

## **BECKY PFEIFER**

A relative newcomer to UW-Whitewater, Becky began her work in Financial Services in January of 2005. From 2002 to 2005, she worked in collections for Cygnus Publishing in Fort Atkinson. Prior to her job at Cygnus, she worked eight years as a bookkeeper for a married couple (a landscaper and an interior designer) in Watertown. In addition to her job on campus, Becky has also been pursuing a BBA degree in Management from Marian University in Fond du Lac. She has been enrolled in an accelerated program and will graduate in just a couple of weeks. She seems very happy to be able to accomplish that goal amidst a busy work world and home life.

Scott, her husband, is a teacher at Lake Mills Middle School. He teaches physical education and health, and he coaches high school baseball and basketball. They live in Jefferson where their son, Cody, is a freshman at Jefferson High School. He is involved in sports year-round, participating in football, basketball and baseball. This summer, he will play for the Jefferson VFW Teener Team. He is on the high honor roll and is involved with the Key Club and Student Council. Becky quietly mentions their daughter, Alison, who passed away in 2001, at the age of two. "I can't exclude her. Alison will always be part of our family." Dealing with the loss of her daughter was a difficult period of time in Becky's life. It's a challenge with which Becky still struggles, but she is gradually moving forward. Family is extremely important to her. Completing the family is their Cockapoo, Coco. He is eight years old and the only family pet.

Becky and Scott enjoy being in the great outdoors. They are sports enthusiasts, especially fond of golfing. They also like to get out to high school and college sporting events, including baseball, basketball, and football. When indoors, she enjoys cooking and has fun experimenting with different herbs. She even has her own herb garden and is looking forward to the warmer weather. A few plants are already coming up, but she is eager to see the variety her garden yields.

Becky is a Perkins Educational Loan Collector in Financial Services. Her work with the students is usually done about nine months after they graduate, when loan due dates begin to loom. She helps students who have borrowed money, educating them on the assistance that is available regarding their loans, such as the loan forgiveness program. She is in charge of all reconciliation for the Perkins program. She thoroughly enjoys working with people, especially the students. She likes working with the Perkins program and feels it can benefit students. She finds satisfaction in helping others.

What Becky likes most about UW-Whitewater is the diverse array of people. She appreciates the many personalities, the professionalism of individuals on campus, and how people's personalities fit their jobs. She says the people in her office are great.

When discussing the construction on campus--the remodeling of some buildings and the new buildings in progress--Becky affirms that they are all positive aspects for the students. "The new additions should help increase enrollment and will have an effect on the ongoing diversification of the campus."