## LINDA MARX

Linda joined the UWW campus four years ago this coming July. She actually worked as an LTE in the Admissions Office during the 1999-2000 academic year and then accepted a position at the Department of Workforce Development-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. She returned to UWW in 2004, working in the Small Business Development Center and a couple of other departments on campus. She finally landed in Theatre/Dance and there she remains.

Linda has three children to keep her life busy outside of the work environment – two sons (Alan and Dakota) and one daughter (Cheyenne). Home is Jefferson and Linda manages to fit a lot of fun into her busy schedule. She is an avid motorcycle enthusiast and is proud of the fact that she received her license last year and can take off down the road on her motorcycle, whenever she so desires. She smiles as she admits that she has "Harley dreams on a Honda budget" but seems to be quite happy just to be able to get on a bike and go. She enjoys long road trips and, two years ago, had the opportunity to ride to Phoenix, Arizona. It became a family affair last summer when her oldest son, Alan, joined her on a road trip. Talking with Linda, it is easy to feel her exuberance regarding this subject, and she indicates that it is such a passion for her because she likes "to go fast."

When she is not spending her spare time on a motorcycle, Linda likes to garden. She likes planting flowers and vegetables and also enjoys water gardening (working with ponds and fountains). She claims to be a voracious reader, especially when it comes to mysteries and horror stories. Family pets include a fish tank filled with tropical freshwater fish and a Min-Pin (miniature pincher) named Turbo, who she labels her "high-strung lap dog."

Linda says she loves her job and the people with whom she works. Even though she does not consider herself an "artsy" person, she feels her job is a perfect fit for her. She loves the environment – the students are entertaining and fun, and the small group of faculty are nice to work with. What she likes most about UW-Whitewater is the fact that there are programs offered for the community, as well as the students. She points out that having an office with windows is a definite plus. She enjoys the diverse population on campus and in her department, and she likes the programs offered through the athletic center.

When asked about the current construction and changes on campus, Linda notes that it is good to have new construction replacing older buildings. She also states that it is important to keep up with technology and is pleased to see the CA technology upgraded on a regular basis. The CAfé is a nice in-house feature that was added to the Center of the Arts building and Linda feels it enhances the CA. She's definitely happy in her job.