

# edna: the poor student's philosopher

Have you ever wondered what Moses would have written if he had had a college degree? I offer to you the Ten Commandments—Highacres style:

1. This is the Penn State University, thy new home. Thou shalt have no other allegiance to any other institute of higher learning.
2. Thou shalt not swear in front of the Dean.
3. Thou shalt remember to attend classes—even if thou art winning at pinochle, ping-pong or shuffleboard.
4. Honor thy father and thy mother, for they art paying the bills.
5. Thou shalt not kill squirrels, chipmunks or woolly bears.
6. Thou shalt not mess around.
7. Thou shalt not "borrow" books that belong not to thee.
8. Thou shalt not plagiarize.
9. Thou shalt not covet thy best friend's girl.
10. If thou not believeth in these nine, I giveth unto thee a tenth: Thou shalt not get caught!

## A Bit of Christmas Cheer

by Dale Walck  
The term is coming to an end, and students are studying for final exams and are preparing to leave Highacres Campus. It is possible in all the flurry of activity going on, it is easy to forget that we are entering the Christmas season once again. Christmas is a time of great joy and an abounding feeling of brotherhood. As we say good-bye to each other at the beginning of vacation, the good-byes should reflect feelings of love and brotherhood, and the expectation of seeing one another upon returning to the campus.

For our friends who are transferring for Winter Term, we can only say good-bye and wish them luck.

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## A rip off is:

by John Busher

is when you bite into a piece of turkey and find out it was killed with buchshot.

is when you come up for Las Vegas Nite and find out they mean Las Vegas, Nevada.

is when you sit down to play cards then get up and find the term is over.

is trying to find the tree in the "Know Your Campus Contest".

## Thou shalt not steal thy neighbor's words!

We wish to thank Mr. Price for his kind comments and his interest in the Collegian. We appreciate his expressing his views on the term paper ad; we would, however, like to point out three things. First, while the name of the company is Tempaper Arsenal Inc., it was presented to us as a research company—one that provides research material on a variety of subjects. It is very much, in fact, like the encyclopedia companies that entitle their customers one free "termpaper" a year for five years. These companies provide large quantities of bulk material on a subject of your choice. This

material, I am sure, can be used as research material just as the encyclopedia itself can be used.

The staff of the Collegian does NOT encourage plagiarism. In fact, officially, we condemn it as one of the worst forms of thievery; however, we believe that the decision is not ours to make. This stand does not apply only to the term paper ad, but rather, is based on our ad policy that does, and MUST, apply to all ads. That policy will not allow our editorial policies to interfere with our advertising. We believe that editorializing belongs on the editorial page, and that is where we will try to keep it.

Secondly, Mr. Price mentions the University Policy. Once again, the Collegian does not promote or provide for plagiarism.

Thirdly, Mr. Price mentions the fact that New York is prosecuting "such phony term paper companies." (Although he does not specifically validate his term in relation to Tempaper Arsenals Inc., our advertisers. This may be an unfair value judgment.) It may also be interesting to note that in Massachusetts a term paper company sued a college newspaper for discrimination in refusing to run such an ad. The termpaper company won its

case, and the court upheld the decision. This, too, may be a consideration.

In conclusion then, the HIGHACRES COLLEGIAN will stand behind our ad policy and will continue to apply it to all our advertising. The decision on this matter, we believe, is not ours or the University's, but rather, the decision lies with you, the student. We, like Mr. Price, believe that the students of Highacres are capable and competent enough to produce high caliber work. However, we also believe they are capable and competent of making their own judgments—moral, ethical and academic. As a result, we will present you with all the information we can. This includes the fact that a student that plagiarizes is defeating the purpose of getting an education. If a student is found to be plagiarizing, he will fail the course, and, even more important, runs the risk of being expelled from the University. It would be a shame to waste all of your talents for one little paper.

We do wish to thank Mr. Price again for bringing this issue to light. We only hope we can continue to warrant such kind remarks as he made. We also wish to welcome him back to our campus, and we certainly hope that he stays with us!

## merrie maxims

by debbie berger

I feel the Holiday Spirit! In fact, she's breathing down my neck. Therefore, Collegian readers, I would like to leave you all some Christmas and Hanukkah presents in the form of a few maxims and other one-liners. You can use them freely in your English compositions as long as you footnote me, because they are, after all, original. At least I hope you think they're original.

Anyway, I would like to begin with two that were given to me:

If an athlete can get athlete's foot, can an astronaut get mistle toe? (See note below.)

And: No, Dear, a red cardinal is not a Russian priest.

Now that you know what is coming, you have the opportunity to stop reading if you want to. If, however, you like this sort of thing, please accept the following products of my magnanimity:

It was an absurd situation. I felt as helpful as a sundial at night.

Then there are people to whom Security means a blanket or money in the bank. To me, Security is cutting yourself on a rusty nail and knowing your tetanus shot is still good.

At the same time, I can't think of anything heavier than a pile of wet carpets on a hot day.

She sticks to him like wet, freshly-cut grass on a bare foot, and he just walks all over her.

You can't make a Steinway out of balsam.

If we can walk on the moon, why can't we wrap a record album so that the recipient won't know what it is beforehand? A big box only gives a false idea as to the size, hence, "value" of what is inside.

That makes about as much sense as a ha'penny.

Happy December! Note: Would you call this afterthought an athlete's footnote?

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