

FAYE SKELTON

Nailing down a meeting time with Faye is not an easy task, given her busy schedule in Budget & Finance. We did finally manage to catch up with her and get the scoop on her years at UW-W. She has been employed on campus for fifteen years. Faye began her employment in the Graduate Business Program, working for Don Zahn for about a year and a half. She transferred to Administrative Affairs and assisted Jim Freer in that office for nine years. A brief one-and-a-half year stint as a Financial Specialist in Facilities Planning & Management followed. Two years ago, she was back in Hyer Hall and has been working there for Amy McCann, the budget director. Faye's title in that office is Budget and Policy Analyst.

Faye and David, her husband, live in Whitewater and he, too, is employed on campus. He is a Building and Grounds Superintendent for Residence Life. Faye has two daughters and one son. Desirae is the oldest of the children. She lives in Elkhorn and is currently seeking employment. Son, Derik, lives and works in Madison. Nichole is the youngest of the children. She is living in Eau Claire and working at the university there. She is engaged to be married but no wedding date has been set. On the wall behind Faye's computer we spied a small round aquarium with a little blue fish enjoying a swim. While not part of the family at home, he is still one of Faye's pets. She also has two dogs that round out the household family – Annabelle, an eight-year-old English springer spaniel, and Ben, a three-year-old Cockapoo.

Outside interests for Faye include expanding her education. For the past twenty-six years she has been taking two classes every semester. She has earned her BBA degree from UW-Whitewater and this past May 14th, she received her Master's in Public Administration from UW-Oshkosh. She is happy to finally be able to spend time reading something other than textbooks. Now she has time to devote to more entertaining reading, like the mysteries she enjoys. She also likes being outdoors and looks forward to spending time in her flower garden, biking, and hiking.

Job duties for Faye include campus carryover exercises, auxiliary budgeting, assisting in the annual budget process, strategic initiative and inclusive excellence programs, and program revenue budgeting. She also attends quite a few meetings off campus, representing the university on budget-related matters. She is very happy with her job and the variety of her job duties. "I like the flexibility my job provides and I *love* my suite mates!" She has a pleasant office environment and is surrounded by many pictures and mementos of people, places, and things that are important to her.

What Faye likes most about UW-Whitewater is the individualism that the campus community can provide to the students. She feels that staff can be heard by administration, and that the campus community is like a family. As for campus changes, she says, "Change is inevitable. It needs to be embraced in order to move forward. Stagnancy does not provide growth."

Given the opportunity to change something on campus, she indicates that she would streamline processes. Sometimes there is too much red tape and it's easy to get bogged down in procedures that could be less time-consuming.

And one last comment from Faye – "Go Warhawks!"