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UW Physics Phoenix Rises From Its Ashes

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A year after the fatal bombing at Sterling Hall, the University of Wisconsin Physics Dept. is moving back into the building like a Phoenix rising from its ashes.

The department was shattered with despair over the loss of a young researcher, Robert Fassnacht, years of research, and considerable laboratory equipment.

IT TOOK FOUR months to get the nuclear accelerator in limited operation again. The Army Mathematics Research Center, also located in Sterling Hall, was the target of the bombing, but it was back in operation the next day.



Total damage in the bombing has been estimated at \$2,513,114, and ironically only \$21,166 of that amount was done to the Math Research Center, according to William Hustad of the UW risk management office.

Reconstruction of the Sterling Hall east wing will cost \$456,150.20, Hustad said. Damage to all buildings in the area will total about \$883,000. Loss of supplies, and labor clean-up, cost \$1.6 million.

TODAY, THE physics department is buoyed by the pride which comes from a year of sweat, courage, and camaraderie.

"All the people on our staff are productively engaged in research now," the new department chairman, Dr. M. B. Webb, said. "The rest of the faculty and the physics community around the country have given us marvelous assistance, and our graduate students have been tremendous."

Dr. Webb is especially proud of the fact that no classes were disrupted by the bombing, even though the department offices and laboratories were scattered to temporary homes in other UW buildings.

MUCH OF THE bitterness and some of the fear still remain, however.

Department personnel were reluctant to discuss the political and sociological impact of the bombing, preferring instead to concentrate on the physical job of rebuilding.

Prof. Joseph Dillinger, whose assistant was Fassnacht and