

## Letter from the Editors

Dear Readers,

Happy New Year! *The Tavern*'s new year's resolution is to be as provocative and inclusive as possible, so we challenge you to turn your lights out and dive into an issue into the darkness of our prep schools...

It's 2017, which means a lot to the seniors at our schools (and all of the Editors on *The Tavern*). We are rolling out and leaving our last impressions on our institutions for the final five months we have. We want to make sure Senior Spring (2k17) is as fun as possible, but there are a couple things we have to look out for: rules, both on-campus social codes and actual school rules.

For some seniors, these social codes may not be as defined as they used to. It is the last time we will see most of the faces that we have been going to school with, so it is time to reexamine the social codes and make the faces we see, actual friends. It is also time to reexamine the social codes that we have lived by for all these years. Who sits where and who can be friends with whom has marked our social interactions for our entire time on campus. Should we break out or sit comfortably in the standards our schools have set for us?

Maybe we should not be as lenient in questioning DCs as we are with social codes. For some of us, DCs are ominous scary figures that brings chills every time it is mentioned. Why are we so afraid? Is that the culture of DCs and the underlying fear of attending prep schools? Readers, it is time to turn you lights out, sneak your phone under the covers, and read *The Tavern* if you are wondering what happens in the darkness of our prep schools.

This issue, we have Deans across our schools explaining why they choose to, or do not choose to, broadcast their DC statements. It is over in the "survey" tab, in addition to responses to the question: "What are you most likely to get DCed for?" The Editors enjoyed reading over these responses, and, as expected, one of the most common responses entailed driving without permission. The Editors have only one thing to say about that: drive safely.

From this issue onward, *\*The Tavern* will be sponsoring one organization per issue, and we are so pleased to announce that for our January Issue we will be sponsoring Text Less Live More, a student-run organization created in honor of Merritt Levitan (Milton Academy '13) that encourages both living presently and eliminating texting while driving. There is nothing better

than driving down the highway with friends on a Friday night, but it only takes a split second of distraction for things to lead to disaster. Please, text less live more.

For this issue of *The Tavern*, we honor students who have won Scholastic awards or received mention at the Alliance For Young Writers & Artist in our “art&lit” tab. These talented young artists at our schools deserve recognition for the work they have applied, so make sure to congratulate your award-winning peers, even those we haven’t published. Thank you for stopping by *The Tavern* and, as always, we hope you enjoy your stay.

Sincerely,  
*The Tavern's* 1st Editorial Board