

## LAURA BURNO

Nestled in a fairly quiet office area on the first floor of Roseman, you will find Laura Burno. Laura has worked on the UWW campus since January 21, 1993 and all fifteen of those years have been in the Communication Sciences & Disorders Department. She happily acknowledges that it has been a very positive growing experience.

Laura assumed her duties in Communication Sciences & Disorders after receiving a brief training from the outgoing LTE – one hour to learn everything she needed to know about her new job. From then on, it was a bit of a struggle to remain afloat, but she has survived and lived to tell about it. An avid curiosity, a desire to learn, and a good sense of humor were definitely assets to her in accomplishing her many new tasks. And now, a seasoned veteran, she manages to keep everything running smoothly.

Laura believes that working at UWW provides individuals with opportunities to become better employees and to adapt to different types of people. She is touched by the appreciation she receives from others for the work she performs. She enjoys the people with whom she works and applauds her supervisor, Patricia Casey, for her energy, capability, and good humor.

At home, Laura shares a number of interests with Peter, her husband of four years. They love to cook and much prefer that to eating out. They also enjoy gardening – flowers and vegetables. Laura says she likes to try out different vegetables and this past year decided to grow Brussels sprouts. They were coming along quite nicely – until the rabbits got hungry and decided to feast on the plants. Perhaps she will have more success next year.

They maintain a home in Stoughton and she usually does not mind the commute. Peter is a power engineer and works out of their home and part-time for a shop in Stoughton. Between the two of them, they have seven children ranging in age from 48 to mid-50's (LaVonne, Geraldine, James, Vernon, Wendy, David and Jan). They also have about a dozen grandchildren. She and Peter have a cat, Missy, which they adopted three years ago. She appeared on their porch in the winter, was coaxed to come inside, and has been with them ever since. Laura affirms that Missy is probably the best-behaved cat in Dane County, being very well-balanced and possessing a mellow personality.

When asked her thoughts regarding the construction and changes on campus, Laura confides that it is somewhat tragic to see the old buildings being torn down, even though she feels there are benefits with some of the changes. She just wishes the old buildings could have been saved and utilized. She is very pleased with the work that Interim Chancellor Telfer is doing. In her words, "I do believe he is an outstanding individual. His willingness to participate in UWW and community events across the spectrum is deserving of recognition. He is pleasant and sincere, and certainly does his homework in his capacity as our temporary leader". That said, we leave a content Laura to go about her work as she prepares for the beginning of another semester.