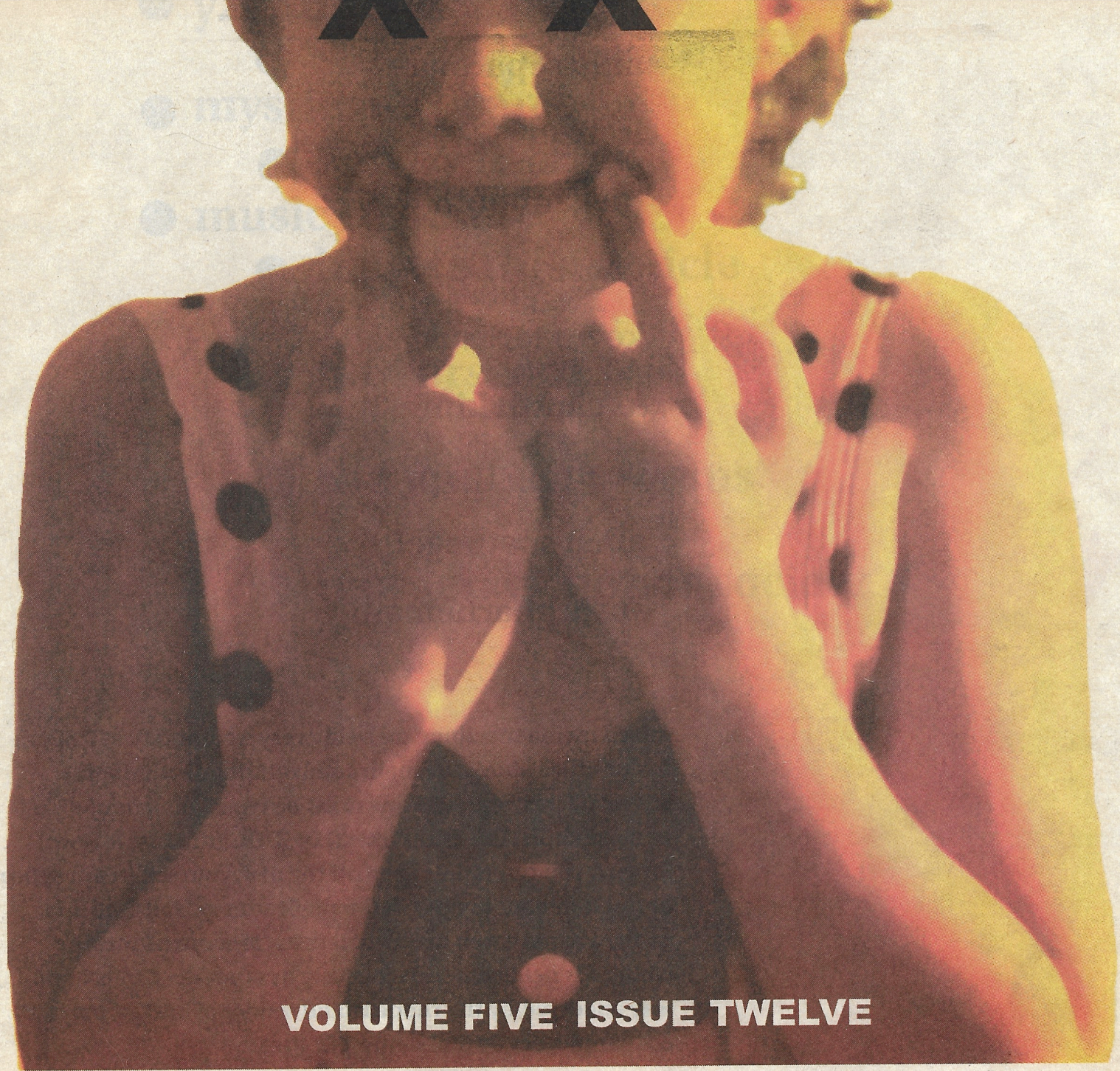


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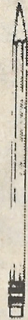
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MT HOPE LEARNING CENTER

Dear Mixed Media

The Mt Hope Learning Center Board of Directors wished to extend its gratitude to the Rhode Island School of Design community for its interest in the Learning Center

We appreciate the article you wrote about us, the battle of the bands fund raiser coming up and to the members of the RISD community who have come forward to lend a helping hand in our mission to provide educational opportunities to the residents of Mt. Hope free of charge.

Everybody involved with the Learning Center comes forward to make a contribution to the cause of education. We appreciate all the volunteers who have helped make the Learning Center such a important success. And yes one person does make a difference.

We feel your interest in the community outside of yourself is a very positive step for RISD in understanding the larger world in which we are all brothers. The need for help is great. We look forward to a continued and long relationship with Rhode Island School of Design.

The children of Mt. Hope will enjoy the opportunity to learn from the RISD students who will be offering classes in the next session. We appreciate the contributions individuals and departments have made to us. We graciously accept your helping hand.

You are all invited to drop into the Learning Center the next time you're

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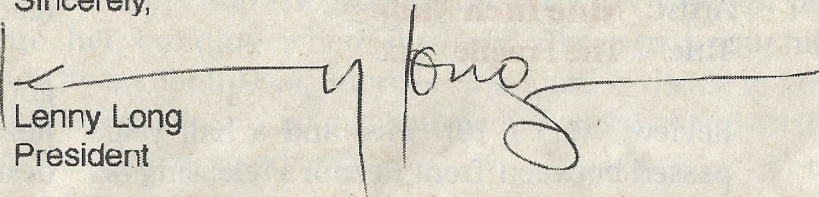
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Journalism

ing at the person, he wants the person to be looking back at him. Therefore, he has no fear of being

On Friday October 29th at approximately 9:30 PM a female RISD student fell victim to a peeping Tom. She had just gotten out of the shower and was changing, while her boyfriend sat on her bed watching television. While leaning closer to the mirror to put on her make-up, she noticed something moving outside her window. In taking a closer look she saw the shadow of a figure. After doing a double take she saw an unfamiliar face and the red light of a video camera. The man was in his mid to late thirties and wore a navy blue hooded sweatshirt. He had dark features and a short stocky build.

This seemingly random act of voyeurism is not as "random" as one may think. There are several factors, which led the perpetrator to this particular window. The apartment was on the first floor making it easy for anyone to get close and see right inside. With all the lights on and the shades up it was easy to see into the apartment from as far as several blocks away. It was probably very easy to see that young women were home getting dressed to go out. This obviously made this house a prime target for a voyeur with his video camera.

There is much more than the temptation of naked girls in open windows that drives one to actually invade the privacy of another. For a voyeur, looking in windows is less about desire and more about fulfilling a need. Like a drug, once a voyeur begins peeping, his urges, though sexually driven, are not entirely about sex. This individual craves an emotional response from his victim. Just as he is look-

nection between himself and the person he is looking at. This is something he feels would never happen normally. Maybe he finds himself timid and awkward in public, or unnoticed by women. He could never make a connection in person, so he can only look in, hoping to be noticed.

The reaction of his victims allows him to feel powerful and in control unlike he is in his own life. He is able to take his victim, at that moment, home with him, giving him the ability to replay the events over and over again. He is then able to stare into those fearful eyes and feed off the power he has over some poor girl's emotions. Even if he wasn't caught, the fact that he has the control of the girl's image on the videotape and he can watch it at his leisure gives him power over her and thus, in his own life. Until his feelings of inadequacy are resolved, his behaviors will continue, and more and more people will become victims of his loneliness.

Since this incident, several other people have come forward to report similar situations. Luckily, these victims were not too ashamed or embarrassed to report their experiences to Providence Police or Public Safety. In situations like this, Public Safety can be a valuable resource. By alerting them to what is going on and where, they are able to better patrol these areas. Public Safety will also make students aware of crime in the area so we can better protect ourselves, even if it means just pulling down the shades.