



bombed UW building keeps out the curious Tuesday as lawmen continue their investigation.

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# Math Center Director Denies 'Secrecy' Label

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According to J. Barkley Rosser, director of the Army Mathematics Research Center (AMRC), the AMRC is just a place "where people work on what they're interested in."

Tuesday, in the wake of the Monday's blast which ripped the AMRC and the University of Wisconsin's Sterling Hall which contained it, Barkley vehemently denied charges that the facility was "secret."

**CHARGES OF "secrecy"** alleging that AMRC researchers were involved in war-related projects were heard frequently during periods of campus unrest during the past year.

The AMRC received more than \$1 million in support from the Army last year, but Barkley maintains that most of the AMRC's 40-plus employees are hired by the University and are civilians.

As for the research, Barkley insisted that it is just that — pure research, openly published. He denied the allegations of some students that ARMC researchers are involved in Army ballistics studies.

**AND SECRECY?** "The SDS



J. BARKLEY ROSSER

(Students for a Democratic Society) said we kept our doors locked," he said.

"Maybe that was true when there were riots on the campus, but ordinarily our doors were not locked," he said.

Wednesday, with the entire building laid open, it seemed ironic to remind Rosser that the doors to the AMRC bore large "No Thoroughfare" signs.

"**THAT DIDN'T** mean 'Don't Enter,'" he said. "It just meant that with people sitting there trying to do research, we didn't want student traffic through there every hour between classes.

"But it didn't mean 'Don't Enter,'" he repeated softly. "Although I suppose some peo-

ple didn't appreciate the difference between them."

According to Rosser, the AMRC has a great deal of interaction with the rest of the University. "Professors attend our seminars, and graduate students do research under our staff members," he said.

**ROSSER HIMSELF** is a professor of mathematics and computer science with no military attachments.

For the past year he felt uneasy about working in the Sterling Hall facility.

"I felt fearful," he said. "When there were campus disturbances, they threw rocks at the building. I had a big glass window near me where I worked."

"I pulled the shade and curtains, hoping that would slow the rocks down.

"I expected we might be fire-bombed, but I never thought they would do this," he said of the blast.

**NOW HE** is afraid for his home and family. "You never know what they will do next," he said of the nameless "they" who leveled much of Sterling Hall.

But the AMRC has been on campus for 15 years and Rosser has been its director for seven years. He said Tuesday that he intends to stay, and believes the AMRC will remain on campus.

He said he doesn't know if the bombing has scared any of the AMRC staff into resigning.

**HE WAS** hopeful that when he is finally admitted into the shell of Sterling Hall he will find some of his research materials miraculously intact.

"The need for free inquiry and research at this University continues," he said in a formal statement released Tuesday night.

**TO THE** best of its power, the center will carry on with its program of mathematical research," he said.

He joined with others in the community in expressing sympathy over the death of Robert E. Fassnacht, 33, and the injured.

## UW Sets Policy for Campus Job Loss

A policy relating to status of University of Wisconsin civil service employes whose work place is closed or inaccessible because of the campus blast was announced Tuesday by Chancellor Edwin Young.

Young said the affected persons employed in Sterling, Pharmacy, Van Vleck, and Birge Halls have three options: Remain at home without compensation. Remain at home and utilize vacation or holiday pay. Report for reassignment this week to other appropriate employment until they are able to return to their regular duties.

"While the present disaster is not of the University's making," the chancellor said, "the policy is established to take into consideration employe needs and concerns."

Young said departments would make every effort to utilize the affected employes on a temporary basis, and the funding for their salaries will be dealt with later.

Tom Bull, University personnel officer, said:

"We are trying to find other work for everybody who comes in this week. We are trying to hang on, and then see what the future holds."

Bull said the approximately 80 employes affected, employed in the Mathematics, Botany, Zoology, Pharmacy, and Physics Departments, include both clerical and blue-collar workers. These include laboratory and electronic technicians, instrument makers, animal caretakers, a curator, typists, and clerks.