

Chancellor Notes Sobering Effect

City Image Tarnished by Blast, Mayor Says

UW Sterling Hall
bombing

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According to Mayor William D. Dyke, the bombing severely tarnished Madison's image as a good place to live and visit.

"A city gets an image as a center of conflagration and it's very hard to live that down. Madison will go a long time before it regains its image as a beautiful, clean, modern, progressive city," he said.

"THERE IS NO question that the bombing caused fear of the campus and the city and this fear still pervades the lives of some. There are some people who still avoid coming to Madison."

Shock waves from the bombing last August are still having their effects on campus a year later, according to Madison campus Chancellor H. Edwin Young.

Speaking almost a year to the day after the event, Young seemed to choose his words carefully in a telephone interview Monday.

"WELL, FIRST of all I think that the bombing took a life that can't be replaced," said Young, reflecting on the blast's after-effects on the university.

"Second, it very seriously disrupted the research in the Physics Dept.," he continued.

"I think it has had a sobering effect on campus and around the country on people who had talked of violence but didn't



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really know what it was," he said.

ASKED IF the bombing was responsible for the relatively calm academic year that followed, Young said only, "I think it was a factor."

Dyke said there might have been a slight reduction in the number of tourists and shoppers from the area coming to Madison. "Some people are still reluctant to come to Madison, just as I was reluctant to take my family to Washington, D.C., for a vacation."

The mayor said he felt the bombing considerably affected the city and the lives of its citizens.

"THOSE OF us who heard that blast and were awakened by it will never forget it. Only a completely nonsensitive person would not be affected by the senseless tragedy," Dyke said.

"I think it altered the lives of many who suddenly realized it's not enough to say they won't worry because it's happening to someone else.

"They realized it's happening to us. The bombing proved it could happen here," he continued.

THE MAYOR said he felt that many citizens, who had decided not to interfere with protests against the war and confrontations and felt they were safe if they just minded their own business, learned that even an innocent bystander could be affected and hurt by the violence.

"The bombing tempered the hostilities of some of the university people towards the city and some of the city people towards the university," Dyke said.

"IT HAD a leveling affect. People realized that in a crisis the solution was to get together to solve the problem," Dyke explained.

"I think it diminished the zeal of some of those who would use any means to achieve an end," said Dyke. "It showed what can come of being unreasoning and unwilling. The people who did the bombing were unreasoning."

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