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Warren B. Boast was an Anson Marston Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at ISU and served as department head from 1955-75. Together with Professor John D. "Jack" Ryder, Boast designed and built the first 10-kilohertz AC network analyzer, used commercially by many Midwest utilities. Boast and Ryder also designed ISU's Electrical Engineering Building, now Coover Hall. Boast authored four books and had several patents. He received the Faculty Citation Award from the ISU Alumni Association and the Anson Marston Medal from ISU; he was a Fellow of IEEE and the Illuminating Engineering Society, and he was President of IEEE Education Society from 1970-71. Today, an undergraduate teaching award at ISU is named in Boast's honor.