

Letter from the Editors

Dear Readers,

We are privileged.

The mere fact that we attend boarding school is a massive privilege, a term that usually comes in two categories: race or money. This month, we want to talk about race.

For our April issue, we had a record-breaking number of students who wanted to write their school's thoughtpiece on "Race", and we are grateful for two reasons: one, because this confirms that *The Tavern* is valued by our readers and offers meaningful opportunities to those who want to speak up; two, because this confirms that our students do, in fact, care about race.

One author of the "ten thoughts" pieces pointed out the greater danger found in making offensive racial remarks, not in ignorance, but in awareness. In November we talked about "Intentional Ignorance", a theme more pertinent now than ever. At boarding school, we are constantly exposed to classes, assemblies, and speakers talking about race, so it's fair to say that we are educated about racial matters. So why is it that ignorant racial remarks and microaggressions are made on a daily basis? It is out of habit of wanting to have a sense of humor, a light of heart, about everything. But race is not something to be thrown around; it is not a punchline. It is real, and it is serious.

It is difficult to speak up, especially in difficult situations, and most especially against a friend. And things don't get any easier if you do make a habit of speaking up—it's both mentally and physically tiring to always be ready to have that same difficult conversation, always be ready to fight. Yet we must because, if we don't, who will, and if no one takes action, nothing will change. As responsible future leaders of the world, we must give up the leisure of not caring. So care.

In a late night conversation about privilege, one of our Editors explained it like this: "it's about what you think about when you hear the word 'race'—do you think about skin color, or running?" Think about that for a second—skin color, or running?

As it's always the case during spring, time flies. Our next issue, the May issue, is the last time our Editorial Board will be accepting ideas for themes, so, if you have any ideas, please submit them to editors@the-tavern.net. As always, thank you for stopping by *The Tavern* on this beautiful spring day, and we hope you enjoy your stay.

Sincerely,
The 1st Editorial Board

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