

# <sup>UW Sterling Hall Bombing</sup> The Injured Remember

## 'It Sends Shivers Up My Spine . . .' One Says

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Paul Quin, a physics researcher who was injured in the bombing, still works late into the night on research projects in a patched-up basement area of Sterling Hall.

"Sometimes I still think about it (the bombing)," he said, "It sends a shiver up my spine when I'm working late sometimes on Sundays . . . but they (the bombers) won't be back."

QUIN, ANOTHER researcher, and a night watchman were injured in the blast. Broken bones have mended, cuts have healed, bruises have gone away, and today work is pretty much back to normal for these three men.



NORBERT SUTTER

David Schuster, 28, the other researcher, has completed his studies at the University of Wisconsin and recently returned to his native South Africa, where he has accepted a teaching post at Wit Water Sand University. Schuster was the most seriously injured of the three, receiving a broken shoulder in the explosion.

He was working in an office on the basement level across the hall from Robert Fassnacht when the bomb went off. Schuster was buried in the rubble for three hours until searchers found him lying partially protected under a blown-out door frame.

SCHUSTER came to the University from

South Africa on a fellowship in 1967 to do research for his doctoral thesis in nuclear physics.

Norbert Sutter, 57, of rural Madison, a night watchman, received multiple cuts and bruises in the blast. He has returned to his post as a University security officer, but does not want to talk about the bombing.

"As far as he's concerned he's done with it," his wife said last week. "He doesn't want to talk about it anymore. Can't you just leave him alone?"

QUIN, 30, of 112 N. Mills St., has stayed on at the University to help rebuild the shattered physics department and today he says things are "pretty much back to normal."

He received cuts on his legs when he crawled through shattered glass to get out of the building through a first floor window after the explosion.

Quin was a post-doctoral researcher a year ago and will be an assistant professor in nuclear physics this semester, with teaching duties and research work.

He had worked on some projects with Schuster, but knew Fassnacht only by sight.

A SHORT, heavy-set man with dark receding hair, Quin acts and talks in a very precise and efficient manner.

He summarized the effects of the bombing on the physics research in short, quick sentences.

"For three months we did nothing but repair work. We had the nuclear research lab started up again by Dec. 6. It took 25 students working the entire time, and we're still just getting around to moving back in

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and finally repairing our dead storage equipment that was damaged."

Quin said he believes the most important effect of the bombing will be felt in the long run.

"THE BOMBING did affect applications here by physics graduate students," he said, "I'm sure some counselors even warned people from coming here last year, and that'll hurt a lot in the future."

He estimated that 80 per cent of the research notes and related materials had been

recovered after a long process of drying out and copying.

Asked if anything beneficial happened because of the bombing, he said, "People from other labs remarked on the spirit of the people here in repairing and recovering the place . . . but the spirit was all here before the bombing . . . nothing else."

"NOW THE WHOLE campus is quiet," he said, "It's more than quiet . . . all the talk and all the action has gone away."

He propped himself up in his chair, his office cluttered with stacks of cardboard boxes loaded with equipment being brought back from dead storage for the reopening of the heavily damaged physics area.

"I'll be staying on here," he said.