



Naturalized cadets bring value to ROTC program

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About 70,000 foreign-born men and women serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, composing roughly five percent of the total active-duty force.

In the Army ROTC program at Austin Peay State University, there are seven naturalized citizen cadets representing six countries who are seeking commissions as officers in the U.S. Army.

The cadets are from Granada, South Korea, Sierra Leone, Mexico, Haiti and Kenya.

All are former enlisted soldiers and all have served in deployments to Iraq and/or Afghanistan.

According to the American Immigration Law Foundation, immigrants have historically made significant contributions to the nation's defense.

Around 21 percent or 716 of the 3,406, of the

recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor have been immigrants.

The most recent nominee for the Medal of Honor, Sgt. Rafael Peralta, was a naturalized citizen.

Peralta was killed in 2004 shielding his platoon from a grenade in Fallujah, Iraq.

Cadet Akim Kamara, a senior health and human performance major, feels his experiences as a foreign-born officer and his prior enlisted service gives him a unique perspective.

"I can make changes and bring different types of leadership skills," Kamara said. Kamara was born in Sierra Leone and spent four years in the Army as an enlisted soldier before signing a contract for ROTC in 2006.

Cadet Crawl Joseph, who was born in Haiti and moved to Miami in junior high school, plans on

making a career in the military.

"I'm a lifer," Joseph said.

Although he is proud of his time as an enlisted soldier in the quartermaster corps, Joseph was drawn to the ROTC program because of the possibility of being on the officer side of the Army.

"I wouldn't have re-enlisted if I couldn't go in as an officer," Joseph said. Cadet Jason Knight, a computer science major who was born in Granada, cites his family as a reason for pursuing a commission as an officer in the Army.

"I've always wanted to do something worthwhile for my daughter," Knight said.

His daughter, Chielah, died in July at eight months old while he was deployed in Iraq.

Knight says his family has been supportive of his decision to extend his contract with the

military through the ROTC program.

"My wife encourages me. She runs with me every night," Knight said. Lt. Colonel Greg Lane, associate professor of military science at APSU said that although the Army as a whole has been suffering recruitment problems, the ROTC program at APSU is thriving.

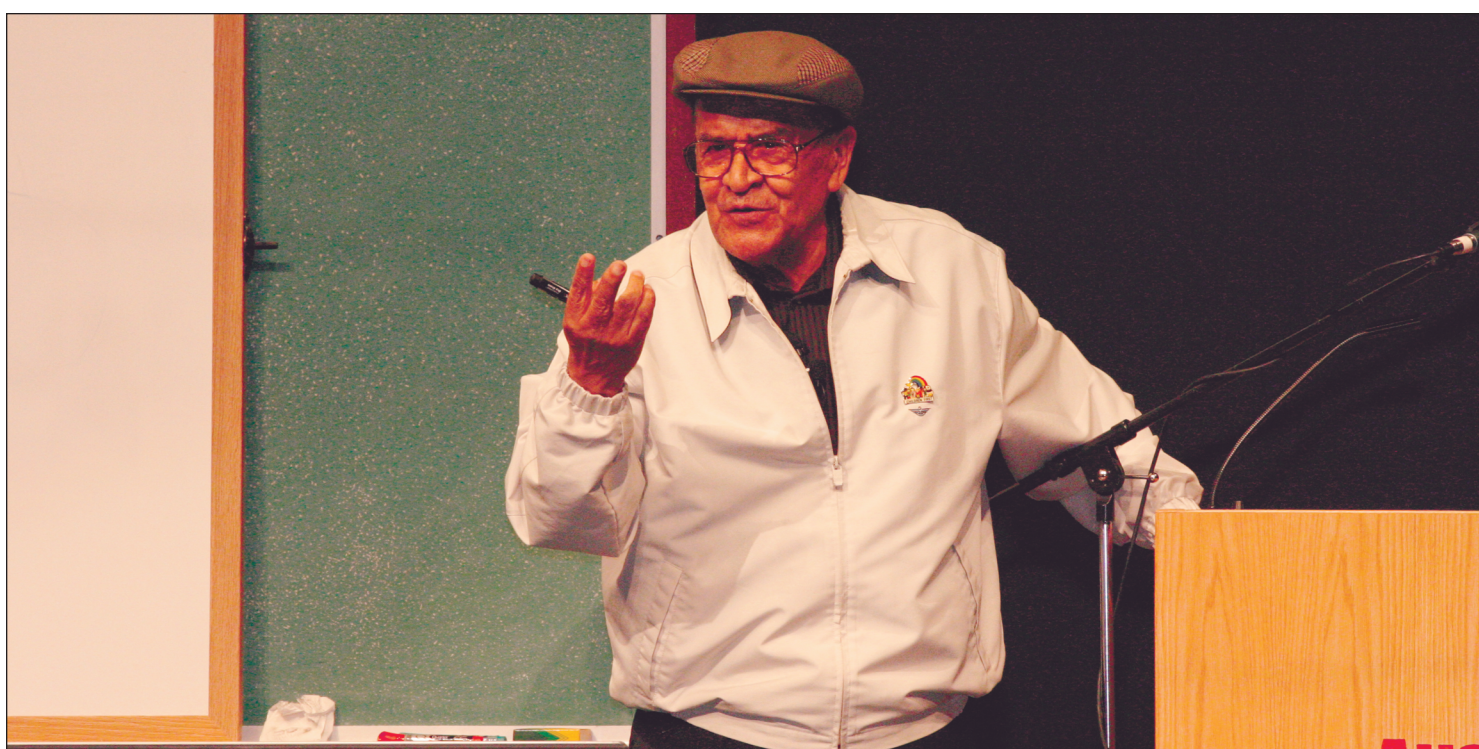
"It's the largest we've been in years. The Army might be having recruitment problems, but we've got cadets coming out of our ears here," Lane said.

Lane also said that the naturalized citizen cadets, who all have prior enlisted service, bring valuable military experience to the program.

"They've all served in combat," Lane said.

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Escalante stands and delivers speech



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Jaime Escalante spoke to APSU about teaching methods and the need to challenge students, Oct. 22. The event was sponsored by the Hispanic Cultural Center.

By **MARC WALLS**
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On Oct. 22, students from Austin Peay State University and local area schools packed the Music/Mass Comm theatre to attend a guest lecture by famed educator Jaime Escalante.

The lecture was the culmination of a three day event that began Oct. 22 with the first of two viewings of "Stand and Deliver" a 1988 film based on Escalante's experiences teaching mathematics to underprivileged students in east Los Angeles.

Students laughed at Escalante's wit and were amazed at some of the teaching techniques he shared as he discussed the need for ganas, or desire.

"You have to emphasize that education is the key to success," Escalante said.

"Not all kids have the same capacity to absorb information immediately. You have to have patience."

Escalante migrated to the U.S. from Bolivia in 1964.

In 1974 he began teaching mathematics at Garfield High School in Los Angeles, Calif. where "kids weren't interested in high school at all," Escalante said.

Throughout his career at Garfield, Escalante not only sparked interest in math from his students, but many also took difficult calculus classes and passed Advanced Placement calculus tests.

In 1982, 18 of Escalante's students passed the calculus exam, sparking national interest and the belief among many that the students were

cheating.

Determined to show that they weren't cheating, 14 of the students retook the test and did well enough to have their scores reinstated.

The events of the situation were retold in "Stand and Deliver" and also in the book "Escalante: The Best Teacher in America" by Jay Matthews.

The event was sponsored by the Hispanic Cultural Center as part of Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from Sep. 15 to Oct. 15.

"We asked the students who they wanted to see and it was a unanimous vote," said Nicolette Rougemont.

"[Escalante] promotes the mission of the campus," Rougemont said. "He not only inspires the students but also the teachers." ♦

SGA: WEEKLY ROUNDUP

SGA resolution, Lobby Day discussed

By **TINEA PAYNE**
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The Student Government Association filled all seats as the Senate finalized elections at the Oct. 24 meeting.

SGA resumed elections for graduate class chair, parliamentary and speaker pro-temp positions.

The senate voted Senator Tinsley Hembree as graduate class chair by motion to vote by acclamation.

Neither candidate for speaker pro-temp received two-thirds of senate vote. Senate elected A.J. Wolfe for speaker pro-temp by motion to accept winner by majority vote.

Neither candidate for parliamentary received two-thirds of the senate vote.

Senator Holly Lanham won senate vote for parliamentary by a motion to accept the winner by majority vote.

Senate Resolution Number One

Senator Elizabeth Boom read Resolution One to the Senate.

Resolution One read that Greek organizations no longer want to submit party packets in paper form, but requested to move party registration online. The Senate motioned to put Resolution One into new business. SGA will discuss a possible vote next week.

SGA 'Lobby Day'

SGA will have another "Lobby Day" on Nov. 5 due to inclement weather conditions Oct. 22.

SGA will promote the SGA Campus Talk, which will be held Nov. 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Huffman said that President Timothy Hall is interested in setting up SGA sponsored kiosks around campus.

Ideas regarding locations of the kiosks will be discussed in the future.

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Zombies descend on Clarksville to take bloody walk in McGregor Park

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McGregor Park was invaded by the living dead Oct. 20.

Approximately 20 to 30 zombies were in attendance with blood lathered all over.

The dead walked up and down the Riverwalk and were told not to venture off the path.

While attempting to pass through to crowd of brain eaters, these questions were asked:

1. What is your favorite blood type?

2. How long have you been dead?

3. What is your favorite horror movie?



Fugan Pedigo

"Any blood type."
"A."
"Less than a day."
"Return of the Living Dead."

Chrissy Duncan

"A."
"Less than a day."
"Dawn of the Dead, Remake."

Summer Ramey

"O +."
"6 months. It happened while working with the Umbrella Corporation."
"Resident Evil!"

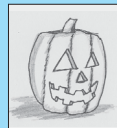
Bryant Smith

"A is robust. O is more filling."
"7 or 8 months."
"Night of the Living Dead"

Derek Deweese

He is a "Resident Evil" centurion."
He has been working there for "7 years."

Perspectives



Is G.H.O.S.T. a terrorist convention? Will the PATRIOT Act destroy rock 'n' roll?

Features

Fall colors are slow to show this year, but still beautiful



Sports

Lady Govs come up short during weekend play; seniors play last home game



Online

Vote in our online poll

POLL

What age is too old for t

8

10

13

16

Never too old!

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