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University of Kentucky's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce majoring in International Politics and International Development.

"These fine young people represent West Virginia's best hope for tomorrow. I am extremely pleased to have them working with me on behalf of our state" said Rahall.

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# Georgia school officials

By Debra Legg

REGISTER-HERALD REPORTER

A Georgia school system with the same computer consultant as Raleigh County schools still doesn't have a fully operational system after four years, but the consultant said the two situations aren't comparable.

Dade County, a 2,100-student, four-school district in Trenton, Ga., has worked with EMS Interactive Inc. since 1985. Last week a Dade official said their system isn't complete.

"We really wanted to be further along than this, but there were delays in building programs and writing," Dade curriculum director Ellen Moore said.

EMS still has its headquarters in Trenton even though the firm doesn't have a telephone number

there. EMS president Russ Buchan said he uses the school-system number and has school employees take calls for him when he isn't there.

EMS is not licensed to do business in West Virginia, but Buchan said that the firm does not have to be. The Raleigh County contract is a personal-services pact with Buchan, not a contract with EMS, he said.

Overall, Dade officials are satisfied with the EMS work even though all of the programs aren't finished, Moore said. "It's an excellent program. It's just taking a while to get it done," she added.

Buchan, who is working under a two-year contract with Raleigh County, said that the situation in Dade County is different because that system was his first project.

"Dade County was the start-up

and initial development," Buchan said. "We bugs out there."

Once the system is in a small district such as it can be adapted in districts such as 46-school County, Buchan said.

Moore said that the system going in at was untested, Buchan work for only ex charging the system grams.

Even though many were found and so County, Buchan said new ones in Raleigh where he is creating programs to meet tion department reports.

## Lewisburg woman is intern for Staggers

By Timothy Maloy

WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — For congressional intern Kate Wilson, working on Capitol Hill for two months is a chance to step out of political science class and into the real world.

"I feel this is a 'cool' summer to be here," said Wilson about the unusually eventful 101st Congress. "There is so much happening and it's all so real."

Wilson, 19, daughter of John and Vicky Wilson of Lewisburg, is a junior at Miami University who is studying international affairs. She obtained her internship by sending a letter to Rep. Harley O. Staggers Jr., D-W.Va., and now she is helping to answer the large volume of congressional mail, attending committee hearings, researching legislation and learning about international affairs first-hand.

Recently, Wilson attended a luncheon with Staggers where Mark Palmer, U.S. ambassador to Hungary, and others had a roundtable discussion about developments in Eastern Europe. She has also attended hearings of the foreign affairs committee. To Wilson this is a far cry from her earlier summers as a camp counselor.

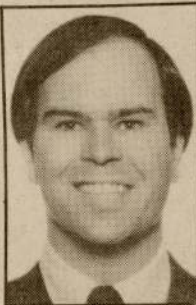
Staggers' office has been a good place to intern because "he watches out for us," said Wilson. She and one other summer intern also get individual attention from

the congressional staff, according to Wilson.

As an intern Wilson has been able to observe personally some of the history around her. She started her job in the middle of the ethics crisis which forced House Speaker Jim Wright to resign, and when the oldest member of Congress died, she saw Claude Pepper lying in state under the Capitol rotunda.

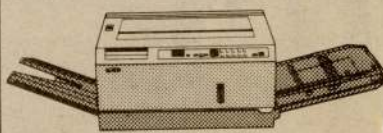
To cut costs she is staying with a cousin in Alexandria, Va., a Washington suburb. Her social life has involved enjoying the capital with other interns and fellow collegians from Miami University, which maintains a strong internship program here.

Commenting on the real Washington, the one she has seen first-hand, Wilson said, "you can read about it but it doesn't make sense until your here."



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