

Students training with

SEA CADETS

By Kellie Rouse

Two Antioch Community High School students have recently become involved in the Sea Cadets, a program closely tied in with the United States Navy.

Kevin Connor, freshman, and Julie Bariamis, sophomore, have both been interested in the Navy since they were young.

"I have wanted to do something with the military ever since I was seven years old," said Bariamis.

This past summer, the two attended a two-week boot camp, in which they were put into real navy-type situations. "We were placed in a pitch black fog room that we had to make our ways out of, worked with

fire hoses and repaired broken hoses that had been flooding rooms," said Connor. After boot camp, Sea Cadets are promoted to E2, a seaman's apprentice.

Following boot camp, Bariamis attended medical training. There, she practiced drawing blood, used intravenous tubes on patients, and was certified in CPR.

Connor, who plans to join the navy after high school and later become a fighter pilot, has recently gotten the opportunity to fly a Cessna 172 fighter plane.

Next summer, Connor plans on attending an airman school, in which he will better his flying abilities. Following that, he will attend a sailing school, where he will learn the procedures used on a naval ship.

Bariamis and Connor both agree that being a part of the Sea Cadets Program will improve their futures in the navy and in college.

"I definitely want to be in the military later in life. Through this program, I am learning naval procedures before I actually enlist. This way, I will be four or five

steps ahead of the game," said Bariamis.

The Sea Cadets is a good opportunity for students under 18 to test out the military. Bariamis says, "Go for it. It's a lot of fun and helps you to better understand the military. If you're unsure about the military as a career, join this program."



Photos courtesy of Kevin Connor
NEW HEIGHTS: Freshman Kevin Connor, (top) receives his first-year ribbon in July from a retired lieutenant. Connor (bottom) flew a Cessna 172 fighter plane in training.



GAME TIME: Juniors Tonya Anderson, Catherine Vanlerberghe and Chad Nevitt play games with their freshman classes.

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Freshman advisory off to promising start

By Ciarra Kent

Wednesdays for all freshmen at Antioch Community High School consists of twenty minutes of "freshman advisory" during their study hall time. The class time usually used for studying, is then used for hands on discussions and games led by selected upper classmen from ACHS.

Upper classmen are paired up and sent to freshman study hall classes. The students were picked for academic performance and other scholastic activities.

During the "freshman advisory" program, upper classmen share experience and information on study skills, self-esteem, peer pressure, relationships, conflict and substance abuse.

Every Friday, the freshman advisors meet with either Tim Noonan


or Johnna Slocum, freshman advisory sponsors, to talk about what went good and bad in their sessions with study hall classes.

"Some kids are happy we are there, because they have upper classmen to look up to," junior Liz Nobler said, "but other kids think we waste their time."

Freshmen are asked to participate in various games that pertain to the topic for the week. "The program is teaching us morals and values and other good things to help us deal with high school problems," said Chip Leffelman, freshman.

The program will run every Wednesday through Dec. 12. Any upper classman interested in being a freshman advisor next year should speak with Tim Noonan. Applications are done over the summer and applicants are notified the following school year.

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