

DAWN MARSH

Dawn is a relative newcomer to the UW-Whitewater campus, having begun her employment here in May of 2009. She is nestled in the maze of Financial Services offices in Hyer Hall and her title is Business Automation Analyst. While most of her work is under the Financial Services umbrella, she does some work with Human Resources & Diversity and for the Division of Academic Affairs.

Dawn's job duties cover a variety of areas. She is responsible for the development, testing and maintenance of system processes, files, reports, and queries. She supports systems for Administrative Affairs. She works with iCIT staff and student employees to provide software upgrades and to resolve software issues. Dawn is also in charge of maintaining security for PeopleSoft, HRS, and other systems used in Financial Services. She maintains and oversees the computer replacement schedules for Financial Services, Human Resources, and Administrative Affairs.

Dawn and her husband, Doug, live in Delavan. They have been married for twenty-six years. Their "children" are their pets. They have a six-year-old Australian Shepherd named Sis, which they adopted from the Lakeland Animal Shelter a couple of years ago. Sis was a very welcome addition and has become an integral part of their family. Dawn and Doug also own two horses – Josh and Buddy. They were purchased about five years ago and have provided Dawn and Doug a great deal of enjoyment. Dawn's brother's family lives in Illinois, as do her parents. Her sister lives in Florida with her family. There are six nephews and one niece, and Dawn enjoys spending time with all of them.

Trail riding in the Kettle Moraine, around the Palmyra-Eagle area, is a passion for Dawn and Doug. They are pleased to be living so close to a state park where they can easily access trails for their outdoor enjoyment. They take Josh and Buddy and hit the road to find some good trails – either for a daytime excursion or for an overnight campout. Dawn notes that they take along a cast iron Dutch oven to make their meals when camping out, and confides that she is still learning how to use the oven so that she can be more creative with the menus. She and Doug have a couple of snowmobiles and they like to get out on those during the winter season. Unfortunately, this winter the weather has not been very conducive for snowmobiling and their vehicles have remained in the garage at this point.

Back on campus, we find that Dawn is very happy with her job. She enjoys the variety of work covered in her position and the different people with whom she works. She says that the staff and student workers create a very pleasant working environment. And she really likes the campus. She tries to get outside at lunch to walk and keeps a pair of walking shoes by her desk for a quick getaway, as time permits. She is particularly fond of the landscaping and the flowers on campus, which make her walks more interesting and enjoyable.

Regarding our ever-changing campus, Dawn points out that the work on Carlson is making great progress and it will be nice when it is done. She is also pleased with the new weather services station website. As for change, she would like to see more departments using Image Now and getting more paper documents into electronic files. The thought of the campus saving paper and eliminating file storage space strikes a happy chord with her.