

Intern Program—

Martha to Spend Summer in Wash.



MARTHA JANE SARA

A senior co-ed at the University of Alaska will spend her summer in Washington, D.C. working in the Washington Summer Intern Program.

She is Martha Jane Sara of Bethel, a sociology major at the university, who was the first director of the Bethel Pre-Maternal Home.

Miss Sara will work this summer for the Medical Surgical Research Department of the Veteran's Administration. She was selected from among 1,400 students nominated from 600 colleges and universities throughout the nation.

Until recently, Miss Sara served as registered nurse in Bethel with the U.S. Public Health Service and helped pioneer the establishment of pre-maternal care in the Bethel area.

She returned to school at Alaska Methodist University and later at UA because, she said, she wanted to become a social worker.

Miss Sara plans to finish her requirements for a degree in sociology here next year and then enter a master of social welfare program (two years) afterward.

She was a 1963 graduate of Bethel High School and attended nurse's school at East Los Angeles Junior College. After working as a nurse in Bethel she turned to the need for social welfare

aides and worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

She said the people in western Alaska have big needs and the biggest is finding jobs.

"I enjoy social work", she said, "but suddenly you become responsible for everything. People don't know how to apply for assistance and often don't know assistance is available to them."