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## *manifesto*

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# attention:



## *a letter to mixed media*

**To: The RISD Community**  
**Subject: Sexual Harassment at RISD**

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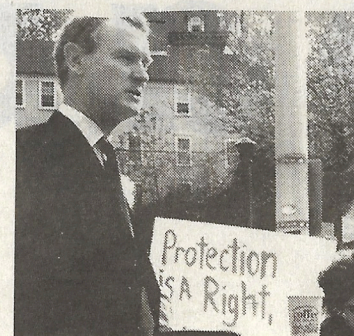
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But what about that town meeting that Roger Mandle promised, saying it would be a venue for all students and faculty members to raise their voices? What happened to passing the disciplinary code by such a body of people?

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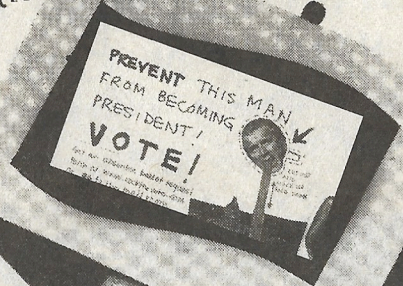
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From: Allison Cole

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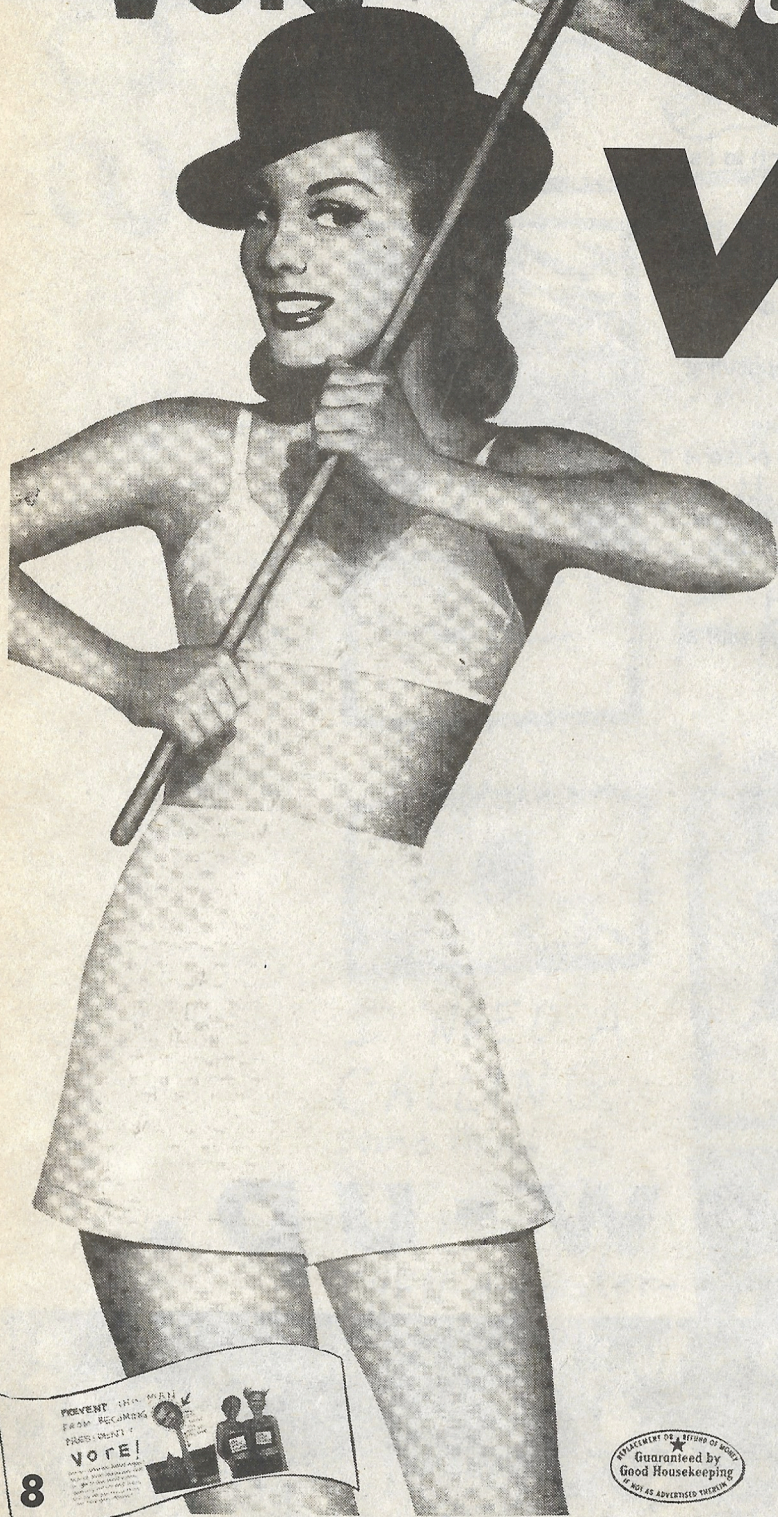
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If you are registered to vote in your home state, you will need an absentee ballot. You can get an absentee ballot request form at [election.com](http://election.com) or [rockthevote.com](http://rockthevote.com). Print it out and mail it to your city or town hall. They mail you the ballot, you fill it out and send it in. Since this is sort of a long process, you need to get your request in as soon as possible. If you need to register to vote, go to

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Once you are prepared to vote, the next step is choosing a candidate that you want to support. It's not that hard to learn more about the people running for president. If you go to [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org), all you have to do is click some buttons to find out information on the different party platforms. If you're still dissatisfied and don't want to support any candidate, then vote for someone else to show your lack of support for the person you hate the most. **If you're interested, people from Vote Smart are coming October 25th at 8PM in the RISD Auditorium to help people better understand the issues candidates support.**

