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# Students exercise democracy, voices echo through plaza



Students gather outside the "free speech zone" last week for a protest calling to end the Iraq War and for the impeachment of President Bush. The protest is the first of many planned, according to protest organizer, Daniel Maurer. Maurer plans to form a chapter of Students for a Democratic Society on the APSU campus. The organization first gained national recognition for its sustained protests against the Vietnam War in the '60s.

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# Clarksville cops cut down on ticket time

New toughbooks ease access to driver identity

By TANYA LUDLOW  
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The Clarksville Police Department is currently in the process of lobbying for funds for a wireless system that would streamline the ticket and citation writing process for officers.



Although the Austin Peay State University Police Department doesn't fall under funding for the CPD, Crime Prevention Unit Officer Sgt. Charlie Struckel said that the department is currently changing the technology of patrol vehicles.

The vehicles will be equipped with an automated system in the near future. Currently, Campus Police hand-write citations and have the authority to issue either university or state citations. Although parking tickets are strictly written as university citations, campus police officers have the discretion to write either a university citation or a state citation for moving violations.

The department will soon be going to an automated system that will allow officers to check criminal histories from laptops in their squad cars instead of having to call in for information. These "toughbooks" will streamline the process of ticket and citation writing for campus police officers.

"This means more optimal patrol time for the officer, and less time pulled over [for the person receiving the citation]," Struckel said. The increase in optimal patrol time means that Campus Police officers can spend more time patrolling and less time writing citations and calling in driver information.

Patrol time is crucial for deterring crime. Struckel said, "More patrolling means more of a presence."

Struckel also said that the Department of Public Safety is working with funding from Homeland Security District Seven in order to build communication between the policing agencies in the region.

"We have seven agencies, plus Fort Campbell, next to each other, and they can't talk to each other on the radio. All these agencies don't have a universal means of communication," Struckel said. As a sitting member of the governing board for Homeland Security District Seven, Struckel said that the Campus Police contribution is not limited to the APSU campus. "Because Campus Police are participating in the county and the community, that means better equipment" ♦

# Global studies program loses funding

By KYLE NELSON  
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Greg Kaufmann, director of the Institute of Global Security Studies, will no longer be the leader of the institute.

Kaufmann arrived in 2005. Since then, he has developed and linked Southern Sudanese students to Austin Peay State University through a Memorandum of Understanding signed in summer 2006 between APSU President Sherry Hoppe and Southern Sudan's foreign minister.

The *All State* asked President Hoppe a few questions about Kaufmann's departure.

*The All State:* Has Kaufmann been fired, and if so, why?

Hoppe: Greg Kaufmann's contract as Director of the Institute on Global Security Studies will not be renewed after the current fiscal year. He has done an outstanding job as director, so the non-renewal of his contract is not related in any way to performance. In fact, the work he has done has built many positive relationships for Austin Peay in the global security community at both the state and national levels.

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— Sherry Hoppe, university president

In addition, he effectively coordinated a major international conference for the Sudanese diaspora, initiated a global securities minor, and facilitated or assisted the implementation of other programs within the IGSS umbrella.

Despite all of Mr. Kaufmann's accomplishments, the funding envisioned at the federal level for the IGSS has not materialized. Unfortunately, at about the time Mr. Kaufmann was employed to lead the IGSS, earmarks were

prohibited in the homeland security appropriations bill. Although other funding has been sought, none has been received. Thus, we have determined that we must reduce IGSS expenditures.

*TAS:* Who will replace Kaufmann?

Hoppe: Dr. Tom O'Connor is the head of our criminal justice program and has an extensive background that makes him highly qualified to lead the IGSS.

I am pleased that he has accepted this new responsibility and am confident that the IGSS will continue to provide synergy for numerous global security-related programs, including forensics, international politics, military history, geographic information systems and several others.

Dr. O'Connor will also continue to maintain state and national relationships that will benefit the IGSS programs.

*TAS:* What will happen to the IGSS?

Hoppe: The IGSS will remain in existence but will be located at the Fort Campbell campus under the part-time leadership of Dr. O'Connor. ♦

## Presidential search

# Candidate will call APSU home before end of semester

By DAVE CAMPBELL  
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The new Austin Peay State University president will be chosen soon, and the next step calls on the entire community to step up and take its turn at interviewing the candidates.

Last week, the search committee chose the final three being considered for the next APSU president position.

The APSU home page contains all of the interviews of the final eight candidates. Starting this Friday, interviews will begin for the final candidates to meet the entire campus.

Recently *The All State* got the chance to question the finalists.

## Kendall Blanchard

*The All State:* Why did you choose APSU?

Blanchard: I have spent the majority of my career in Tennessee and think of myself as a Tennessean. I am particularly fond of the middle Tennessee area. I like the OVC and the competition that has historically characterized that conference. Most importantly, though, I like the idea of providing leadership at a growing institution that has the opportunity in coming years to play a major role in shaping the future of a growing part of the state, Clarksville and greater Montgomery County. It is an opportunity to prove conclusively that higher education is the key to economic development and quality of life in a community, and the best investment a state can make.



BLANCHARD

*TAS:* There have been a significant number of issues among faculty regarding diversity, stemming mainly from seven lawsuits. How will you take this issue on?

Blanchard: I am aware of the lawsuits and the events that have spawned these lawsuits. I am also aware that it will be the responsibility of the next president to deal with such lawsuits, but more importantly to ferret out and address the root causes of the events that have provoked them. These are campus-wide issues that require campus-wide solutions. I am strongly committed to fairness, equity and social justice and believe that university communities should model these values for the rest of society. However, I am not prepared to suggest any particular strategy for dealing with the current diversity issues facing the Austin Peay community. Indeed, I think to be too specific at this time would be inappropriate.

*TAS:* Will you foster an educational environment that is reflective of our liberal arts tradition or do you perceive the university going in a different direction?

Blanchard: The liberal arts remain alive and well in the 21st century and at the center of the higher education experience. Admittedly, the liberal arts are changing, just as they should as colleges and universities across the country are changing in response to new economic and technological demands. However, I think it is highly unlikely that viable institutions of higher education will move away from the liberal arts, as suggested in the question. To do so would be for colleges and universities to abrogate their responsibility to educate critical thinkers, leaders and socially conscious citizens who are prepared to sustain the fundamental values of a free, just,

and caring democratic society. So, my goal at Austin Peay, should I be privileged to assume the leadership, would be to foster an educational environment that combines the best of its liberal arts tradition with dynamic, specialized major programs that prepare students for careers, further education, professions and the realities of the workaday world.

*TAS:* What is your favorite song?

Blanchard: Rocky Top (You may think I'm kidding, but ask my wife!)

Blanchard: Related to your career or otherwise if you prefer, what has been the single greatest moment of your life?

*TAS:* There have been some wonderful moments, but the most recent took place just this week here at Georgia Southwestern. At an honors convocation, after speaking and presenting a variety of awards, I received two enthusiastic standing ovations from the audience, made up largely of students. It was a satisfying and very emotional moment and reinforced my suspicion that students here know that I care deeply about them and their individual success.

## Timothy Hall

*The All State:* Why did you choose APSU?

Hall: Austin Peay is a vibrant academic community serving a fast-growing region, and I would like to be a part of its future. Among other things, Austin Peay needs a strong advocate to communicate its message and core values in the



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region and the state, and I think I can be such an advocate.

*TAS:* There have been a significant number of issues among faculty regarding diversity, stemming mainly from seven lawsuits. How will you take this issue on?

Hall: APSU's diversity is one of its greatest strengths. That diversity prepares Austin Peay's students for the world they will inhabit after graduation and for the places they will occupy in it. As is the case with virtually every challenge I would face if chosen to be the next president of Austin Peay, my first steps in this area would emphasize listening and learning from all the members of the Austin Peay community.

*TAS:* Will you foster an educational environment that is reflective of our liberal arts tradition or do you perceive the university going in a different direction?

Hall: I believe an education with a strong focus on liberal arts is one of the main things a university should offer its students: It equips them for the many and varied vocations they will pursue and for their lives as citizens.

*TAS:* What is your favorite song?

Hall: It's not fair to ask for just one. How about three: "Your Love," by Third Day; "Fly Me to the Moon," as sung by Frank Sinatra, and "Misty," which I sang to my wife about 50 times at her repeated request while she was in labor with our daughter, Amy.

*TAS:* Related to your career or otherwise if you prefer, what has been the single greatest moment of your life?

Hall: My greatest career moment was my first

## Interview Information

Campus interviews will last from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on three separate days.

• Kendall Blanchard will be interviewed on April 30.

• Timothy Hall will be interviewed on May 1.

• Michael Spitzer will be interviewed on April 27.

All interviews will be broken into individual time slots to give the entire community a chance to field questions. Each day, open forums will be held for the community and alumni, faculty, staff and finally students.