When Dean Glenn Hopkins entered Ventress Hall to go into the office on a November Sunday afternoon, he didn’t expect to find anyone there to greet him and he certainly didn’t expect to find what did greet him — about 6 inches of water on the first floor of the historic building on the campus of the University of Mississippi.

The building, built in 1889, had its water pipes in the attic. The Thursday before, a leak had caused some concern and maintenance crews were called in. “They stopped the leak at that point,” Hopkins said Wednesday, sitting in his office inside the newly renovated Ventress Hall. “The pipe broke sometime after that and the water had been running for about 48 hours.”

The ceilings were bowing down, about to cave in. The wooden floors were soaked and swollen, as well as several walls where the water ran down. The College of Liberal Arts was moved into Lester Hall so repairs could be made.

That was in November 2011 and renovations didn’t begin until last summer. Two weeks ago, Hopkins and his staff were able to move back home.

“It’s great to be back in the center of campus and where we have enough room for our staff and a conference room at our disposal,” Hopkins said.

His office on the second floor was repainted but escaped any major damage. Most of the heavy damage was on the first floor and in the attic. The biggest job during construction was to move all of the water pipes out of the attic and into the basement so what happened in 2011 would never happen again.

Other work included the repair and painting of the walls, doing the ceilings and floors, rebuilding the elevator and adding additional office space on the second floor. Part of the challenge for the construction crew was to meet the standards of renovations of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Oxford welcomes Dr. Darrell Sneed and Dr. Charles Allen Laney.

Drs. Sneed and Laney proudly join Dr. Mark Stong and Tiffany Leister, NP. Together they have combined the practice of the late Dr. Steve Purdon and The Strong Heart Clinic into Oxford Heart Consultants.

Oxford Heart Consultants continues to offer exceptional comprehensive care in the heart of Oxford by providing general cardiology, interventional cardiology, advanced heart failure, peripheral vascular disease and arrhythmia management.

College of Liberal Arts is back home

A marker in the foyer recognizes members of the Class of 1889.
The University Museum is offering a new Traveling Trunk based on the life and work of William Faulkner. The William Faulkner/Roan Oak trunk, eighth in a series of educational trunks available to schools and classrooms, will be unveiled during a presentation and presentation Thursday at the museum.

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