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Building's atmosphere is pleasing

Along with being a "first-class research building," there are several features incorporated into the building to make it more synthetically pleasing and comfortable for faculty, Sharp said.

There are two atriums on every floor, with faculty offices around them. "Lots of light flows through the atrium," Sharp said, making the building "a warm, nice place to be."

The Bio Cafe has opened on the first floor, and there are two tea rooms on every floor with basic kitchen facilities, Lawson said. Those eating areas are "essential to the building since eating is not allowed in the laboratory," he said.

Each floor has a lounge and seminar rooms with large windows allowing a "beautiful view of Ames Street and the Boston skyline," Lawson said.

Sharp called the building "a special home."

Some installations have been placed on the first floor, one from artist Jim Senborn and the other from artist Jim Melcher. Lawson said. Senborn's work, which was donated by Emeritus Professor of Biology Bora Maganik, consists of a wall of limesone with a band of sardines, green quartz benches, and a petrified tree.

Senborn has also set up a white marble circle on the floor, with a slide projector hung on the ceiling above it, Lawson said. Slides depicting current biology research will be projected onto the circle.

Melcher's work is a mural consisting of 2,259 Italian tiles that were glazed and fired in California, Lawson said. The tiles on the wall run three quarters of the length of the building, he said.

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