

BETH DREXLER

Accessing Beth in her office is a little more challenging than visiting most UW-Whitewater employees. She works in iCIT and, because her office is located upstairs in McGraw where a lot of the servers are located, security is tighter. However, once allowed behind closed doors, we find Beth in a newly remodeled area of McGraw. Having worked on campus for twenty-five years, Beth remembers the “good old days” when she worked on the third floor of Hyer Hall (before that building was remodeled). She was initially employed as an Applications Programmer and then moved into Systems Programming. For awhile, she worked on the first floor of Hyer with Carl and Andy Peterson. Her current title is Server Administrator.

Beth is single and currently resides in Whitewater. She has two brothers and a sister who live in Madison. She also has a brother who lives in La Grande, Oregon. Her closest family members are her parents, who also live in town. Dad, Edward, taught chemistry courses at UW-Whitewater from 1964 to 2002.

When she is not perched behind a computer, Beth enjoys different crafting projects, particularly needlepoint. She also likes a good book and is apt to select something from the fiction category. Her favorites are romance novels and science-fiction/fantasy.

On campus, her job is to maintain campus servers, particularly the PeopleSoft system. She is also in charge of People Tools upgrades, maintaining the infrastructure of the system, and handling any complaints if the system is just not functioning properly. What she likes most about her duties and responsibilities is the problem-solving aspect that is involved. She finds it mentally challenging and stimulating.

We asked Beth what she likes most about the UW-Whitewater campus and she came up with several things that struck a positive note with her and her employment here. She likes being in a public service environment and says there is a strong feeling of community for her on campus. She likes the smaller town, too, which allows her to live within walking distance of her work.

As for the changes that are continually evolving across campus, Beth thinks it's very interesting to see the new building go up and see others remodeled. She enjoyed moving into McGraw when it was first built and is now enjoying the recent remodels that have been taking place over the past couple of years.

If she had an opportunity to change anything on campus Beth is quick to note that she cannot really come up with anything. “UW-Whitewater does a pretty good job with the type of things offered on campus – classes, cultural affairs, etc.,” she says. She is pretty happy with the status quo.