



‘You Never Really Heal From Something Like That’

Two Creek Students Shine Light on Sexual Assault

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Trigger Warning: the following article contains graphic content depicting sexual assault

‘Victims are scared to share...We need to have way more discussions about sexual assault.’

-Junior Giselle Yokomichi

Why didn't you choose to be anonymous? I think it's important that I don't stay anonymous, so that Creek can see [that] one of the Bruin Consent Coalition (BCC) board members has experienced this and is shining light on the experience.

What's your opinion on mandatory reporters? As far as my own experience and others, a lot of the time you want to stay anonymous and we want to keep the other person anonymous.

It's a hard experience to go through that. You don't want to be reminded of it. You don't want to make it something huge and big and give all the attention to you. I feel like most victims want to stay quiet and hidden away. So then when a teacher does hear something, it's really scary. I think it's great in the sense that the teachers are trying to help and trying to protect, but I feel like your boundaries are kind of hurt.

How did your assault make you feel? My experience was different than a lot of other victims. It wasn't [as] physical [as other assaults]. I think the worst part about it was that a lot of people didn't believe me. So then when this experience happened to me, everyone was just kind of like, 'did it really [happen]' and that was something so hard to go through.

