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## Addition features atmosphere

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Editor

The new addition to the College of Business Administration offers students both technology and an environment designed with them in mind, an official said.

Ronald Hampton, associate dean of the College of Business Administration, said the new 45,000-square-foot addition to the CBA building was designed to provide students with a technologically advanced, yet friendly atmosphere.

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Hampton said the addition, which was begun in December 1991, officially opened for the second five-week session of summer classes. Final construction is still being completed, but the addition will be ready for the first day of classes Monday, he said.

The addition has 10 "smart" classrooms equipped to receive voice, data and video transmissions such as teleconferences or computer networking over the telephone. Each desk in the addition is able to support a personal computer.

Hampton said the classrooms were designed with specific purposes in mind. For example, he said the addition had two classrooms designed in circular rather than straight rows to promote interaction among students.

In addition to being technologically advanced, the addition provides an atmosphere agreeable to students, Hampton said. The addition has two student areas, a student activities center — with room for the 18 CBA student organizations — and a writing lab.

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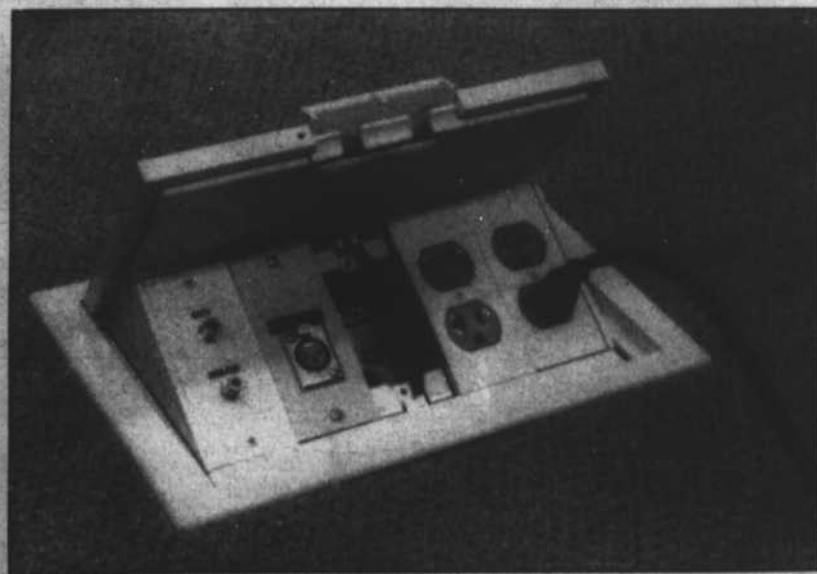
Hampton said the writing lab was one of the addition's best features. He said the writing lab, which was being run with the help of the English Department, was one of the first of its kind.

"We think it is going to get national recognition very shortly," he said. "It is cutting edge. You are getting the best minds in terms of grammar and the mechanics of language and pulling them into the business environment."

The addition also has a TV and video library, two video laboratories, a mini-auditorium, seminar rooms and a TV studio classroom complete with satellite feed.

Every aspect of the addition was planned with students in mind, Hampton said. A classroom committee of students, faculty and staff worked closely with the architect during construction, he said.

"It's a student-friendly building," he said. "We worked closely as a committee with the architect on what we wanted to see in the classrooms — even down to the specific type of chair."



From top left:  
Ronald Hampton, associate dean of the College of Business Administration, relaxes in a common area in the new addition.

This new room in the business college is designed in circular rows to promote interaction among students.

Unified outlets, such as the one shown here, are in all of the new rooms and are equipped to receive audio, video and computer feed.

The outside of the College of Business Administration with the new addition (right).

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