

Computer center relocates to Meshel Hall

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Nov. 1 will be the target date for the Computer Center to move into the newly constructed Harry Meshel Hall according to the Center's director, Thomas W. Doctor.

Construction for Meshel Hall, which began with the ground breaking ceremony July 13, 1984, is nearly completed. The exact date for the Computer Center's move to Meshel's fourth floor will depend on when the floor is completed.

If the Nov. 1 date is held, according to Doctor, then all YSU computer service and activity will be directed from Meshel Hall on Nov. 25, by the University's new main frame Computer Processing Unit (CPU), an Amdahl 5868 Multiprocessor.

The University's other com-

puter, located in Tod Hall, will then be moved to Meshel by Dec. 25, in order to be linked with the other system.

In order to redirect computer traffic to Meshel Hall by Nov. 25, Doctor said a good possibility existed that the Tod Hall computer would be down (unable to be used) Nov. 22 and 23.

"If it works (the rerouting), then nobody will know the difference," Doctor stated.

When the two CPU's are then linked in Meshel, the workload sent in by students and University administration will be separated.

With the work being separated, the student users of the system will find they have easier access in times of high computer activity, such as student registration.

Doctor also noted that student users will be able to

choose which system they want to use and have an expanded online capability from 10 to 30 billion bytes.

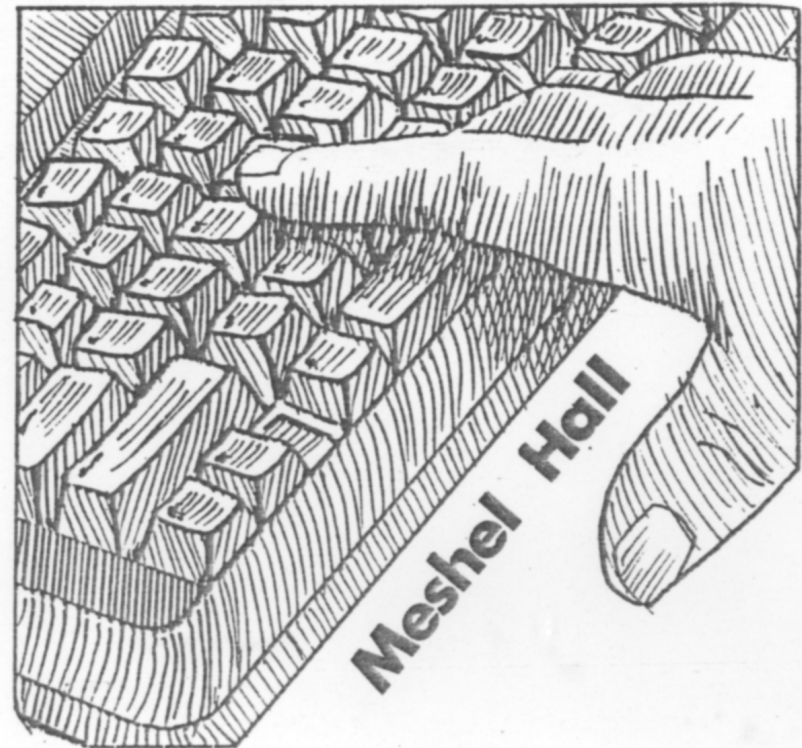
Some of the things that will be put in Meshel when it's ready for general use will be 220 color display IBM 3179 terminals and at least 150 IBM personnel computers (PC).

Six labs of PCs will be networked together using specialized hardware and software.

Four high-speed line printers and some low-speed laser printers will help with the computer output.

Each of the 13 classrooms will have a large-screen projection system.

"This will be the finest facility in the state of Ohio, at least in the state supported school," Doctor commented.



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