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Dear Professor Capps,

I am taking this opportunity to express my thanks to you and your courses. I will concentrate on Vietnam, but not neglect Politics and Religion. Your intelligence, concern, and casual approach make gaining knowledge enjoyable. Bringing in guest speakers to offer first-hand information is a great dimension. I have thoroughly enjoyed both courses, and I am looking forward to taking your Monastic Impulse course.

Your Politics and Religion course last quarter really made me aware of the religious surge the New Religious Right is propagating. I do not condone such a movement, but thoroughly enjoyed studying it.

Your Vietnam course is awesome. I was previously very unfamiliar with the war, most of all the ramifications of such a traumatic experience for the combatants, nurses, and all involved. The reading material was fabulous, and I also read Shad's book. I always look forward to attending this class, and always walk away mystified.

I could go through each guest speaker and describe how every one of them has affected my life. Having a Veteran speak to you, where you can see him/her, is very emotional. I have not been able to cohesively assimilate all the knowledge I have gained, but cherish learning about the War and its affect on Veterans and society.

I have concluded I have survivor guilt. I just finished writing a letter to Shad, thanking him for his two appearances in our class, to tell him how much of an inspiration he is to me, and to welcome him home.

Professors like yourself are too few. More professors need to emulate your enthusiasm for their courses. I can not express how grateful I am for having had the opportunity of studying in your courses. Your courses are designed so students get what they put into them. I have put in a lot, but have reaped so much more. I try to comprehend the plight of the Vietnam Veteran, yet can not adequately because I was not there. But I try.

Shad autographed his book for me, writing "the best, and never a war for you, my friend." I will cherish those lines.

Sincerely,

*Brad Wilson*

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P.S. I enclosed a copy of my letter to Shad. Thank-you for bringing him to speak.

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