

SHARI FOSCATO

Happily settled into her new work space in Roseman (yet another transferee to the remodeled auditorium space), Shari is working on her 28th year of service at UW-Whitewater.

Prior to Whitewater, she began her professional employment as a Home Economics teacher in Eagle River, Wisconsin. She later worked as an LTE in various locations and in 1978 she was an LTE at UWW for a year. Her husband, Bob, was the food service manager on campus for SAGA at that time. Shari filled the role as Admissions Receptionist for two and a half years and then moved to Financial Services, where she worked as an auditor in travel. When Bob's employment site changed, they pulled up stakes and headed for Texas, where Shari worked in Admissions at Texas Lutheran College. A year later, she was in Evanston, Illinois, working in the Neurobiology Department for Northwestern University.

In 1986, she returned to UW-Whitewater, working with Dr. Fannie Hicklin in Affirmative Action and Dr. Herb Lundin, the Curriculum Coordinator. Her last move was to Admissions and she has been an Admissions Examiner there for nineteen years, while Bob is now an electronics technician at Quad/Graphics.

Shari and Bob have no children but, between the two of them, they have fourteen siblings. Their parents are still living and the two combined families total over 80, so they don't lack for company when they are feeling social. She and her sisters periodically spend long weekends together in various locations – brief retreats for the ladies. Six-year-old Vanna, an adopted orange tabby, also shares their home and rounds out the family.

Living on Potter's Lake, near Mukwonago, Shari is active outdoors during the warmer months and thoroughly enjoys being by the lake. She loves to plan and take vacations and tries to take a beach vacation every year, when possible. She is particularly fond of vacationing in Mexico. She is also involved in renovating her home and likes to sew. Although she does not quilt, she does appreciate that art. Step into her office and your eyes are drawn to a beautiful quilt hanging on the wall behind her desk, created for her by one of her sisters.

Shari likes her job in Admissions because it allows her to work independently much of the time. She says her role is mentally stimulating due to the fact that it involves problem-solving. She finds satisfaction in providing people with helpful and accurate information. What she likes most about UW-Whitewater is that, despite its size, it is easy to call someone to get her questions answered – the environment is quite congenial.

A thread of nostalgia weaves its way into her voice as she comments on the ongoing construction and recent campus changes. "All has been for the better", she says, "although it would have been nice to maintain the old". She feels that the updates are exciting for the students. In her office, the new imaging/scanning technique they are using is reducing the amount of paper because records are now stored electronically. Shari proudly points out that Admissions now has a great new facility to welcome students.