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Edward J. Kennedy, ROTC awards 1970

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This month the Department of Military Science at the University of Alaska will present its annual ROTC awards to outstanding students in the ROTC program. The awards reflect the work done by students throughout the year and throughout their college careers. Among the awards are the Reserve Officers Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, The Association of the U.S. Army and the American Legion. Lt. Colonel Edward J. Kennedy is the head of the Department of Military Science. Dean asked Lt. Colonel Kennedy about the purpose of the awards. He said the purpose of any award is two-fold. First it provides an incentive for excellence in performance. Second it recognizes the achievement of the young man. Dean asked about the qualities of the cadets to be considered for these awards. Lt. Colonel Kennedy said there are two things which are really common to all of the awards. First is both military and scholastic excellence. Second is a contribution to the university community through their demonstrated leadership. Dean asked who won the awards this year. Kennedy said the two top awards at the Governor's Day ceremony are the Governor's Award and the University President's Award. The winner of the Governor's Award was Gerald S. Culp. In order to win this award Jerry had to be in the upper ten percent of his ROTC class, the upper quarter of his academic class, to demonstrate high qualities of both military and academic leadership, qualities of discipline, courtesy and character, and consistently demonstrate his capabilities as an officer. And finally he needed recommendations from both a professor of military science and the dean. The second award, the President's Award, was given to Bobby Geddes. To get this award he had to be in the upper ten percent of his ROTC class, the upper quarter of his academic class, and he had to make a significant contribution to the ROTC program and to the university through his leadership. And finally he needed recommendation from the professor of military science. The selection of the winners was made by a board of cadets who reviewed the qualifications of all the nominees for the awards.