

Equipment Not Included

Bomb Damage Down to About \$1.5 Million

University of Wisconsin officials Monday scaled down estimates of damage to campus buildings resulting from the Aug. 24 Sterling Hall bombing.

They now estimate damage to buildings at about \$1.5 million — not \$5 million, a figure estimated earlier.

John Paulson, a University architect, said estimates of equipment damage may not be ready for another month.

HE ALSO said the \$1.5 million figure does not include initial cleanup costs and the cost of boarding up windows. The latter will not be cheap, he added.

Most of the \$1.5 million (from \$750,000 to \$1 million) in damages would be for repairs to the east wing of Sterling Hall, which houses the Army's Mathematics Research Center, the apparent target of the bombers.

Equipment losses are expected to be high because of damage to a \$2 million computer in the research center, Paulson said.

HOWEVER, experts hope to repair the computer, at a cost of about \$750,000, rather than replace it, he added.

Workers and faculty members are still sifting through the rubble of Sterling Hall, the location of many laboratories.

Paulson said that about 38 per

cent of the mathematics wing of Sterling Hall is occupied, but other areas are too badly damaged or structurally unsound.

MUCH OF the repair of Sterling Hall will involve replacing a two-story column that was weakened in the bomb blast.

Wiring in the building is a tangled mass of severed lines, Paulson noted.

Four of the 18 series of bays on the first floor of Sterling Hall used by researchers were badly shaken up, Paulson said, and two of the 18 on the second floor need complete rebuilding.

A partial list of building damage includes:

MEDICAL CENTER, \$20,000 to \$25,000; South Hall, \$700; Law Building, \$200; Pharmacy-Physics, \$200,000; Birge Hall, \$65,000; Van Vleck Hall, \$40,000; New Chemistry Building, \$15,000; Commerce, \$8,500; Lathrop Hall, \$9,000; Service Building, \$3,000; Psychology, \$1,200; and Van Hise Hall, \$1,000.

Paulson said most of the buildings near Sterling Hall are

undergoing repairs to make them usable when classes begin Monday.

Temporary repairs are being made on such things as fallen roofs and wiring, he explained, but completion of repairs is still a long way off.

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