

What Really GRINDS Our Gears

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It often feels as though time is escaping.

After sports, extracurricular activities, homework, and studying for the SAT or ACT, little time is left in a day.

All of the activities that must be completed within the span of one day are difficult to fit in.

When you add together all of the time that should be spent on certain required activities, very little time is left for anything else.

For teenagers, ten hours a day should be spent sleeping. So, out of a twenty-four-hour day, there are now only fourteen hours left.

Out of these remaining fourteen hours, half of the time is spent at school, and this is just for the six core classes.

Now, only seven hours remain. If students participate in sports, another hour or two is taken out of the day.



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With only five to six hours remaining, extra activities, such as being in a drama performance, in the band, or in chorus, only two to three hours are left in which homework can be completed.

When students are worked too hard, they often give up the will to persevere and be studious.

Twenty-four hours is not enough time in which to complete everything that needs to be accomplished within one day.

If only each day was a little longer.

If each day gained a few more hours, there would be more time to complete everything that needs to be done.

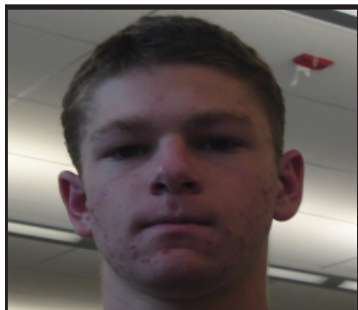
Although, if more hours were added to each day, we would probably come across the same problem again.

We would eventually realize that the additional time was not enough and feel that each day should be lengthened again.

Unfortunately, we cannot win the battle against time.

What Really Grinds *Your* Gears?

“Family Guy” has proven to be inspirational. Peter’s shenanigans have led us to a new concept: let us know what “really grinds your gears.”



“At lunch, when I get to the front of the line with what looks like a crunchy corndog: I buy it, unwrap it, take a bite, and it turns out to be extremely soggy-- so much so that I am forced to waste my two hard earned dollars and throw it away.” –James Luby, 11.



“When people take two parking spots or don’t use their turn signals.” –Addie Rubino, 11.



“When people pretend to be something they’re not just to fit in.” –Stephanie Ross, 11.



“When people tell me what I can and cannot do.” –Samantha Crane, 10.

Like, So What?

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Strunk and White might say it is the disease of American speaking, and I’d have to agree.

It is like the most annoying way to speak. It like clouds what you are like trying to say and like makes it hard for one to like listen.

Suddenly, the American population has transformed the word “like” to serve as most any part of speech.

The word “like” was not meant to be an approximation or an exaggeration; it was not meant to be an adverb a noun or used to introduce a quote.

Who got tired of using “like” as a preposition?

Sadly, many people do not think a sentence sounds complete with out the addition of “like.” However, it destroys any sentence it is put in.

“They [teenagers] just pep-

per their speech with it,” said English teacher Mrs. Dunlap.

Dunlap sings the praises of William K. Zinser, author of *On Writing Well* and Strunk and White, co-authors of *The Elements of Style*, who endorse de-cluttering one’s writing.

Why not apply this to speech?

Although most people do not want to believe they are judged by the way they speak, believe it.

Every time you speak, people will listen, but they will not like what they hear.

How can you expect to impress with your intellect when your speech is muddled with the unnecessary “like?”

It is the issue of lost in translation.

So why doesn’t everyone who abuses “like” stop?

Well, the truth of the matter is they don’t know they use it.

Ignorance is not bliss.

Colbertification

By Valentin Biscarrat
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Oh, it’s on Hilary. Stephen Colbert is officially running for President of the United States. However, he will only run in his home state of South Carolina.

“Tonight, I, Stephen Colbert, am officially announcing that I have decided to officially consider whether or not I will announce that I am running for President of the United States,” said Stephen Colbert on the Daily Show, Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Colbert’s vague statement was not followed by an announcement of whether or not he would run for President.

“I will be making an announcement of that decision on a more prestigious show,” said Colbert to Daily Show host, Jon Stewart. Consequently, an hour later on the Colbert Report, Colbert heard his call and announced that he would seek the office of the President of the United States.

Colbert decided to run for the Democratic and Republican Party, or as he calls it, the “Re-

publocrat party.” However, he refuses to pay the \$35,000 that the Republicans are demanding for access to the Republican ballot, so he will only run for the Democrats. Now, the question is, could this big joke turn into a big mess?

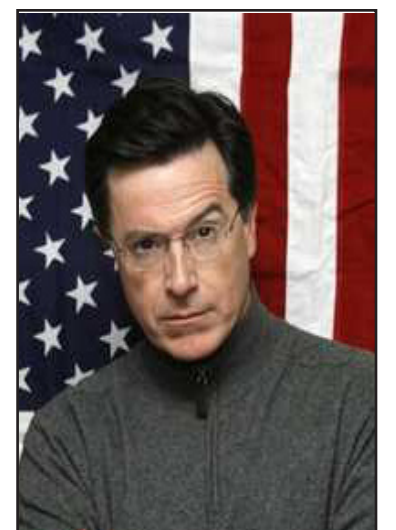
“While it’s not much of a possibility, if Colbert takes votes from people interested in the job, then that could become troublesome,” said Maria Bamford, a comic who appears regularly on Comedy Central.

However, in order to change the outcome of the presiden-

tial election, Colbert would have to win the Democratic Primary, which is impossible because he is only running in South Carolina. However, he could change the outcome of the Primary Election, but not significantly.

“Hope he joins us for the debates. He can make them livelier and he can reach a wider audience than that narrow little sliver that watches his show,” said Sen. John McCain.

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