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Question: Student debt is a big issue. What is your grand toal of student loans?



"I paid it off."
Jamie Sena



"$47,000."
Jeff Michaud



"$140,000."
Kamryn Smith



"$80,000."
Kevin Gervis



"$25,000."
Matt Belyea



"$5,000."
Peter Shaw



"I'm not in debt."
Stephen Hallett



"$5,000."
Travis Gaudet



"$28,000 and counting."
Wess James

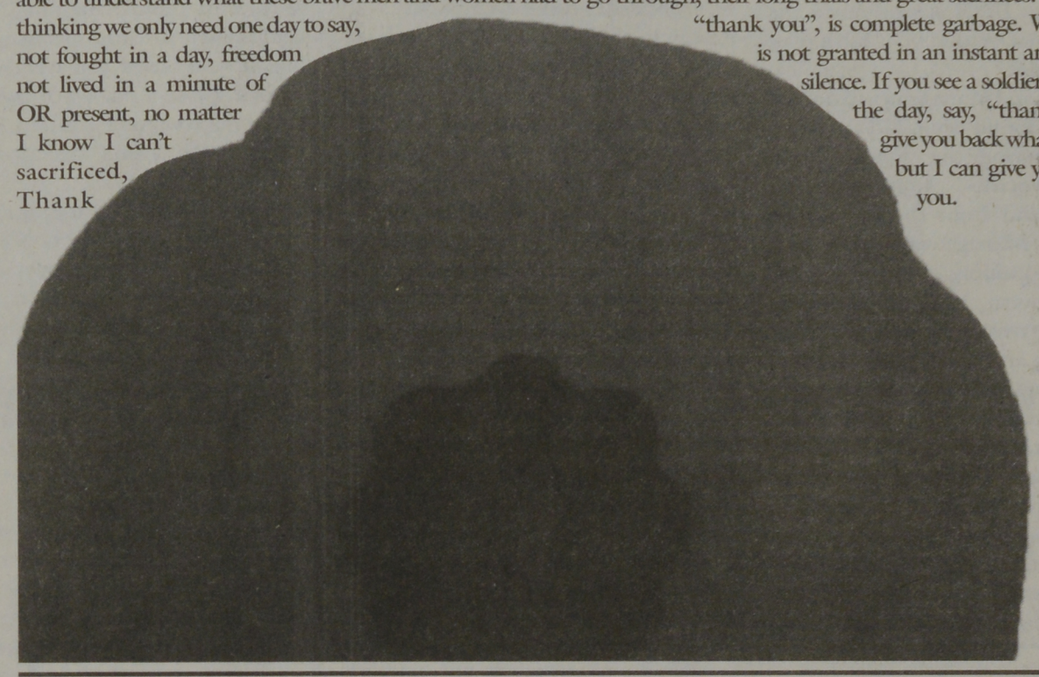
The old man tribute

an opinion by Dave Evans

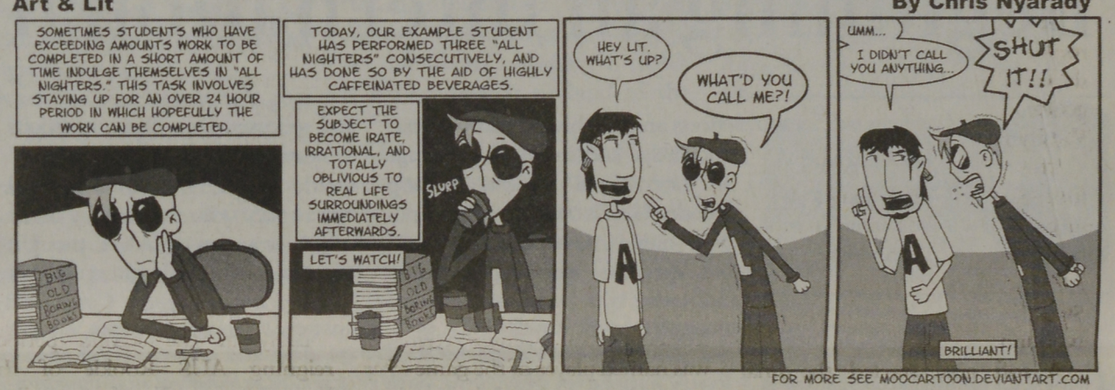
Normally, I rant on about what pisses me off and drives me crazy. Very seldom do I ever talk positively about anything. However, given the time of the year, I'll make an exception to the rule and talk about a group of people I'm grateful for; our veterans. I've never had to leave my family and fight in a foreign land, never had endure the horrors of war; never had to put myself in danger to protect people I don't know. For many Canadians, however, none of that ever mattered. They simply put thoughts of their own safety aside and stepped up to preserve the sanctity of life itself. People often say, "it was a simpler time back then"; that's the biggest load of bull I've ever heard. Today we sit and play games on our computers, talk on our cell phones, spend ridiculous amounts of money on the most frivolous of things. We don't have to worry that some nut job will try to take over, and take away all that we hold dear. For our veterans, life wasn't automated, easy or even safe. There was a clear and present danger that the nut job I mentioned would try to destroy an idea with an idea of his own; one of darkness, horror and oppression that tried to dim the brilliance of freedom and liberty.

Our veterans come from many backgrounds; some fought in the great wars, some did not. My grandfather joined the Canadian military in 1947; he didn't fight in World War II (although he tried, but couldn't fool the recruiters) but he did help protect northern Europe from the emerging threat of the Soviet Union; he spent time in Germany, maintaining peace after the war, and even had to move against his fellow Canadians during the October Crisis. Though not fighting in global conflicts, heroes like my grandfather helped maintain the great peace we now enjoy.

On November 11th, we wear our poppies as a sign of remembrance, but not understanding. You and I will never be able to understand what these brave men and women had to go through; their long trials and great sacrifices. Indeed, thinking we only need one day to say, "thank you", is complete garbage. Wars are not fought in a day, freedom is not granted in an instant and life is not lived in a minute of silence. If you see a soldier, of past OR present, no matter the day, say, "thank you". I know I can't give you back what you've sacrificed, but I can give you that. Thank you.



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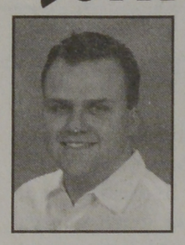
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