

# Wanted: a Reward Solution

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University of Wisconsin-Madison officials have begun wrestling with the problem of returning several hundred donations to the Sterling Hall bombing reward fund.

The UW announced a week ago that it was withdrawing its reward offer, which had been in effect since the August, 1970 bombing to which Karleton Armstrong recently pleaded guilty. His brother and two other suspects named in warrants issued after the bombing are still at large.

## No Longer Stimulant

Despite that, according to Arthur Hove, aide to UW-



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Madison Chancellor Edwin Young, the reward was cancelled because it has outlived its value.

"It was felt that the money no longer serves as a stimulant to

get information," Hove said. "It's been a long time now, and the likelihood of others being apprehended is more remote."

So now, the UW is trying to dispose properly of the \$100,000 fund. To date, only \$12,500 has been paid out as reward in connection with Armstrong's apprehension.

## Another \$12,500

Another \$12,500 was to be paid on his conviction, but the informant hasn't asked for it, according to UW Regent Secretary Joseph Holt, and no one is certain what response they'll make if he does.

But in the meantime, there's the rest of that money to give back.

UW officials are not saying

precisely how much cash they have to return. But indications are that it's about \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Donors will be asked if they will make their contributions available for student services or aid, rather than asking them to be returned, Young has said.

## Held in Trust

According to Berwyn Westra, University Trust Funds accountant, all the cash receipts have been in trust and earning interest since the UW got them.

However, he said that of the \$100,000 reported in the fund, more than half was actually in the form of pledges and no money was received. So, the cash in the reward account is something less than \$50,000, with at least \$12,500

gone for the reward already paid.

Hove said a "substantial amount" was contributed in the form of small donations. Some of the contributions were given anonymously, he said, and that money could not be returned.

## Up to Regents

Berwyn said the Board of Regents probably will have to decide what should be done with the interest from the contributions put in trust, and the money contributed anonymously.

A UW official has said the cash contributions would be returned to the donors where agreement is not given to make the money available for other use.

Holt will be asked to contact the donors on alternate uses for their contributions, Hove said.