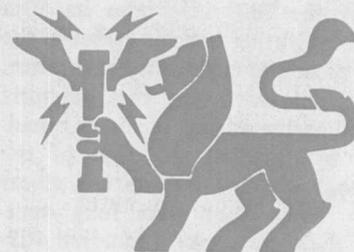


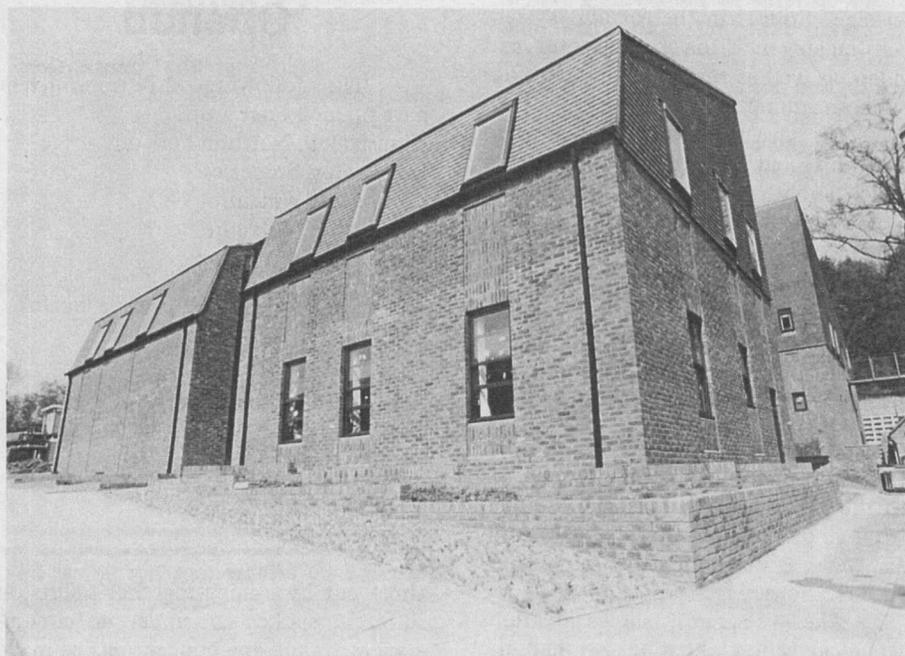
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New building nears completion



The newly-constructed Avon Wing at Engineering Training Department, Wood Norton.

Engineering Training Department has been based at Wood Norton since 1946, but it is only now about to occupy a building designed specifically for its use.

The building, which has an area of 16,000 square feet, is to be called AVON WING. It will be used for Radio, Communications, Fundamentals, and Computer training for technicians and engineers, and replaces the present rather scattered and cramped accommodation in the old wooden huts.

The design of the new building emphasises the belief that most learning is by one's own actions rather than the words of others. Thus there are only two classrooms in the building and one is designed for later conversion to a more active role. Additionally there is an audio demonstration area designed to allow sound reproduction under conditions which allow critical listening and appraisal. This area can double as a

lecture theatre for conferences and has full facilities for this role.

Otherwise the learning areas are wholly concerned with student activity, either in practical work, using an extensive range of up to date equipments, or in the resource areas, using packaged learning material.

The resource areas match the latest step in the Department's moves towards 'learning on demand'. In this the traditional course format would be replaced by a system whereby individuals or small groups of students are given exactly the right training at the right time. This avoids redundancy in the training given, and allows its immediate application - it is wasted otherwise. Motivation is improved because the purpose is clearer and personal involvement is high.

To achieve this the training must become 'modular'. That is courses must 'continued on page 4'

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