Stranahan Hall slated to open for classes following flood
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Stranahan Hall on Main Campus is expected to open for summer classes today following flooding that occurred last week.

An 8-inch water main burst underground late in the evening Monday, May 5, resulting in the flooding of Stranahan Hall, which houses the College of Business Administration.

The pipe ruptured in the construction area of the Stranahan Hall expansion project near Bancroft Street after work hours. Engineers are trying to determine the cause of the problem.

The flooding damaged electrical gear and telephone wiring in the basement of Stranahan causing a power outage on the north side of Main Campus. Power was restored quickly to most of the buildings that were affected; however, Stranahan Hall, Gillham Hall and Ritter Planetarium were without normal power for a couple of days.

Disaster cleanup crews spent a couple days pumping water out of Stranahan’s basement and worked throughout the week to clean and disinfect the building and its equipment.

An assessment of the damage is ongoing, but it is expected to cost between $250,000 and $450,000 depending on what equipment can be salvaged.