“Condom on a Cucumber”
Sex Education Needs of Trinity College Students

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Research Question

• What are Trinity College student’s sex education needs?
  • What type of sex education did they receive in High School?
  • Have they attended sex education programs at Trinity?
  • What sources do students turn to for information on this topic?
Definitions

• **Sex Education Needs**
  • Combination of:
    • understanding of sex topics
    • what the students would like to know more about
    • what administration feels they are lacking

• **Extensive Sex Education**
  • Understanding of wide variety of sex topics
  • Including- safe sex, birth control, rape, sexual harassment, sexual relationships
Significance

- Trinity Administrators
  - Create informational program of interest
- High Schools
- Clinics
- Religious Organizations
- Educational Insights
Background

- “Ignorance is not bliss,” (Oettinger 606)
- Concentration on effective sex education
  - Sexual Behavior
  - Contraceptive use
- Additional elements of student interests
Methods

• **Survey**
  • 200 freshman & sophomores
  • Multiple choice & Open-ended questions

• **Interviews**
  • Director of Women’s Center
  • Director of Health Center
  • RAs
Thesis

- Even though most Trinity students have received sex education in their High School career:
  - Students lack extensive sex education
  - Rely on sources that are not completely trustworthy
- There are a variety of topics that students would benefit from knowing more about
  - Issues on campus
  - Interest
Overview of Study Results

- 80 respondents
  - 60% females
  - 40% males
- High School
  - 58% Public
  - 35% Private
  - 6% Private with religious affiliation
- 83% received sex education in high school
Findings
Lack extensive Education
Unreliable Sources

- People who got sex education questions wrong rely on friends for information
  - Questions about Birth Control
- 67% of students rely on friends for information
- Students are not relying on Trinity events
  - Many are attending
  - Lack of variety and number of events
Currently, what source do you turn to most often (for sex education knowledge)?

- Parents
- High School Education
- TV
- Friends
- Siblings
- Internet
- Trinity Sex Education Events
Findings
Sexual Harassment

- Large majority taught about rape, date rape drugs and sexual assaults in high school
- A prevalent issue on campus
- Sexual Harassment at Trinity
  - 35% female
  - 14% males
- Awareness of student body
Findings
Sexual Acts & Drinking

- Leniency when under the influence
- Belief’s of norms and sexual activity
  - Director of Health Center: Exaggerated ideas of what is happening during the weekends
  - Student’s understanding of campus activity
- Respect for self
  - Director of Women’s Center: Gaining approval through sexual acts
- Sexual Health and Respect for own body
Conclusion

• Trinity students would benefit from learning more about:
  • Sexual Harassment
  • Effects of drinking and use of substances
  • Services available at Trinity
    • Testing
    • Information

• Programs at Trinity
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