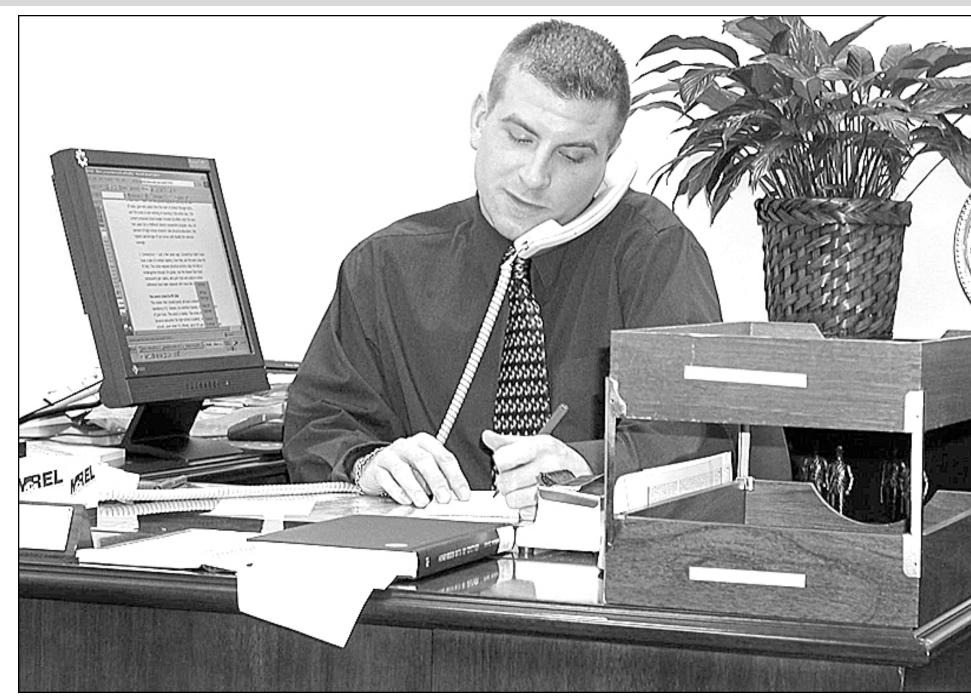
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Section B



AT HIS DESK in Senator Pat Roberts' office, Brett Moore talked on the phone. Mr. Moore is a 1999 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Oberlin young man spends time in capital

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Getting to spend four months in the U.S. Senate is heady stuff for a boy from Oberlin.

Brett Moore, 1999 Decatur Community High graduate, who is graduating this month from the University of Kansas, had a chance to spend a semester in Washington working for Sen. Pat Roberts.

to work in Washington while still getting class credits.

"Simply being involved with the most powerful legislative body in the world, the U.S. Senate, is amazing," Mr. Moore said, "let alone the fact that I get to play some small part in helping Sen. Roberts represent the state of Kansas."

Getting to Washington wasn't quite as hard as running for the Senate, but Mr. Moore had to make it through a selection process, with only 15 students getting into the pro-

Each was responsible for securing his own internship, he said, although most of the information they needed was on the web. Each student needed three letters of reference, a resume and a cover letter.

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'Upon arriving in D.C., I had two days to settle in before President wonderful celebration.

Spring, in Maryland, north of the exports to Cuba, with the eventual District of Columbia with two other goal of bringing democracy to that students in the program, both from nation by making our ag products Wichita State University.

His duties included giving tours of the capital, including a tour to students from Oberlin; attending hearings, taking notes, collecting correspondence, answering the telephone, doing research, writing let- and graduation is just around the ters to constituents and generally assisting the senator's staff of 25

A highlight was being able to attend one of the few open meetings of the Special Committee on Intelligence, Mr. Moore said.

"Sen. Roberts chairs the committee," he said, "and handled the hear-

and military intelligence. It is im-Once in Washington, the students pressive to see these powerful men all working together to come up with solutions to the problems our nation

"I have been able to attend a George W. Bush's second inaugu- couple major press conferences, inration ceremony," Mr. Moore said. cluding the announcement "I was able to get a good ticket, of McCain-Feingold 2, which is an but was still half a mile away. The attempt to limit the "527" (political The internship is part of a program crowds were simply huge, in the action) groups that were so promisponsored by the Robert J. Dole In-hundreds of thousands. It was great nent in the last election, and the anstitute of Politics to allow students being around town at the time of that nouncement of the Agriculture Facilitation Act, which allows for free Mr. Moore was housed in Silver and fair trade of U.S. agricultural available to their citizens. Our KU intern group also got to see a live taping of CNN's Crossfire.'

The internship began Jan. 17 and lasted until April 29.

Now that he is no longer an intern corner, Mr. Moore has moved to Arlington, Va., and is looking for a job as a congressional staffer. Jobs are scarce in the summer, he said, as hundreds of interns flood the capital. However, come fall, his contacts tell him, he should be able to get a full-time job that will put his double major of political science and com-





IN THE CAPITAL, Brett Moore (above) stood next to the statue of Dwight D. Eisenhower, former president and Army general. While in Washington, Mr. Moore (left) gave around 50