Standing on Heels for a Voice

T'ARA SMITH & ERIC ESTRADA

Darian Mack, walked six laps around Spadoni Park in those high heels. He was there to support women and fight against sexual assault in this year’s "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event.

But Mack, a sophomore theatre major, is no stranger to sexual assault - not only does he know people who have been victims, but was once a victim himself.

Mack was molested twice - ages seven and 13 - by two neighbors, one of which was his best friend. At first he was too afraid to get help.

"So that, okay, all of a sudden this happened and I'm telling somebody and then what happens is that person decides they want to come back and beat me up, or kill me or something like that! I was very afraid," said Mack. "At the time I was shorter than I am now, but he was tall, 6'7", and he was huge and he was scary."

It took Mack a while to talk about the incidents.

"It's difficult to even admit. I was just like... I don't know what happened," says Mack. "Did I deserve that? Why did this happen to me? Did I do something wrong?"

Mack eventually told a school counselor, who then told his mom. Once his family found out about the incidents, they were able to help Mack move forward.

"It had lots of therapy and lots of support from my family," said Mack. "I didn't push it aside or push it behind me, but I tried to look past it so I can continue to be successful, and here I am at college."

When Mack thinks of his incident, he doesn't think of himself but others who are in a similar situation.

"I think about all the other people that have gone through or are going through it," said Mack. "I think, man that's got to be tough. It's got to be. I didn't do a whole lot when it happened to me, I just stayed in my room in a hotel room and did my homework and stuff."

Though Mack filed a police report, he didn't stick around to see the outcome of the case. He moved shortly after.

"Stories like "Walk A Mile in Her Shoes" allow victims like Mack to share their experiences and raise awareness about sexual assault."

"Walk A Mile in Her Shoes" is the highlight event of Coastal Carolina University's Sexual Assault Week.

"[The event] builds empathy towards women and helps men understand what it's like to literally walk a mile in her shoes," says Chris Donovant-Haller, a counselor in the Office of Counseling Services.

The nationwide initiative encourages men to volunteer for a one-mile walk in high heels. Participants are assisted by " Slater escorts," who help the men complete challenges - spinning a basketball on one finger, answering sexual assault questions and walking on various surfaces. After each lap, one fingernail was painted toll, the national color of sexual assault awareness.

Nick DeFuria, director of Mall Services, was the only fully participating attendee. DeFuria has grown more conscious of sexual assault awareness from his wife, a school nurse, and the eight girls who work for him in the post office, of whom he feels protective.

"Because only 30 percent of sexual assaults are reported," DeFuria worries about the safety of women he cares about.

"I believe the primary reason sexual assaults go unreported is because people are afraid of going to a jury and being humiliated," says DeFuria.

Mack has advice for those who have been sexually assaulted:

"If you are afraid to speak out, go to a trusted person, ..."
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If that trusting person just happens to be one of your classmates, go to them," says Mack. "But it would be best to go to an adult you trust because adults know better how to handle things. Don't be afraid to speak up, help somebody out by helping yourself.

Though Mack says it's best to talk to a trusted person about being sexually assaulted, he admits he was also afraid of speaking out about his experience because he was afraid to face the child molester. But eventually realized, he had to do something.

"No man is an island," says Mack. "You can't do it all by yourself, you have to go to somebody. You can't just be like 'I'm going to push this issue and then it stops up and all of a sudden you explode and you commit another college shooting, for example.'

Mack says the trials to help those who've been in similar situations but is cautious while reading a sensitive topic.

"I try to help, but I know how it's a touchy subject and you don't want to bring up any traumatic memories or traumatic experiences," says Mack. "But if I have an opportunity, I will and say 'hey, you're not alone, you're looking at a victim right here. Don't feel ashamed or afraid to speak out.'"

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Look beyond color

Race. It's one of the toughest issues in today's society. We've been hung up on whether or not someone is white, black, Asian, Arab, Hispanic or whatever that we forget the one thing that binds us all together: we're all human. The most obvious division today is still that between black and white. The problem with it is that people refuse to address the fact that it still exists. Well it's time we do acknowledge it, because the sooner that happens, the sooner we can start moving down the road that brings us forward. Unfortunately that road is going to be very long and very bumpy.

We need to get rid of things like Black History Month, the Rooney Rule and even the term "African-American." There should be a race roll and do nothing to solve it. What, the history of the black community isn't important 11 months of the year! Does one ever find it offensive that the entirety of a very important part of our country, history is crammed into one month? And the shortest month of the year too. Don't worry black community, we give a horse day once every four years. It makes me sick. It should be American History month. We can celebrate the greatness of heroes regardless of their race throughout the entire calendar.

For those of you that aren't football fans out there, let me explain to you the complete bell that is the Rooney Rule. The Rooney Rule states that "NFL teams must interview at least one minority candidate when a head coaching vacancy is available." Now, I understand the logic behind this. It allows minority candidates an opportunity to get a foot through the door in a predominantly white profession, but at what cost? Minorities are a requirement now, like a prerequisite to a class? How offended would you feel if you were looking for a job interview knowing that they were only doing it because they were required to and have already selected a different person for the position? Everyone needs the freedom to choose the person they think will do a better job.

Another way to move farther down the division of races is to stop using the term "American-Asian." Maybe it's just me, but I find this term extremely offensive. First of all, we don't call different nationalities of white people "European-Americans." We call them "Italian-Americans" or "Irish-Americans" or "Whatever-country-you're-from-Americans." We specify the country of origin that the person is from. So why upset black people "Nigerian-Americans" or "Kenyan-Americans." It's stupid. We should do away with the whole thing unless someone has dual citizenship between two countries.

That all being said, we need to respect the fact that black culture is different from white culture. The two will never be identical things, but they can become a part of one culture. I hope to alive when they finally do, but after all this time and the way that things are now, without a legitimate change in every individual's attitude, I won't get to.

Be Heard

What do you know about Coastal? Any facts or information?

Lindsey Springer
Sophomore psychology major

"Most people don't know that Bill Bassey Hall is the bookstore. Coastal was founded in 1954 after it broke away from USC. I'm part of SCREAM (Student Community Restoring Environmental Advocacy at Matches) there are always great clubs and organizations to get involved with at Coastal!"

Will Merchant
Sophomore physics major

The CCP Pup Band is the meanest pep band in the country according to ESPN. Oh, and don't forget people don't realize the indigo Hall. It is behind Edwards, and is actually where the Career Service Center is.

Glad to see more effort is being made into healthier eating choices

I'm a skeptic when it comes to schools actually listening to the students. The editor reserves the right to condense submissions and edit for brevity and space. Submission does not guarantee publication.

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Correction:
On page 10, cover story "Breaking the Cycle" byline should read Christi Gamble.

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Darien Mack
Freshman dramatic arts major

"Story Even is the Best Leader of the best pep group in the country according to SCREAM! I'm a lot of clubs and go to a lot of events on campus. It's great way to connect with what the university has to offer to the students, and you can have tons of fun!"
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WHO SAID IT?

"IT REQUIRES WISDOM TO UNDERSTAND WISDOM: THE MUSIC IS NOTHING IF THE AUDIENCE IS DEAF!"

Walter Lippman

STUDENT SHUFFLE:

Hello, Good Morning - Diddy Dirty Money
Kevin Boggs, junior business major

No Sleep - Wiz Khalifa
Nicole Todeso, sophomore philosophy major

Written in the Stars - Kevin Rudolf
Andrea Keller, undecided freshman

Memory Lane - Nas
Alex Jaisinski, freshman biology major

SK - The Thermal Season
The Vanilla Dutch Project
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Jimmy McDermott, junior physical education major

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SORRY TO INTERRUPT, I JUST HAD TO COMPLAIN YOU ON HOW DULLY YOU'VE BEEN STARTING THIS EVENING.

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WHAT DID THAT PROFESSOR WANT?

I THINK HE WAS TRYING TO BUY SOME OF MY APPAREL.

by phil rickiger (www.blinderga.com)

STATUS QUO: WHAT'S ON OUR FACEBOOK?

Allie Tague: "aesthetically, should I edit the hair off of the nipples? - BK"

Blasph Black: There isn't no such thing as a dream girl... Even if you thought you found her, all the qualities you want aren't there... I doubt I'll find her in a night club so I might as well go to church.

Joanna Smith: I'm ill. And not in the cool rap way.

Emily Titus: I had a dream I met Trudy Weigel from Reno 911. She was driving a public bus and I was the only one who recognized her. We became best friends.

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TRIVIA
1. WHO were at the end of the road in 1992?
2. WHICH leader Boris succeeded Michael Gor-Bachev?
3. WHO was the leader of the brutal Khmer Rouge government?
4. WHAT is the first name of Champs Hurdle Greg?
5. In the 50's WHAT was the name of U.S. Presi-
dent Kennedy's wife?
6. WHICHabella was nicknamed the Winged Led-
ge!
7. In Julie Andrews' first film she played which
Nanny?
8. WHAT is the first name of Zimbabwean States-
man Mugabe?
9. Frank Reid was released in 1990 as a hos-
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Ken and Donna Capps, longtime members of the Coastal Carolina University community, stand by in their "office" upstairs in the Edwards College.

"The two work as custodians in the Edwards building in the afternoons. Their official titles are Building and Grounds Specialists, Second Shift, but to the students and faculty whom the couple comes into contact with everyday, they are more like a bonus set of grandparents," said Amy Edmunds, communications professor.

When Edmunds met the Capps's her first year at CCU, she needed some boxes, and she quickly learned who to talk to about her problems. "They made me feel very welcome as a new faculty member," she said. "They're always helpful, and they are the most resourceful people in the building. If you need anything, go see them."
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