

## STEPHEN HANEKAMP

A graduate of UW-Whitewater, Steve has been working on campus for five years. His first year was on a part-time basis and the last four years have been as a permanent, full-time employee. He received his degree in December 2001, majoring in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminal Justice. Steve has been in law enforcement for about ten years and prior to his employment at UW-W, he worked at the Rock County jail and then for the City of Evansville.

Although he now makes his home in Janesville, Steve grew up and went to school in Whitewater. His grandfather was Gordon Steck, who owned Steck Liquors (located where the new Maurice's Store is being built, next to Pizza Hut). His parents, John and Sue Hanekamp, own Sassy Shirts on the east end of town. Steve and his wife, Alyssa, will be married eight years in September and they have three lively children to keep them busy and make life exciting. Alyssa is a registered nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. Their children are Jacob (7), Joshua (5), and Emily (3). Family is a huge priority for Steve and Alyssa and they spend as much free time as possible with their children. They enjoy outdoor activities and summers include boating and baseball games. They get to quite a few Brewers games and also make a point of watching the Beloit Snappers. Hockey is a big focus in the winter and both Jacob and Joshua participated in that sport this past winter. Emily is not quite engaged in extra activities, but Steve predicts that dance and gymnastics may very well become a part of her life in the near future. And if three young children aren't enough to keep the household interesting, add Maggie, a two-year-old black lab and three cats (approximately 10-12 years old).

Steve's job duties recently shifted from strictly law enforcement to Residence Life Liaison Officer. He is still in Police Services, but is working more with the Residence Life staff and with students in the residence halls. Stationed in Wells Hall, he has been in his new role for about a month. The position change allows him to don a logoed polo shirt in lieu of the full police uniform and helps him present a more approachable image to the students and the rest of the campus community. He provides a connection between the student body and the campus police, following up on questions and concerns that students have, explaining protocol and policy to students, and relaying information related to safety issues. Anything that helps prevent students from having a negative experience with police is a plus. With the student population being minimal over the summer, Steve has an opportunity to work on reorganizing current programs and creating crime prevention programs. He provides backup on campus police calls and works with the summer camps check-in, providing police presence for parents and campers. He also provides a presence in the residence hall where the campers are housed.

What does Steve like about his job? He thoroughly enjoys working in university policing. He feels that campus police are very proactive in problem-solving and developing preventative measures – very community oriented. He has a great group of colleagues and is able to work with students, as well as staff. He also enjoys the flexibility his new role offers him in setting up his work schedule. What he likes about the campus, as a whole, is definitely the people, the variety of the campus community. The fact that the clientele rotates out about every four years means that he is constantly seeing new faces and meeting new people. He appreciates being able to watch students as they mature during their college careers.

As for the changes on campus, Steve has seen plenty. Having grown up in Whitewater, he is very familiar with the university and feels that the changes have been pretty positive. "It's good to hear that there are students who want to stay on campus. Hyland Hall and the new residence hall are great, and the grounds are awesome! Whitewater is becoming a prestigious place from which to graduate."