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Introduction
Sexual violence is a prevalent issue on college campuses across the nation. The UD has made attempts to combat this issue through providing counseling, online resources, and specific programs. Despite the appropriate amount of resources we found, the university could improve in spreading awareness of student resources. In response to this, we suggest revisions to better address this problem at UD.

Problem
Sexual assault is any sexual act committed against someone without their consent
- Every 98 seconds, someone is sexually assaulted
- 1 in 6 women in America have been a victim of attempted or completed rape.
- College students are 3 times more likely to be sexually assaulted

At the UD, the number of sexual assaults that have been reported has doubled every year. The increasing number of sexual assault incidents shows how this is a pressing issue on UD’s campus, affecting not only physical health, but mental health as well.

Methods
We evaluated resources on sexual violence at other schools. We examined UD resources such as their website, the Counseling Center, and the Health Center. We interviewed students at UD about available resources they know of, if they would use them, their thoughts on UD’s resources and programming for sexual violence, and what action they would take if they or a friend were faced with an incidence of sexual violence.

Recommendations
We recommend that for the materials found online that there be more bullet points, less words, make the text larger, and have better organization. For the pamphlets found in the counseling center, the information should be more tailored towards UD students, be updated, have more bullet points, yet the information should be concise and organized well. We recommend programming to be better advertised so students are more aware of UD’s resources. Additional incentives to attend programming should be implemented in order to increase education. Lastly, to increase access to sexual violence information, it should be more centralized and put in a place that people can easily find it, such as in an Isidore tab.

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UD’s Fire and Safety Report