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**UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON FACULTY
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DAYTON, Ohio — No one suggested *Monica's Story* or anything from Oprah's Book Club list, but University of Dayton professors have plenty of other reading suggestions for the new president.

Communication professor Larry Lain thinks that *All the President's Men* by Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward would make a fine bedtime read for President George W. Bush.

"The higher position a political figure occupies, the more coverage he or she will inevitably draw. There are millions of reporters out there with jobs to do," Lain said. "It's impossible to hide, so it's better to be upright and honest so the criticisms can focus on the policies a president espouses, not on the character and behavior of the person."

Associate professor of biology Jayne Robinson suggests *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Harper Lee's landmark novel about growing up white in the segregated South, because it represents the shortsightedness of people in power and how that can be devastating to minorities.

Barry Goetz, assistant professor of sociology specializing in criminological theory, thinks sociologist William Ryan's 1971 book *Blaming the Victim* would give President Bush a dose of social inequality.

Arming America: The Origins of a National Gun Culture by Michael Bellesiles tops the list of Ann Little, assistant professor of history. "He argues that our gun culture is based on a mythology promulgated by arms manufacturers in the 19th century, rather than reflective of any

colonial or frontier reality," Little said. "*Arming America* should be at the top of the list for any politician, especially those who have the support and financial backing of the NRA, as the president does."

The Rev. John Putka, S.M., lecturer in political science, suggests Pope John Paul II's 1991 encyclical *Centesimus Annus*, which is "a brilliant analysis of the role of human nature, the place of God and the meaning of the political order."

There's a timeless classic on Putka's list, too. "I would have him read the Bible."

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