

MARY GOEGLEIN

Mary's ties to UW-Whitewater span a substantial number of years. She was initially enrolled as a special student in high school, then a full-time student, and then took courses while she raised her family. She earned her BA degree in December 1983, with a major in journalism and a minor in English. Her employment on campus began as a student worker in the Financial Aid Office. Once she graduated, she filled LTE positions in the History Department and in the Registrar's Office.

After taking the civil service exam, Mary was able to secure a full-time position in March 1985 in the Economics Department, working for Jerry Weston and Ashok Bhargava. In September 1986 a position opened up in Library & Learning Resources (now iCIT) and she started working for Dean Hsi-Ping Shao on a three-quarter time basis. Her position in that office became full-time in 1988 and Mary remained there for 1 ½ years before her current position opened up in the Registrar's Office, where she has been for 22 years. She has been a UWW employee for 26 years and the journey has not ended, by any means. On July 25th, Mary ventures into new territory when she becomes the USPA for Jan Olson, the Assistant Dean of the College of Business & Economics.

Mary and her husband, Wally, have been married for thirty-two years and they have two children. Wally has been working at Coburn Company in Whitewater for thirty-five years in customer services. Their son, Graham, and his wife, Renae, live in Fitchburg. He works for Econoprint and Renae works for Epic Systems, both located in Verona. They don't have any children, but their household includes a number of bunnies and a guinea pig. Mary's daughter, Jessica, earned her BA degree in Art from UWW, and then worked at Johnson Bank in Franklin. She is currently pursuing her nursing degree at UW-Milwaukee. Her husband, Tom, is a third generation police officer for the Milwaukee Police Department. They have a fifteen-month-old son, Abraham. With the children out of the house, Mary's dependents include two cats – Punky (a six-year-old male) and Carly (a six-year-old female).

When Mary is not working on campus, she enjoys reading, traveling and spending time with her grandson. She recently purchased a Nook and says that the subject matter she reads has increased because she has access to so many different resources. She has been to Germany and Scotland, and once a year she and Wally head to Disney World. She has a brother who lives near Orlando so it makes it easier for them to make the Florida pilgrimage. Wally has a motorcycle and they love to get out and ride when the weather is nice. They enjoy attending Badger football games and the Badger men's and women's hockey games.

A very large part of Mary's job duties revolve around scheduling the classes at UWW. She is responsible for preparing and maintaining the schedules, as well as loading the classes from WINS into R25 (Room Management System). She also maintains the Registrar's website. She notes that taking web development classes at MATC in Madison has greatly helped her with that part of her job. Other responsibilities include student withdrawals, adding course fees, and registration for students who participate in the Study Abroad and Travel Abroad programs.

What does Mary like most about her job? "I like the contact with staff from all over campus. I also like scheduling classes – it's a great challenge for me." She mentions that she is going to miss some of that when she move on, but she is looking forward to her new job and the challenges awaiting her in that position.

What Mary likes most about UWW is the sense of community it provides – it's a community within itself, as well as part of the Whitewater community and it's a very positive environment. She thinks the campus and its employees have done a beautiful job on the new buildings and the landscaping. If she had a chance to change anything, it would be to see that the older buildings were kept up as well as the new ones and to make better use of the classroom space. But, all in all, "it's a great place to be."