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**Editor's Note:** *Sundeep Mullangi of Macomb, Ill., will work at the U.S. House of Representatives this summer as an intern. Mullangi, a graduate of Macomb Senior High School, is the son of Dr. Rajan and Indira Mullangi of 16 Porgie Ave., Macomb, Ill. Dr. Mullangi is an anesthesiologist.*

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--An Illinois Wesleyan University sophomore will work in Rep. Ray LaHood's Washington, D.C., office this summer as a staff intern.

Sundeep Mullangi, an accounting major and economics minor, will focus on legislative developments surrounding the 1995 farm bill.

Mullangi, who will work on Capitol Hill from June 1-Aug. 1, said: "As a staff intern, I will work on special reports dealing with the farm bill, which is a major concern on Capitol Hill and to Rep. LaHood's district. I will consult with his constituents on the farm bill and other issues."

LaHood, whose home is in Peoria, a major agricultural center, represents the 18th Illinois Congressional District. LaHood, a former congressional aide, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992. He serves on the Agriculture and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees.

"This internship will be very interesting," Mullangi said. "It will give me a chance as a student to see how Capitol Hill operates everyday--something the public doesn't see. I will have the opportunity to learn the legislative process and see things from the congressman's viewpoint. This is going to be a great learning experience."

Mullangi began networking for the summer internship last January, when he spent two weeks in Washington, as part of an IWU course dealing with U.S. foreign policy. While in the Nation's Capital, he met with Rep. LaHood, discussing agriculture and transportation issues the congressman was focusing on in connection with his committee assignments. They also

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discussed challenges facing newly elected members of Congress.

After sending his resume to the congressman's office, Mullangi found out last month, during IWU's spring break, that he had secured the summer internship.

"One of the things I learned during last January's trip to Washington," Mullangi observed, "is that in Washington there is great opportunity--but a big part of it is knowing who to talk to."

The internship, Mullangi said, is helping him as a sophomore decide what he wants to do in the future. He chose accounting as his major precisely because it permits career flexibility.

"With accounting," he said, "you can do anything--you can go to law school, work in a corporation, or go into politics."

Mullangi also will have clerical and other responsibilities typical of Capitol Hill interns.

Mullangi, a graduate of Macomb Senior High School, is the son of Dr. Rajan and Indira Mullangi of 16 Porgie Avenue, Macomb, Ill. Dr. Mullangi is an anesthesiologist.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 1,800 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. In recent years, the university's endowment has grown to more than \$92 million; a \$15 million athletics and recreation center opened in the fall of 1994; and a \$24 million science building will open in 1995. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted Illinois Wesleyan to a "Baccalaureate I" institution in 1994, a classification that places it among 164 highly selective National Liberal Arts Colleges in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. *U.S. News* ranks IWU the second most efficient national liberal arts college--a key gauge of the campus' quality academic program and relatively reasonable cost. *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*, another respected college guide, rated IWU "highly competitive (+)" in its latest edition. IWU's 1994 freshman class scored an average 27.9 on the ACT exam, compared to the national average of 20.7.