by Roseann M. Wentworth

Summertime blues

The coming of summer and the end of the final quarter of this year almost brings a tear to my eye.

To think I won't be experiencing the weekly rush of natural adrenaline as I race neck and neck with those non-compromisable deadlines.

To think of not doing in-depth computer class assignments in the computer lab, almost a haven for most people.

To think of not tasting that wonderful mix of Diet Coke syrup and carbonated water from Norm's on my lips--or to imagine not wrestling with the Diet Pepsi machines on campus, just when I am finally beginning to outwit them on a regular basis.

To think of not being able to reach wicked satisfaction on finding a parking space within a mile of my class-at 11 a.m.-on a Monday-and not even in a handicapped spot.

These are some of the things that make Summer seem gray and lifeless.

Somehow when I reminisce on these things, jet skiing, traveling with every single window down in your car-even the wing windows, movies and Nintendo without guilt, a paycheck, a drive-in movie with a carload of friends, and waterskiing just don't have that same punch, that same brightness.

As I wait in the CCC books-for-pennies line, I almost weep as I think of days without textbooks, 3-ring binders and mechanical pencils.

I know there are a lot of you who feel the same way I do. I wish that there was just one more week left before finals.

I want to write another term paper, take another physics exam, do more biology experiments. This is true bliss, not ignorance.

While I'm waxing nostalgia, I just want to thank this year's ASG for all the great stories they've provided for me. I'm just sorry I can't be here for next year's ASG....

I also want to literally thank all the Print staff members for a very interesting, yet fantastic almost-two years. Brian taught me how to swear correctly and with gusto, Mark taught me how to take movie lines and turn them into cool lingo, Angela taught me how to complain effectively, and Amber showed me how to call other people names without it meaning anything other than a form of endearment.

Gregg gave me pure hearing loss, and Margy showed me the meaning of devotion. Staci showed my how to keep score, Jillian taught me that sometimes vocal boldness often brings profound sayings, and Lane taught me that Puck is not a literary character, but a vital piece of winter sports equipment. Good luck to all the rookies, and the old-timers who are returning.

This space for rent.

Staff members make term as Editor enjoyable

If seeing this column written by me surprises you, it should, because this is the first column that I've written as Editor all term. The reason that I haven't written one, is because I've really had nothing that interests me to write about, but since this is the final paper for me, and many on staff, I decided to write this one column.

I could BS about how much I loved it here and will miss it(let's not get carried away), but instead I decided to devote this space to the people who make this paper what it is, my staff.

Roseann(Punky)Wentworth

Roseann became News/Managing Editor spring term, and made my job as Editor a whole lot easier. Dependable and hardworking, are just a couple of words to best describe her. She brought renewed enthusiasm back into the news section, making it one of the strongest that it's ever been. I can't imagine having survived a term as Editor without her contributions. There wasn't enough room in the staff box to show how important Roseann was to this paper.

Angela Wilson

Angela has been on this paper almost as long as I. She held down the position of Feature Editor this past year. Angela could always be counted on for quality Feature pages. She will assume the role of Editorin-Chief next year and the only piece of advice I have for her is be patient, really patient.

Margy Lynch

Margy shared the role of News Editor with Roseann and although she didn't contribute as much as she wanted, she was a valuable member to a great news team. One of our best news writers, Margy could be counted on to take and turn in those boring news stories.

Staci Beard

Staci and I shared the role of Sports Editor for the first two terms this year. When I became Editor in the spring, I knew she would do a good job and she did. The consummate professional, she always had enough for her pages, no matter how big she had to make a photo. The Print has a reputation of having an outstanding sport section and Staci did nothing to hurt that reputation.

Gregg Mayes

Gregg, kinda a silent member on staff, was our Business Manager and a very important part of our the staff. He was far and away the best Business Manager that I've seen in my three years here.

R.W. Jagodnik,Jr.

Ron became co-Copy Editor spring term and did a very tough job well. He could also be counted on to turn in his editorials and God knows that helped me. My best wishes to him and Me-lissa Cartales, who are expecting a baby next year.

Tillian Porter

Jill had to be one of the most unusual Photo Editors that you'd want to meet.

From the Editor...
By
Mark A. Borrelli

Let's just say that you never knew what she'd say next and you weren't sure you did. Jill, despite her carefree attitude, did a commendable job as Photo Editor.

Me-Lissa Cartales

It's no secret that Rhapsody is not one of my favorite things and I'm still not a big fan of it, but I must give credit where credit is due. Me-Lissa Cartales, Rhapsody Editor, has done a great job this year in putting it together.

Jennifer Soper

One of the smartest things that I did all term was to give Jennifer the job as Production Manager. She made Tuesday's paste up go a lot smoother. Jenn will return as Feature Editor next year and I'm sure that she'll do an outstanding job as usual.

Jim Spicklmier

Jim gave the News department a big lift when he joined the paper this term. This guy was dedicated. He could often be found typing in his stories on a Thursday. Jim will have some big shoes to fill next year when he assumes the role of News/Managing Editor, but with his dedication, he should be just fine.

Amber Cordry

What would any staff be without a distraction? Well unfortunately we wouldn't know, as we had our own distraction; Amber. Never one to hold back what she was thinking, Amber "did what she wanted to do." And when that included doing a story, it was always good. Let's just hope after reading this I'll still be able to get a H.O.L.

Dan Fulton

Dan, who would like to be known as "sports writer," can best be known for writing novels. His stories always ranged from the 600-750 words range. Despite his ability to ramble on, Dan was as dependable as anyone we have on staff. Good job "Sports Writer."

Tim Zivne

Tim was one of the best photographers that we had. He always delivered quality pictures. Tim was his own worst critic, as his work seemed good enough for others, but never good enough for him.

Bob Chenoweth

Bob is not a staff member, more like a mascot, but still deserves mention in this column. Bob, much like Jillian, is never predictable and often had staff members crying, for one reason or the other. Bob was also my ride to school, so thanks Bobby bear.

Linda Vog

Last, but certainly not least. I've had to deal with Linda for three years now and I still haven't figured her out. The only thing I know for sure about Linda is that she never comes in on Thursday and she'll come in late on Tuesday, go to lunch and then come in and rush us along, poke her head in the computer room and say "So how's it going in here."

The thing about a newspaper is that one person can't run the show. It takes a team effort to have an outstanding newspaper and for the most part we had it. We had our problems at times, but any team will. I just wish those returning next year the best of luck and end this very long column with a big "Thank You" to all of our readers, and the whole staff of the Print, for an interesting year. Believe it or not, I'll miss it: Maybe?

Campus Views

Do you think bookstore buy back prices are reasonable? Why? Compiled by Jim Spickelmier



Not really. If the "donation" of my used books helps out another student's finances by creating a supply of used texts, then that's the price I pay.

-Shara Watson



The buy-back policy is in need of some changes. It's a big problem when it comes time to decide if it is worth buying a textbook knowing that the return will be minimal.

-Michael Devlin



Policies are fair, although books that are in excellent condition should brought back at a rate upto 75% or 80% of the new rate.

-Kevin Thibert



No. They're ridiculous.
The price paid for the book originally is high whether new or used.
When the book store buys them back they pat less than a quarter of the original price.

-Ginny Cowan

