

**Campus Classified Connection Meeting
December 13, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Hyer 217**

Jessica Cole began the meeting by having those present introduce themselves and their area.

Linda Long, Assistant Dean of New Student Programs gave an excellent presentation about the five forces that shape our lives and what we can do about them taken from a book written by her father-in-law, Bruce Howatt. His mantra "If it is to be, it is up to me" is a powerful statement which reminds us that we cannot blame others for our failings or bad luck and that we have power and will to make our own decisions and choices in our lives.

Another quote from his book "Expect to succeed and expect to be happy" reinforces the idea that attitude makes up most of how individuals view their lives. She informed us that a very low percentage of new freshmen she has surveyed think that anyone on campus will care about them or that their experiences at college will be positive. It is our job as university employees to make sure the students do have positive experiences here and know that there are people here that do care about them.

Announcements:

- 1) Pat Waege reminded us that:
 - the on-line version of the academic calendar is accurate and the printed version has some errors – including exam schedule times.
 - The Spring 2007 Schedule of Classes will be the last print version. All future versions will be on-line. Alternative access options will be presented at a future meeting.
- 2) Grade rosters will close Friday, December 22nd at 4:00 p.m.
- 3) The 17th Annual **Conference for the Office Professional** Sponsored by UW-Madison Office of Human Resource Development will be held Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. Early bird registration is due on March 30, 2007. Several UW-Whitewater employees attended this conference last year and felt that it was very beneficial and worthwhile.

The next Classified Connection meeting will be Wednesday, January 10th 2007 in Hyer 217.