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Judy Davera Gough, daughter of Mrs. Vera W. Gough of 7504 Robinson Road, Overland Park, Kansas, and a 1969 graduate of Gallaudet College, is one of six summer interns employed in the office of U. S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas).

Under this internship training program, college students interested in history and political science are selected on the basis of scholarship, to serve as student assistants in the office of a Member of Congress during the summer months.

That Miss Gough is working under this program is not unusual. What is unusual is that she cannot hear. Deaf since infancy, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree on May 19, 1969, at commencement exercises of Gallaudet College, the world's only liberal arts college for the deaf, Washington, D.C.

Miss Gough's duties consist of typing, filing, writing letters, updating mailing lists, and all other work consistent with that performed by student interns.

"We have made no effort to separate Judy from any part of the intern program," Senator Dole said recently. "She has been very helpful and a joy to have in our office. She has a great sense of humor and gets along well with everyone. She's just one of us."

Dole, one of the first Members of Congress to hire a deaf person, plans to urge other Members of Congress to hire qualified handicapped people. He said if the program of hiring the handicapped is to be an accomplished fact, Congress should be one of the first places in which it should take place.

Dole, elected to the Senate in 1968, served in the House of Representatives for eight years. In the 1968 general election, he received the most votes ever compiled by a Kansas senatorial candidate.

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Miss Trudy Meserve, the Senator's press secretary, said although many Members of Congress hire interns for the entire summer, Dole employs interns for 6-week periods so more students have an opportunity to receive the training.

"Judy has been especially great," Miss Meserve said. "She has stepped right in and taken hold of the responsibility and done it well. She has initiative and learns quickly."

While a student at Gallaudet College, Miss Gough was a representative to the Joint Administration of the Student Body Government, and sergeant of the Women's Recreation Association.

Following completion of her internship on July 5, Senator Dole said he hopes to help her find other summer employment.