

MARY JUNE MAUSER

A relative newcomer to campus, Mary June began her employment at UW-Whitewater in August of 2004, in the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department. This past October, 2008, she moved to the Curriculum & Instruction Department and is now learning the ropes in that office. Prior to UW-Whitewater, Mary June was employed at the University of Iowa in Iowa City for eleven years and at Barat College in Lake Forest, Illinois. At both of these institutions her employment involved providing support staff functions in her assigned offices.

Mary June currently lives on her own in a newly purchased duplex (one side) and is busy getting settled into her new home in Whitewater. A self-proclaimed cat lover, she speaks fondly of her feline friend, Mittens Kitty Mauser, a companion of hers for fifteen years. Mittens was a domestic shorthair gray tabby and, sadly, is no longer with her, but the memories are. Mary June has one child, a grown daughter, Karen. Karen has lived in Palmer, Alaska the past seven years and is the owner of a Bed & Breakfast there.

Tapping into Mary June's interests, we learned that she enjoys being active in her church and is quite family-oriented. She has family in Kenosha County and in Lake County, Illinois. They like to keep in close contact with each other. On the community front, Mary June has been a "host family" to international students for a few years, including a young woman from Jamaica for the past four years. That young woman is a student at UWW and will be graduating this May. A young man from Ireland was also part of the "host family" for a semester. She says it is a wonderful experience for her and for the students who come to school at UWW. Mary June's major time-consuming interest right now is getting her new home in order. She moved in May of 2008 and is still getting things situated in her new digs.

As an ADA in Curriculum & Instruction, Mary June's responsibilities include budget, inputting portfolio information for prospective student teachers, purchasing supplies, and answering questions over the phone or in-person. She says that people services is a big part of the whole picture. Overall, she helps to ensure that the office runs smoothly and efficiently. Since she started there in October, she is still getting her feet wet and settling into her new space in Winther.

When asked what she likes most about her job, she grins mischievously. "I like getting paid." (Don't we all?) Then she becomes serious and says that she is happy to be living in Whitewater and to be so close to her work environment. Since she is still learning her job, we will give her some time to decide what she likes most about her job duties.

What does Mary June like most about UW-Whitewater? We discovered that she had spent some time in school here, following high school, and she says she has fond memories of that time here. She thoroughly enjoys the university environment and is happy to be part of UWW. As for the changes that have been ongoing the past few years on campus, Mary June notes that there have been so many personal changes in her life, recently, that she doesn't always notice some of the changes on campus. However, the changes that she *has* seen have been positive. "It's exciting to see changes toward improving the campus and that's a good thing."

It's January – the beginning of a new year – so we asked Mary June if she has made any resolutions. She smiles and replies, "exercise more, eat better, and take time for self and friends – the usual."