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Joyner Library at East Carolina University

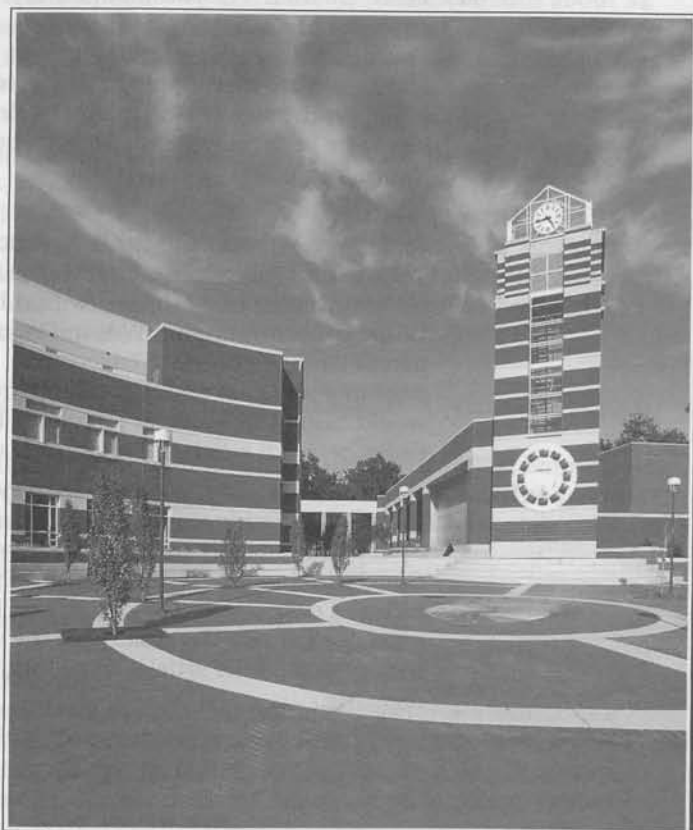
recently completed a building project, yielding a 49% increase in square footage. Features of the renovated and expanded building include shelving for 1.5 million volumes; seating for 2,000; a television studio; 36 group study rooms; an assistive technology center; a faculty instructional technology lab; 4 library instruction centers; and a state-of-the-art preservation and conservation laboratory. The building was dedicated on March 9, 1999.



Through the Artworks for State Buildings Program, Christopher Janney, a nationally known sound artist, designed a Sonic Plaza for the building. The four elements of the Plaza are shown at right.

The media glockenspiel is an 85-foot clock tower with a ring of video monitors, in the center of which is a set of 3-foot doors. Four times a day the doors open and reveal a rooster, steam whistle, pirate cannon, or unique object. In the circle directly in front of the glockenspiel is a 12-foot diameter ground cloud well, from which emanates a water mist that dances with the wind.

At the center background of this photograph are the sonic gates, white classical columns that chime musical tones as people walk through them; the tones change in pitch and timbre throughout the day. To the right is a percussive water wall, containing water jets that create ever-changing patterns of mist.



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