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IN THE WRIGHT TRADITION, DAYTON BROTHERS BUILD AIRPLANE

Kettering resident John Graham, an associate research engineer in the University of Dayton Research Institute, and his brother, Paul, are building an airplane from a kit.

Not a model airplane. A real airplane.

To be exact, an all-metal single-seater mini coupe that's powered by a Volkswagen automobile engine. It's being constructed in Paul's one-car Miami Township garage. When the wings are taken off, Paul can even "sneak his car in," said John, who has spent 12 years on the project and anticipates finishing the plane within a year. Both brothers hold pilot's licenses.

"I started building the plane right after high school," John said. "It floated around between apartments and my garage in Kettering. We just recently moved it to my brother's garage where we can get more work done."

When the brothers finish the project, they will have invested around $5,000 and 800 hours of labor into building the aircraft.

For media interviews, contact John Graham at (513) 229-2846.

UD PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDENTS EVALUATE FITNESS OF BEAVERCREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

A group of University of Dayton physical education students are evaluating the fitness of 250 third, fourth and fifth graders at E.G. Shaw Elementary School in Beavercreek to see how they compare nationally to other children their age.

According to national studies, one out of every four American children is obese, according to Lloyd Laubach, an associate professor of physical and health education at the University of Dayton who supervised the testing of Ron Marquardt's physical education classes in September.

The standardized test administered to the youngsters measured muscular endurance, flexibility, cardiovascular fitness, body fat percentage and lean muscle mass. On Nov. 17, Laubach's students plan to return to the elementary school to give each student a computer print-out of his or her test results and advice on how to improve weak areas. "More than likely, these computer print-outs will be taken home where health habits can be changed," Laubach said.

Laubach, a Kettering resident, directs the University of Dayton's popular wellness program. He helped the Oakwood Board of Education fashion its wellness offerings for employees after UD's program.

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