

PAPD: "Spotlight On..."



Ruth Vanderploeg — University Services Associate
Residence Life/103 Whitney Center

Ruth began working at UW-L after graduating in 1971,

- 5 years Payroll
- 7 years Textbook Rental
- 4 years Rec and Parks Department
- 9 years Records/Registration-where she edited the Graduate/
Undergraduate Catalog
- January 1997-transferred to Residence Life
- Total of 36 years at UW-L

What is your favorite book or movie?

*"Where the Red Fern Grows" book and movie. "I love that story!"



What is the most unique job you've ever had?

*Working at a factory in Sparta between 2nd and 3rd year of college — AT NIGHT!

What is your favorite place in the La Crosse area?

*My home and the Loggers Lumberyard



If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?

*England, I love it there!

Who has been an encouragement/mentor for you here at UW-L & why?

* "Nick Nicklaus has been a phenomenal person to work with as he sets a fantastic example and integrity is in every aspect of his life."

What are you most proud of; your greatest work achievement?

* "I think what I have accomplished while working here so long is the huge amount of information I have gained and used from the positions which I've held. I understand many different aspects of UW-L because of the different offices I've worked in over my career. It has helped me in so many capacities. I feel that seniority-not jumping from job to job frequently-is a huge plus for the employee as well as the employer."

What do you enjoy most about work?

* "The people I work with are the best part of coming to work everyday! Everyone shows genuine interest in everyone else and family comes first-we're ALL family and treat each other as such."

What work tip would you like to share?

* "Meet people from other offices and learn what they do so you can use their knowledge in your job when you can."

What do you like to do to relax or have fun? *Walk, walk, and walk



If you were allowed to have one super-power, what would it be?

*Help out others who need help, no matter what it is they need!

