



# Attorney General's office withdraws from University Place investigation

BY JON ROSS  
ARTS & CULTURE EDITOR

Idaho's Attorney General's office, which was leading the probe into the University Place project, withdrew Thursday from the investigation. Assistant Chief Deputy Thorpe Orton, head of the investigation for the state, gave his exit notice in a letter to Ada County Prosecuting Attorney Greg Bower, citing conflicting interests. Orton listed a breach

of confidentiality and attorney-client conflicts of interest in his letter.

"We have determined that serious conflicts of interest arise from the University Place matter," Orton wrote. "Our review of the Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct ... leads us to conclude that our office cannot ethically proceed in this matter."

The matter, previously handled by Ada County, was passed to the state level after conflicts of interest arose. The conflict

stemmed from Ada County's dealings with a California construction company, Civic Partners, which was also rooted in the University Place proceedings. Idaho's Attorney General's Office took the reins from Ada County on Jan. 22, promising, "If we do discover ... a conflict, we will let you know so that other arrangements can be made."

"What is most important is that the University Place matter be investigated thoroughly and objectively so that the interests

of justice are served and the citizens of Idaho know the truth and have confidence in the outcome," Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said.

With this, Wasden passed the task of finding wrongdoing into the hands of someone else.

The project is now being investigated by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Oregon and Assistant U.S. Attorney Allan Garten. An email inquiry sent to Garten was not immediately returned.

This comes in the wake of more lukewarm news for UI. In a letter dated March 1, 2004, Bruce A. Rubin, an attorney representing UI, fingered former financial Vice President Jerry Wallace as the root of some of the university's money problems.

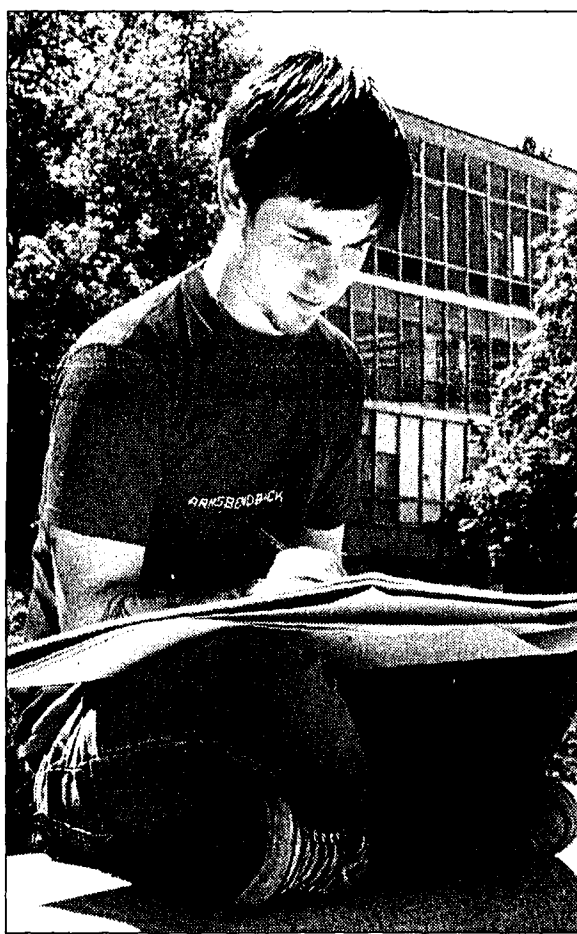
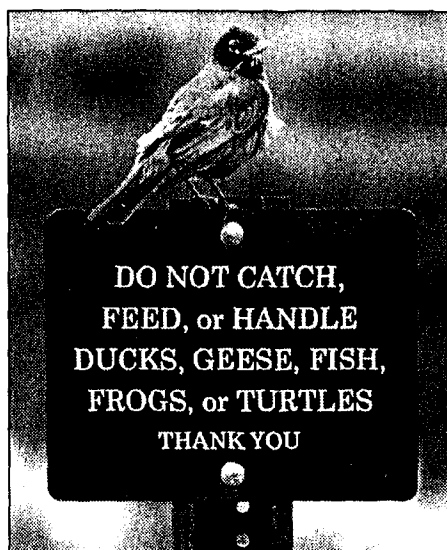
UI "has sustained a loss of money from the actions of former University of Idaho employee Jerry Wallace," he told Kit Coffin, Idaho's Risk Management Operations Supervisor. "These losses were

caused by acts constituting a failure by Mr. Wallace to faithfully perform his duties as prescribed by law," he said.

Rubin's law firm, Seattle based Skellenger Bender, is trying to account for losses exceeding \$12 million. UI is hoping to gain some of the money through a state insurance policy.

"The University of Idaho believes its losses far exceed the policy limits, and therefore, it requests the entire policy," Rubin wrote.

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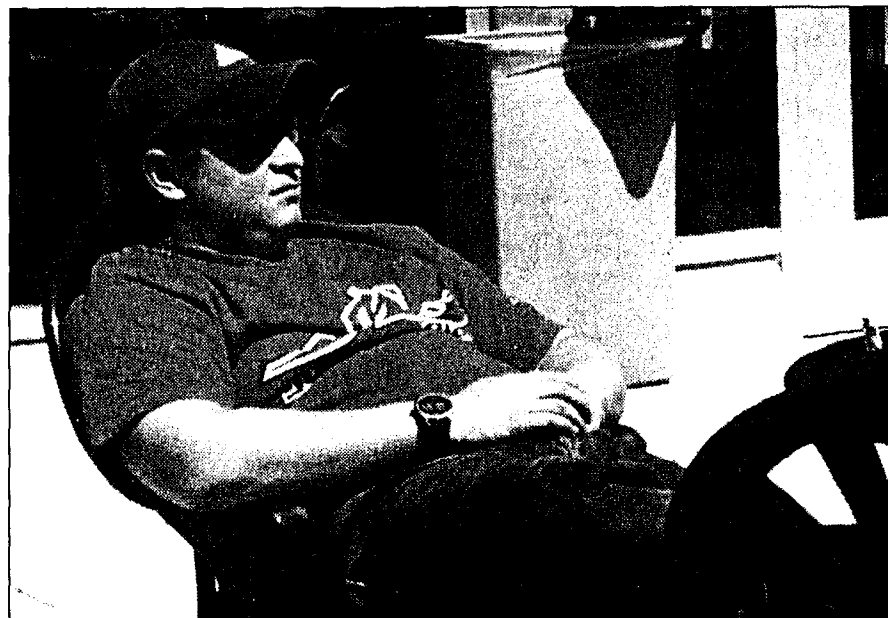
CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT:

**FINAL RAYS** The setting sun is seen through the trees lining the path in Ghormaley Park.

**KEEPING WATCH** A bird perches in the sun in the new arboretum.

**STUDY SESSION** Senior general studies major Bryan Dugdale finishes his art assignment on Tuesday in front of the Idaho Commons.

**JUST CHILLIN'** Business major Santiago Herrerea relaxes Tuesday in front of the Common Grounds coffee shop.



# Incoming chief financial officer welcomes new challenges

BY ABBEY LOSTROM  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The University of Idaho will welcome its new vice president of finance and administration July 12.

Jay D. Kenton, the current vice president of finance and administration at Portland State University, will take on the responsibilities of the chief financial officer.

Jerry Wallace, who played a key role in the management of the University Place project, vacated the position on a two-month medical leave in Feb. 2003 and learned his contract would not be renewed in April 2003.

Laura Hubbard, the former vice president of administration and director of capital planning and budget, has served as interim in the position since Feb. 2003. She has the option of returning to her previous position once her interim term ends.

Incoming President Tim White announced the appointment May 17. The State Board of Education approved the decision May 19.

"Jay brings a wealth of experience and integrity, and a deep understanding of higher education finance and public policy to this position," White said. "I appreciate his energy and non-nonsense approach to innovative and strategic problem solving."

Kenton will face the tumultuous financial situation attributed to the University Place project, a lack of state funding and a low student fee increase. The university is facing an ongoing shortfall of \$6 million.

However, Kenton said he welcomes the challenge.

"I thrive on this," he said.

Kenton acknowledged the university "is a little down on its luck right now." He said he is looking forward to being helpful in building it back to a position of success.

Kenton will also face the expectations of White, the administration, the faculty and staff, and the students.

"(I expect him) to be an open, accessible, energetic and strategic leader with unquestioned honesty, integrity and rigor in his work," White said. "To have high expectations for those he works with, and provide the necessary support and guidance for people to be great in what they do. To be a significant part of a powerful team that will help the university achieve its aspirations of excellence."

Kenton said he will spend his first days becoming acquainted with university and state policies and procedures, and constitutional limitations and provisions. He

will also be examining legal and audit opinions regarding the University Place project.

"I'm going to have to get up to speed on this," he said. "It's a lot of reading and research."

Kenton will also be meeting people and listening to opinions. He said he hopes through listening he will be able to understand the problems, understand the opportunities and formulate strategies. He emphasizes communication.

"I'm just another person," he said. "I'm not going to walk in and think I'm smarter than everybody else."

Kenton includes the president, the provost, other administrators, deans, department chairs, faculty, staff and student leadership among those with whom he would like to converse.

ASUI President Isaac Myhrum said he expects Kenton to facilitate a relationship with students in which communication is open and answers are forthcoming. He also said Kenton has demonstrated he will do well.

Myhrum was a member of the search committee charged with filling the position. During a committee meeting, Kenton interrupted a faculty member and asked Myhrum for his opinion.

"We talked about fees, the role of the land-grant university, what students should expect from their education," Myhrum said. "I was really impressed that he would set aside a very important faculty question and seek out the student voice. I was impressed that he would ask a student what their views were in finding the right solution for our financial crisis."

Kenton, who prefers to be called Jay, said he would like students to be partners in his decisions and his work. He also said he expects the relationship to be civil even if the two parties disagree.

"I think it depends on part on what the students want the relationship to be. ... My door is always open," he said. "I want to be respectful; I want you to be a partner."

Kenton leaves behind a successful program at PSU. He helped PSU overcome financial challenges similar to those faced by UI by combining resources from tuition, state funding, local business leaders and the PSU Foundation.

"He's set many things in place, which I hope we can continue to do. He's set things in place to allow us to grow," said Cathy Dyck, associate vice president of finance and administration at PSU. "The biggest loss will be his reputation. ... What you see is what you get."

# Board of Ed raises university presidents' salaries

BY TARA KARR  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Presidents at four Idaho colleges and universities, excluding the University of Idaho, have been granted 2 percent salary increases for 2005.

The Idaho State Board of Education gave raises to and renewed contracts for William Robertson, interim president of Eastern Idaho Technical College; Bob Kustra, president of Boise State University; Richard Bowen, president of Idaho State University; and Dene Thomas, president of Lewis-Clark State College. Thomas was also granted tenure and an additional one percent raise.

Incoming UI president

Timothy White's salary was not increased because he has not yet been in office, said Luci Willits, the board of education's communications officer. She said White agreed it would not be appropriate that he receive a raise at this time.

After White has served at UI for a year and been evaluated, he will also likely receive a raise if raises are granted across the state for 2006, Willits said.

One of the board of education's goals is to keep presidential salaries for Idaho's three major universities - UI, BSU and Idaho State - at the same level. After the 2 percent raise, Kustra and Bowen's salaries were raised from \$162,000 to \$165,240. White's salary for 2005 remains

at \$162,000.

For the 2004 fiscal year the presidents of BSU and Idaho State were given 4 percent raises, but no raises were granted the year before. Gary Michael, UI interim president for 2004, donated his services to the state and was not given a salary.

Willits said concerns over putting money into administration while university students, staff and faculty are facing program and salary cuts are legitimate, but the board of education decided the presidential raise was deserved.

"I think the state board of education felt like the university presidents, like other state employees, are doing a good job," Willits said.

"Despite sluggish financial times, our universities and colleges are expanding programs and graduating more students," said board president Rod Lewis, according to a press release. "The board is pleased with each president's performance and authorized salary increases to compensate them for a job well done."

Presidents at other Idaho schools, such as North Idaho College and College of Southern Idaho, were not given salary raises because they are not under the state board of education's jurisdiction, Willits said.

Robertson, Kustra, Bowen and Thomas had not commented on the salary increase at press time.

### JAY KENTON ON:



KENTON

**STUDENT FEES:** They are an important source of funding, but they must be balanced with a mission of access.

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**STATE BUSINESS LEADERS:** They are a sector that has the potential to help us in many ways.

**THE UI FOUNDATION:** We are going to have to rebuild trust and credibility with the organization.

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CROSSWORDPUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. Across: 1 Females, 5 Solidifies, 9 Just right, 14 Jalopy, 15 Secret plan, 16 Pace, 17 Pro (in proportion), 18 Water pitcher, 19 Pens, 20 National Park in Florida, 23 Formerly, formerly, 24 Corruptly, 25 Son of Seth, 27 RRs on trestles, 28 Reversing deletions, 32 Accumulate, 35 Aspect, 36 CSA general, 37 Boor, 38 Kind of power, 39 Quote as an authority, 40 Fa-la link, 41 Roger Bannister, e.g., 42 Sanctify, 43 Eccentrics, 45 Louis of boxing, 46 One Guthrie, 47 Act of devotion, 51 Wide-eyed predators, 54 Incubements, 56 Meticant brother, 58 Sea eagles, 59 Tied, 60 Young mare, 61 Cosa, 62 and shinel, 63 Doclar, 64 Appear, 65 Mach toppers.

Solutions to the crossword puzzle. Down: 1 Cut into small pieces, 2 hol, 3 Consumed, 4 Least populated, 5 Inconline time periods, 6 Ex-QB of the Broncos, 7 Word used to distinguish sloths, 8 "A... Named Desire", 9 Inhuman creatures, 10 Loathe, 11 Kuwaili leader, 12 Simians, 13 Misplaced, 21 Solidifies, 22 Villain's expression, 26 Mel the Giant, 28 Merchant's figures, 29 Nastase of tennis, 30 Snares, 31 Turns right, 32 Top, 33 Frame of mind, 34 "Lang Syne", 35 Adherents, 38 Window parts, 39 Charwomen, 41 Besmirch, 42 Skeleton piece, 44 Volcanic rock, 45 Discarded cargo, 47 Pound pieces, 48 West Indies Island, 49 Peak, 50 Feudal serfs, 51 Switch positions, 52 Legal document, 53 Oscar winner, 55 New York canal, 57 Bread choice.

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# Professor's teaching style captivates students

BY ELIZABETH BENTO  
SPECIAL TO THE ARGONAUT

The desks are arranged in a crooked circle. Students walk in, choose a seat, and engage in light conversation before the class begins.

Today, no one is late. They rarely are. Professor Robert Wrigley walks into the classroom. The talking stops. His salt and pepper hair is slightly wind-blown, parted on the left. He carries a bulging, beige file folder, tucked against his left side.

Wrigley pulls his reading glasses from his shirt pocket and perches them on the tip of his nose. He tells the class how his daughter, the middle of his three children, laughs whenever he uses them.

The students watch as he chooses an empty seat among them. He does not approach the podium to begin a lecture. He rarely does.

"[The class] is not really like a lecture," said Taurean Rohn-Hayden, a sophomore English major who took a

poetry writing class taught by Wrigley. "He talks to us like we're adults having a conversation."

Wrigley came to UI five years ago after teaching at Lewis and Clark State College in Lewiston for 22 years. He left LCSC to work with graduate-level students. He is the director of the creative writing program at UI.

"This was sort of my dream job," Wrigley said. "I could never bring myself to leave this part of the world."

"This part of the world" differs from the Midwest, where Wrigley was raised. He was born in 1951 in East St. Louis, Ill. He received his bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University and his graduate degree from the University of Montana. While attending UM, Wrigley became addicted to the scenery of the West.

"This is where I get my images," Wrigley said. "This is where I get my incidents that trigger poems."

Wrigley is able to explore these incidents in his self-built writing studio outside his home on Moscow Mountain.

"I lay down on my back with my head up against the trunk of a tree (outside the studio) just to watch it sway," he said. "I do that almost every time the wind blows because I know something about that experience is going to translate itself."

Wrigley said he began translating his experiences into poetry by accident.

"I took a poetry writing class because it looked like it was probably easy credit," he said. "[Poems] are skinny; you don't have to write all the way to the right side of the page."

"I got absolutely hooked. It was like all those years I had been looking at the outside of a church and then one day, somebody opened the door and said, 'come on in.'"

"Once I started, I got inside poetry. It just changed my life. I haven't stopped since."

Wrigley has published six books of poetry, including his best-selling and most recent collection, "Lives of the Animals," in October 2003.

"I love animals," he said. "I love them

because they're utterly alive in the moment. They don't fret about what's going to happen to them when they die. They don't want to die, but while they're alive, they're attuned to the moment, to the now, in ways most human beings have forgotten to be."

Wrigley said he wants his writing to touch human beings worldwide. His poetry has been translated into many languages, according to Kim Barnes, associate professor of creative writing and Wrigley's wife.

"Robert Wrigley is a poet whose work has garnered international recognition," Barnes said. "He has won numerous awards, including a Guggenheim Fellowship and the prestigious Kinsley-Tufts Award."

Wrigley's global reputation reflects on UI, according to Mary Clearman Blew, professor of creative writing and British literature.

"He is sought after as a teacher by other colleges and universities, which makes us lucky to keep him," Blew said. "His books are read widely and taught in

classes across the nation."

Barnes said Wrigley's reputation is one of UI's main recruiting tools.

"Students from all over the country apply to study poetry under his instruction," Barnes said. "His desire to nurture a thriving community of writers and his passion for poetry makes him a dynamic and masterful teacher."

Rohn-Hayden said having a professional like Wrigley read her poetry makes her less insecure and more confident with her writing abilities. He makes his students feel comfortable and gives them the "freedom to write."

"I never get bored in his class," Rohn-Hayden said. "Never."

Poetry offers a concentrated attention no other writing can, according to Wrigley. It is a source that can provide great solace for everyone.

"If I ever get to the point where I feel the only people I'm writing to are people with advanced degrees in literature and English, I'll quit writing," he said. "Take a little time and read it. Trust me."

# Women's Center employee makes visitors feel at home

BY HEATHER CODDINGTON  
SPECIAL TO THE ARGONAUT

She makes everyone feel welcome by greeting them at the front door with a big smile and a soft-spoken hello.

Emily Sly is the equity outreach coordinator for the Women's Center and the first person people see when they walk in.

"She's so supportive of any student that comes in," said Jill Anderson, program coordinator for the Women's Center. "She's tough when she has something she cares about, but is very people-oriented and caring."

Sly said her title often causes confusion. Using her hands to show a level plane, she said equity is different from equality because she's working toward letting women have similar experiences and expectations as men through education outreach and programming. She said men and women are socialized differently, so they can't be exactly the same.

"She's just got so much energy, very spirited, and is so passionate about women's rights and women's issues," Anderson said. Anderson has worked with Sly for two years and for a year when Sly was a work-study student.

"I don't think I could get out of bed in the morning if I wasn't working for these issues," Sly said. "This is not just a job. It's amazing that I can do a job I love and pay the bills."

A "hope for change" drew her to working with women's issues, Sly said. "I've seen small changes happen while I've been involved in this work, and it's amazing how people can change through education," she said. "Every day I see people that we chat with and I think, 'Wow, this is amazing what we're doing.'"

Sly wasn't always at UI, though. She finished two years of college in South Dakota. She went on a road trip through Idaho after her freshman year and said she thought Idaho was beautiful country.

"I like to spend time outside hiking, just relaxing," Sly said. She said she thought the area was so stunning that she started looking into schools.

The Women's Center "was one of the reasons I came to UI," Sly said. Her school in South Dakota didn't have a women's studies program or a women's center, she said. However, when she arrived at UI, she said she was disappointed in the programs.

"I went to the Women's Center and was excited about joining a student organization for women and was disappointed when they didn't have one," Sly said.

"It took a couple years for that light bulb to come on and think, 'Oh, I could start one.'"

Sly co-founded the Feminist Led Activist Movement to Empower during her senior year at UI, in 2002. The group put on the "Vagina Monologues" for the first time at UI in 2002.

Valerie Russo, director of the Violence Against Women Programs project, and Don Lazzarini, coordinator for the Violence Against Women project, were resources to Sly when she

was working on the monologues. Russo and Lazzarini taught Sly in their acquaintance rape class.

"She did amazing organization and teaching with the 'Vagina Monologues,'" Russo said.

**"She's the sort of person I respect because she's not out there for herself. She's out there trying to make the world a better place because she really does care. She's accomplished truly amazing things on this campus."**

DON LAZZARINI  
COORDINATOR, VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROJECT

"She's the sort of person I respect because she's not out there for herself," Lazzarini said. "She's out there trying to make

the world a better place because she really does care. She's accomplished truly amazing things on this campus."

Sly said she's always been interested in women's issues, but didn't know what to call it. She met a woman who studied women's studies and said she was surprised because she didn't know one could study such a thing.

As a child, Sly said her parents belonged to a "pretty fundamentalist church," where women couldn't be pastors or elders. She said that in her classes she was always asking why women couldn't hold important positions in their church and wanted a passage in the Bible that explained it. Sly was never satisfied with the answers she received, though. She said someone would read a passage to her and she didn't feel it had anything to do with it.

"People told me it was just a phase, saying 'I used to feel that way, too,'" Sly said. "The hard part was that there were just these roles, there were things that men did and things that women did. And I had friends, both male and female, that didn't fit into those boxes, those gender boxes."

# ASUI presidential policy adviser resigns, citing personal, academic reasons

BY CADY ALLRED  
MANAGING EDITOR

Citing personal and academic reasons, presidential policy adviser Justin Eslinger has resigned from ASUI.

During his time in ASUI, Eslinger served as an ASUI senator, Red Cross blood drive coordinator, ASUI elections coordinator and presidential policy adviser, as well as serving on incoming president Tim White's Vision and Resource Task Force.

"I decided, with the support of my family, friends and colleagues, to ... focus on my personal and academic life and success," Eslinger said in an email.

ASUI President Isaac Myhrum said he does not yet know who will replace Eslinger as presidential policy adviser.

"Justin has a tremendous work ethic and is extremely articulate on a wide range of issues that are pertinent to student life here at the UI," Myhrum said in

an email. "It has been an honor to work so closely with him these past few years. I will deeply miss him as my policy advisor. But as a student, I feel academics should always come first, so I know Justin has made a decision that is right for him."

ASUI Vice President Nate Tieg will fill Eslinger's spot on the Vision and Resource Task Force.

"Eslinger resigned for personal reasons, and I respect that," Tieg said in an email. "He has dedicated himself to students for the time that he could."

Tieg said he is prepared to take over Eslinger's position in the task force. "I should have no problems stepping in where he left off," he said. "He has sent me all of the information he had available."

"I hope to stay involved in the ASUI, even if it's not in an official capacity," Eslinger said. Eslinger is a summer intern for the Student Activities and Leadership Office. He is working on the 2004-05 student planner and is helping with the summer blood drives and Palousefest, which takes place in August.

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# Prison abuse scandal illustrates U.S. incompetence

The blame game has become popular bipartisan practice in politics. Gone are the days of taking responsibility for current events and policy, a la Franklin Roosevelt.

To date, nothing in the post-war Iraq fiasco can be attributed to top officials at the Pentagon or the White House. Intelligence communities (but not military intelligence) are responsible for faulty pre-war information, the Democrats are responsible for not taking care of the terrorist problem before 9/11 and the Bush administration is certainly not in any way responsible for the prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

Rather, a "few bad apples" have been accused of undermining the compassionate endeavor Americans have undertaken in Iraq.

This stinks whether you believe it or not. Say the "few bad apples" really are responsible

for the torture and humiliation of detainees in the prison. What does it say about the power of our leaders and the chain of command if we can't control the men and women working in the major detention center in a war zone?

Breaking the Geneva Convention is no small, insignificant detail. The same document binds our enemies to treat American detainees with humane standards. If we aren't interested in monitoring the soldiers' behavior enough to prevent the atrocities that occurred in the prison, then it is our own fault when Americans come home with equivalent stories.

Luckily for us, our soldiers haven't been exposed to the abuse their captors have. Jessica Lynch came back with stories of compassionate treatment by Iraqis after her capture. Thomas Hamill, the contractor who escaped captivity recently, said the treatment of prisoners became

worse after the scandal.

In a situation that requires our government to assure Americans that everything is under control, it is frustrating to see an administration rush to admit they can't control their own military.

On the flip side, there are some major transparencies in the Bush administration's story.

Take, for instance, the picture of a hooded Iraqi placed on a chair with wires attached to his fingers. This technique has been used by the CIA to extract information from prisoners for years. It doesn't take a large jump in logic to realize the guards were taught this tactic. And if it was taught, it was expected to be used.

Yet military intelligence still claims no responsibility. On the other side, the unit formerly in charge of the "bad apples" claims military intelligence is responsible. Rumsfeld is dodging criticism with the full support of Bush even though he

inspected the prison just a month before the pictures hit U.S. papers.

Further damaging their "How could we have known?" claim is the admission of defense officials that Rumsfeld personally signed off on harsher treatment at Guantanamo Bay for a Muslim they believed had important information. The harsher treatment was said to not be in complete compliance with the Geneva Convention.

So when officials claim they couldn't have known about these "bad apples" in a prison that was designed around Guantanamo Bay, it takes a leap of faith to believe them.

Either way, the situation was completely mismanaged. Worse is the denial and finger pointing that followed. Because if these people aren't working together to start with, how are they going to resolve the mess we've created in the Middle East?

Sean Olson

## MAILBOX

### Secrecy breeds abuse

Dear Editor,

The Iraq "detainee/prisoner" abuse scandal and abuse scandals at other United States detainee facilities, have yet to be totally determined.

These "detainee/prisoner" abuse situations would not have mushroomed as they have, were it not for the arbitrary and secret environments they are cast into.

In contrast, consider our criminal-system where "suspects/prisoners" are: given a Miranda warning; allowed a phone call; gets legal representation; and can have visitors. Here our Rule of Law system works, because a humane system of transparency/respect/openness, discourages dark/secret environments.

The United States can regain our moral high ground by: prosecuting all the aiders and abettors of detainee-abuse; adapt our Rule of Law systems for "all" detainees; re-affiliate with the International Criminal Court treaty; and more truly interact with other nations.

John Bauer  
Martinez, Calif.

### Vance better for UI than Schroeder

Dear Editor,

Gary Schroeder is one of the dirtiest political foes of the best homeschooling parents, but he has been elected to the Idaho State Senate for 12 years, so he must be doing something for someone somewhere. I was surprised when I contacted the head of the U of I Research Park, the business manager for the Jacklins who are probably the biggest donors to the U of I, and also the head of the U of I extension in Coeur d'Alene. None of them had more than a vague idea of who Gary Schroeder is, and they couldn't recall any good that he has done for the U of I.

All the Republicans that I know consider him a foe of the Republican Party. Darrel Deide of Caldwell is a former legislator currently working with the Governor. Deide states in a May 4th letter to the editor that Gary Schroeder "has little clout" and "has lost all credibility with his party, with his leadership, with members of the Appropriation Committee and with the House Education Committee."

During the 12 years that Gary Schroeder has been in office, there has been a competition for state funding of higher education. In this competition, Boise State works with the engineers and management of Micron and HP while the U of I works with Gary Schroeder as a representative. The head of the U of I Research Park told me that Boise State is winning the competition and the U of I buildings are crumbling. Meanwhile, members of the IEA have obtained huge increases in state funding.

Schroeder must believe it is sufficient to represent the IEA at the expense of the U of I, farmers, businesses, Republicans, and homeschoolers. Gregg Vance is Schroeder's opponent in the Republican primary on May 25th. Gregg Vance is a farmer, he has good experience as an engineer with Boeing, and has good relations with other Republicans. Gregg Vance can do much better for the U of I than Gary Schroeder.

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# NBA playoffs breed compelling thoughts, questions

People - myself included - have been complaining about the length of the NBA playoffs since they started about three months ago.

But I say let's forget about the fact that the scheduling seems to have been done by a crack-addicted ape and focus on the numerous thoughts that the playoffs have brought to my mind.

Take for instance the Sam Cassell question; is he map or an offspring of the ill-fated E.T.-Oprah affair? I don't know the answer, but with a couple months of the playoffs left I hope to finally figure it out.

Or how about Kobe's bravery as he battles the people who for some reason don't want to see an adulterer succeed? What a remarkable person. But seriously, the next time Kobe has a court date and tries to pull the "I'm so tired, but I'll suck it up

for the team" routine in a game, Karl Malone needs to slap him. I got a news flash for you, Kobe: nobody's impressed. I mean, I understand that sitting in a courtroom and then flying on a private jet tires most people out, but you're a professional athlete, so suck it up.

Then of course there are Rasheed Wallace's guarantees. How about this, Rasheed? Instead of guaranteeing a victory, why don't you guarantee your fans that you won't get kicked out of any more games for technical fouls and you won't touch marijuana again? It's just a suggestion.

Let's not forget that the playoffs once again brought us another couple weeks of watching the ugliest men in the NBA play basketball. For those of you who don't know,

that would be the Sacramento Kings. I mean, Peja Stojakovic, Mike Bibby and Doug Christie represent one kind of ugly, and then there's Vlade Divac who's, hands down, the ugliest man in basketball now that Todd Maculloch doesn't play.

In other playoff news, Kevin Garnett made it past the first round, so I can finally quit listening to analysts say he's not a prime time player. That was getting more on my nerves than watching Kobe do his little head nod that he thinks says, "I got it under control," but really says, "It's a good thing I'm athletic because I could never make it in the real world."

The Boston Celtics made it to the playoffs, where they succeeded in becoming the worst team

to ever make the NBA playoffs. It's one instance where it would have been much better to finish ninth instead of eighth just so they would be in the draft lottery.

And I know you can't discuss the NBA playoffs without bringing up the Lakers Hall of Fame team. Malone, Kobe, Payton and Shaq: it's a dream team lineup, yet is there anyone who really enjoys watching these guys play? The only thing more annoying is when the games are played in L.A. and you have to put up with all those camera shots of actors who, besides Jack Nicholson, are always talking to the people next to them instead of watching the game. What a waste of seats.

The Spurs-Lakers series went only six games but it should have gone seven. There's no way Derek Fisher makes that shot with four tenths of a second left after Tim Duncan had just made

what looked to be the game winning shot. Afterwards Shaq said that one lucky shot deserved another, but let's be honest; Duncan's shot was not luck. He was off balance but he still managed to square his body up and get off a nice shot. Shaq was probably just disoriented because he's not used to being more than three or four feet away from the basket.

Perhaps the greatest thing to happen during the playoffs is the commercials letting us know the WNBA season is beginning. I don't know about you all, but I've had my calendar marked for this day for a long time. There's really nothing more exciting than a season of games with close scores like 65-60 and 58-54. Simply breathtaking.

I'm sure more things happened in the playoffs, but I have to head off to my court date before I fly coach to my pick-up stick tournament in California.

BRENNAN GAUSE  
Sports&Rec Editor



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## EMPLOYMENT

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