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The Teaching Legacy of Robert S. Hyer

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Robert Hyer would have loved these awards, and especially that they are named to honor him as a Physics Professor, rather than as a University President. While serving as President of Southwestern University (14 years) and President of SMU for 9 years, he continued to teach Physics. As far as we know, his only time off from teaching physics was during the four years he spent building SMU, from the ground up. As soon as SMU opened, he returned to teaching physics. Hyer personally preferred working in his physics lab, learning of the new work of other scientists around the world, and teaching the students entrusted to his care. Teaching physics was his life's work until the day he died.