

UW nuclear physicist Barschall dies

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Henry H. Barschall, an acclaimed UW-Madison nuclear physicist whose laboratory was destroyed in the 1970 Sterling Hall bombing, died Tuesday in Madison. He was 81.

Born in Berlin and known to his friends as "Heinz," Barschall pioneered studies of the interaction of neutrons, one of the basic particles of the atom. His work yielded some of the first accurate measurements of neutron properties and provided insights into the structure of the nucleus of the atom.

Though his career at UW-Madison spanned 25 years, it was cut short when his Sterling Hall lab was blown away in a bomb targeted at the U.S. Army Math Re-

search Center in the same building. The bomb was detonated in protest against American military involvement in the Vietnam War.

Reflecting on the bombing years later, Barschall said it would have been "just too much to rebuild a lab" at that late stage of his career.

Barschall was born in 1915 and educated at the University of Berlin and Princeton. He joined the faculty at UW-Madison in 1946.

In 1965 he was awarded the first T.W. Bonner Prize by the American Physical Society and was granted membership in the National Academy of Sciences in 1972 and fellowship in 1987. During World War II he was in-

involved in the Manhattan Project, the secret U.S. effort to build the atomic bomb in Los Alamos, N.M.

In retirement, Barschall took up the cause of the high cost of scientific journals and the detriment to scientists. His research sparked an international legal battle and he was sued by German, Swiss and French publishing houses.

His studies of journal pricing were generally supported by the courts and made him a hero to a generation of research librarians. In 1990, The Association of Research Libraries gave him a special citation for his efforts.

Barschall is survived by his wife, Eleanor, and two children, Peter and Anne.

— Jennifer A. Galloway

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DC 2/5/97 UW-Madison physicist passes away at 81

Professor Henry Barchall, 81, distinguished physicist and UW-Madison professor from 1946-1970, when the Sterling Hall bombing destroyed his laboratory, wiping out his research, died Tuesday.

During his tenure at UW-Madison, Barchall pioneered research of neutrons, measuring some of the first accurate measurements of the atom components.

Barchall was born in 1915 in Berlin, Germany and studied at the University of Berlin and Princeton. During World War II, he worked on the Manhattan Project.

Barschall has received numerous awards, including being named to the National Academy of Science in 1987.

ASM kickoff meeting expects large turnout

The Associated Students of Madison will be holding its spring kickoff meeting Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in 2650 Humanities.

Kickoff coordinator Leah Nelson said she encourages everyone to check out ASM and what they are doing this semester. She said the kickoff begins with a main meeting involving skits and other explanations of ASM, before breaking into committees to describe their planned events for the next semester.

Nelson said the meeting should last no longer than an hour and a half. A group of about 100 people gathered for the meeting last semester, and Nelson said they hope to get the same size crowd this year.

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DC 2/5/97 Group urges regents toward 'responsibility'

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When the UW System Board of Regents meets later this week, it will confront many tough issues, but socially responsible investment will not be among them, as a coalition of student groups had hoped.

The Alliance for Democracy has apparently, however, kept the issue fresh in the minds of the regents.

Supported by groups including UW Greens, the Free Burma Coalition, the Coalition for Socially Responsible Investment and various community groups, the organization is fighting the UW System's investment of private donations in corporations that commit human rights, labor or environmental abuses.

The Alliance's semester-long efforts reached a peak at last November's regent meeting with nearly a three-hour public forum.

Alliance member Micah Zenko

said they insisted the regents set up a "Socially Responsible Investment Review Board" composed of democratically elected faculty, students and community figures and to fully implement a socially responsible investment policy.

Zenko said the review board could make sure no violations of the expanded policy slip through.

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In November, the regents acknowledged the Alliance's efforts and predicted a review of the system's investment policy to be completed by February or March.

Zenko said private universities have policies preventing irresponsible investment, and UW should

have an even greater commitment. "As a public institution [the UW System] has a higher social responsibility," he said.

Although the issue is not on the agenda for this week's regents meetings, spokesperson Jonathan Henkes said the regents are not taking the Alliance advice lightly.

"The board knows it needs to look at this," Henkes said, "It is carefully considering everything that was presented at the November meeting and is taking it very seriously."

He added the delay in responding to the Alliance's requests has been due to a personnel change in the Business and Finance Committee which handles the system's investment.

Kathleen Hempel, the regent who oversees the Business and Finance Committee, said the complexity of the investment issue has also slowed the review.