

Student Opinions

How do you feel about Robert Bork being nominated to the Supreme Court?

Photos by Julie Church



Belinda Davis: "I don't think I like him."



Paul Soles: "I think he's a jerk, and I don't want him in the supreme court. I think he would throw the court back a hundred years."



Scott Steinhauser: "Who?"



Crane Clark: "I don't like him. He's a bigot."

Boo on Bork

Many rights which we now take for granted are in danger if Robert H. Bork gets appointed to the Supreme Court bench. This country may experience a backward slide into oppressive conservatism.

Robert Bork, considered a brilliant scholar and jurist by many, is much more than just a judge. He is a "right wing zealot" who could "diminish the Supreme Court itself and trivialize the Bill of Rights," according to the ACLU.

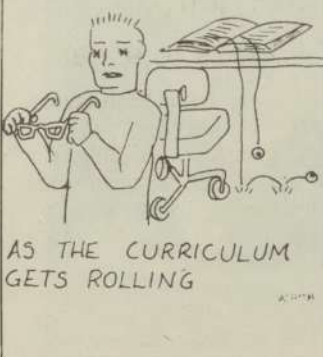
Bork feels that states have the right to allow discrimination against women and minorities if the majority of the people in the state approve of the discrimination. He also feels that states can outlaw contraception and abortion if the majority approves.

If Bork gets appointed to the Supreme Court, it will shift the balance of the court to conservative for the first time since the 1930's.

We can thank President Reagan for the conservative stronghold in the Supreme Court. However, the change is not really appreciated. We enjoy living in a unique country with many freedoms. Let's use this freedom to "Just say no to Bork!"

-MKT-

Travis returns...



On the lighter side

by Stephani Veff
Opinion/Copy Editor

Never enough time

Well, here we are into our third week of classes already. It's hard to believe that just four short weeks ago we were still "vacationing." Time just seems to go by faster and faster with each new year.

I remember when I was a little girl how long an hour seemed. My mom would call to my sister and I playing outside and say that we'd have to come inside in an hour and it would seem like a whole day had gone by before she'd call us in.

Now as I've gotten older I've noticed that there are never enough hours in a day. When I don't have enough time to get everything done during the day, the first thing I cut back on is sleep. This is the worst possible thing I or anyone could do, even though it seems like the logical solution at the time.

The reason this isn't a very good solution is because a lack of sleep affects the health. Your body knows it needs sleep and if it has to get sick in order to get a sufficient amount of sleep then it

will do everything in its power to do so.

I've learned (and still am learning) that it is just not possible to do everything I want and/or need to do. There are only 24 hours in a day and no matter how much we may want to add a few more hours to it, it's just not possible.

So what do we have to do? We have to stop spreading ourselves so thin and give up one or two of the things that we don't have to be doing and do just those that are necessary to keep us happy and healthy.

I've found that by eliminating even one little activity from my day and/or week that I feel much less pressured and things that I have left to do don't seem quite so time consuming.

Spreading yourself too thin makes it difficult to keep up with everything in your life and by the end of the day you're bound to feel frazzled. Remember Superman was just a comic hero - let's not try to be Superpeople ourselves! Until next week...



Wooden shoe like to know?

by Heleen Veenstra
Editor

Getting used to American slang

Today we are going back in time. That is, July 1985, my first month in the States. This first month I got introduced and used to, guess what, slang!

Let me give you an image of how I felt when I came here. I was this girl who had just completed high school, and spoke 5 years of proper, British English. Even with a British accent! Then I came here and this is what I heard, "Yeah, well, you know, it's like, it's really boring." That just blew me away. Consider this, what did this person really say, "it is boring." So what I actually learned my first few days in the U.S. was to throw unnecessary words into my sentences.

Another thing I learned very fast was the swear words. I already knew a lot before I came over here, but I wasn't even close to knowing them all. I picked up those words incredibly fast. Now you might think, "what kind of a bad person is this?" But admit it, if you are one of those lucky people who has had the opportunity to learn another language, you have to agree with me that swear

words are one of the first things you learn. You first learn to say your name, then how to greet one another and, last but not least, how to swear.

The American language also has some strange slang words. I remember a conversation in one of the first weeks I was here.

There were two guys talking to each other, and I picked up the following sentence. "I can't believe you can't do it, try it and don't be a chicken," (to clarify this sentence it was about skateboarding). I understood the first part of the sentence very well, but that part about the chicken threw me off.

I thought I knew what a chicken was, but now I was really confused, and unsure about my command of the English language. I went inside, picked up my English-Dutch dictionary and looked up the word "chicken." It said the word "kip," which means chicken, (the bird so to speak). I also took my Webster's dictionary to make sure and found, "chicken, a common farm bird raised for its edi-

ble eggs and flesh." That definition of chicken made me extremely happy because now I knew I was right about the meaning of the word.

I figured that I had misunderstood that certain person, so I went back outside and asked him, "did you say chicken a minute ago?" He said "yeah!," (notice the way of saying "yes I did") which made me run back home, to my dictionary. There just had to be an explanation of that word.

I checked Webster's again and what did I read?, "slang-cowardly." With that definition I was much closer to the answer, but since I didn't know what cowardly meant, I had to check my English-Dutch dictionary again. After I read the translation I finally understood this whole deal about the chicken. Took me a while huh?

I have many more examples to illustrate what slang for foreign people is all about, but I'll save that for the following weeks. I wrote enough for today. So long, 'till next week.

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