



THADDEUS POPE

## Local student attends seminar

### East Washington youth earns trip to Naval Academy

Thaddeus M. Pope, 17, of Le-Moyne Avenue, East Washington, was one of 600 students selected to attend a summer seminar program at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Pope, the son of Lawrence and Reina Pope, is a senior at Washington High School. He was invited to apply for the summer program on the basis of his PSAT scores. The academy invited students proficient in mathematics, science, or engineering to Annapolis to acquaint them with the opportunities available in the Navy. The final 600 students were chosen from almost

10,000 applications.

"I spent the second week in June at the Academy," Pope said, "attending six workshops, on such things as computers, chemistry, oceanography. As part of the oceanography workshop we went out on the Chesapeake Bay in an exercise boat to collect water samples. In the computer workshop we worked on simulated problems. After a formal presentation in the chemistry workshop we completed experiments." The workshops were held in classrooms equipped with modern push button blackboards and numerous television screens.

Pope said he was most interested in the mathematics workshop. In fact, the summer seminar helped him to decide on a mathematics major for his college career.

"The seminar also helped me decide whether I wanted to go to the military academy or not," he said. "It gave us a real taste of military life. We ate in cafeteria with other students. We slept in the largest dormitory in the world."

The Wash High senior said he would recommend the summer seminars to anyone considering a military academy: "It's a good way to get first hand experience with life there."