

ANNE KIMBALL

A veritable veteran of UW-Whitewater, Anne Kimball has worked in a couple of different offices and has been situated in various buildings on campus throughout her employment here. Of the twenty-four years she has been employed at UW-Whitewater, nineteen of those years were spent in Accounts Payable in Financial Services (now Budget & Finance). Anne was initially situated in the lower level of the Andersen Library Building, during an era when many offices were located in that building, including the Personnel Office (now HR), Printing Services, Postal Services, the Credit Union, and Financial Services, to name a few. When the lower level of Andersen was under construction, her office was moved to Goodhue Hall. She enjoyed that move because she had her own room for an office. Once Hyer Hall was remodeled, she joined her colleagues in moving to the first floor of that building and remained there until she joined the University Library staff, a few years ago. She decided that she had reached a point in her life where she was ready for a change. Once again, she has her own office. She is located in the former Administrative Offices area (for many years called “The Porch”) and has a very enviable window view looking towards Main Street.

Anne’s position in the library entails reconciling the budget, taking minutes at meetings, fielding questions regarding purchase orders, compiling reports, processing student payroll, and keeping things in the office area functioning smoothly. She says that this job can be a lot like putting out fires. There are more interruptions than in her previous job, but sometimes those interruptions can make the day rather interesting. It is very different from the work she performed in the financial area, and she finds it difficult to make a comparison between the two.

Anne and her husband, Dudley, live in the Milton area and have been married for thirty-three years. Dudley works at J&W Transfer, a company involved in machinery moving and office moving. Daughter, Cory, is their only child. She and her husband, Brian, have provided Anne and Dudley with four lively grandsons – Zach (13), Devin (12), Braden (6), and Dylan (3). They thoroughly delight in their grandchildren and like to spend as much time as possible with them. Anne also likes to read and quilt. She convinced her husband to build her a nice sewing room in the basement, so she feels she now has to justify that room. She tries to work on at least one quilt a year, but admits that sometimes there just doesn’t seem to be enough time to pursue the quilting with everything else going on in her life.

What does Anne like most about her job? She enjoys the people with whom she works. She doesn’t see a great many students, given her office location. She is very content with her office and the window view, and, she is surrounded by books – a great benefit for someone who enjoys reading.

Regarding the campus, she jokes “it’s a nice source of income”. Then she laughs and gets a little more serious. She is happy with the location to her home – a short enough commute. She feels that UWW offers a wide range of cultural events and it’s a beautiful campus. She does miss seeing more people since her move to her current position, but is adapting quite nicely.

Her thoughts regarding the recent changes on campus? Anne believes the changes are really beneficial – the new or remodeled buildings enhance the campus. The dorm suites, currently under construction, are a great idea. The new business building is much needed. Her parting remark – “Change is good...for the most part.” She appears to have made the most of all of the changes in her life.