

## Airplane created by construction class

**Cosmas Whitten**  
News Reporter

Look, up in the sky; it's a bird, it's Superman. No, it's the 170-560 Aircraft Construction class' newly-constructed airplane.

Located in the Applied Arts Building, room 112A is an actual airplane in the making.

The airplane construction class has been offered for 15 years and

has constructed 13 airplanes. The majority of students taking Aircraft Construction are majoring in Industrial Technology and Manufacturing Engineering. Stout also offers a minor in Aviation and Aerospace Studies. Completion of aircraft construction is a requirement for the minor program.

The construction class airplane they are making is an Osprey 2. It can land on hard ground or water. It is made of wood, fiberglass and foam. All materials used to assem-

ble the airplane were fabricated by Stout students. The Osprey 2 is the ~~second~~ amphibious airplane to ever be constructed at Stout.

The Osprey 2 has been in the making for 6 years, and is scheduled to be completed this summer. It will not be flown until the summer of 1987 after it passes FAA inspection.

Wayne Thibado has been the instructor of Aircraft Construction for the past five years. Thibado is a licensed pilot and plans to be the first to fly the Stout constructed Osprey 2.

This class plane project will be the first experimental aircraft to fly out of Lee Score Field, Thibado

said. Lee Score Field is the new municipal airport east of Menomonie.

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—Antonio Mirin

The students who are presently at work building the aircraft are:

Brian Axdaht, Cary Phillips, Todd Debique, David Brenden, Steve Krahn, Shahid Khan, Brian Schlessel and Antonio Mirin.

Aircraft Construction is a 3 credit class, consisting mainly of construction of the airplane. The workshop is open from 4 until 7, Monday through Thursday. Students are required to put in 9 hours of work a week.

"The most beneficial aspect I received from class is meeting different people and working in a team with them," Antonio Mirin said. He enjoys the workshop's informality because it makes for a fun atmosphere with less pressures.



Gary Vinge worked on the Osprey 2 during the airplane construction class. The plane will be flown out of Menomonie's new airport next summer.

(Photo by Brad Kautzer)

### PROJECT SCHOOL FLIGHT PROGRESSES

Lynn & Ken.

I thought you may like to see how Project School Flight is coming along.

I plan on having it at Oshkosh in 1987. I will make arrangements with Chuck Larson, the school flight administrator.

I have over 5,000 hours in it already, and over 6 years.

This is my last one!

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EDITOR'S NOTE: See copy of newspaper article that Wayne sent along.



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