



Jay Davis examines the rebuilt portion of the bomb-damaged nuclear accelerator in Sterling Hall. —State Journal Photo by J. D. Patrick

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It'll Be Ready by September

Sterling Hall Recovers From Its Bomb Damage

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Repair work on the bomb-damaged wing of Sterling Hall is on schedule and the building should be ready for full occupancy in September, UW officials said Friday.

The Aug. 24 bombing killed researcher Robert Fassnacht, destroyed thousands of dollars worth of equipment, and caused about \$650,000 worth of structural damage to the building.

The four young men charged with the blast — Karleton and Dwight Armstrong, Leo F. Burt, and David S. Fine — are still at

large. They are on the FBI's "Most Wanted List."

CAMPUS architect Gordon Orr, head of a task force in charge of the repairs, said work on structural damage and weather tightening will be completed soon.

Bids for electrical and mechanical repairs will be let in mid-February, he said.

About 40 per cent of the damaged wing, roughly the north half, is now occupied by the Depts. of Physics and Astronomy Center, target of the blast, has moved to the new

Wisconsin Alumni Research Building on Walnut St.

BOTH departments are still hard at work replacing or repairing damaged equipment.

A 14-million volt tandem-style Van de Graff nuclear accelerator, located only a few yards from the blast in the Sterling basement, was put back into normal operations Dec. 6.

Jay Davis, 2011 Westbrook Lane, a post-doctorate researcher in low energy physics, said his research group is continuing work on the accelerator to bring it up to its former sophistication.

THE BLAST destroyed the equipment used to produce the particles which the machine accelerates.

"It's almost back to where it was before the explosion," Davis said.

Much of the equipment was rebuilt by the Physics Dept. staff, making an exact cost estimate impossible.

PHYSICS PROF. Maurice B. Webb said Friday that the public will get a chance to see the accelerator and other labs in the Physics and Astronomy Depts. Feb. 13 during an open house.

Webb said the open house is being held to acquaint high school students and the public with course offerings and research work being carried out by the departments.