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The Department of Physics at the University of Pittsburgh has established the O. H. Blackwood Memorial Award to recognize and reward effective teaching by its graduate assistants. The annual award includes a cash prize of one hundred dollars and the payment of dues for the initial year of membership in the American Association of Physics Teachers. The committee for the award will take into consideration student attitudes and the opinion of supervising members of the senior staff in evaluating a candidate's effectiveness as a teacher, his originality, knowledge of physics, integrity and dependability, and qualities of leadership. The fund for the award was provided by friends of O. H. Blackwood, late professor of physics at the University of Pittsburgh, as a memorial to his work as a teacher, as an author of textbooks, and as an active member of the AAPT.

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