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APP provides students with resources for sexual assault
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Dealing with sexual assault alone is terrifying. But you don’t have to.
There are numerous resources for survivors of sexual assault. Reach Out Editions is an app developed by Capptivation that aggregates them all. It is available for free on Android and iOS devices.
Reach Out Editions began when four recent college graduates sat together playing a board game. Rolling Stone’s infamous University of Virginia article campus rape served as a jumping off point as the friends discussed their experiences and what they knew about sexual assault.
“We talked about what we did know and what we didn’t know. We realized we didn’t have all the information we should have,” said Billy Sadik-Khan, one of the partners at Capptivation.
The group concluded that resources for sexual assault vary greatly and there’s no one-stop shop for that information. So they made one.
Reach Out Editions launched last summer. Sadik-Khan said that it took a year and a half to figure out what would be useful for students.
“We didn’t want to release the app unless we could present it as a useful tool,” said Sadik-Khan. “We could have limited it to one county or one school, but that’s not different than what schools are doing anyway.”
Since its release, the app now includes more than 40,000 resources for 2,500 schools. Reach Out Editions focuses on providing sexual assault survivors in college with resources.
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In order to compile all of the resources, Sadik-Khan and the three other founders of Capptivation met with legislators, called crisis centers and consulted research on sexual assault. The group also called Title IX coordinators across the nation to gather specific information for universities.
Once downloaded, the app allows users to choose a school from a list. The app then displays a list of resources that are available.
For instance, students at USF St. Petersburg are shown the services that the St. Petersburg community and the school provide. A green dot next to a listed resource indicates whether the resource is open at the moment.
While researching sexual assault on college campuses, Sadik-Khan found that the number one reason that sexual assault survivors don’t file reports is because they don’t think what happened to them is important enough to warrant further action.
Because of this, Capptivation’s app lists each school’s definition of sexual misconduct and what should be reported. Under its “Prevention/Education” tab, the app links directly to USF’s official document defining sexual harassment.
“Our goal is to increase the reporting rate of survivors of sexual assault on college campuses,” said Sadik-Khan. “Our philosophy is if we can get one more person to report sexual assault, then it’s a success.”
Mandy Hines works as the victim advocate for USFSP. She’s available 24/7 and is one of the resources that Reach Out Editions points out to students.
She said she’s happy that students have a way to learn about what constitutes sexual assault and what to do after it happens.
“It’s exciting and definitely needed for students on campus,” said Hines.
Hines said that students are welcome to call or text her anytime for support. Any interaction with her is completely confidential. Her job is to offer students their options so that they can make a comfortable decision.
The reaction to the app has been positive, said Sadik-Khan. So positive that the four founders of Capptivation have had to focus on Reach Out Editions as something more than the side project they originally intended for it to be.
“Coming out of college, we were thinking about doing other things primarily and this on the side as we sought out careers,” said Sadik-Khan. “The response was much more than we expected and it got us more interested.”
Capptivation is still working on expanding the service and has begun to add international universities and high schools to its database.
“Some schools do a great job of providing this information and that’s the best case scenario. There are plenty of schools where the information isn’t available online,” said Sadik-Khan.
Reach Out Editions solves that problem.

James Schnur remains in jail
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It’s been 12 days since James Schnur, the special collections librarian, was arrested and charged with possession of child pornography and bestiality. He remained in the Pinellas County Jail late Sunday.
Schnur’s lawyer, Meribeth Wetzel, said that her office has not yet scheduled a bail hearing. She did not wish to provide further comment.
The Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office charged Schnur, 51, with 10 counts of possession of child pornography and two counts of prohibition of certain acts in connection with obscene material. His bail is set at $1 million.

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that were never explained before they finally resigned six months later. Kardas later acknowledged that allegations of sexual harassment figured in the leaves, but said he was “completely cleared” after a university investigation.
His absence meant Laraine Ruiz, the student senate president, served as acting SG president for most of the 2016-2017 term.
Last fall, Student Government was also embarrassed by a report of sexual harassment in the Pinellas County Jail late Sunday.
Schnur’s lawyer, Meribeth Wetzel, said that her office has not yet scheduled a bail hearing. She did not wish to provide further comment.

The aggressor, who faced up to 15 years in prison if convicted, later pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of felony battery. He was sentenced to five years’ probation, paid $1,334 in court costs and ordered to perform 100 hours of community service.
Through his attorney, he expressed remorse for his victim’s ordeal and said he had learned that “when a female says no, it means no.”
David Hendry, the chief of campus police, said his agency has received only one sexual assault complaint since that case.
Schnur was arrested the morning of April 12 in his home in Seminole. Police began to investigate Schnur after receiving a tip in January.

The university placed Schnur on unpaid leave pending the investigation and declined to comment further.

New Vice President: Maria Almany. SG’s chief financial officer, is President-elect David Thompson’s choice to replace Goetz. Almany’s appointment must be approved by the Senate.
Part-time profs take first step to form union

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“You could go up if adjuncts are paid more,” said Tadlock. “It’s complicated and depends on how much you could reduce programs and

manage other costs.”

Tadlock, who was himself an adjunct at Mohave Community College in Arizona while he was getting his doctorate, said USFSP has adjuncts that are outstanding teachers.”

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Going Green: Scott is dedicated to sustainability and environmental projects. “We’re the Sunshine City in the Sunshine State, it only makes sense.”
Students looking to get a handle on their carbon footprint could do so during the campus’ inaugural Bike Week. Starting last Monday, students were encouraged to ride their bikes to campus to receive free food, raffle tickets and bike services.

Each day leading up to Earth Day on Saturday featured new activities, including bike registration with the University Police Department, free bike washes and locks, tune-ups and a bike-friendly mural tour.

“Bike Week is a chain reaction. Once you go to one event, you want to go to them all,” said sophomore Cameron Smith.

Bike Week was created and hosted by members of the Department of Sustainable Initiatives, a department within Student Government’s executive branch. The organizations partnered with the University Police Department to encourage safety and sustainability on campus through biking.

The inspiration for the event came from the famous Daytona Bike Week, which is held each March for motorcycle enthusiasts. Although the USFSP Bike Week was the motorcycle’s engine-less relative, the goal was the same: to create buzz and excitement about biking.

“We want to really create a biking culture on campus,” said Alana Todd, the director of sustainable initiatives. By encouraging alternative modes of transportation over the use of cars, the Department of Sustainable Initiatives hoped to get one step closer to the goals outlined in its climate action plan: carbon neutrality by 2050.

The move towards alternative forms of transportation could prove to be one of the biggest factors that influence the school’s ability to meet its sustainability goals.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the average passenger vehicle emits about 4.7 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year. That’s about the amount of CO2 it takes 215,000 trees a year to consume.

“Helping our environment doesn’t mean you have to install solar panels or save the sea turtles — it’s something as simple as riding your bike,” said Todd. “It’s something every student has the power to do.”

A new bike share program will be re-implemented on campus and will be free for students to use in the upcoming fall semester. Kate Walker, another member of the Department of Sustainability, hopes that this new bike share program will get more students excited about biking.

“Even if they’re not able to bike to campus maybe students will see how easy and fun biking is and they’ll be inspired to bike more in their spare time,” said Walker. “It’s such a simple thing to just bike, but it gets you moving and it makes such a huge impact.”

Todd agrees. “People don’t have to bike, they choose to bike,” she said. Since biking to campus requires a conscious decision on the part of students, Todd and Walker hope that by creating more bike-friendly events on campus more students will be encouraged to choose alternative forms of transportation.

If they can make students more excited about biking by just providing them with soap and water for a wash, or bringing in a mechanic to do basic tune-ups, then their efforts were worth it.
Modern hitchhiking: ride-share apps

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As a rider, when you think of a major perk of ride-sharing apps, chances are you may think practicality. No car, no money for gas, no desire to drive whatever the case, it’s no problem when companies like Uber and Lyft exist.

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“I wanted more flexibility so that I could work on other projects or spend time with friends and not be as confined,” said Dimitri Griffith, a senior majoring in economics. “Being younger when I started driving, I just didn’t want to have a set schedule. I thought it would be something fun to do.”

Along with busing tables for Proper Kitchen and Cocktails, Griffith supplements his income by driving for Uber since early 2015 and Lyft since July 2014. At the time, Griffith, 24, had just finished his associate’s degree and was in between jobs.

Besides supplementing income and being practical, another interesting perk for drivers and riders alike is the social side to ride sharing. The simple situation of strangers being trapped together for a car ride makes for conversations with unexpected twists. From sharing personal stories to networking, a lot goes on behind closed car doors.

“I think I end up learning more about what it is people do here because I’m relatively new to St. Pete. So I don’t even know what happens here,” said Chris Moschini, a self-employed website developer.

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“I love all the little conversations you get. And there’s a nice sort of tension that comes together and relieves itself on its own,” he said. “You’re only going to talk for as long as this car ride, so it’s a really good way to not only meet people but get out of that conversation quickly, just in case it doesn’t go so well.”

Acton and Griffith both echoed Moschini’s experiences of learning about the people in their community.

“I’ve had one driver that was here from Palestine and he had a very positive outlook on life given what he had come from. But he was here, just trying to live the American dream,” said Acton, who has been using Uber for a year and a half.

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on your skin burns, but you persist. You may feel your heart
beating faster and your body is on high alert. But you push
through it. You know that if you stop, you’ll only feel worse.

The pain and discomfort are intense, but you keep going. You
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Battery

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around for thousands of years. It
involves physical poses, breath
control, and meditation. The
benefits of yoga are numerous,
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Yoga poses are a fundamental
aspect of the practice. They
involve stretching, balancing,
and strengthening different
parts of the body. Each pose
is designed to help
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The Crow’s Corner: Resume tips to get that summer job

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Finding a job isn’t easy. Besides the fact that you need experience in order to get experience, job requirements nowadays are enough to make you lower your computer screen or roll away overwhelmed from the job search. But a killer resume can make the rest of the process much easier. It can at least get you in the door and into the interview. Read on for some pointers on what it should, and a little of what it shouldn’t, include.

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1. Quantitative data
Get numbers on the page because they are the easiest way for an employer to understand how you contribute to workflow.
Try listing how many members there were on your team or how many orders you and your team averaged per shift. If you were a manager, how many projects did you oversee?
Always include the start to end dates or years of experience.
Including specifics about your job descriptions also helps your potential employer understand the roles and accomplishments you’ve had.

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Style matters. Even if you’re using the basic Times New Roman, you still want to make your resume stand out.
Your name should be the biggest thing on the page.
Try right aligning just your name. This breaks up the page and establishes contrast with everything else. Stick to a 30 or above point size for your name, as long as it fits.
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Feelin’ the chemistry: Science-lovers unite for protest

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Science is Not a Liberal Conspiracy,” read one sign. “Make America Think Again” and “Grab Her By The Data” read two others. Thousands gathered at Poynter Park on Earth Day, April 22, for the March for Science. Teachers, students and scientists took to the streets of downtown St. Petersburg to show their support for evidence-based decision making, as well as in protest of the Trump administration’s threats of budget cuts that could slash several scientific agencies.

Over 600 cities across the world joined the demonstration at satellite locations, with Washington D.C. spearheading the movement as the main site.

“This is just the beginning. This is a launching off point for us to start bridging the gap between the scientific and public community,” said Brittany Combs, a graduate student at the College of Marine Science. Combs is a statistician who studies oceanography. She is also one of the primary organizers of the event at Poynter Park. In between research, she has found herself obtaining road closure permits and raising funds in the name of science.

“As a scientist, just getting good at going out in the community and clearly voicing the purpose of events like [the march] is huge,” she said. According to Combs, one doesn’t have to be a scientists in order to support evidence-based policy making. She points to the wide diversity of people at the event and notes that having this kind of broad range of people is integral to the scientific process.

A rally held at the start of the march seemed to echo these sentiments. Pedro El Poeta, a spoken word poet, declared us to be in a “state of emergency” before applauding the crowd for “mathematically putting it down.” Combs introduced one speaker after another. Dr. David Hastings, professor of marine science and chemistry at Eckerd College, was direct and to the point.

“We don’t want to be here. We want to be in the lab testing data -- we want to be in the classroom teaching students,” he said. “Science is not partisan. It’s not republican, it’s not democrat. It doesn’t vote red or blue. That’s why I love data.”

Darden Rice, District 4 St. Petersburg City Council member, spoke about the importance of weighing the evidence when creating policy.

“Some say it’s dangerous to mix science with politics. But to say that is to naively ignore the role that bold, forward-thinking leadership plays in providing the support and creation of scientific institutions,” she said. “It would be to ignore the importance and responsibility of elected leaders to use evidence-based science and peer-reviewed publications as the basis for sound public policy.”

Charlie Crist, the former governor and current representative for Florida’s 13th Congressional District was among the speakers introduced.

“We have an administration in Washington that doesn’t fully embrace what we are talking about here today, so we must talk. We must be heard,” he said.

Signs reading “Science Not Silence,” “There is No Planet B” and “Science > Shit You Read On Twitter” dominated the streets. Chants filled the air: “What do we want? Science! When do we want it? Now!” and “This is democracy!” rang out.

Not everyone enjoyed themselves. James Walker, a chemical engineer who is an alumnus of USF Tampa, is a self-described Leninist and Marxist. For him, the events that transpired are too heavily inspired by classic liberal-democratic lines of thinking.

“We are accomplishing nothing. It’s not like we’re ever going to change anything,” he said. “It’s just another side of the capitalism coin.”

On the other hand, he says that it is about what he was expecting and notes that he isn’t so disappointed by how the day has turned out.

Mykolas Melius is a freshman studying environmental science. For him, the experience has been a little bit different.

“Today has been great. The best part about it is that we are making science communication more viable and open,” he said, wearing a white lab coat.

Melius explained that he found out about the event from his job at Mad Science, one of the sponsors of the event. It is an organization focused on science education for children. Dr. Karyna Rosario was one of the last speakers at the rally. She is a research scientist at the College of marine science who specializes in viruses, specifically working out of the Marine Genomics Laboratory led by Dr. Mya Breitbart.

Despite admitting to being hesitant about speaking at the event, Rosario’s speech was one of passion and determination.

“I’m here to stand up with all of you for the scientific endeavor, not just to learn about viruses, but about the world that we live in,” she said. “How