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## Quick Facts

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ROCK HILL, S.C. - The fire at Winthrop University's **Owens Hall** was extinguished by approximately 3 p.m. today. Emergency operations units have been disbanded and fire crews released. It is currently planned for one City of Rock Hill fire crew to remain on site through the night to watch for any hotspots and to be on standby to deal with potential flare ups.

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Winthrop officials are working to begin restoration to **Bancroft Hall**, **Kinard Hall** and the area outside the buildings. Classes scheduled for **Owens Hall**, the center-campus site of the fire, are being moved to other locations, effective Tuesday and for the remainder of the semester. In addition, access will not be allowed to Bancroft Hall, Bancroft Annex and Kinard until damage and utility assessments are completed. The Kinard building is expected to be open by Tuesday.

**Owens Hall** is a 32,200-square-foot general-use building that opened in 2007. Each of the 21 classrooms inside is equipped with SMART technology and the facility also includes a computer lab, two conference rooms and a student lounge. The building is named for Winthrop alumna, volunteer and supporter Glenda Owens and her husband, Jerry.

For further information, contact **Rebecca Masters** at Winthrop, 803/323-2225, and **Katie Bartnikowski** at the City of Rock Hill, 803/448-9745.

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