

Campus Police promotes one of its own



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APSU Campus Police promoted one of its own to the rank of captain Dec. 1. Capt. Charlie Struckel now holds a new rank and job title — assistant director/assistant chief.

Police Chief Lantz Biles created the position to assist in the department's Community Oriented Policing. Community Oriented Policing includes forming partnerships with both groups and individuals at APSU, to ensure that problems "related to law enforcement and to the safety of the community" are identified, prioritized and responded to, according to Biles.

The department chose this policing philosophy because "it emphasizes the needs and desires of the community. This 'people value' is the foundation for other critical values Charlie possesses," Biles said.

Struckel credits his military career — which was cut short due to an injury suffered while deployed — for embedding in him the necessary leadership traits for the position.

"Most of my managerial leadership experience came from the military, both the Marine Corps and the Army. I held every position up to company commander," Struckel said.

"I also had the honor of commanding a company of 262 people in Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Struckel's first job after the military was in federal law enforcement in Nashville, but Struckel left that job in 2004 because he wanted to find a "more traditional law enforcement job."

He began at APSU Nov. 1, 2004, as a police officer and since then has held the positions of Crime Prevention Unit Officer

and Crime Prevention Sergeant before earning captain this month.

"Captain Struckel brings to our department a fresh, energetic view of law enforcement," said Lt. Loris Ellsworth, Campus Police officer supervisor. "He is always willing to assist and work with peers, subordinates and supervisors."

"I look forward to working with him in the future," Ellsworth said.

The position required a bachelor's degree that Struckel had before arriving at APSU and it also required 10 years of leadership experience.

Struckel holds certifications in CPTED, crime prevention, NIMS/ICS, domestic terrorism, FLETC instruction and sits on the District 7 Board of Homeland Security.

"The best qualified applicant was selected," Biles said. From now on Struckel will be running day-to-day operations

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within the department, he said. The Chief will now have the time to focus on administrative duties and the campus community while he will also manage the internal functions of the department.

"The first issue we're dealing with is retention. The university can expect to see a stronger police presence [on campus] immediately," Struckel said.

"We're here for [the campus community] to ensure a safe learning and working environment," Struckel said. ♦

'Hoppe'ing from past, walking 'Hall'way to future



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Top: President Hall, his wife Lee, and daughter Amy, attended the The Apollo, APSU's annual talent show held in Clement Auditorium, Sept. 20. The president and his family have been seen at many campus events this semester.
Left: President Hall running the APSU flag at the football game against Tennessee State University, Sept. 15.

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The fall semester was filled with numerous changes and arrangements for APSU. Among these was a change in leadership as President Timothy Hall made his debut, presenting a new perspective on leadership to faculty, staff and students.

Upon arriving at APSU in August, Hall has introduced himself to the campus community through listening meetings, events and reaching out to the campus by making himself more accessible.

Hall is known to have made appearances at athletic events, campus organization meetings, SGA Campus Talk and has been found sitting at Einstein Bros. Bagels to grab a cup of coffee.

But Hall hasn't just reached out to students, but to faculty, administration and campus organizations who are aware of Hall's accessibility and attachment to the campus community.

Reflection of changes this fall

Hall described his first semester here as a learning experience to better understand and familiarize with the campus.

"It's been great. I've spent a lot of time talking with

people here, trying to understand Austin Peay, its needs, its opportunities and challenges," Hall said. Hall said that his main goal this semester was to get out and get involved with the campus and to become more educated about the university's needs.

"People have been very gracious in talking with me and helping me to learn, sharing with me their thoughts about Austin Peay and its future," Hall said.

"Certainly [Hall] has captured the imagination of the faculty," said Bruce Speck, provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Speck said that Hall is looking for more opportunities for faculty to discuss campus changes and concerns.

"I believe that President Hall is meeting the expectations of the faculty and administration. He is open, he has been accessible [and] he has been very active. I think they want somebody they can trust and they can believe in."

In comparison to former President Sherry Hoppe, Speck said that there are differences in management styles between the two.

"[Hoppe] was a charismatic leader," Speck said. "Part of her management style was that she was hands-on. That managing style, I think was fairly

effective," Speck said that Hall has a relaxed style.

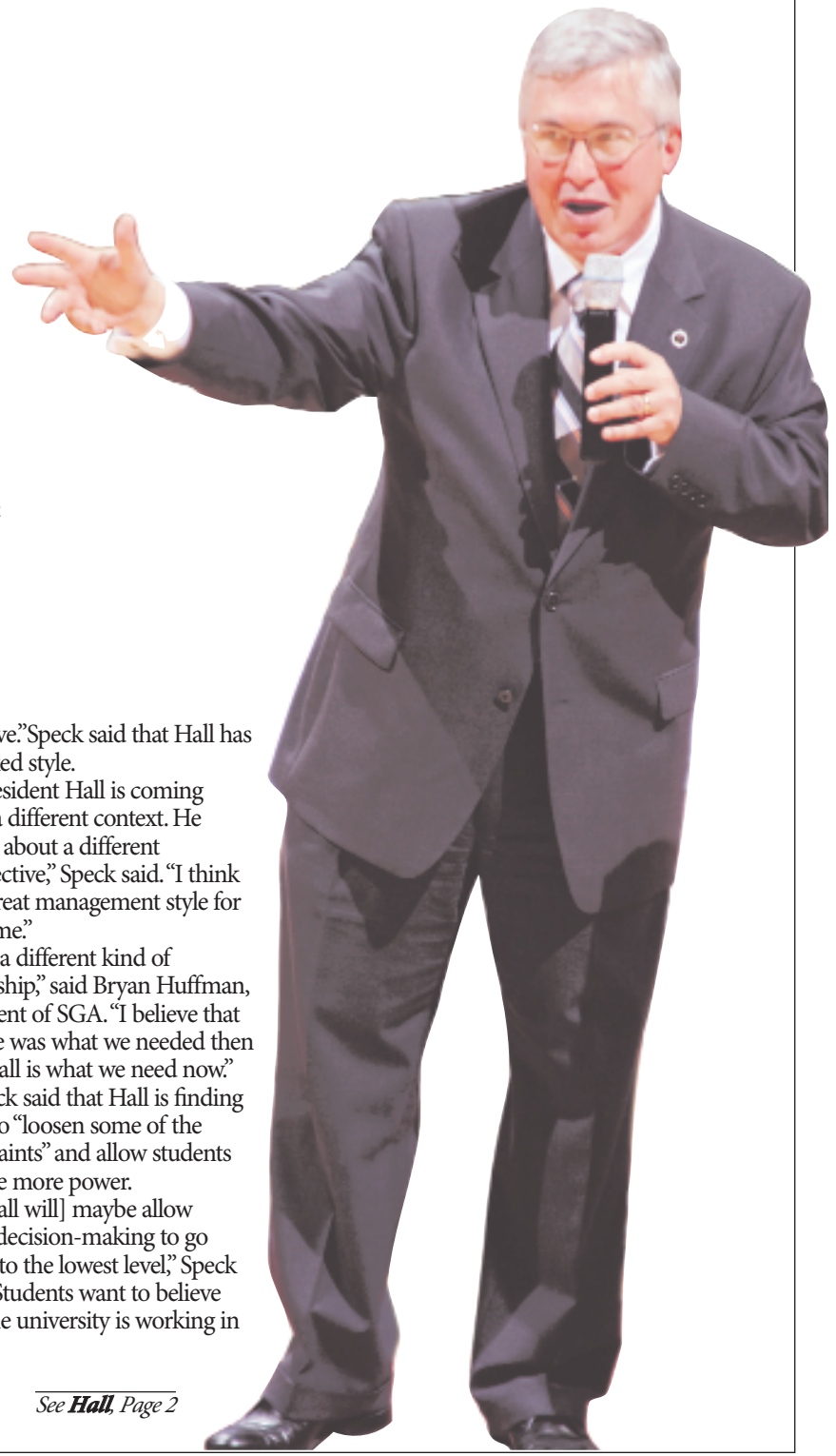
"President Hall is coming from a different context. He brings about a different perspective," Speck said. "I think it's a great management style for this time."

"It's a different kind of leadership," said Bryan Huffman, president of SGA. "I believe that Hoppe was what we needed then and Hall is what we need now."

Speck said that Hall is finding ways to "loosen some of the constraints" and allow students to have more power.

"[Hall will] maybe allow more decision-making to go down to the lowest level," Speck said. "Students want to believe that the university is working in

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Mock trial impeaches Bush for torture, Katrina, separation of powers

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The U.S. v. Bush Hybrid Mock Trial began in Professor Greg Rabidoux's American Constitutional Law I class Nov. 27 with over 40 students and faculty participating and observing.

In the student-lead trial and bought charges against President George W. Bush.

"The idea of doing a hybrid mock trial is one I've had for quite some time and since law school I have polished it up and added some real-life elements," Rabidoux said.

The charges against Bush were: Violations of the Geneva Convention article; violation of Separation of Powers within Articles I, II and III of the U.S. Constitution; disparate treatment of U.S. citizens in response to Hurricane Katrina which the prosecution said violated the 14th Amendment.

The prosecution and defense both presented



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The mock trial was held Nov. 27 and Nov. 29. Here prosecutor Mike Price presented his opening arguments.

pictures of prisoner treatment, presidential signing statements, congressional testimony and executive

memos and orders as evidence. "[Students] prepared a bill of indictment,

develop motions to dismiss certain charges at the preliminary trial conference, research the issues, develop arguments, prepare witness testimony and cross-examinations, as well as opening and closing arguments," Rabidoux said.

Students in the class signed up for the parts they wanted to depict which included: Prosecution, defense, justices, chief justice and witnesses.

"Students signed up for the sides and roles they wanted and I tweaked it a bit to try and ensure a balance of strengths for each side," Rabidoux said.

"It was similar to the Girls' State [the top junior girls from their high school attend a week long session learning about government]," said Kelly Maddox, junior corporate communications major who observed the trial, "I attended in high school."

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