MIXED MEDIA

ABUSE ASSAULT AWARE
Protection is a Right.
Preliminary Goals and Suggestions

I. Safety of Students
   A. RISD Shuttle
      An improvement of the current Shuttle system including but not limited to 1 Shuttle hour extended to all hours that our studios remain open 2 Reliable, professional drivers
   B. Blue Light System
      A network of call boxes marked by blue lights to be installed in areas heavily trafficked by RISD students on and immediately around campus Students would be able to press a button to quickly summon security and gain access to an intercom connection
   C. Weekly Crime Reports
      Published weekly crime reports that publish all reported incidents on or near campus areas The report should include the complete spectrum of offenses from petty theft, harassment, assault or rape on a consistent anonymous and public basis

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IV. Employee Code of Ethics

A. A rewrite of the current Faculty Code of Ethics expanded to be applicable to staff and administrators. The rewriting process would include faculty, students, and administrators.

B. The inclusion of disciplinary action in the revised code.

C. Serious consideration of complaints lodged against faculty, administrators, and staff.

In order to more fully and democratically discuss these still developing ideas as well as other important concerns of the student body, a student body meeting should be scheduled where all students would have the opportunity to speak with each other and administrators. This would not only begin to solve some problems, but it would foster a greater sense of community and understanding between students, faculty, and administrators.
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As was mentioned at the beginning of this article a student has come forward. She does not want me to use her real name but as I write this she is in the process of leaving the school. She says she was raped by a professor in a bathroom. The professor was called to the dean but he only responded by giving her a suspension. He did not report the incident to the police.

She was found guilty in the disciplinary hearing, but as she claimed she did not do it, her case was released after a year. After being allowed to return to school, she was ran off campus by her professor and has since been asked to leave the school in less than a year.
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As was mentioned at the beginning of this article a student has come forward. She does not want me to use her real name so I will refer to her as Sylvia. Sylvia, an undergrad, has gone public with the fact that last October she was allegedly raped by another RISD student. I say “allegedly” for legal reasons since this has not been proven in a court of law, although, as I will mention again later, the disciplinary committee did decide that the offender broke the code of conduct, which all students must obey. These are some of the facts. The offender is a grad student who is considerably older than the victim. A nine-page letter was written by the parents of the victim covering what happened on the night of the alleged rape and was circulated the week prior to the protest.

I will not go into the details of the rape because I only have
At 8 am on May 6th the Trustees showed up at the ID building for their quarterly meeting along with around one hundred protesters. Signs were made and held up high while the Trustees walked through a silent crowd and up the ramp to 161 South Main St. Sylvia and a few others had put together a list of goals and suggestions which they distributed to all the protesters and also to the Trustees as they entered. Sylvia stood and spoke to all the people present about the goals that they wanted to see accomplished. Amanda Berry, a faculty member in the Liberal Arts department, was also present and spoke to the crowd. They spoke of student safety, student advocacy, the disciplinary code, and the employee code of ethics. The actual sheet that was distributed is summarized in the next section.

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Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is unacceptable at RISD. Refusal to tolerate sexual harassment is our collective duty.

Sexual harassment can be described as unwanted sexual behavior, such as physical contact, verbal comments or suggestions that adversely affect the working and learning abilities of individuals. Contrary to common opinion, sexual harassment is not merely a problem of inappropriate sexual attention; instead, it is often an abuse of responsibility and authority.

RISD has both formal complaint procedures and a support group to assist in dealing with cases of sexual harassment. You can expect confidential help and support from either of these sources.

If you have concerns or questions about sexual harassment, contact a member of the Sexual Harassment Support Group; a listing of member names is available at the Student Development (x. 6637) or Human Resources (x. 6427) offices. All inquiries are strictly confidential and callers need not give their names.

Complaints

A complaint of discrimination or harassment must be made in writing and filed within 30 days from the date upon which the complainant had knowledge of, or should have had knowledge of, the alleged unlawful practice. The complaint must be filed with RISD's Equal Employment Opportunity officer (EEO), who has been designated to coordinate the college's efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under Title IX and Section 504. The current EEO officer can be reached at x. 6426. The EEO officer offers assistance in drafting your complaint upon request; at a minimum, it must include the following:

- The full name and address of the person making the complaint;
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The EEO officer will conduct and investigation of the complaint with all dispatch. The investigation will be designed to obtain adequate information to enable the Grievance Committee to determine whether any unlawful practices or acts have occurred.

For more information on RISD Policies on Sexual Harassment, please see the RISD Student Handbook, pages 95-99.
A short statement from Provost Joe Deal on new revisions to the Disciplinary Code.

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Changes that have come about in wording and language are in response to a number of incidents, both on and off campus. The recent incident [of rape] has certainly heightened our awareness about sexual misconduct, about alcohol abuse—but its not only that incident. We were thinking about those very same things before that event occurred. So, its not specifically in response to that, but to a number of issues. It is not only recent events on campus, but events at other colleges, too, that have influenced our revisions."
Help is Available.

Don't hesitate to contact the following:

**Sexual Harassment Support Committee**

Scott Cook, Associate Professor, Liberal Arts @ extension 6270
James Hall, Director of Campus Design and Exhibitions @ extension 6140
Susan Kieronski, Associate Director of Admissions @ extension 6308
Randa Newland, Associate Professor of Printmaking @ extension 6224
Denise Geoffrey, Human Resources @ 6429

**Human Resource Staff**

Kathleen Alvino, Associate Vice President @ extension 6426
Cara Dennis, Human Resources Administrator @ extension 6428
Denise Geoffrey, Compensation Specialist @ extension 6429
Rae-Ann Yamzon, Human Resources Assistant @ extension 6427

**Student Counseling**

Roberta McMahon, Director of Student Development & Counseling @ extension 6639

**Health Services**
IS AVAILABLE

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However, at the Rhode Island School of Design, it seems fairly obvious that women were regarded in just as healthy a manner as men. This is supported by RISD's early catalogs leading up to the early 20th Century. Most specifically, one can look at the awards women were winning at the school and the number of graduates who were female. In 1889, awards were given to four women and three men while six women were graduated aside four men. A year later, four women were awarded with freehand-related prizes while five men were awarded with prizes for freehand and mechanical arts. In 1894, three women received awards with seven men, and four females graduated with five men. In 1896, only two women graduated with seven men, but thirty-four prizes were given to women while twenty-three were given to men.

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I looked through the catalogs searching for an exception to what I would have thought would be a rule: if European schools were interested in segregating female students into the realms of delicacy and domesticity, and if RISD were to follow that pattern, one should only see females practicing the freehand arts as opposed to the mechanical arts at RISD.
One area that seems to cast some doubt on the integration of women into the male arts is the lack of women participating for the three years in the Mechanical Department. The drawers of machinery seem to be only males, and in the 1895 catalog they are referred to as "the young men graduating in the Mechanical Department." This of course only indicates that females were not present in the class, while it does not go so far as to explain the reason why. I found nothing in any of the catalogs that specifically restricts females from venturing into this department. If such a restriction were to be a reality at the time, it is conspicuously absent: because the catalogs served as an announcement of the school, its offerings, its general guidelines, and apparently its applications for enrollment.

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FURTHER READING:


The Music Tapes House and Filing Capsule will travel from house to house, from sea to shining sea. The Eastern half of North America starting this May of 2000.

May 21st Providence R.I.

Fort Thunder, 9pm, $5

Music Tapes at Fort Thunder - May 21

The Music Tapes are travelling around the country ("from sea to shining sea") per invitation. Last fall, I sent them an invitation, and after contacting the nice folks at Fort Thunder, finally have them coming around. This is something that all RISD students will probably be interested in, regardless of whether the quirky music is their thing or not. Singing saws and enough surprises, inventions, and incredible creations that I don't want to spoil to keep you entertained for at least three hours, and featuring a performance by the B-track gorilla, screenings from the flicker cinema in Athens, GA, and a video installation by Jordan Wolf. Some of the musicians that I respect the most in the world will be performing tonight under the assumed identity of storytellers conveying this quirky music narrative. Featuring musicians from the Olivia Tremor Control, Neutral Milk Hotel, etc. - if you miss this performance, you should probably never read my staff picks again, and yes - I'll take it personally.

staff picks.

Crush Week 2000 - May 15-21

All I know is that I saw this on my way to class and thought about what a genius the person who thought it up must be. If you don't have someone you secretly never heard of. Head down to their building, right around the corner from Trinity Repertory Theater, and next door to AS220, and sign up for their mailing list. Perishable Theater, 95 Empire St., 10pm, $5

Dame Darcy performs “Meat Cake: The Play”. May 24

Some of you may be familiar with Dame Darcy's tongue-in-cheek Victorian/Surreal/Macabre and hilarious and weird work. "Meat Cake"
PUT THIS ON YOUR CAR

SAVE THE CABARET

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You attempt to kill a visiting West Coast Rapper, POP-N' EM FRESH. Note the key word attempt. Now you're running from POP-N's thugs. You try to poke them in the belly. They don't giggle. They poke you in the belly with .35 caliber bullets. That gets 'em giggling.