MISINFORMED
STUDENTS REFLECT
ON VETERANS DAY
AT HARVARD

As we head into the second full week of November, we draw close to an important time: Veterans Day. In the grand Harvard tradition, students all around campus planned to celebrate by using the day off to catch up on readings, problems sets, and other assorted overdue assignments.

Or rather, that was the plan, until they checked the calendar and realized that Harvard was not, in fact, giving students the eleventh off.

“This is an insult to all those who served in the armed forces,” raged sophomore Matthew Rogers. “I, for one, have never felt closer to those who have protected our country than when I’m finishing up an organic chemistry problem set like they did on the beaches of Normandy, or reading about Canterbury Tales like they did in the front lines of the War of 1812.”

“I seriously hope they reconsider their choices,” he added. “Or at least return my email asking for an extension.”

“Isn’t it a federal holiday?” asked freshman Amelia Wu. “Doesn’t that mean they have to give us that day off? That’s how that works right? Or wait, I think I remember hearing about the IOP passing a movement to secede from the US, so that might have happened.” When pressed, Wu also said she “might have read that in the Lampoon, on second thought.”

On the other hand are students like junior Brian Belcher. “I’m going to be honest, I haven’t attended a lecture in person since the second week of October, so I can’t imagine it’ll feel that different from any other Tuesday, in that it’ll feel like any other weekday because what classes I went to used to be my main way of distinguishing what day it was.”

Still, Harvard felt the need to address the concerns of their (sadly misinformed) student body. In her official statement, President Faust stated, “While we recognize the importance of this national day of remembrance, we also feel the need to mention that: y’all are Harvard students and need to suck it up. Get back to work.”

When reached for further comment, Harvard administration turned down the request, stating that they were busy “figuring out how angry students would get if they added the day after Thanksgiving back into the schedule.”
With Dining Hall restrictions temporarily on hold, it has become more difficult for Leverett students to find that courtesy seat between their dinner and someone else's. But why not make friends with this stranger? It'll be like you never even left Annenberg! If you're having trouble getting the conversation going, then here are some classic Harvard conversation starters to get you going:

What is your concentration, and how do you anticipate fulfilling all the requirements in addition to your secondary field/citation?

Red spice chicken, huh?

Would you rather adopt Bandit or Rosie?

I see you're starting the Math 21a pset the night before it's due. I too like to live dangerously.

What is consciousness?

Are we alone in the universe?

So do you like... cheese?

Shall we bond over the newest Hare Today?

Have you heard Taylor Swift's new album? Haha I know! Who hasn't?

So, what's this Ebola thing that everyone's been talking about?

Look, I've seen you around the dhall all semester, and I thought...that, you know I'd come over, and... wait. Where are you going?

How was your weekend?