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There will be demonstrations and displays of interest to everyone, including young people, illustrating how this new technology is working in all fields, from robotics, accounting and engineering to art, music and foreign language.

Movies will explain basic computer technology, and programs of interest will be offered on all four floors of the structure.

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Parents of high school age young people will be particularly interested in visiting the center, Doctor added.

Meshel Hall is currently operating from 8 a.m. to midnight every weekday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Dedicated Jan. 31, 1986, the center was named after State Sen. Harry Meshel (D-33) of Youngstown in recognition of his leadership in planning for the center and having funds set aside by the Ohio Legislature.

The building is located in front of the Wick Avenue Parking Deck and the main entrance connects with the pedestrian walkway connecting the deck with the campus.

Meshel Hall contains seven classrooms and 12 computerized laboratories which, combined, have work stations for more than 750 students. There are 25 offices for faculty and staff, and several rooms that can be converted into lecture halls, one seating 75 and another 80 persons.

All classrooms are equipped to operate with a large (67-inch) screen multimedia projection system that can utilize mainframe terminals, PCs and VCRs (video cassette recorders with sound).

There is a three-story atrium and large student commons area on the second floor.

Top levels contain offices for the Computer Center staff, plus a visitor's reception/observation area of the 6,000-square-foot mainframe computer complex for the AMDAHL 5868 Multiprocessor, which consists of two central processing

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The structure contains 700,000 feet or a total of 133 miles of cable, of which some 245,000 feet is computer cable.

Total cost of Meshel Hall was \$8.4 million for the building and 6 million for furnishings, equipment and software. Another \$600,000 included architectural fees and other costs. Hanahan-Strollo & Associates, Youngstown, were the architects.

Visitors are encouraged to park in the Wick Deck, using the Wick Avenue entrance, or in lots by its east side along Walnut Street since the entrance to Meshel Hall is from the bridge connecting the deck with the campus. Parking is free.

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