when I came to see Cynthia, sort of meanly. She had an extra ticket to see Pollini play at Carnegie Hall and sent me a frequent flier ticket. We went out to dinner with Jeremy, the man she was dating then, beforehand—I didn't like him. I didn't know how to refuse. Maybe I should have. ...To be continued in the next issue.

Everyone should be registered to vote by now, or will be registering soon, I am sure. (This means you, if you haven't registered—get out there and register to vote!!) So let me tell you a little about Senator Kinnaird, who should be re-elected.

Senator Kinnaird has create opinions on many issues, including education, the environment (more specifically hog farmers), transportation, and public safety.

She has co-sponsored the Excellent Schools Act. She has supported expansion of Smart Start, which gives children in North Carolina schools a chance to get ahead. She introduced a bill for English Proficiency in order to help overwhelmed schools. Last,

## Senator Kinnaird

by Jennifer Poorbaugh

but certainly not least, Senator Kinnaird has reduced class sizes by funding the hiring of 1,000 new teachers. North Carolina schools need this kind of attention if they are to become better.

On the issue of the environment, Senator Kinnaird has increased the tax credit for gifts of land to conservation groups, thus encouraging people to make gifts of land to these groups. She introduced, and voted for, measures to clean up rivers and streams. Related to keeping rivers and streams clean, Senator Kinnaird has also proposed regulations of hog fac-

tory farms. She helped build Carboro's Farmers' Market. This market is nationally recognized.

In transportation affairs, Senator Kinnaird has pushed for reforms of the Department of Transportation, attacked DOT for wasting money (specifically on \$1.3 million on a driveway for a private UNC club), and called for local priorities to outweigh personal projects. Working for more funds for public transportation and school sidewalks, Senator Kinnaird has also increased public safety with legislation on drunk driving, domestic violence, and sex and race harrasment.

All of these efforts deserve our gratitude, and I can think of no better way to do that than to re-elect Senator Kinnaird.

## Activism continued from page 8

material are generally hidden as "Special Topics" we have no lgbt center on campus; heterosexism, if not outright homophobia, is commonplace in and out of the classroom. . . I could keep going.

Not to mention that homosexual sex is still a "crime

against nature" in North Carolina and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is legal in most of the nation.

That's all kind of a bummer, isn't it? Shouldn't we be doing something about all this? Damn right we should. Don't let it bring you down; be energized by it. The work is there. If lgbt issues aren't your thing, there's

still plenty of work to be done on racism, sexism, and economic injustice. They all go hand in hand. We just need people who are willing to do the work. Who knows? That work might turn out to be the most fun and the most educational thing you do in your time at Carolina. And it might give the Mother Jones list a run for its money.