### **NEVER SAY GOODBYE**

Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Sherryl Byrd, set to retire from position in Fall 2018 after 12 years at APSU. Read her reflection on page 3.

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### SGA passes 4 pieces of legislation In the longest meeting of the semester, senators produce resolutions, acts

### **MAHALIA SMITH**

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Recent criticisms against SGA were discussed in last week's meeting.

The first twenty minutes of the meeting were given to a guest speaker, Director of Information Technology Austin Siders. Siders gave a survey about the APSU website to gather information about how the website can be improved.

After the presentation, there was a period of discussion and voting on the eight new pieces of legislation that were proposed the week before.

Resolution No. 15 to repaint the would prevent others from using the then adding a sidewalk to Greek Village. crosswalk between the Art and Design building and the Kimbrough building passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 16 to suggest the library add more security cameras also passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 17 to extend the time students are allowed to check out laptops from three to four hours was tabled for this week's meeting for several reasons.

SGA did not know the number of laptops that were in the library. Senators

limited number of laptops.

"I feel like three hours is a good time limit to allow [the laptops] to circulate to people that need them," Sen. Katie Goosetree said.

Others proposed possibly getting more laptops for the library for students to check out to alleviate some of the problems extended hours would cause.

Currently, students can get charged a fee if they are late in returning a laptop.

Resolution No. 18 to put a crosswalk voiced concerns that extending the time from Castle Heights to Robb Avenue,

Senators have drafted legislation similar to this in the past.

"This has been done before but not quite this way," Vice President Jordan Reedy said. "All the previous legislations have only been crosswalks, not including the sidewalk that is involved with this one."

Previous legislations about this area have passed, but the Physical Plant has not put a crosswalk there.

The resolution passed unanimously.

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### The Sigma Kappa Chapter of Chi Omega Women's Fraternity raises money for Make-A-Wish Foundation with concert by country artist Jon Langston

### **VICTORIA BOLKCOM**

STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, April 19, APSU's Chi Omega Fraternity held their Chi O Cookout and Concert to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Middle Tennessee with a concert by Jon Langston.

Chi Omega raised \$30,106 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

According to Chi Omega President, Leslie Cherry, Public Relations, Senior, "Most of the money was raised through donations and then also there was a lot through ticket sales, and there were business sponsorships where businesses were able to give money. They were able to come to the event for free, and have some food, and hang out with some good music."

At the cookout and concert, there was a

silent auction, cornhole boards, tables for people to eat at, a board for individuals to write down their wishes and little wish stars for people to write on and donate.

"Our initial goal was actually \$15,000, and we found that we were able to get there really quickly. So, we actually upped it to \$20,000 and we're well past that now," Cherry said.

The women of Chi Omega managed to surpass their new goal and raised \$30,106.

"It has been really overwhelming and very exciting," Cherry said.

Jon Langston's concert was made possible through the social media platform Twitter.

Madison McMahan decided to send out a tweet to Jon Langston asking him to perform for their cook-out.

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TOP: Member of Chi Omega Fraternity pose with Jon Langston during their Make-A-Wish event held on Thursday April 19, at the Wilma Rudolph Event Center. BOTTOM: Musicians donned the stage to hepl raise money at the event on April 19. MYIA HANEY | THE ALL STATE





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# NEWS

## **Graphic anti-abortion protest raises concerns**

### 'Disgusted' students speak about graphic images of aborted fetus' on campus

### MAHALIA SMITH

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Some students were surprised and even "disgusted" when members of a group called Created Equal set up graphic images of aborted fetuses in the center of campus as part of an anti-abortion protest.

Josiah Lockwood, one of the protesters, spoke with *The All State*.

"We're with a group called Created Equal, we're stationed out of Columbus Ohio but we're doing a bit of a campus tour right now, going from campus to campus and just sparking these conversations with students," Lockwood said.

Lockwood and Created Equal see abortion as a human rights issue.

"The focal point is the issue of abortion. [We're] just trying to see where other people stand on that and hopefully spread the idea of human equality that regardless of these arbitrary stipulations that we place upon one another, that we are equally valuable as human beings and that our value is derived from the sole fact that we are human beings and nothing else," Lockwood said. Lockwood compared abortion to historical instances of human rights violations.

"If you look throughout history there's been subjugation of people based off gender or race, but regardless of those things, although they make us unique and they make us individuals, they aren't where our value is derived from, they aren't reason to treat people poorly," Lockwood said. "Similarly, with this, with these little ones that aren't old enough to defend themselves, just because they're not old enough doesn't mean they're not valuable human beings."

Many students, especially junior political science major Haley Allen, were offended by the graphic images used in this protest.

"I was particularly moved by how graphic the images were, and how many children I saw walking by with their parents. These parents had no way to shield their children from this because there were no clear warnings," Allen said.

She was also concerned about possible trauma the photos may have caused to women who have experienced miscarriages.

"I also thought a lot about mothers who may have miscarried, those who had to abort for medical reasons, and those who decided to abort because that was what they felt was best," Allen said. "I think it is absolutely vile to show these mutilated fetuses with no warning. You never know what someone may be going through, and common areas on campus should be a safe space."

While Allen said she believes everyone should practice free speech, the images went too far in this case because there were no warnings or consent involved.

"I think it is necessary for people to be able to practice free speech. However, I think that censoring parts of the demonstration may be necessary too," Allen said. "In settings such as a classroom or a presentation, people are choosing to see these things, or are at least aware that they might be exposed to graphic images. I don't think that a person should have to see such gore while just walking to class. It takes consent out of the equation."

Allen created a petition and posted it

to her Facebook page. Within hours her post received 110 reactions, and she reached 191 signatures of her goal of 200 signatures on the petition.

"I hope to reach President White, or whoever is in charge of these decisions, and make it to where if a group is to be allowed to demonstrate on campus, they must agree not to show such graphic images openly," Allen said. "A compromise could even be that they can display them inside a tent or behind a warning. I just really do not think that students should be exposed to this without being able to prepare themselves."

There are some who do not agree with Allen.

"I have seen a couple of people say that this is hypocritical and an attack on the protestors' rights, but I disagree. I still want them to protest," Allen said. "I just think that their rights don't cover the right to harm others. I once heard the phrase "swing to the end of your neighbors nose," and to me, that means exercise your freedom however you feel necessary, as long as you do not harm other people."

### WISH

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"She asked how many retweets it would take, and he said 1000. We got to 1500 within the end of the night, so we got into contact with his manager," Cherry said. "We were able to work out a date and a time, and then it all went from there." Cherry thanked the community for the success of the event.

"It was awesome. There was so much support from the community, and it (the Twitter post) was a great way to get the word out about the event too," Cherry said. "We are just really thankful for the support of the community, Jon Langston, his manager, Lucian Greene, Lee Miller, Cold Stone, Ergon, and our sponsors."



Multiple musicians took the stage to help raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The event had multiple sponsors like, Coldstone Creamery to assist them. MIYA HANEY | THE ALL STATE

# Scholarship named in honor of former communication professor



**Members of the Student Government Association meet in one of the first sessions of the Fall semester.** MIYA HANEY | THE ALL STATE

SGA

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Act No. 6 to require the vice president to appoint a senator as a liaison to the the Military Student Center, the Adult, Nontraditional and Transfer Student Center, the Hispanic Cultural Center, the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center and the Office of Disability Services was tabled due to issues with the wording of the legislation. Executive Secretary Colin Crist wrote the act. "The reason I made this is when I was campaigning I went to each of these groups and the expressed to me their concerns, things I had never heard before, and I though that this would be a good way to represent them," Crist said, "and we don't do that enough now." In the 13 minute discussion period, several concerns were brought forward. Some wondered whether the student cultural centers were big enough to justify one senator liaison per group. Coordinator of the Military Student Center Jasmin Linares spoke on behalf of the center. "I can't speak for all centers because I don't have data on all of them but in the academic year 16-17 we received over 5,000 visitors," Linares said.

"A lot of the students that come to the center are not even aware of what the SGA does for them," Linares said. Linares also mentioned that many military-affiliated students do not see SGA members until election time when they are asking for votes.

Act No. 7 to prevent passive campaigning- posters, chalk etc.within 25 feet of polling stations passed unanimously.

Act No. 8 to require senators to draft one piece of legislation per semester was tabled. Currently senators have to draft one piece of legislation per term--one per academic year. The act would increase the amount of legislation senators have to write. The executive board mentioned a previous The All State article that pointed out SGA's lack of legislation. Some felt that this act would encourage senators to write more legislation. Others were concerned that by increasing the required amount of legislation would cause the overall quality of legislation to drop. Acts No. 8 and 9, to require SGA members to complete Green Zone and Safe Zone training, were tabled due to lack of time. Finally, two more pieces of legislation were proposed in the final six minutes of the meeting. Sen. Dylan Cross wrote Resolution No. 19 to recommend a pedestrian light in between the Maynard and Sundquist buildings. Sen. Sierra Salandy wrote Act No. 10 to create a Senator Orientation Committee to train newly elected senators.

### WILLIAM HAYES

STAFF WRITER

Govs have a heart and spirit to show appreciation for all who have dedicated and contributed greatly to the body of the college community.

In return, it is a pleasure for the community to dedicate and contribute in return.

In recent times, the APSU hierarchy has granted a new scholarship dedicated to Communications and Media professor John W. Moseley, who served the campus from 1996 to 2014, dedicating 18 years of his life to the education of many Govs. He passed away on February 9, 2014.

"John had been so important to our department," Mike Gotcher, former chairman of the APSU Department of Communications said in a press release, "and he had such an impact on our students, and he was such a kind, caring person. We didn't want his memory to be lost."

Gotcher himself personally supported

and funded the establishment of the Moseley Scholarship.

Professor Moseley was known throughout the APSU campus as a very loving, dedicated educator. He had the combined interests of communications and music that gave him the career of a Communications teacher as well as an established musician. He played guitar and keyboard for the 60s rock group 'The Royal Guardsmen', who are known for the single-hit "Snoopy vs. the Red Baron".

Along with his studio musician career, he was a member of the Grammys for 16 years as a voter and he himself was nominated for a Grammy at one point in his career.

It was back in 2014 that following Moseley's death, a room in the Dunn Center was dedicated to the respected professor.

The John W. Moseley Communication Scholarship will be awarded annually to a student majoring in Communications. Many APSU students have connections to the military.

"Twenty-five percent of the total population is military affiliated, so a quarter of your student body is military. Whether it's veterans, currently serving active duty, reserve, National Guard, ROTC or family members," Linares said.



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## NEWS

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'S HER LIFE Dr. Sherryl Byrd reflects on her 12 years as a Governor

r. Sherryl Byrd, Vice President of Student affairs, is retiring this semester after 12 years at APSU.

Byrd was born in Nashville, Tennessee,



grew up in the Donelson area, and graduated from Mt. Juliet High School. She went to Tennessee Tech for undergraduate school and was inspired by the Dean of Women

to continue her education. She worked as a graduate assistant at Tech and earned her master's degree in educational psychology and counsellor education.

"I didn't consciously choose student affairs but somewhat found it by accident," Byrd said. "I didn't realize it was a professional that people prepared and trained for."

Byrd's assistantship for working with sororities and the Panhellenic Council began her career in student affairs.

"My first full-time job was at the University of South Alabama as Coordinator of Student Activities. Then I was Director of Student Activities at Jacksonville State University and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Auburn University Montgomery (AUM)," Byrd said. "Along with way I earned the Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education Administration from the University of Alabama."

Byrd said the "positive things" she heard about APSU encouraged her to apply.

"I was very impressed with the campus and the people when I interviewed. When I got the offer I didn't hesitate to accept. It was also a chance to come back to middle Tennessee after living in Alabama for almost 25 years," Byrd said.

The position also allowed her to stay closer to family.

"My parents still live in Mt. Juliet as do other extended family members. My able to spend more time with her," Byrd

said. In the 12 years she has been here, Byrd has seen APSU reach several milestones.

"In 2009 I was a part of the celebration for reaching the 10,000 student enrollment mark," Byrd said. "I also saw scholarship football make a return to campus."

Student Affairs has completed a long list of work under Byrd's guidance.

"I think we've really been able to expand the opportunities to get involved and support for students by either establishing or enhancing facilities that we have for students to engage with," Byrd said. "The Hispanic Cultural Center was moved to its new location, we were able to redo the inside of the African American Cultural Center."

The Military Student Center and the Adult and Nontraditional Student Center were established, as well as the Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement. Byrd also saw the construction of Castle Heights and Gov's Terrace, and APSU's acquiring of the town homes of Greek Village.

"I think things like that, students now don't realize that they weren't always here," Byrd said.

Byrd also had a hand in protecting and controlling APSU's feral cat colony.

"The cats were here long before me.

"Absolutely the people, I mean, the students move in and out all the time, that's part of the job. And it's good and bad because you miss the ones that leave, but then new ones come in and you get involved with them, so you get the privilege of being involved in their life and their journey," Byrd said.

Besides the students, Byrd will miss her colleagues as well.

"It's the people that I've worked with day in and day out that I'm really going to miss. I've been with Lynne Yarbrough and Vannesya Fountain for the whole ten years, and you know, we're work family definitely and I can't imagine not coming in and talking to them every day. That's

"It has been the highlight of my career and such a privilege to serve in this position."

going to be the hardest part, I think," Byrd said. "I hope to maintain some of those friendships and I think I will. This has been a wonderful, wonderful place to work because of the people."

Byrd's plans for the future do not include higher education.

"I don't plan to continue working in higher education. I feel like this is where





lots of places and met lots of neat people, enjoyed the music and enjoyed the whole experience. it's been a really fun enjoyable hobby."

Byrd still plans to be involved in APSU. "I do plan to join the APSU Retiree Association and be back from time to

time to visit," Byrd said. Byrd said the positive environment at APSU made her job easier.

"APSU has been such a positive place to work. The students are great the faculty and staff are great. It just hasn't lent itself to a lot of controversy or a lot of challenges in the way you would think," Byrd said. "I've been incredibly lucky and incredibly blessed, because I certainly know colleagues at other places where incidents or issues the way they responded or didn't respond impacted their career. Some had to move on. I've never had to experience that."

Byrd has high hopes for APSU's future, but hopes that the university will not lose its personality.

"I hope that we'll continue to grow and prosper, but that it would always maintain that very special personal culture that we have of caring and supporting and that we never get too big or too self-important so to speak that we lose that, because I think that is what makes us unique and different," Byrd said. "A lot of institutions no matter how good they are or how good they do things that may be the one piece that's missing, that real high touch, high involvement, high concern about students."

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grandmother passed away at age 96 in 2015 and I treasure the years that I was

> for," Byrd said. miss the most.

Unfortunately, there are feral cats colonies everywhere. College campuses seem to be a particular magnet," Byrd said.

When she came to the university, one faculty member was singlehandedly caring for the cats. Byrd was able to gather a team of people to set up feeding stations to care for the population. Over the years, many kittens have been adopted from the campus colony.

Byrd said "it was nothing magical that I did" to create the group. She helped with the cat colony at her previous institution at Auburn University, and applied for the same experiences here.

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"If that's the way I'm remembered, that will be fine with me, as the cat lady. There are a lot worse things to be remembered

The people of APSU are what Byrd will

I feel my career has ended, and its been great, but I want to I guess see what other opportunities are there. I don't know that I'll work for pay again," Byrd said. "I've told some people that I think I'd be a terrible employee because I've been in charge too long."

She will also miss the school cheer.

"I'll really miss yelling 'Let's Go Peay' with my APSU family! There is so much that I'm grateful and thankful for," Byrd said.

looks forward to traveling, She volunteering and political activism.

"I'll do more traveling, which I really enjoy. I think I'll be able to volunteer," Byrd said. "I hope to get more politically involved, involved in more social justice issues that cross over, like immigration and homelessness."

She has been to many countries already.

"So far I've been to 50 countries with three new ones planned for later this year," Byrd said. "As a part of my travels I enjoy taking photos, especially of scenery and architecture, as well as collecting foreign coins and currency.

Because of her position at a public university, Byrd has not been able to participate openly in political activity.

"I can actually protest if I want to," Byrd said.

> Byrd's plans also include her love of Bon Jovi. She has seen him perform numerous times across the country.

"I just got back from a weekend at the Rock and Roll Hall of fame inductions, and that was fabulous. I'm going to a concert this weekend in Charlotte, North Carolina," Byrd said. "It's been fun. I've traveled

Byrd hopes the next vice president will care for the job as much as she has.

"It has been the highlight of my career and such a privilege to serve in this position. I hope the next person will feel the same way and take very seriously their role to be an advocate and voice for students," Byrd said."Students are why we're here. Sometimes we get involved in the processes and the policies and the issues. [We] have to stop and think how it impacts students. Sometimes what works best for us is not necessarily best for the student."

Student Affairs makes decisions that will impact a lot of students and faculty members.

"With this job comes responsibility of directly impacting so many people," Byrd said. "You can do things that make life much worse and life much better"

Byrd said the job is special.

"Working at APSU is much more than just a job," Byrd said. "The faculty and staff are some of the best you will find anywhere."

Byrd hopes that APSU will remember her well.

"I hope the people that I've worked with [...] know that I was I think in it for the right reason, and that's to make an impact on students as well as the people I work with in a positive way," Byrd said.

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**DR. SHERRYL BYRD** VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

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# The All State: Senior See You L8ers

### Members of The All State staff reflect on their time working for the newspaper



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May 4, 2018 will be my final day as Editor-In-Chief of this remarkable publication. In the time I have held this position, I have made sure my promises were kept dealing with the areas of campus that were not recognized as often as they should.

With the visionary leadership of my predecessor, Katelyn Clark, when I took over the role in 2016, I had nothing to worry about. The All State Student Newspaper has blossomed into a diverse organization that has become more than just a job for students. It is a place I will forever call home to me and the students I worked with family.

Not only have a gained a family through The All State. I have learned about myself as a leader, and even when the roads got rocky, I knew I could count on the support of Patrick and Tammy. You both have shown me what it means to live a life dedicated to helping, serving and nurturing the future

journalists of tomorrow. You both have pushed me to become a better person and for that, I cannot thank you enough.

Two of the biggest accomplishments I can say I have had while working here are covering the controversial noose hanging story and creating the "Your Voice, Your Vote 2016 Election Guide." Both of these instances were only made possible by the work of not only me, but the team I had with me here at The All State.

The noose controversy was the first time I was introduced to a world that does not care about other people and their feelings. It was hard for me to separate myself from being angry or hurt, but I was able to channel that into my writing and for the first time, I felt like this was something I could pursue.

The 2016 Election Guide was during my first semester as Editor-In-Chief, and I recognized the importance of understanding the candidates and truly making a decision based on your own thoughts, not what people were telling you. That year, partnering with SGA and the Political Science Department for debate watches showed me I could truly make a difference at APSU, and I have strived for that ever since.

I have loved watching each and every member of this staff grow and develop into young professionals, and I truly and humbly want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to serve APSU in this capacity. I can leave this campus knowing that I have made a lot of difference here as a journalist at this university.



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The All State is one of the most engaging, fun, educational and inspirational organizations you can join at APSU. Getting real experience in media and covering events and issues that are important to me has made these past two years very rewarding.

As a journalism major, I knew that I wanted to join The All State, but I didn't my freshman year. In my sophomore year, I got the opportunity to work for *The All State* as a student worker. I found the office a fun and a little intimidating at first.



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Four years is a long time to be part of a club or organization. At that point, the group becomes part of your existence; it begins to define who you are. In more ways than one, that's what The All State did for me.

I remember June of 2014, when my mother all but dragged me to their table during Govs ROW, because she knew I liked to write and she thought my one year on my high school paper was sufficient evidence I should join the campus paper. To be honest, I mostly joined at my mother's insistence.

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I have been on The All State staff for three and a half years now. For my first semester I was a news writer, my sophomore year I was a features writer, junior year I was Assistant Features Editor and for senior year I have been Managing Editor. Each role has had different responsibilities and skills for me to learn.

As a quiet person, *The All State* has always been a major way for me to put myself out there, in an environment that would make me do so for an enjoyable reason. I learned about major organizations on campus, and went to diverse events. People remembered me from when I had interviewed them for quotes, and some of my professors in the college of business commented on my articles. I have experienced incredible things with the All State. I had not traveled very much before college, and I still haven't, but I have been to three more states as a staff member here. I visited Arkansas, Mississippi and Minnesota for journalism conferences with the All State. The All State has allowed for many experiences with diversity, as well. I have written stories on the Gav-Straight Alliance's drag show. I have written about the Vagina Monologues and after the 2016 election, I wrote an article specifically reaching out to as many groups on campus as I could, to see what they felt about the election results and the then-president-elect. Being a part of this paper has given me valuable experience in a working environment with balancing coworkers schedules, weekly deadlines and leadership responsibilities. As a member of the editorial board I became more confident in myself in a leadership setting, and attempting to make my voice heard on multiple topics. I contributed frequently to the Perspectives section in my senior year, and asserted my opinions regularly because of it.

remember my first real story well. In early 2017, a cow got loose on campus and had to be tackled by campus police officers.

That afternoon, I interviewed the officer about the incident and the story made the front page--above the fold I might add.

While I had seen my name in print before at my high school newspaper and through an internship, seeing this story felt different. For the first time. I felt like I was actually writing, that I really had a voice that was worth hearing.

I have written many pieces since then, and yes, there have been some disappointments where stories have fallen through, but I have learned how to handle those instances well.

The cow was not the only interesting event that I covered here. Earlier this semester I had the privilege to handle a breaking news situation involving a student claiming racial profiling on campus. With the help of my fellow staff members we were able to get interview the student and get two stories out within a few hours.

I have had so many wonderful experiences at The All State, far too many to go into here. The people I have met and formed friendships with are some of the smartest, most driven people I know, and they have inspired me.

By the end of my treshman year however, something had changed. There was a voice in my head I did not recognize, telling me to keep pushing this, telling me computer science was perhaps not the course I should be sailing.

So I took perhaps the biggest risk in my life: I applied to the editorial board for my sophomore year and switched majors from computer science to communication over the summer. As anyone who has ever known me can tell you, I never looked back.

I found my voice on this staff. Here, I could use my senses to show people what our campus is like, who the people are. Here, I could use my skills and passions to truly make a difference. I could look at CNN or MSNBC, think "I can do better," and actually do better.

Whenever I worry about the future, whenever I wonder if any of this was worth it, I remember the profile piece I wrote on a #metoo protestor during Homecoming week last semester. I was in Dallas, Texas when I heard about her demonstration, meaning the only day I could interview her and still make deadline was to interview her two hours after our plane touched down in Nashville. I rushed to the Trahern building while scarfing down Taco Bell because it was the fastest meal I could think of at the time. I interviewed her for roughly half an hour, one of the most stressful and intense interviews of my career thus far, and spent two or three hours writing the rough draft that night. As the article made the rounds on social media, as I saw the piece displayed prominently on the front page, I had never been more proud of the work l have done for this publication.

To date, that is the article I am most proud of. Not only did I get to make a difference in my community, I helped someone else make just as big a difference. That is why I joined this staff.

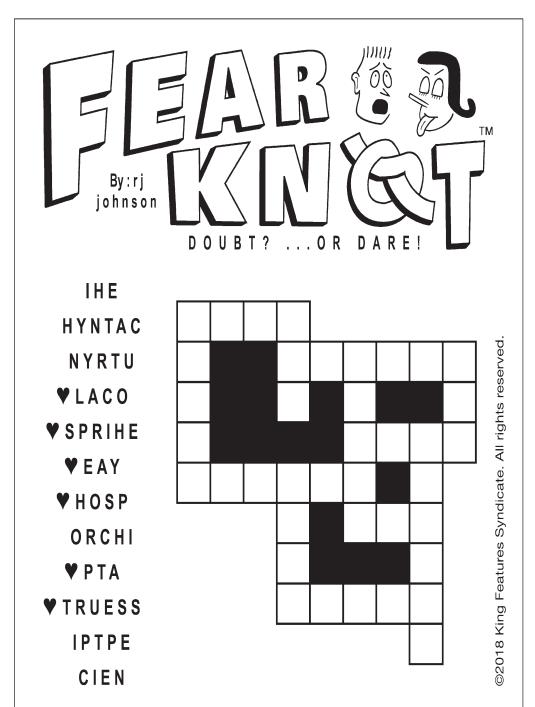
Farewell, APSU. You guys showed me where my voice truly lies.

The All State has helped me grow as a person and I am happy to say I was a part of it.

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EXTRAS



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# **SENIOR SEND-OFF**

### **BRYAN SMITH**

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Photographer Bryan Smith is a senior communication major and will be graduating on May 4. He placed 8th at the Southeastern Journalism Conference in press photography. The following are a few of his best works while at The All State.























# FEATURES

## Shooting for the stars and farther beyond

# Physics senior explores passion for astronomy in Arizona, Chili programs

### ASHLEY THOMPSON

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

When senior APSU physics major, Deborah Gulledge is not sewing as her hobby, she is immersed into the world of astronomy and what is out there to find in space.

Gulledge said she has loved astronomy ever since she was young, and her father spoke to her about outer space and physics. She said she built her dreams from there.

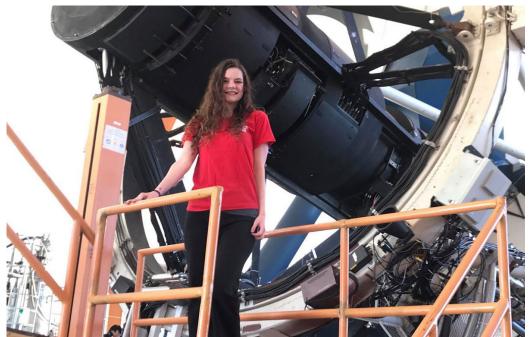
"My end goal is I really want to be an astronaut. It is a hard goal to work for, but I am going to try anyways," Gulledge said. "I just accepted a Ph.D. position at Georgia State University and I am really excited about that because with my research I could go to Antartica." She calls it a cliché but Gulledge has had an interest in outer space since she was a child and she never lost that passion.

Her love for space and its mysteries brought her to APSU to study physics, the closest thing to an astronomy major offered.

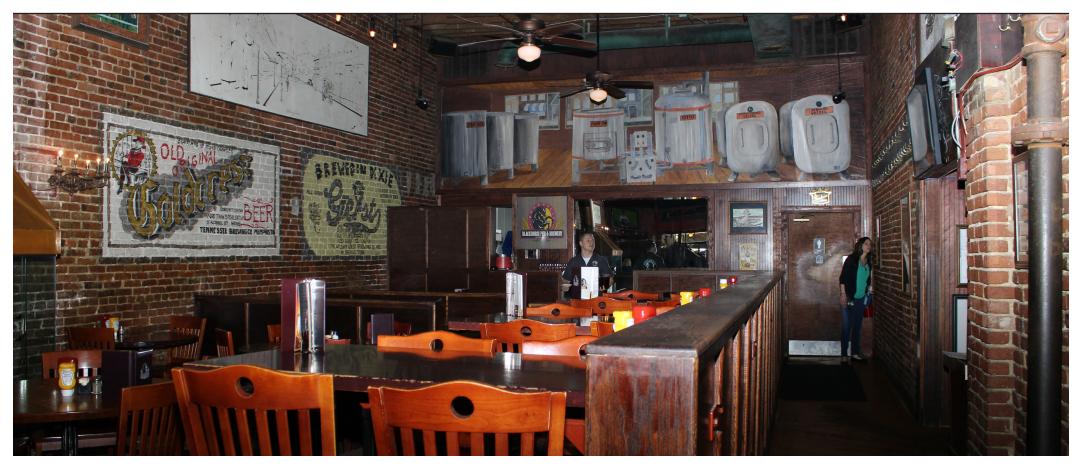
"The fact that the universe is so big, and it is crazy to me that there is so much out there to learn about," Gulledge said. "I really do like physics, and I was surprised that I did. It helped me learn a lot of problem-solving skills that I didn't have before."

Gulledge has taken many trips for astronomy through APSU and gained

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Senior physics major Deborah Gulledge says she has been invested in space since she was a child, and has attended several observatories in Arizona and Chili. IMAGES FROM PROFESSOR J ALLEN SMITH



# HORSING AROUND



"Blackhorse" has been a part of Downtown Clarksville for roughly 26 years. The location earned its name thanks to the "blackhorse" regiment stationed in the Middle East. JOANN MORALES | THE ALL STATE



# Local brewery provides beverages, community to campus residents

### DOMINIC GONZALEZ

STAFF WRITER

For over 26 years Blackhorse Pub and Brewery in Clarksville has been running successfully. Initially opening as the "Franklin Street Pub," owners Jeff and Sherri Robinson intended for a quiet roll out to the masses; however, word spread like wildfire, and the business has been booming ever since.

"I think we're a unique location," General Manager Cody Dahl said. "There is a great vibe when you walk inside, I think everyone gets it."

Owner Jeff Robinson said he chose the name "Blackhorse" because he had been stationed at Fort Campbell and retired after Desert Storm. He knew of a division known as the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, otherwise known as the Blackhorse regiment. This was a unit of the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Irwin in California. Since hearing about it, the name stuck with him.

The business featured in only Clarksville and Knoxville respectively, has accommodated people of all ages and backgrounds. Military personnel, families and friends all find their place in the pub. From the bar to the dining table, Blackhorse has a little something for all likes and taste buds.

"My favorite thing is the lighting," Ami Hilliker said. "It adds to the chill atmosphere and vibe of the place. I definitely think it's a place to come in groups."

There are large tables around the pub and brewery designed for just that.

# **FEATURES**

# Complexity of contemporary horror

'Le Chalet' offers atypical experience, bringing complex plots, characters



### JUNO VON PALKO

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How many films and TV shows will it take to teach us that going to a cabin in the woods ends in trouble?

The Netflix series "Le Chalet" opens differently from most Netflix pilots: a man named Sébastien undergoes a psychiatric evaluation after an incident took place at a chalet. Cut to expectant couple, Adèle and Manu, driving toward the chalet while an unknown captive is bound and gagged below the mountainside.

The former residents of the chalet abandoned the place after two months, but twenty years later, it is renovated for a good friend's wedding. However, after a weathered boulder destroys the bridge between the valley and civilization, they are stranded in the middle of nowhere with a growing sense of paranoia and a mysterious serial killer on the loose.

The most compelling aspect of the series is how tense the build-up is. From the opening shot, "Le Chalet" maintains a consistently dreadful atmosphere juxtaposed with an peaceful, gorgeous village setting. Its pace may be slow, but it compliments the story's execution. Most "cabin in the woods" stories tend to be predictable to the point of becoming forgettable. However, "Le Chalet" constructs an engaging thriller without the need for excessive violence or obscene content.

Initially, the story is overstuffed with numerous plot points that it is hard to keep up with at first. There are references to unrequited lust, bullying, post-traumatic stress and murder within the first episode. At times, it is hard for me to keep up with everyone's names. However, what amplifies these characters are how they interact with one another. The actors carry the mystery behind each others' pasts with intrigue and suspense.

The story is told in anachronic order, jumping back and forth between 1997 and 2017. Because of this, the transitions can be jarring at times, especially at the beginning of the series. However, what saves some of the choppiness is how there are subtleties in various scenes you will have to go back and examine after the initial viewing. For example, a written piece of prose one character reads comes up in a



"Le Chalet" is a horror series that attempts to juggle several story arcs at once without respect to chronological order, which can be difficult for some viewers to follow. IMAGE PROVIDED BY NETFLIX

conversation from the past, tightening the story so that it challenges the viewer to pay attention.

Because of how captivating the story is, the language barrier will not serve as an issue for most people. The fact "Le Chalet" debuted in its native language should not deter people from giving this series a look. "Le Chalet" is an enthralling take on the "cabin in the woods" premise that makes for an international treat.

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more knowledge on her passion. She even took a trip to Chile.

"It definitely reinforced how much I love astronomy. Passions kind of die if you don't keep working with them, and I've gotten to go to really beautiful places like Arizona and Chile. The sky is so different and much prettier out there," Gulledge said.

During these trips Gulledge has studied at national observatories and collected

data on the images of stars, running the Gemini telescope.

This is one of the largest telescopes in the world and she learned new data gathering skills.

"It helped me see that I am in the right place and I am doing what I am supposed to be doing," Gulledge said.

Gulledge mentioned that her family had a lot to do with keeping her inspired to keep following her dreams.

"I want to say thanks to my mom because my dad passed away when I was really young, and she raised my sister and me. I wouldn't be here today without her help," Gulledge said. "Wanting to be an astronaut is definitely one of the biggest dreams there is, and my mom was always telling me I could do it, not to give up on what I want to do."

Through her studies and experiences Gulledge said that the advice she can give other students is to just ask questions and put themselves out there.

"I advise people to just go out and ask questions about trips, research and more because that is how you get things started. A lot of people don't know about the things that are available to them until they ask," Gulledge said.

### BLACKHORSE

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However, there is seating for two and bar stools for those wanting some alone time. "We do get big groups all the time,

"It definitely reinforced how much I love astronomy. Passions kind of die if you don't keep working with them, and I've gotten to go to really beautiful places like Arizona and Chili."

**DEBORAH GULLEDGE** SENIOR PHYSICS MAJOR

recommended Blackhorse as soon as he moved to Tennessee, which is a testament to the strong brand and connection with loyal customers that Blackhorse has created.

The owners say it is the strong word of mouth that has allowed Blackhorse to be one of the ten Coorde searches under



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but with that also comes the military personnel wanting to sit and have a drink," Dahl said. "We welcome them all."

Although their menu has slightly changed throughout the years, Blackhorse still serves classic salads, flatbreads, pizza's, sandwiches and burgers. Entrees include their famous beer cheese dip that has been around since the business' inception and the Boo Radley, a smoked turkey and monterey jack cheese sandwich that was created by one of the cooks on day one who was an English major that loved Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

The menu is just one piece of creativity that Blackhorse offers, the rest lies within its architecture.

From the dimmed lighting to the tall doorways and the wooden flooring and tables, Blackhorse gives off a rustic, nuanced environment.

"I love the ambiance," frequent visitor Jess Byers said. "It's why I keep coming back."

Originally from Montana, his sister

be one of the top Google searches under "Clarksville restaurants" attracting new people to Clarksville like Juliet Cawthern and her husband.

"My husband and I didn't know anything about Tennessee, like the good places to eat," Cawthern said. "We moved here because of the military, and my husband loves [Blackhorse] now."

Although Clarksville is in one of the fasted growing cities in the state, the historic downtown Clarksville has seen hard times.

From economic struggles to natural disasters such as the tornado in 1998 that tore off the roof of the building and the flood in 2012 that took place merely blocks away from it, owners Jeff and Sherri Robinson nonetheless knew downtown was something special and had a lot to offer the business and were determined to see their vision through.

The gut feeling was nothing short of true as for two decades and counting Blackhorse Pub and Brewery has become a staple in Clarksville.



"Blackhorse" does not change their menu often. Most of their items have unorthodox names, including a sandwich named after a character in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. JOANN MORALES | THE ALL STATE

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# SPORTS

# **Top 8 Moments of 2017-18**

### **#8 The Roof Falls In**

On Saturday, Feb. 24, APSU Men's Basketball saw a rarity. That being a three hour long indoor-weather delay.

The weekend storms caused a portion of the Dunn Center's roof to fall in on itself, land on the court mid-game and disrupted play for over three hours.

The game did not end until well after midnight with the Govs coming up short against the Racers 73-64.

Tennis court lights in the pool and fans stuffed into the hallways due to tornado warnings made the game a senior day to remember for APSU.



### #6 Three Coaches win Coach of the Year

The success of APSU athletics in the 2017-2018 academic term was highlighted by three coaches being named the Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year for their respective sports.

In her sixth season as the head coach of APSU volleyball, Taylor Mott was named the OVC Coach of the Year.

Following Mott, football's Will Healy, who lead the Govs to a 8-4 season after ending a 29-game losing streak and second place finish in the OVC, was named OVC Football Coach of the Year.

Finally, men's basketball head coach Matt Figger earned the OVC Coach of the Year in his first season in charge.

### **#4 Shutout over UTM**

APSU Football found a reservoir of success in their 2017 campaign that propelled the program to new heights. Included in that was a 7-0 win for the Govs over nationally ranked University of Tennessee at Martin.

On Sept. 30, the 18th-ranked Skyhawks came to Fortera Stadium to be downed by an upstart APSU squad.

### **#7 Women's Tennis Nearly Wins** the OVC

Women's tennis came within one match of being crowned the 2018 Ohio Valley Conference Champions on Sunday, April 22, at the Centennial Sportsplex Tennis Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

The group found themselves ahead 3-2 despite dropping all three doubles matches.

Lidia Yanes Garcia, Fabienne Schmidt and Helena Kuppig all earned points for the Govs in the Championship. EKU's Marguax Lacriox won the deciding point for the Colonels.

Wins Eastern Kentucky won back to back points to claim the 2018 OVC Crown.



### **#5 Six Players hit Double Digits**

When APSU men's basketball hosted Eastern Kentucky on Jan. 25, the team flexed their offensive muscles. If scoring 90 did not seem impressive enough, six different Govs found themselves in the double digits.

Terry Taylor led the way with 19 against the Colonels. Behind the truefreshman, Steve Harris found 15 points.

Following their lead, Averyl Ugba and Chris Porter-Bunton netted 13 each. To cap the performance off, Zach Glotta scored 11 and true freshman Dayton Gumm found 10 points.

The showcase aided the Govs in finishing third in the Ohio Valley Conference for the 2017-18 season.



The win served as the Govs' first shutout since 2012 and the team's first win over a nationally ranked opponent since 2009.

The Govs also pushed the winning streak to three games, the highest it had been since the 1986 season. In addition, APSU had started 2-0 in the OVC for the first time since 2011.

The win turned into a vital point for the Govs on the season, and catapulted the team into a momentous year.



### **#2 Volleyball wins the OVC**

APSU volleyball won their third OVC Championship on Nov. 18, in a five-set thriller over rivals Mu\*\*ay State.

The Govs trailed early in the battle, down two sets to one. This forced the squad to rally in a way that culminated with a 15-10 win in the final set of the evening.

The accomplishment sent the Govs to Los Angeles, California, to battle with UCLA in the opening round of the National Tournament.

The team finished with a 30-5 record on the season and a number of awards to stuff into volleyball's treasure trove.



### **#3 The Eddie Robinson Award**

On Dec. 13, APSU Football Head Coach Will Healy received the highest honor a Football Championship Subdivision coach could earn, the Eddie Robinson Award.

The award is given out to the coach deemed the nation-wide best coach in the FCS.

The accolade, named after former Grambling State coach who shares the same name, was voted on by 150 media relations, sports information directors and other dignitaries.

Coach Healy, who is the 31st recipient of the award, became just the third OVC coach to be crowned, following Tony Samuel and former Ole Miss Head **Coach Houston Nutt.** 

Healy received 374 first place votes, 42 more than the second place finish.



### **#1 WE WON**

In case there was any doubt, the top spot on the list goes to APSU football's historic win.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, APSU football snapped a the nation's longest active losing streak with a 69-13 win over Morehead State.

The 29-game long omen came to an end on the Govs first home game of the season.

Sophomore quarterback JaVaughn Craig rushed for four touchdowns while true-freshman quarterback Jeremiah Oatsvall ran for two scores in the win. in addition, Kentel Williams averaged 25.4 yards per carry in the clash while Prince Momodu, Tre Nation, Ahmaad Tanner and Kyran Moore all scored as

well. The unforgettable win catapulted the Govs to second in the OVC, and

appearances on Good Morning America and Sportscenter.

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### Women's Tennis reach OVC Final

**RILEY GRUBBS** 

Men and Women's Tennis made the short trip to Nashville this weekend to participate in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. The men's team saw a first round exit against Eastern Kentucky, while the women's team advanced to the championship game Sunday, April 22, against Easter Kentucky as well.

The men ended their post-season the same way they ended their regular season, with a loss to EKU. APSU fell just short a week prior, losing 4-3 on the road. Friday was not as successful, dropping 4-0.

The Colonels subdued the Govs in the opening No. 2 doubles, however, the Govs pushed the No. 1 and No. 3 doubles to tiebreakers. Eastern Kentucky won the No. 3 doubles to take control.

APSU got off to another slow start in the singles, as Eastern Kentucky took the No. 3 singles, easily taking a 2-0 lead.

The Govs then dropped the No. 3 and No. 5 singles matches, losing to the Colonels 4-0 and ending the regular season 2-17 overall.

The women powered through the weekend taking the 4-1 victory against both UT Martin and Mu<sup>\*\*</sup>ay State.

The women ended their weekend against Eastern Kentucky, who they fell to the prior week.

The Skyhawks came out fast and furious against APSU on Friday, taking a 1-0 lead against the team after winning the No. 1 and No. 3 doubles matches. the Govs came out blowing the door off the place in singles, as every member won their first set of the match.

The Govs won 4 matches in a row to advance to the semifinal match against Mu\*\*ay State.

The Govs fell earlier in the regular season to Mu<sup>\*\*</sup>ay State, however set an example against them when it mattered by taking a 4-1 victory and securing a spot in the OVC championship.

APSU again came out firing on all cylinders, the Govs won the No. 1 and No. 2 doubles to take a 1-0 lead. The racers fought back in singles to tie it up at 1-1. The Govs then delivered a flurry of wins, taking a 4-1 victory to survive and advance to the final.

After losing 6-1 to EKU in the previous week the Govs kept things tight all night long. The teams found themselves deadlocked at 3-3 before finally deciding a winner.

EKU took the doubles points, claiming victories in the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles. EKU then went on to win the No. 2 singles to hop out to a 2-0 lead.

Lidia Yanes Garcia then took charge and got the Govs back into the match trimming the lead to just 2-1.

After Garcia, Helena Kuppig gained another victory for APSU to tie the day up at 2-2.

The Govs then won once more to take a 3-2 lead in the match, however, it would not be enough, as the Colonels stormed back winning two matches in a row to take the OVC Crown.

APSU finished the season with a 12-9 record.

### World Cup Watch Belgium

Following a 2016 European Championships that did not go the way the squad planned, Belgium will be looking to come away from Russia with their first ever World Cup victory to their name.

The Belgians were a dark horse to win the tournament in 2014, and have only progressed since then.

A Euro exit to Wales in the quarterfinals can be blamed on injuries and suspensions to the likes of Vincent Kompany and Jan Vertonghen.

Going off of that, when the team is healthy they are as stacked as any country in the world.

Standing in front of the 8'-by-24" goal is the 6-foot-6 Chelsea star Thibaut Courtois, who is no stranger to putting in game saving performances for club and country.

The line in front of Courtois matches the class demonstrated in the net-minder.

The aftermention Kompany and Vertonghen are common call ups to the line, but do not over look other strong suiters in Toby Alderweireld, Thomas Meunier and Thomas Vermaelen.

Midfield is the part of the pitch that the Belgian can dominant on their days. Headliners such as Kevin De Bruyne and Eden Hazard's full performances will be needed for the De Rode Duivels to make a statement in the summer.

The supporting cast for Belgium in the middle of the park holds a lot of bite as well. Names like Axel Witsel, Marouane Fellaini, Radja Nainggolan, Mousa Dembélé, Youri Tielemans and Yannick Carrasco are proven goal scorers and potential starters for the Red Devils. Nianggolan's scores versus Wales in Euro 2016 was potentially the top goal of the tournament.

In addition to that list, players

like Hazard, Kevin Mirallas, Dries Mertens and Thorgan Hazard are capable of playing up top and in the midfield.

Up top, goal scores are both efficient and doubtful. Romelu Lukaku has not come into his own since moving to Manchester United, and the 23-year-old Divock Origi may not have reaches his full potential with the national team yet. Two more forwards are options as well, but Christian Benteke has not performaned for the club since September of 2017 while Michy Batshuayi, who was arguably in the best form of his life with Borussia Dortmund, could potentially miss Russia due to injury.

The Belgians ran through UEFA qualifying group H with ease. The squad racked up 43 goals while allowing six in their 10 games.

Nine wins and one draw saw the team finish with 28 points, well above second place Greece.

Adding to a strong performance, the Belgians were the first European team to qualify for the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

Lukaku, who still is not turning out strong performances for United, racked up an outstanding 11 goals in qualifying while Hazard followed behind him with six.

Belgium's hopes depend all on how well the midfield can hold the ball and the game.

Slowing down attacks will aid their defensive that goes only five or six players deep, and success depends on how well the team can gift oppurtunities to Lukaku.

Hazard and De Bruyne have been some of the best chance creators in all of Europe, and will be crucial to making Belgium a difficult team to close down in Russia.

The Belgian's should not struggle to advance ahead of Panama and Tunisia, but a finish above group mates England can be vital in creating a safe Round of 16 pairing.

### Beach volleyball wins weekend

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APSU Beach Volleyball hosted the Ohio Valley Challenge on Friday, April 20, and Saturday, April 21.

The team racked up four wins in the competition on the way to an undefeated weekend in the inaugural tournament.

The two-day affair started early for the Govs, featuring an 8 a.m. start to their opening match.

However, the early rise did on shake the Govs, as they topped Jacksonville State 3-2.

The duo of Chloe Stitt and Kaylee Taff won the final bout in three sets over  $JSU\mbox{'s}$ 

Maddie Cloutier and Ashley Clingan.

Later on opening day, APSU ran over Morehead State 4-1 with the game winning match coming from a three set thriller featuring APSU's Ashley Slay and Cori Theiss.

On the second day of action, APSU survived a close call with Lincoln Memorial 3-2. The fifth match was decided by the duo of Stitt and Taff.

The Govs closed out their successful weekend by shutting out Carson-Newman 5-0 on the sand.

Ginny Gerig and Cecily Gable got things going in the first match before the rest of the squad cleaned up in rout to the 4-0 weekend performance.



APSU competes in Beach Volleyball's inagural Ohio Valley Challenge. BENJAMIN LITTLE | THE ALL STATE

### **Ohio Valley Challenge**

### JACKSONVILLE STATE

Friday, April 20, 8 a.m. Win 3-2

### **MOREHEAD STATE**

**Friday, April 20, 11 a.m.** Win 4-1

### LICOLN MEMORIAL

Saturday, April 21, 9:30 a.m. Win 3-2

CARSON-NEWMAN Saturday, April 5-0 Win 5-0

### **Preds advance of Avalanche**

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Colorado had speed and youth. Nashville brought experience and knowhow.

It was plain to see which won out — this time.

Mattias Ekholm ignited the offense early with the first goal by a Nashville defenseman in the series, Pekka Rinne stopped 22 shots and the top-seeded Predators advanced to the second round with a 5-0 victory over the Avalanche in Game 6 on Sunday night.

Austin Watson, Filip Forsberg, Nick Bonino and Viktor Arvidsson also scored to help the Predators move on to face Winnipeg. They were 3-1-1 against the Jets in the regular season.

"T'm very impressed the way (the Avalanche) played. They played very modern hockey, with a lot of speed," said Rinne, who notched his fourth career postseason shutout as the Predators won the series 4-2. "Great game. Great team effort. We didn't give them any life."

Nashville removed any sort of drama with two goals in the opening period and two more in the second to hush the capacity crowd.

That's the sort of game plan the Predators envisioned.

"I think that was our best game from start to finish," Watson said. "That's good for us going forward, to be able to take the last game of this series and carry that into how we want to play in the next one."

Andrew Hammond ran out of magic in net, allowing five goals.

The third-string goaltender nicknamed "Hamburglar" had 44 saves during a Game 5 win in Nashville to extend the series. But he couldn't turn back a formidable Nashville offense that won a second straight playoff contest in Denver. Before this, the Avalanche hadn't lost two straight at the Pepsi Center since early December.

"It's disappointing to us and I'm sure it's disappointing to fans," Avalanche captain Gabriel Landeskog said. "It means a lot to us that they did give us a standing ovation at the end."

Watson tormented Colorado with four goals and seven points in the series.

In all, 11 of Nashville's forwards had at least a point over six games.

The one thing missing was contributions from a blue line that tied a franchise record for goals during the regular season.

The Predators 'D' was held scoreless until Ekholm's slap shot at 7:20.

Forsberg scored 38 seconds into second to give Nashville a 3-0 lead and completely drain the energy out of the arena.

Bonino added another to go with his two assists.

The closest Colorado came to scoring on Rinne was in the second period.

Nikita Zadorov sent in a shot, but it was waved off due to goaltender interference on Colorado's 6-foot-3 center Carl Soderberg.

"Every line that went out there took a lot of pride in playing good defense, even at the end with the game 5-0. We still protected the net," Rinne said. "Guys wanted to get me that shutout."

It was quite a bounce-back season for Colorado, which boasts one of the youngest teams in the league.

The Avalanche went from a 48-point team in 2016-17 to 95 points this season, earning the last playoff spot on the final day of the regular season.

The Avs are the first NHL team to post that sort of turnaround from one full season to the next since Pittsburgh also jumped 47 points in 2005-06 (58) to '06-07 (105).

"There are a lot of positives for sure," said Nathan MacKinnon, who was held to one shot Sunday. "Everybody thought we weren't going to make it, that we were going to be the odd-team-out in the West. Obviously, it's nice to prove some people wrong and have a good young team going forward."