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Sen. Frank Barnitz Welcomes Intern from Senate District

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, has an addition to his staff for the 2008 legislative session. Omar (Lee) Herndon, a Linn resident and student at Lincoln University, will be interning in Sen. Barnitz's capitol office.

Herndon might not seem to be a likely candidate for an internship at the Capitol, but he is already fitting in well. The biology major plans to go to optometry school after completing his bachelor's degree with the ultimate goal of opening a private practice in his hometown of Linn. Herndon chose to do the internship because of an overall interest in lawmaking.

"I've always been intrigued with what goes on at the Capitol," said Herndon. "I am interested in learning about how laws are made and how bills are passed."

Herndon's duties will include helping in Sen. Barnitz's Jefferson City office, assisting with legislative work, and helping constituents from the 16th District.

"I am pleased to welcome Lee to the office and am excited that he will be with us this session," said Sen. Barnitz. "I can already tell that his knowledge and enthusiasm will be a helpful addition to our work."

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