

St. Mary's student studies criminal justice

Rose Marie George, a freshman at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, is studying criminal justice law.

"I can remember from the time I was in the fifth grade," said Rose Marie, "I became interested in law. I figured it would be the best career for me and the best thing I could do for the community."

Rose told her parents of her plans to study law when she was a sophomore in the St. Marys High School. Her parents encouraged her and showed their pride and affection for their daughter who had set such a high goal.

"By the time I was a junior in high school, I had started to

talk to them about law a lot," Rose Marie said.

Rose Marie's plans were pretty definite by the time she was a senior in high school.

Currently, Rose Marie is carrying 13 credits this fall semester.

"Now that I've gotten to know college," said Rose Marie, "I plan to take more classes during the spring semester. The classes I plan to take are: police administration, political science, Alaska native politics and Alaska native history."

"In the beginning of college, I really missed the people back home," said Rose Marie. "But since the mid term tests I've

been so busy I haven't had time to miss them."

She says she misses the elders of the village, as do many of the Native students here on campus. Rose Marie says "I miss my mother's cooking most of all." She adds, "my parents sent me some Native foods and I and my friends have enjoyed eating the foods."

Rose Marie has thought of becoming an Alaska State Trooper. "In the past, St. Marys had a

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state trooper for three years. But since the trooper was pulled out of the village, the police services have gotten worse. She said, "the state trooper seemed to care more for the people." The things that makes a person do best at their jobs are to have an interest in the work being well trained and to show that you have an interest in people."

She said the villages need better police services.

Rose Marie says watching movies and tv shows about trials is not like watching the real thing. The members of the criminal justice class she attends watched a movie of an actual

trial. It was about the City and County of Denver vs a person arrested for traffic violation.

"The movie was five reels long and lasted for four days," said Rose Marie.

The students were told to take the role of the judge and

to think of their emotions and objectivity.

"It was hard to control your emotions," said Rose Marie. "I had a tendency to be on the defendants side."

After four days, the defendant won,



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