

## HELEN MASTERS

Situated in the newly remodeled University Center, Helen works in the administrative offices that keep the building up and running. She has been employed at UW-Whitewater for about thirteen years, with nine and a half years at permanent status. She began her employ at UWW as an LTE in the Purchasing Department, working with Jim Keach. Helen works half-time on campus and enjoys her liberating schedule. She has also worked part-time at the Young Auditorium. Prior to UWW, she worked twenty years for Dean Foods, starting on the line and working her way up to Production Supervisor. She was also busy pursuing her BBA in Business Administration and earned her degree in 1991. Between the time she was an LTE and a permanent employee, she worked for the Department of Corrections for a year and a half.

Helen fills some of her extra time by wearing the hat of church treasurer and bookkeeper. Additionally, she spends a number of her afternoons volunteering her time, teaching math to junior high students at the Kettle Moraine Baptist Academy. Her classes vary from 2 to 7 children and she enjoys the teaching, noting that there are very few disciplinary problems. Helen also enjoys crocheting and counted cross-stitch. She has made cross-stitch samplers for each of her grandchildren. The grandchildren also reap the benefits of a grandma who decorates cakes for them on special occasions. Helen's wide range of interests includes traveling, particularly out of the country. Since she and her husband have been to all fifty states, they are expanding their horizons. They went to Italy for two weeks this year and, in the past, have been to Austria and spent a couple of days in Germany.

Helen and husband, Rod, live just outside of Whitewater, in Hebron. Rod is a retired plumber who is in his element working around their small farm. Their pets are the farm animals, four steer and a dozen chickens. Of three children, their oldest son, John, lives the farthest away, residing in North Carolina. He and his wife, Jeannie, are busy bringing up a son (Tyler – 12) and two daughters (Victoria – 9 and Madison – 10 months). Their second oldest, James, runs his own business – Masters Construction. He and his wife, Kerrie, live right next door to Helen and Rod. They have four children: Ryan (11), Kristen (9), Rayana (7), and Kaitlin (5). Rounding out the family is daughter, Jeanne. She lives in Fort Atkinson and is the box office manager here on campus.

Part of Helen's job is to assist Bob Barry and Nicole Thompson of the UC staff. She handles all of the credit card reconciliation for eight staff members (30 cards). She is also responsible for the University Center work orders and a variety of other tasks. What she likes most about her job are the students. She loves working in an environment with people who are lively and enthusiastic. She likes being part of UWW because it is "big enough to be important, but small enough to be a community, and it's just a great place to work."

As for the construction on campus, she jokes that she remained in the same office throughout the UC construction. She survived the jackhammers, the dynamite blasts shaking her desk, the occasional forty degree weather – indoors. It was exciting and the building is now a great plus for the campus. She's happy to see the UC open for business once again.