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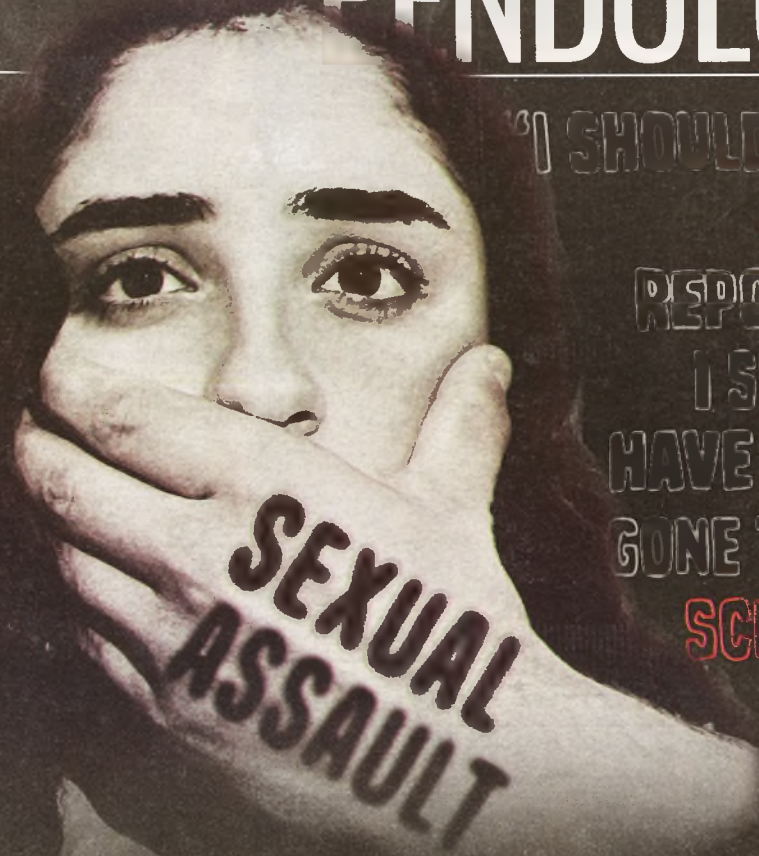
THE PENDULUM

"I AM NOT BACK TO NORMAL BECAUSE THAT WON'T EXIST ANYMORE."

'DAISY'

"I SHOULD HAVE NEVER REPORTED. I SHOULD HAVE NEVER GONE TO THE SCHOOL."

TAKEVA MITCHELL



IT HAPPENS **HERE,** TOO

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According to a 2015 Washington Post and Kaiser Family Foundation survey project, on average, one in five women will be a victim of sexual assault.

All Takeva Mitchell could think of was getting clean and showering — hoping to erase the feelings of disgust, guilt and pain sticking to her skin. When her roommate found her crying she encouraged her to call the Elon Town Police. It was March 13, 2014. She had been sexually assaulted.

Mitchell, who graduated from Elon University in 2016, was a sophomore at the time of the assault. She lived in the same apartment complex as Adrian McClendon, also a sophomore at the time. They were hanging out for the first time until things took an unexpected turn at around 11:45 p.m. She struggled to fight him off. All she could think about was that she could use her strength to escape the touching, groping and pushing.

"It wasn't until he got real physical with me that I realized, 'Oh this is about to happen,'" Mitchell said. "Anything I did, he was on me. He was on my every move."

Eventually, Mitchell yelled for McClendon to stop and let her go. He stopped and shooed her away. She gathered her belongings. Before she could leave the apartment, he reached out and put his hands inside her pants. She broke away.

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CAROLINE REDD: A SURVIVOR AND INSPIRER

Redd is an ally for children and teenagers battling cancer

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Elon University sophomore Caroline Redd has known what it means to overcome difficult times since a young age. At four

years old, Redd was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic leukemia, a type of cancer of the white blood cells. Redd has had first-hand experience with how a life threatening illness can impact and change lives. Battling the disease for almost three years, Redd reached remission at age seven, and has been cancer-free ever since.

Redd was born and raised in Atlanta and went through chemotherapy treatments at Children's

Healthcare of Atlanta. While Redd battled cancer for several years, she does feel that a lot of her personal memories and experiences as a sick child are a bit blurry, but it's the people in her life that were there through it all that she remembers the most.

"I went into remission on July 18 when I was seven years old,"

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Redd took part in the annual "Brave the Shave" fundraiser.

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