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The 'brain's' dream job is on ice

Freshman explores variety of interests that go beyond the classroom doors

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Manon Hume knows people think she's intelligent. She even used to have the nickname "the brain."

"I guess people see me as the quiet, smart kid ... because I do all the homework and get good grades because of it," said Hume, a freshman at Chillicothe High School.

Hume enjoys reading and words, which makes her eloquent, she said. She's a member of the Literary Club, French Club and Quiz Bowl team. One of her hopes is to write a book someday, but her pie-in-the-sky dream is to become a professional ice hockey player.

“I love playing ice hockey. It’s one of my passions, and most people don’t seem to believe me (when I tell them) at first until they get me talking about it and I don’t really stop,” Hume said, adding she obviously needs a fallback plan to being a professional player.

“I want to do something big and fun and important (in life)... One of the biggest things is I want to make a difference,” Hume said.

The intensity of the sport, which she plays on a team in Columbus, is a key factor in Hume’s interest, which originally stemmed from her father and brother playing roller hockey. She began playing, too, as a goalie, and her mom sent her to an ice hockey goalie camp when she realized she enjoyed it more than roller hockey.

“(Ice hockey) is just so intense. It’s not something you can go half-heartedly at if you want to be any good. It’s fun, a lot of fun. It’s a serious sport, but it can be recreational, too. It’s just amazing. I don’t know how else to describe it,” Hume said.

Her interest in ice hockey is just one of the things Hume said she feels makes her adventurous. Hume, who also plays piano, said her adventurous side gets her involved in

“random events” that may pop up at school or in the community, such as salsa dancing.

“She’s intense in a lot of things,” Hume’s mother, Janet, said. “She is adventurous. She wants to do everything and try everything ...I think she hides it well because a lot of people think she’s quiet.”

Next on her agenda of things to try includes possibly getting more into karate — she has attended a karate summer camp— ballroom dance lessons and acting.