

# 2005 St. Cloud State University **SCSU SOFTBALL**





2005 SCSU Softball Facts ...

Founded .....	1869
Location .....	St. Cloud, MN 56301-4498
Enrollment .....	16,000
Team Colors .....	Cardinal and Black
Team Nickname .....	Huskies
Home Field .....	Selke Field
National Affiliation .....	NCAA Division II
Conference Affiliation .....	North Central
2004 Overall Record .....	42-15
2004 NCC Record .....	9-5
2004 NCC Tournament Finish .....	1st place (4-0)
2004 NCAA DII North Central Regional Finish .....	1st place (3-1)
2004 NCAA DII National Tourney .....	3rd place (2-2)
Letterwinners Returning .....	11
Letterwinners Lost .....	3
Starters Returning/Lost .....	6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost .....	2/1

**SCSU Softball Staff**

Head Coach .....	Paula U'Ren
Alma Mater .....	Augustana, 1995
Office Phone .....	320-308-2900
Coach e-mail .....	piuren@StCloudState.edu
Record at SCSU .....	296-97 (7 years)
Overall Record .....	296-97 (7 years)
Assistant Coaches .....	Katie Moore, Becky Henning, Nicole Webb, Lindsey Mutcheson, Krista Unger

**SCSU Administrative Staff**

President .....	Dr. Roy Saigo
NCC Institutional Representative .....	Dr. Bill Hudson
Athletics Director .....	Dr. Morris Kurtz
Associate Athletics Director .....	Shawna Rawson
Assistant Athletics Director .....	Tracy Dill
Assistant Athletics Director .....	Chad Sheetz
Assistant Athletic Director .....	John Lewis
Compliance Officer .....	Dr. Sue Becker
Athletic Trainer/Strength Training Director .....	Julie Alexander, ATC
Softball Trainer .....	Craig Anderson
Directors of Equipment Operations .....	Josh Williams, Chris Garner
Athletic Media Relations Director .....	Anne Abicht
E-mail .....	aabicht@stcloudstate.edu
Assistant AMR Director .....	Tom Nelson
E-mail .....	tcnelson@stcloudstate.edu
Abicht Home Phone .....	320-253-4330
Nelson Home Phone .....	320-654-9815
AMR Graduate Assistants .....	Celest Frank, Melissa Wolf
Softball Contact: .....	Celest(e) Frank
E-mail .....	celestfrank@yahoo.com
AMR/Athletic Insurance Secretary .....	Terry Tschida

**Important Numbers at SCSU**

Athletic Office Phone .....	320-308-3102
AMR Office Phone .....	320-308-2141
AMR/Athletic Office FAX .....	320-308-2099
Halenbeck Training Room .....	320-308-2597
Equipment Room .....	320-308-2631/2633
Ticket Information .....	320-308-2173 or 1-877-SCSUTIX
SCSU Admissions Office .....	1-877-654-7278 or 308-2244
SCSU Athletics Website .....	www.StCloudState.edu/~sports



Megan Fuches scores another SCSU run in 2004.





### Press Credentials

Admission to the Selke Field press card table is restricted to the working press. Only media representatives actually involved in the coverage of the game will be admitted to the press card table. Requests for working press passes and permission to broadcast games must be made at least one week in advance to the SCSU Athletic Media Relations Director.



### Radio Coverage

KVSC 88.1 FM will broadcast selected SCSU softball games from Selke Field.

Go Huskies!!!

### Press Services

A complete NCAA box score will be made available to all media following the completion of the game. Complete individual and team statistics, including play-by-play and a half-time box score are provided for all working media. Statistics are available in the press box. Contact the Athletic Media Relations representative for post-game interviews with players and coaches. Contact Celest Frank at all games for help.

### Phone Numbers to Know

**Media Relations**  
(320) 308-2141  
**Media Relations FAX Number**  
(320) 308-2099

### Contacting the Coach

The best time to contact Paula U'Ren is Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. She can be reached by calling (320) 308-2900 or the Media Relations Office can arrange interviews at (320) 308-2141.

### Directions to Selke Field

From Highway I-94: Exit County Rd. 75. Travel north on 75 to Clearwater Road. Turn right onto Clearwater to 10th Street. Turn right onto 10th Street. Follow 10th street across the river and turn left onto 10th Avenue Southeast.

From Highway 10: Exit 15th Ave. SE. Turn right onto 10th Street. Turn right onto 10th Avenue Southeast.

### Athletic Media Relations

Director  
Anne Abicht  
e-mail: aabicht@stcloudstate.edu

Assistant Director  
Tom Nelson  
e-mail: tcnelson@stcloudstate.edu

Graduate Assistants:  
Celest Frank, Melissa Wolf

Office Manager/Athletic Insurance  
Terry Tschida  
e-mail: tatschida@stcloudstate.edu

Address:  
Halenbeck Hall 328  
St. Cloud State University  
720 4th Avenue South  
St. Cloud, MN 56301-4498

Phone:  
320-308-2141  
320-308-2099 (FAX)

### Press Phones

There is no phone service at Selke Field. Phones will be available after the game at the AMR office in Halenbeck Hall.

### Husky Home Page

[www.StCloudState.edu/athletics](http://www.StCloudState.edu/athletics)

### Radio

**WJON - Regent Broadcasting**  
Jay Caldwell  
Lincoln Ave. SE  
St. Cloud, MN 56304  
320-251-4422  
fax: 320-251-1855

**KVSC 88.1 FM**  
Sports Director  
720 4th Ave. S.  
St. Cloud, MN 56301  
320-308-4747  
fax: 320-654-5337

**KNSI/KCLD**  
Don Lyons  
Mall Germain  
St. Cloud, MN 56301  
320-251-1450  
fax: 320-251-9852

**WVAL/WHMH**  
Sports Director  
WVAL/WHMH Radio  
Golden Spike Road  
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
320-252-6200  
fax: 320-252-9367

### Newspaper

**St. Cloud Times**  
Mick Hatten, Sports  
St. Cloud, MN 56301  
320-255-8770  
fax: 320-255-0447

**St. Paul Pioneer Press**  
College Sports  
345 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
651-228-5518  
fax: 651-228-5527

**Minneapolis Star Tribune**  
College Sports  
425 Portland Ave.  
Minneapolis, MN 55488  
1-800-827-8742  
fax: 612-673-7774

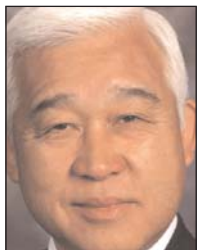
**SCSU Chronicle**  
Sports Editor  
720 4th Ave. S.  
St. Cloud, MN 56301  
320-308-4086  
fax: 320-308-2164

### Television

**Husky Productions**  
**UTVS-TV Sports**  
Director  
SCSU - Stewart Hall 22,  
720 4th Avenue So.  
St. Cloud, MN 56301-4498  
320-308-4111  
fax: 320-654-5489

### Wire Service

**Associated Press**  
Sports Editor  
511 11th Ave. S.  
Room 404  
Minneapolis, MN 55415  
1-800-552-7250  
fax: 612-332-4245



## Dr. Roy H. SAIGO

**St. Cloud State University President**



Dr. Roy H. Saigo assumed the presidency of Minnesota's second largest university in July, 2000. He leads a team dedicated to creating opportunity and delivering excellence for students and to strengthening community partnerships.

Dr. Saigo was attracted to SCSU because it offers an affordable, high-quality education and a well-rounded college experience. Under his leadership the state's most widely accredited undergraduate university will move forward with its strong commitment to leadership in academic distinction, technology and diversity.

Dr. Saigo came to St. Cloud from Auburn University-Montgomery, where he was chancellor since 1994. He was on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire from 1967 through 1984, and was dean of the College of Natural Sciences at the University of Northern Iowa from 1984 to 1990. From 1990 to 1994 he served as provost and vice president for academic and student affairs for Southeastern Louisiana University.

SCSU's 21st president received his Ph. D. in botany and plant pathology from Oregon State University. He earned a bachelor's degree in biological science from the University of California at Davis. He and his wife, Dr. Barbara Saigo, have three grown children.



## Dr. Morris KURTZ

**SCSU Director of Athletics**

Dr. Morris Kurtz arrived at St. Cloud State in the fall of 1984 following athletic administrative positions at both Penn State University and Memphis State University. At SCSU he served as Director of Men's Athletics from 1984 to 1995 and as Director of Athletics of the combined men's and women's intercollegiate athletics since 1996.

One of Dr. Kurtz's most significant achievements has been to enhance the department's fundraising program utilizing innovative solicitation techniques, marketing, promotional strategies and increased community involvement and support.

The community support that has developed has been overwhelming. Under Dr. Kurtz's direction, the Athletic Department has experienced tremendous growth and in doing so has become a rallying point for SCSU faculty, staff, students, alumni, the city of St. Cloud, as well as the surrounding communities throughout Central Minnesota. The Husky Athletic Program has become nationally recognized and has established itself as a competitive force in intercollegiate athletics while producing the highest caliber of student-athletes.

Dr. Kurtz, his wife Janell Kurtz, a Professor in the G.R. Herberger College of Business, son David and daughter Stacey, reside in St. Cloud.



## Shawna RAWSON

**SCSU Associate Director of Athletics**

Shawna Rawson became the associate director of athletics/senior women's administrator for the Huskies in the summer of 1996.

She is responsible for directing the internal operations of the SCSU athletic department. Rawson has served on the NCAA Division II Membership Committee, the WCHA Championships Committee, the NCC Officiating Committee and the NCC Executive Committee.

Before SCSU, Rawson was a legislative assistant with the Membership Services Group at the NCAA in Overland Park, Kansas. Included among her many responsibilities at the NCAA, were interpreting NCAA legislation, administering the Administrative Review Panel cases and Initial Eligibility Waivers and serving as a staff liaison to conference offices.

Rawson holds a bachelor's degree in criminology/psychology from the University of Northern Iowa and a master's degree in physical education/sports management from Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois.

At Northern Iowa, Rawson was a four-year letterwinner in volleyball and captained the squad during her senior season. A native of Iowa, Rawson and her husband Curt reside in St. Cloud.



## Tracy DILL

**SCSU Associate Director of Athletics for Marketing, Promotions & Fundraising**

After coaching men's and women's track and field and football at St. Cloud State, Tracy Dill was promoted to Associate Athletic Director for Marketing, Promotions and Fundraising in September of 1999. Since that time, he has been responsible for promoting, marketing and fundraising for the 21-sport SCSU athletic department. He has been instrumental in creating added visibility and broadening the SCSU branding program for intercollegiate athletics.

Dill joined the SCSU athletic department in 1985 as an assistant football coach. In 1988, in addition to his football responsibilities, he was named head men's track and field coach. In 1995, he resigned from his football coaching duties and became the head coach for both men's and women's track and field. As the men's track coach, he coached 15 North Central Conference Indoor Track Champions and 19 NCC Outdoor Champions. He coached three NCC Champions each in women's indoor track and outdoor track. In addition, he coached 21 All-Americans and two National Championships.

Dill is a native of Keota, Iowa. He has an undergraduate degree from William Penn College in Iowa and his master's from St. Cloud State. He and his wife Kristy, along with their two sons, Trey and Tye, reside in St. Cloud.



### SCSU Coaches Directory (all 320 area codes)

Name	Sport	Number	E-Mail
Anne Abicht	Athletic Media Relations	308-2141	aabicht
Julie Alexander	Trainer	308-3827/2597	jaalexander
Mary K. Amundson	Equipment Manager	308-2631	mkamundson
Craig Anderson	Trainer	308-5229	ceanderson
Jerry Anderson	Men's Tennis	308-5269	jlanderson
Dr. Sue Becker	Compliance	308-2292/4933	slbecker
Ted Benson	Trainer	308-2597	trbenson
Cheryl Boesche	Dept. Secretary	308-3102	chboesche
Craig Dahl	Men's Ice Hockey	308-4806	cadahl
Tracy Dill	Assoc. Athletic Director	308-3102	tdill
Jeremy Frost	Nordic Ski	308-3102	jmfrost
Chris Garner	Equipment Manager	308-2631	ctgarner
Jeff "Goose" Giesen	Women's Hockey	308-4806	jlgiesen
Steve Gruit	Wrestling	308-2996	srgruit
Fred Harbinson	Asst. Men's Hockey	308-4806	fmharbinson
Randy Hedberg	Football	308-3070	rrhedberg
Jeff Hegle	Swimming & Diving	308-4266	jmhegle
Mike Jewett	Asst. Women's Basketball	308-3102	mtjewett
Jeff Johnson	Trainer	308-2597	jtjohnson
Dr. Morris Kurtz	Athletic Director	308-3102	Mkurtz
Judi Larkin	M & W Golf	308-3102	-
Jason Lesteberg	Women's Hockey	308-4806	jslestegery
John Lewis	Assistant Athletic Director	308-3102	jdlewis
Denny Lorsung	Baseball	308-3208	dklorsung
S. McGuinness	Soccer	308-2143	smcguinness
Patricia Mickow	Volleyball	308-3140	pamickow
Jeremiah Minkel	Hockey Equipment Manager	308-2371	jdinkel
Seth Mischke	M & W Track/CC	308-2242	scmischke
Tom Nelson	Athletic Media Relations	308-2141	tcnelson
Jenifer Odette	Asst. Volleyball	308-2051	jlodette
David Prokop	Asst. Women's Hockey	308-4806	djprokop
Shawna Rawson	Associate Athletic Director	308-3102	srawson
Matt Reimer	Asst. Men's Basketball	308-4263	mmreimer
Paul Rudolph	Asst. Football	308-2073	pjrudolph
Kevin Schlagel	Men's Basketball	308-3297	klschlagel
Chad Sheetz	Business Manager/Tickets	308-2137	chsheets
Larry Sundby	Women's Tennis	308-3279	-
Cindy Terwey	Dept. Secretary	308-3102	cmterwey
Therese Todd	Dept. Secretary	308-4806	tpodd
Terry Tschida	Insurance/AMR Secretary	308-2141	tatschida
Dr. Lori Ulferts	Women's Basketball	308-2230	lkulferts
Paula U'Ren	Softball	308-2900	puuren
Scott Underwood	Asst. Football	308-4113	stunderwood
Mr. Josh Williams	Equipment Manager	308-2633	jhwilliams
Brad Willner	Asst. Men's Hockey	308-4806	bjwillner

\*\*All campus e-mail addresses completed by @StCloudState.edu

### Office Numbers

St. Cloud State University Athletics Main Number	308-3102
SCSU Ticket Office	1-877-SCSUTIX or 308-2137
SCSU Admissions Office	1-877-308-7278 or 308-2244
SCSU Athletic Office FAX	308-2099
SCSU Athletic Media Relations Office	308-2141
Halenbeck Hall Training Room	308-2597
National Hockey Center Training Room	308-5229
Halenbeck Hall Weight Room	308-3827
National Hockey Center Weight Room	308-3827
Halenbeck Hall Aquatics Center	308-2632
National Hockey Center Office	308-4806

### Press Box Numbers

Husky Stadium Press Box	308-3220
Basketball/Volleyball — Halenbeck Hall Press Row	308-5102
National Hockey Center Press Box	308-5227

## St. Cloud State Traditions: History of the Nickname

The Husky Nickname: St. Cloud State's nickname has gone through several changes over the years. Early nicknames included "Normals," "Teachers," "Peds," and "Flying Clouds."

There are several theories about how the nickname "Huskies" began to be used. One says that it is a result of a student contest. Another suggests that the name originated with the football team. There was a story in the February 4, 1938, edition of the College Chronicle which referred to the "football huskies." Since huskies was not capitalized in the story, the author could have been referring to the team's size and this possibly led to the nickname.

Another theory is that the nickname originated within the football team. "I think it occurred during Coach Kasch's days as football coach (1935-42)," said John Weisman, former SCSU Dean of Men and former coach. "The team just started calling themselves the "Huskies."

Why the name was chosen or who exactly selected it remains unclear. The name could have been intended to mean "burly, robust or large," "one that is husky," or "a heavily coated working dog of the arctic region."

Regardless of its origin, the Husky nickname continues to represent SCSU as a symbol and image of strength.



### The St. Cloud State Rouser

Oh, here we are, the gang and all,  
to cheer our team to victory.

SCSU has heard the call,

We're here to show our loyalty, RAH! RAH!

Come on team fight, We'll win this game,

and to our colors we'll be true.

We'll sing our song, both loud and long,

to victory — S.C.S.U.

### The St. Cloud State Hymn

Sing to thee our Alma Mater, High on oak-crowned  
banks, Emblem of our search for Symbol of our  
youthful ranks, Filled with fires of true ambition, Let  
us ever be; Loyal to thy fine tradition,  
Hail St. Cloud, to thee.

By the river's flowing water, By its islands fair, may  
the loyal sons and daughters, thy enduring friendship  
share. May they with sincere ambition,  
through the years e'er be; Loyal to thy fine tradition,  
Hail St. Cloud, to thee.



St. Cloud State University is the second largest university in the state, and St. Cloud is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in Minnesota.

## St. Cloud State — A tradition of excellence and opportunity

Located on the banks of the Mississippi River 70 miles northwest of Minneapolis, St. Cloud State University truly is a campus for a new century. With a 135-year tradition of excellence and opportunity, SCSU is an affordable university where students benefit from nationally accredited, top-rated academic programs and cutting-edge technology.

While it started as a state normal school and remains one of the top 12 producers of teachers in the nation, nationally recognized programs such as Business, Mass Communications and Applied Psychology provide career preparation for many of today's SCSU graduates. With about 15,500 students from Minnesota, nearly all 50 states and 80 foreign countries, SCSU is the second largest and most highly accredited undergraduate university in Minnesota. The university offers 175 majors, minors and pre-professional programs, and is one of the few universities in the Upper Midwest with programs in such diverse fields as Aviation, Meteorology and Geographic Information Systems.

SCSU is committed to being at the forefront in academic excellence and technology. To that end, SCSU has launched dynamic initiatives that include

### Did You Know...

Facts about the city of St. Cloud and the Central Minnesota region:

- 5 colleges & universities
- Home to world-renowned gardens
- 24 movie theaters
- Over 200 restaurants
- 5 live theaters
- 28 city & county parks
- Over 4000 employers
- In heart of Minnesota's scenic Central Lakes Region
- Major retail center, featuring lively downtown area and Crossroads Shopping Center

#### • Climate

Coldest Month.....December  
 Hottest Month .....July  
 Annual Avg. Precipitation.....29 inches  
 Annual Avg. Snowfall.....46.8 inches

a \$32.5 million, state-of-the-art library, a campus physical master

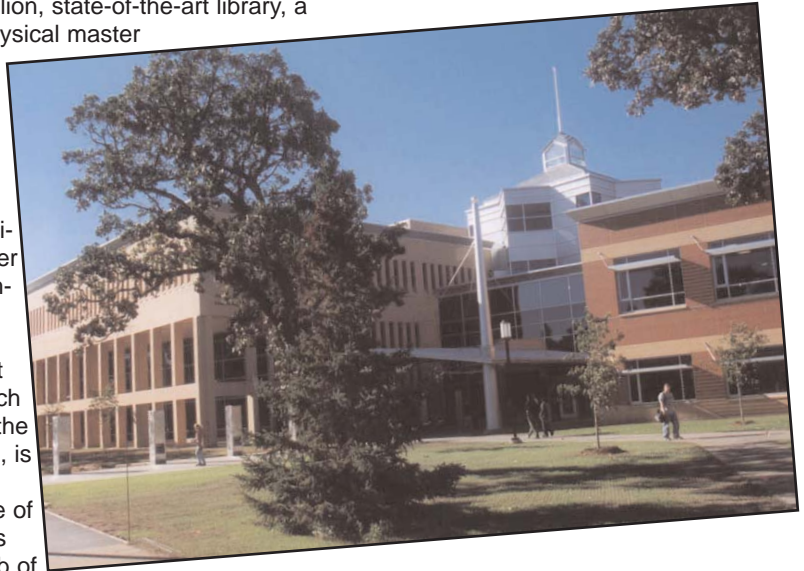
plan, a strategic plan of clear goals and objectives, and the university's first-ever capital campaign. The 235,000-square-foot library, which opened in the fall of 2000, is the visual centerpiece of the campus and the hub of

research and learning. The physical master plan is turning the campus into a more inviting environment, with the addition of a riverwalk along the Mississippi and trees and clearly marked entryways along the campus perimeter. The strategic plan is providing the blueprint and the capital campaign the support to make SCSU one of the top 10 universities in the nation while remaining a school where students receive the same personal attention they would at a small college.

A rich community resource with about 15,500 students and more than 1,300 employees, SCSU brings significant benefits to its home community. St. Cloud residents, as well as students, benefit from a wide array of opportunities for educational and cultural enrichment, as well as athletic and entertainment events. According to a recent economic impact survey conducted by the SCSU Department of Economics, the university has a \$600 million annual impact on local retail business. Some other facts about St. Cloud's fourth largest employer and Minnesota's largest and finest undergraduate university include:

### A Great University...

◆ SCSU is accredited by the North Central Accrediting Agency, and nearly every one of its services and programs -- including Business, Mass Communications, Theater, Computer Science, Education, Aviation, and Electrical Engineering --



has been recognized by national accrediting agencies in their fields.

◆ While 90 percent of SCSU students are from Minnesota, the campus also is home to more than 900 international students and students from all 50 states.

◆ SCSU has 175 undergraduate and graduate majors, minors and programs of study geared toward career and life preparation.

◆ SCSU students may choose to join any of more than 240 organizations, many of which stress campus and community volunteer activities.

◆ SCSU offers opportunities for overseas study in 16 countries and a variety of practical internships.

◆ Eighty percent of SCSU graduates live in Minnesota. More than 3,000 new alumni are added each year.

### Great University ... Great Price!

SCSU offers a world-class education at a very affordable price. Listed below are the estimated comprehensive costs (tuition, room & board, books and misc. fees) for the 2004-05:

Minnesota Resident: \$10,140  
 Out of State Resident: \$15,498

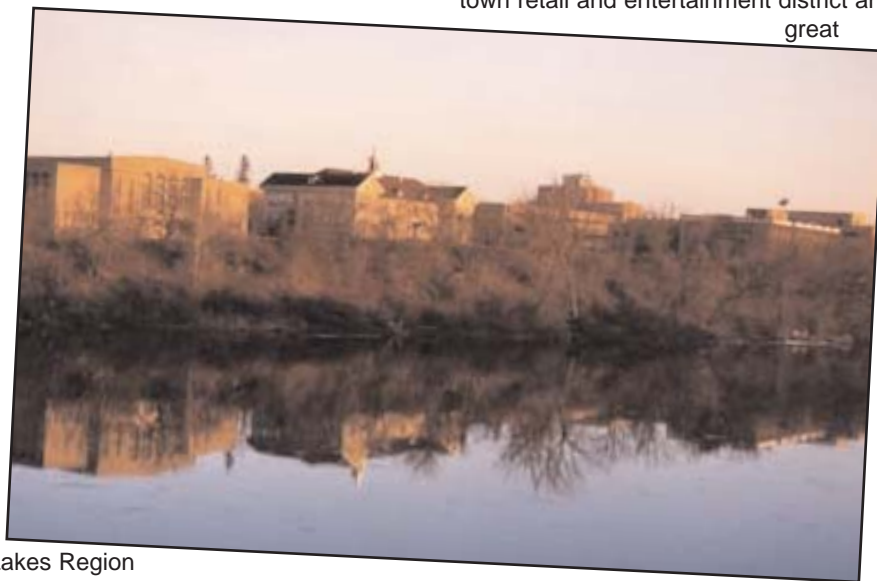
(Note: SCSU also offers tuition reciprocity with students living in Wisconsin, South



**The Granite City...**

The city of St. Cloud, home to St. Cloud State University, is located in the heart of Minnesota's scenic Central

highlights include nearby access to top-notch fishing, camping and hunting; renowned international gardens (across the river from campus); a lively downtown retail and entertainment district and great



Lakes Region along the wooded banks of the Mississippi and Sauk Rivers -- 65 miles northwest of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. St. Cloud serves as the commercial and business hub for over 160,000 people and three counties. The area is at the center of Minnesota's fastest growing metropolitan areas.

Incorporated in 1856, St. Cloud served as a stop on the famed Red River Trail. The city's location on the Mississippi River, helped St. Cloud grow as a center for the lumber industry.

Another local resource closely identified with the region is granite. The first granite in the area was quarried in 1869, and the industry rapidly helped St. Cloud gain the nickname "Granite City."

In addition to a strong economic environment, St. Cloud offers very ample and diverse opportunities in education, recreation and the arts. Some of those

shopping at the region's largest mall - Crossroads Center.

The St. Cloud metropolitan area is comprised of the three counties of Stearns, Benton and Sherburne, and is the political, cultural, commercial, and manufacturing center for all of central Minnesota. Access to St. Cloud is easy, with the city served daily by bus (Greyhound), train (Amtrak) and airline (Northwest AirlinK to Minneapolis-St. Paul) service.

**Total Access**

SCSU location on I-94 makes it an easy place to get to!

**Mileage to SCSU:**

Twin Cities .....	65
Bemidji, Minn. ....	163
Fargo, N.D. ....	175
Chicago, Ill. ....	480
Denver, Colo. ....	869
Des Moines, Iowa .....	308
Duluth, Minn. ....	147
Green Bay, Wis. ....	350
Redwood Falls, Minn. ....	85
Los Angeles, Calif. ....	1880
Mankato, Minn. ....	141
Milwaukee, Wis. ....	407
New York, N.Y. ....	1268
Omaha, Neb. ....	374
Rochester, Minn. ....	158
St. Louis, Mo. ....	618
Sioux Falls, S.D. ....	218
Winnipeg, Mant. ....	388

**The Cities...**

SCSU students also benefit from the University's location, which is approximately one hour northwest of the Twin Cities (an easy drive from campus). One of the nation's great metropolitan areas, Minneapolis-St. Paul offers a bounty of cultural and entertainment opportunities. The Cities are home to world-class museums, theaters, restaurants and one of the largest shopping malls in the world (Mall of America). Sports fans are also in heaven as Minneapolis-St. Paul is home to the Twins (MLB), The Wild (NHL), Timberwolves (NBA), Lynx (WNBA) and Vikings (NFL).

**Look Who Has Attended SCSU!**



- Tyler Arnason, 2001 - currently playing professional hockey for Chicago (NHL).
- Todd Bouman, 1996 - currently playing professional football with New Orleans (NFL).
- Joanne Benson, 1964 - former Lt. Governor of Minnesota and state legislator.
- Dick Bremer, 1977 - play-by-play announcer for the Minnesota Twins.
- Jay Caldwell, 1998 - the voice of SCSU football and basketball on WJON AM 1240.
- Matt Cullen, 1998 - currently playing in the NHL for the Florida Panthers.
- Bonnie Henrickson, 1986 - head women's basketball coach at Virginia Tech University.
- Jim Eisenreich, 1980 - former major league baseball player.
- Ann Govednik Van Steinburg, 1939 - competed in 1932 & 1936 Olympics with U.S. swim team.
- Dave and Jim Hazewinkel, 1966 & 1967 - U.S. Olympic wrestling team in 1968 and 1972.
- Mark Hartigan, 2002 - currently playing professional hockey with Columbus (NHL).
- Bret Hedican, 1992 - currently playing professional hockey for the Carolina Hurricanes.
- Ralph Heimdahl, 1930- creator and producer of the Bugs Bunny cartoons.
- Tami and Toni Jameson, 1990 - participated in 1992 Olympics in team handball.
- Ryan Malone, 2003 - currently playing professional hockey with the Pittsburgh Penguins.
- Clay Matvick, 1996 - sports personality for Fox SportsNET out of Minneapolis-St. Paul.
- Joe Motzko, 2003 - currently playing professional hockey in the Columbus (NHL) organization.
- Van Nelson, 1968 - educator, member of 1968 USA Olympic track team.
- Jim Olander, 2003 - radio voice of the Sioux Falls Stampede hockey club.
- Mark Parrish, 1998 - currently playing professional hockey for the New York Islanders.
- Jeff Passolt, 1981 - news anchor for KMSP (Ch. 9) in Minneapolis-St. Paul.
- Reggie Perkins, 1988 - played for the Harlem Globetrotters.
- John Tobler, 1969 - former member of U.S. national diving team. A national and world diving champion.
- Duvie Westcott, 2001 - currently playing professional hockey for Columbus (NHL).

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[www.StCloudState.edu/ath-](http://www.StCloudState.edu/ath-)





## Home of the Huskies...

St. Cloud State University's tradition of excellence in athletics is mirrored by the many outstanding athletic facilities that are featured on the SCSU campus. The majority of SCSU's home sporting events take place at the following locations on campus: Halenbeck Hall, the SCSU Athletic Stadium, Selke Field, Dick Putz Field, and the National Hockey Center.

Selke Field is the home to Husky softball, which placed third in the nation in 2004. The softball diamond is located in the southeast corner of the Selke Field athletic complex. Bleachers and two dugouts complete the playing area. In addition, the SCSU baseball team has a practice field at Selke, and SCSU students use the facility for intramural soccer and touch football.



The brand new Husky Stadium opened in the fall of 2004 (above). The surface of Husky Stadium is covered with an inflatable dome (right) during the winter months, which allows the SCSU softball team to practice indoors

The newest addition to the SCSU facilities list is the SCSU Athletics Stadium, which opened in September 2004. This new multi-purpose facility will offer seating for 4,198 spectators and will be the home to SCSU football and soccer. The field overlooks the scenic Mississippi River and features a state-of-the-art synthetic playing surface along with lights for night play. In the winter months, the field will be covered with an inflatable bubble that provides an outstanding practice space for many of SCSU athletic teams (softball) and SCSU's recreation sports programs. Other features of the facility include a press box, President's Suite, concession stands, ticket booths and bathroom facilities.

The stadium will be connected to Halenbeck Hall by a new student recre-

ation facility that features a fitness center, climbing walls, classrooms, office space and storage locations.

## Halenbeck Gets Update

Halenbeck Hall was completed and dedicated in 1965. The main gymnasium of Halenbeck Hall has a seating capacity of 6,451. Volleyball, men's and women's basketball, wrestling, and swimming all compete in the main area of Halenbeck. In the summer of 2001, a new wooden floor, arena seating and scoreboard were installed, which makes Halenbeck one of the best courts in the NCC. The Halenbeck Aquatics Center has seating capacity for 500 spectators. Its features include a six-lane pool and a diving well with one and three meter boards.

Halenbeck Hall is home to the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame, which was completed in the spring of 1996. The Hall of Fame is located in the south lobby of the main gymnasium and houses the Hall of Fame plaques, as well as trophy cases for each of the Huskies' sports.

The building also houses several classrooms, a



complete computer lab and offices for the coaches and athletic administrative staff.

Halenbeck Hall South was completed in 1980. It provides SCSU with an indoor training facility for track, soccer, baseball, softball, and tennis. The major feature of Halenbeck South is an activity center and multiple purpose area bordered by a 200 meter, six lane running track. The facility also houses six regulation size racquetball courts, a wrestling practice room, intramural offices, climbing wall and a human performance laboratory. To the east of Halenbeck and Halenbeck South are tennis courts and a football practice field.

The SCSU women's soccer games

## Building a Winner

St. Cloud State has long prided itself in providing top class facilities for its student-athletes. In 2004, the Huskies opened its new outdoor stadium, which is home to SCSU's football, and soccer. This facility is situated on the east side of Halenbeck Hall, and the grandstands overlook the scenic Mississippi River. The facility will include seating for 4,198 spectators, press box, President's Suite, concession stands, bathroom facilities and an inflatable bubble to cover the field during the winter months.

To complete the facility, a new student recreation center will be constructed between the stadium and Halenbeck Hall. This center will provide space for student recreation facilities, offices, classrooms and storage.

are played at Halenbeck Field which is between Halenbeck Hall South and the Mississippi River. SCSU's nordic ski team practices at nearby Riverside Park, which is located directly across the Mississippi River from the SCSU campus. The Mississippi River also provides many recreation opportunities for the outdoor sports enthusiast, including fishing, canoeing and hiking.

## The National Hockey Center

The National Hockey Center is home to Husky hockey and opened its doors in December of 1989. Its main features include two Olympic size sheets of ice measuring 200' by 100'. The main rink has a seating capacity for 5,763 fans and sports five VIP boxes located on the east end of the arena. Twelve locker-rooms, a fully-equipped athletic training room, a fitness center, an equipment and drying room, a players lounge, classroom, manager's office, coaches offices and two Zambonis fill the lower level.

Baseball is played at the St. Cloud Municipal Athletic Complex, located at the west end of St. Cloud. The complex features two of the finest baseball fields in the state - Dick Putz Field and Joe Faber Field.

St. Cloud State athletes have access to two weight training rooms. Athletes can train in the well-equipped, spacious, free weight rooms in Halenbeck and the NHC.



## Coach Paula U'Ren

- 8th season at St. Cloud State
- 296-97 career record at SCSU
- Six NCAA bids at SCSU (2004, 2003, 2002, 2000, 1999 & 1998)
- Third Place at 2004 Division II National Championships

Paula U'Ren begins her eighth season as head coach at St. Cloud State in 2005.

In her first year with the program, U'Ren brought home SCSU's first North Central Conference championship during 1998. The Huskies also advanced to the championship round of the NCAA Division II North Central Regional Tournament before ending their season with 42 wins (42-14 overall).

In 1999, SCSU posted a 44-14 overall record and also advanced to the championship round of the NCAA regionals. In 2000, the Huskies chalked up their third consecutive 40-win season with a 41-10 record that included another trip to the NCAA regional tournament. In 2001, the Huskies did not receive an NCAA bid but they did post a solid 37-15 overall record and placed second in the always rugged NCC.

The Huskies returned to the dance in 2002, with their fourth NCAA bid under the leadership of U'Ren. SCSU placed second in the league once more and charted a 44-13 overall record. U'Ren won her 200th game as a college coach on May 1, 2002, with a big 6-0 win over UW-Superior at historic Selke Field.

In 2003, SCSU continued its winnings ways under U'Ren, as the Huskies gained their second NCC championship and another NCAA Division II tournament bid. It was 2004 that put the Huskies on the map, as they won the NCC championship for the second year in a row and finished third at the NCAA National Tournament.

In her career, U'Ren owns an impressive 296-97 record as a collegiate coach and she is the school's coaching victory leader.

U'Ren's squads stress game fundamentals, which includes great defensive play along with solid offensive power. Her teams have consistently ranked among the nation's best when it comes to fielding percentage, and in 2000 and 1999, the Huskies set a team record with a .975 rate. In addition, U'Ren looks for quality student-athletes that place a priority on success in the classroom and on the field.

"We are looking for student-athletes, who want to excel in all areas of their college experience," U'Ren said. "Our program

***"I want softball players who can help us continue this level of success and also move toward the ultimate goal: a National Championship"***

**SCSU Coach Paula U'Ren**

has very high expectations and I believe, we have positioned SCSU as one of the top NCAA Division II programs in the nation over the past several seasons. I want softball players, who can help us continue this level of success and also move toward the ultimate goal: a national championship."

She is a 1995 graduate of Augustana College (S.D.), where she majored in Fitness/Exercise Physiology. U'Ren received her M.S. in exercise sports science from St. Cloud State University. As a graduate student at SCSU, U'Ren served as a graduate assistant coach under Sue Becker.

As a collegiate player at Augustana, U'Ren was named a three-time All-Region, All-NCC and NCAA Division II All-America selection in 1993, 1994 and 1995 and finished among the top 10 players in NCAA Division II softball in batting average, home runs and RBIs. In her tenure at Augie, the Vikings posted a 207-45 record - including a 57-7 record her junior season. In the all-time NCAA Division II records, U'Ren ranks fourth for career RBIs with 192, sixth with 32 career homers and 15th with 41 career doubles. She is a native of Mapleton, Minnesota.

### The Paula U'Ren Era at St. Cloud State

Year	Record	NCC	Pct.
1998	42-14	1st	.750
1999	44-14	2nd	.759
2000	41-10	3rd	.804
2001	37-15	2nd	.712
2002	44-13	3rd	.772
2003	46-16	1st	.724
2004	42-15	1st	.737
<b>Totals</b>	<b>296-97</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>.751</b>

NCAA Playoffs: 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004

NCC Championships: 1998, 2003, 2004

NCAA National Tourney: 2004 (3rd Place)

#### U'Ren Highlights:

- SCSU finishes **THIRD** in the nation in 2004.
- Won 200th game at SCSU on May 1, 2002 with a 6-0 victory over UW-Superior at historic Selke Field.
- Her athletes have won All-America honors seven times since 1998.
- SCSU has gained six NCAA bids, which includes four runner-up finishes in regional play, and one championship in regional play.
- The Huskies have won 40-plus games five times since 1998
- SCSU athletes have gained All-NCC honors 21 times during U'Ren's tenure in the Granite City.
- A three-time All-America softball player in college
- A 1995 graduate of Augustana College (S.D.), U'Ren



## **Assistant Coach Katie Moore**

Katie Moore joins the coaching staff as a graduate assistant in 2004-05. Moore is a 2003 graduate of Iowa State University, where she was a member of the Cyclone softball team from 2001-03. At ISU, she was first team All-Big 12 pick as a catcher and also gained Academic All-American accolades. Moore was the first softball player from Iowa State to be named as Big 12 player of the week. Prior to Iowa State, Moore attended Iowa Central Community College, where she was a two time All-American and a two time All-Region pick. Moore's hometown is Humboldt, Iowa, where she played softball for Humboldt High School. At Humboldt, Moore gained All-State and Elite All-State honors as a catcher. Katie and her husband Derek, who is also a graduate assistant for the SCSU football team, reside in St. Cloud. At SCSU, Moore is working towards her master's degree in Sports Management.



## **Assistant Coach Lindsey Mutcheson**

Mutcheson was a four-year squad member for the SCSU softball team, and will serve as a student assistant coach in 2004. As a first-year athlete at SCSU in 2001, Mutcheson gained All-Region and All-NCC honors. An injury hampered her playing career with the Huskies, but she stuck with the program and provided excellent leadership throughout her sterling career. A native of Morden, Manitoba, Mutcheson's brother Brock Mutcheson is a member of the SCSU baseball program. She will work extensively with SCSU's infielders and hitters this season. She is also an accomplished disc jockey and has been a longtime music provider for various SCSU athletic events.



## **Assistant Coach Nicole Webb**

SCSU pitching legend Nicole Webb will serve as a student assistant coach in 2004-05. A four-year standout and three-time All-NCC award winner, Webb owns numerous team records at SCSU. Some of those standards include most appearances in a career (176) and season (49 in 2003); most games started in a career (147) and season (47 in 2004); most complete games in a season (32 in 2004) and in a career (111) and most innings pitched in a season 284.2 (2004) and in her career (997.2). She posted 113 career victories and 686 strikeouts. Her overall career record at SCSU was 113-31, and was 30-8 with a 1.23 ERA in 2004. A native of Tigard, Ore., Webb led the Huskies to two NCC championships and three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances. She capped her four-year career from 2001-04 with a third place finish at the 2004 NCAA Division II championships. She is an education major at SCSU, and will be student teaching during the 2004-05 academic year. Webb's coaching duties include working with the talented SCSU pitching staff.



## **Assistant Coach Krista Unger**

Krista Unger joins the coaching staff as a graduate assistant in January 2005. Unger is a 2004 graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where she was a member of the Maverick softball team from 1999-2003. At UNO, she was a four-year standout and three-time All-NCC award winner. In 2001, Unger help lead the Mavericks to a Division II National Championship by pitching a 2 hitter in the title game. She received an all-tournament team award. Unger owns numerous pitching records at UNO. Recently, Unger has held coaching positions as JV-Varsity pitching coach at Omaha Gross High School in the fall of 2003 and Nebraska State qualifying Omaha Westside High School in the fall of 2004. She is a recent graduate of UNO, where she received her Bachelors of Science in Physical Education K-12 with an endorsement in coaching. Currently, Unger is working toward her master's degree in Sports Management.



## **Assistant Coach Becky Henning**

Becky Henning begins her first season as a graduate assistant at SCSU. Henning is a 2003 graduate of Southwest Minnesota State, where she was helped the Mustangs win a NSIC title in softball. Before coming to SCSU, Henning worked for one season as the junior varsity coach at nearby Buffalo H.S. A native of Rushmore, Minn., Henning was a two-sport athlete at Worthington High School (basketball and softball). She is working toward her Master's degree in sports administration at SCSU.



The St. Cloud State University softball program has enjoyed a long tradition of success. Conference championships, NCAA tournament bids and All-America athletes have become a trademark of Husky softball. The 2004 campaign added another amazing chapter to SCSU's softball story, as the Huskies captured third place in the nation at the NCAA Division II level along with the team's first NCAA Division II North Central Regional crown and yet another North Central Conference championship.

Yes, the Huskies will have a tough act to follow in 2005, but a strong roster of veterans and promising newcomers, has SCSU head coach Paula U'Ren looking forward to the challenge of another season in the Granite City.

"We should have a very solid roster this year," said U'Ren, who enters her eighth season at SCSU with a sterling 296-97 career record. "We have several starters back from last year's squad that placed third in the nation, we have two experienced pitchers and we brought in a very strong class of first year players, who we think can jump right into the lineup and contribute."



Abby Velta



Megan Fuches

As U'Ren scans her 2005 roster, several players highlight her veterans' list. A major player this spring will most likely be senior outfielder Abby Velta. A four-year starter, Velta gained All-America honors in 2004 and led the team with a solid .368 batting average, 74 hits and 45 runs. She also had a flawless 1.000 fielding rate.

"Abby will definitely be one of our team leaders in 2004," U'Ren said. "She is a complete player with great offensive and defensive skills."

Velta will be joined by fellow seniors Jessica Swartout and Megan Fuches. A four-year starter at third base, Fuches has been rock-solid at the hot corner for the Huskies and has gained numerous honors throughout her career. Swartout will boost SCSU's outfielder corps and will also be a force at the plate.

"Fuches comes to play everyday, and she will be a prime player for us in 2005," U'Ren said. "Swartout also brings a lot of power to the plate, and she may see time in the designated player spot this spring."

SCSU's junior class is led by catcher Jessica Preiner and infielder Abby Augdahl. Preiner is a two-year starter behind the plate, and was primary receiver for record setting pitcher Nicole Webb last spring. Augdahl finished the 2004 season in style, as she was named to the NCAA championship All-Tournament team along with Velta. Augdahl is expected to see time at second base in 2005.

Sophomore players to watch this spring include outfielder Jillian Graham, catcher Melissa Owen and pitcher Lacey Trossbach. Graham and Owen were used in key reserve positions last year, while Trossbach was the squads number two pitcher behind Webb in 2004. As a rookie, Trossbach posted a 12-7 record that included 74 strikeouts and a 2.85 ERA in 113.2 inning pitched.

Trossbach will be joined in the pitchers' circle by sophomore transfer Megan Staton. A grad of nearby Anoka H.S., Staton was a redshirt at SCSU in 2004. She previously pitched at former NCC rival South Dakota State before making the step up to SCSU. To complete the pitching scene, U'Ren will welcome newcomer Stef Schroeder (Pine Island).

"All three of our pitchers have different throwing styles," U'Ren acknowledged. "We really have a nice combination of pitchers on our staff this season. Lacey (Trossbach) and Megan (Staton) both have a year of experience pitching in the always rugged North Central Conference, and that will be a real plus for our program."

U'Ren expects several newcomers will battle for starting spots in 2005. At first base, the Huskies will feature first year athletes Olivia Graham (Roseville H.S.), Staton and Ashley Homan (Cottage Grove- Park H.S.). Jenny Gensch (Apple Valley-Eastview H.S.) is an expected starter at shortstop in 2005 and Ashley Yamamoto (Weiser, Idaho) is another skilled infielder. In the outfielder, newcomers to watch include McKenzie Johnson (Woodbury) and Christina Borchart (St. Michael-Albertville).

One of the "biggest" additions to the SCSU program has been the completion of the new Husky Stadium and SCSU Fitness Center in 2004-05. Home to SCSU football and soccer during the fall months, Husky Stadium is a multi-purpose facility that transforms into one the nation's top indoor softball facilities during the winter months. An inflatable dome is installed after the completion of the fall sports seasons, which covers the state-of-the-art synthetic playing surface at Husky Stadium. The end result is a 70-foot high indoor facility that is big enough to house two complete softball fields. The domed playing surface is the largest in the five-state area, not including the Minneapolis-Metrodome.

"The Dome provides us with one of the top practice and indoor facilities in the Midwest," U'Ren said. "Husky Stadium, the Dome and new fitness facility will be a valuable asset to our program."

"The Dome will provide us with an opportunity to scrimmage and play live games. It gives our pitchers a chance to throw in wide open atmospheres, our outfielders will be able to field fly balls off the bat and the surface will provide our infielders with truer game situations. This facility will provide a great advantage for our program."

The Dome will allow the Huskies to host their first-ever indoor softball tournaments in February, 2005. These two tournaments on Feb. 18-20 and Feb. 26-27 will feature many of the region's top programs including Lewis, Minnesota State-Mankato, Pitt State, Emporia State, Winona State and Concordia-St. Paul.

The tournaments will provide the Huskies with a great opportunity to prep a rugged 2005 schedule, which includes the annual spring break trip to Florida along with a complete set of games in the always rugged North Central Conference. Throughout the campaign, SCSU will have be working to defend its NCC and NCAA Regional titles from 2004.

Nebraska-Omaha and Augustana appear to be the pre-season favorites in the NCC, but SCSU, South Dakota, Minnesota State-Mankato, North Dakota and conference newcomer Minnesota Duluth will all make serious bids for top honors in the league.

"I think we have the ability to be right in the thick of things in 2005," U'Ren said. "Our mix of veterans and new faces has a lot of potential, and I believe this group will certainly carry on the tradition of SCSU softball."



Swartout

## Huskies Ranked #4 in Pre-Season Poll

### 2005 NFCA Division II Pre-Season Poll

- 1 Florida Southern
- 2 Kennesaw State (2)
- 3 Shippensburg (1)
- 4 **ST. CLOUD STATE**
- 5 Northern Kentucky
- 6 Alabama-Huntsville
- 7 Colorado-Colorado Springs
- 8 Humboldt State
- 9 Caldwell



## 2005 St. Cloud State Softball Numerical Roster

#	Name	Position	Yr.	Hometown/Junior College (High School)
5	Danielle Stump	IF	FY	Jackson (JCC)
6	Christina Borchart	OF	FY	St. Michael-Albertville
7	Abby Augdahl	OF	Jr	Anchorage, Alaska (Service)
8	Jillian Graham	OF	So	Omaha, NE (Millard West)
9	Abby Velta	OF	Sr	Winnebago (Blue Earth Area)
10	Olivia Graham	UT	FY	Falcon Heights (Roseville)
11	Jessica Swartout	OF	Sr	Minnetonka (Hopkins)
13	Stef Schroeder	P	FY	Pine Island
14	Ashley Yamamoto	IF	Jr	Weiser, Idaho (Treasure Valley CC)
15	Melisse Owen	UT	So	Ames, IA
16	Meggan Staton	P	So	Anoka, MN (South Dakota State U)
17	Lacey Trossbach	P	So	Saint Inigoes, MD (Great Mills)
18	Ashley Homan	IF	FY	Cottage Grove (Park)
19	Megan Fuches	IF	Sr	Stillwater, MN
21	Jessica Preiner	C	Jr	Stillwater, MN
22	Jenny Gensch	IF	FY	Apple Valley (Eastview)
24	Mackenzie Johnson	OF	FY	Woodbury

**Head Coach:** Paula U'Ren

**Assistant Coaches:** Katie Moore, Lindsey Mutcheson, Becky Henning, Nicole Webb, Krista Unger

**Athletic Trainer:** Craig Anderson

**Equipment Manager:** Josh Williams, Chris Garner

### 2005 St. Cloud State Alphabetical Roster & Pronunciation Guide

7	Abby Augdahl (OG-doll)
6	Christina Borchart (Bor-chart)
19	Megan Fuches (F-u-shes)
22	Jenny Gensch (Gen-sh)
8	Jillian Graham (Gram)
10	Olivia Graham (Gram)
18	Ashley Homan (Ho-man)
24	Mackenzie Johnson (Jon-son)
15	Melissa Owen (O-wen)
21	Jessica Preiner (Pri-ner)
13	Stef Schroeder (Shro-der)
16	Meggan Staton (Sta-ton)
5	Danielle Stump (Stump)
11	Jessica Swartout (Swar-tout)
17	Lacey Trossbach (Tross-bock)
9	Abby Velta (Velta)
14	Ashley Yamamoto (Ya-ma-moto)
	Paula U'Ren (Your-En)
	Lindsey Mutcheson (Much-a-son)
	Josh Williams (like it sounds)

### SCSU Softball Superlatives and Other Team Facts:

**Seniors on Squad:** 3

**Juniors on Squad:** 3

**Sophomores on Squad:** 4

**First Year Players on Squad:** 7

**Players from Minnesota:** 12

**Players from Alaska:** 1 (Abby Augdahl)

**Players from Maryland:** 1 (Trossbach)

**Players from Nebraska:** 1 (J. Graham)

**Players from Idaho:** 1 (Yamamoto)

**Players from Iowa:** 1 (Owen)

**Right-Handed Players on Team:** 16

**Left-Handed Players on Team:** 0

**Left-handed (Bat) Players on Team:** 1

**Letterwinners Returning:** 10

**Letterwinners Lost:** 4

**Starters Returning:** 5

**Starters Lost:** 4

**Pitchers Returning:** 1

**Pitchers Lost:** 1

**Player that Lives Farthest from SCSU:**

Abby Augdahl (Anchorage, Alaska)

**Player(s) that Lives Closest to SCSU:**

Meggan Staton (Anoka)

Christina Borchart (St. Michael-Albertville)



**Senior**  
**All-Region Tourn.**

## 11 Jessica Swartout • 5-7/OF/Minnetonka, Minn. (Hopkins H.S.)

**2004:** Played in 54 games this season, primarily as the team's designated player ... Swartout earned a spot on the North Central Region all-tournament team, and had two hits in the Division II national championships ... She had four doubles and two home runs and batted .258 on the season ... Swartout hit .293 with runners in scoring position, .283 with a runner on third and advanced runners at a .486 clip ... She was third on the team in sacrifice bunts with three and was fifth with a .336 on-base percentage ... she also got hit by two pitches ... She twice had three hits in a game and had six multiple-hit games and four multiple-RBI games.

**2003:** Played a key role as a pinch hitter...appeared in 25 games last season...231 batting average...26 at bats...6 hits...4 RBIs ... .500 batting average with runners in scoring position...look for Swartout to be the right field starter in 2004.

**2002:** The 5-7 outfielder had a starting role in 13 of 18 games last season...Swartout collected eight hits, scored six runs, hit one double and one homerun in 34 at-bats.

**High School:** A 2001 graduate of Hopkins H.S. where she played ball for Anne Campbell... earned four letters

### Jessica Swartout at SCSU

Year	G	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg.	2B	3B	HR
2004	54	128	9	33	17	.336	4	0	2
2003	25	26	1	6	4	.231	2	0	0
2002	18	34	6	8	1	.235	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>.335</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>



**Senior**  
**All-NCC**  
**All-Region**  
**All-Academic**  
**All-Region Tourn.**

## 19 Megan Fuches • 5-5/2B-3B/Stillwater, Minn. (Stillwater H.S.)

**2004:** Played in all 57 games and had the best glove of any third base in, perhaps, all of Division II ... Batted only .183, but seemed to come up with the right times to get hits (read: one hit each against Truman State and North Dakota State in the Regional Tournament, and was fourth on the team with 19 RBI) ... Fuches set a school record with 14 assists, seven each game, in a double-header against Southwest Minnesota State on March 31 ... She put together a streak of 15 error-less games late in the season and through the NCC and Regional Tournaments ... Fuches had a .962 fielding percentage, was led the team with 177 assists, was third with 262 chances and was in on three defensive double plays ... She also drew a team-high 20 walks and batted .625 with a runner on third.

**2003:** Led the team for the second straight year with 142 assists...only 9 errors in 212 attempts, for a solid .958 fielding percentage...appeared in 61 games for the Huskies...had 14 multiple hit games...batted .258...5 doubles...1 triple...2 homeruns.

**2002:** The 2002 North Central Conference First Year Player of the Year started all 57 games in a Husky uniform...Fuches batted .341 (58x170) at the plate and tallied 40 runs, nine doubles, four home runs and 36 runs batted in...the 5-5 third base player led the team in assists with 124 and was named to the 2002 NFCA Division II North Central All-Region Team and the NCAA Division II North Central Region All-Tournament Team.

**High School:** A 2001 graduate of Stillwater High School where she earned three letters each in tennis, hockey and softball...named All-Conference three times, MVP and All-State for softball...earned the Athena Award and named to the All-Star seniors team and Team Minnesota...graduated with honors...All-Conference MVP for hockey.

**Personal:** Born on August 18, 1982...parents are David and Barb Fuches of Stillwater, MN...a Recreation major and coaching minor at SCSU...Bats/Throws: R/R

### Megan Fuches at SCSU

Year	G	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg.	2B	3B	HR
2004	57	153	13	28	19	.222	4	1	0
2003	61	178	27	46	18	.331	5	1	2
2002	57	170	40	58	36	.341	9	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>.343</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>



**Senior**  
**All-American**  
**All-Region Tourn.**  
**All-NCC**

**9 Abby Velta 5-7/OF/Winnebago, Minn. (Blue Earth Area H.S.)**

**2004:** Had one of the better seasons in SCSU history and gained NFCA All-American honors (second team) for her efforts ... She started all 57 games for the Huskies and also earned conference and regional team honors ... Velta set a single-season school record with 61 singles on the season and already holds the career record with 186 singles ... She is also the career record holder with 65 stolen bases ... A feared baserunner, she almost single-handedly beat North Dakota State in the North Central Conference tournament April 30 when she had a double, a stolen base, advanced on an aggressive play and scored two runs ... Velta led the team in batting average at .368, runs scored with 45, at-bats with 201, hits with 74, triples with four, steal attempts with 23, stolen bases with 20 ... Velta was second on the team in slugging percentage at .483 and total bases with 97 ... Velta hit .417 with runners in scoring position and .380 with a runner on third ... Velta led the team with 23 multiple-hit games and had a team-best 12-game hitting streak ... Velta also had an eight-game hitting streak, two streaks of four games and two streaks of three games with a hit ... She had a 1.000 fielding percentage on 91 chances and seven assists in left field...Named to 2004 NCAA Championships All-Tournament team.

**2003:** A multi-talented lead-off hitter...Velta started in all 62 games for the Huskies in right field...recorded a .970 fielding percentage...5 assists...broke Huskies single season records with 214 at bats...registering 83 hits...72 singles...49 runs...28 stolen bases...led the team with 5 triples...second on the team with a .388 batting average...First Team All-Region...All NCC Team...NCC player of the week...NFCA Academic Team...Dean's list.

**2002:** The 5-7 outfielder started all 57 games in 2002...The lead-off hitter for the Huskies batted .307 (61x199) and collected four doubles, four triples, 17 RBI, and led the team in stolen bases with 17 (19 attempted)...Named to the NCAA Division II North Central Region All-Tournament Team and to the All-North Central Conference Team.

**High School:** A 2001 graduate of Blue Earth Area H.S. where she played ball for the Bucs and Brad Huse...earned four letters in basketball and three in softball...named MVP (softball), All-Area and All-Conference for both sports...recorded a 99.8 outfield percentage.

**Personal:** Born on June 5, 1983...daughter of Bruce Velta (Blue Earth, MN) and Karen Hartman (Winnebago, MN)...elementary education major and reading instruction minor at St. Cloud State...Bats/Throws: L/R

**Abby Velta at SCSU**

Year	G	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg.	2B	3B	HR
2004	57	201	45	74	16	.483	6	4	3
2003	62	214	49	83	17	.388	6	5	0
2002	57	199	39	61	17	.307	4	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>.438</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>



**Junior**  
**All-Academic**  
**NCAA All-Tournament**

**7 Abby Augdahl 5-3/UT/Anchorage, Alaska (Service H.S.)**

**2004:** Played in 54 games for the Huskies and batted .288, which was fourth-highest on the team ... Played primarily in right field for the bulk of the season, but then moved to second base where she only committed two errors ... She had four hits in the National Tournament, and raised her batting average 13 points (from .275) in the Huskies last eight post-season games ... She put together a five-game hitting streak late in the regular season ... She batted .322 with runners in scoring position, .600 with a runner on third base and had a .453 success rate in advancing runners ... Had a season-high three hits against Bemidji State on April 9 and had a season-high four RBI against Southwest Minnesota State on April 25 ... She was third on the team with seven doubles, fourth with 67 total bases, third with 88 putouts and fourth with 41 assists. (first year)...named to 2004 NCAA Championships All-Tournament team.

**2003:** A spark off the bench...appeared in 48 games...scored a key 16 runs...took 7 out of 10 stolen bases as a pinch runner...smacked a homerun for her first collegiate hit...appeared in 5 games with a 1.91 pitching E.R.A...NFCA Academic Team...Dean's list.

**High School:** A 2002 graduate of Anchorage's Service High School, where she played for coach Ben Cuaresma...four-time letterwinner in softball...team captain as a senior...named Gatorade Player of Alaska...two-time Region IV MVP...All-Conference award winner...played high school basketball...on honor roll at Service all four years.

**Personal:** Born on Dec. 23, 1983...parents are Dreux and Pat Augdahl of Anchorage, Alaska...elementary education major and human relations minor at SCSU...Bats/Throws: R/R

**Abby Augdahl at SCSU**

Year	G	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg.	2B	3B	HR
2004	54	170	32	49	23	.288	7	1	2
2003	48	19	16	2	1	.105	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>.197</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

**Junior**

## 21 Jessie Preiner, 5-8/C/Stillwater, Minn. (H.S.)

**2004:** Played in 55 games for the Huskies and started every game at catcher since March 18 ... Preiner batted .234 and was third on the team with three home runs ... She was also fourth with 14 walks and was sixth on the team with 19 runs scored ... Preiiner stole three bases, had five doubles and a sacrifice fly ... She had a five-game hitting streak in early April, had two mutiple-RBI games and five multiple-hit games ... Behind the plate "Jeeps" was very solid, posting a .933 fielding percentage with zero errors after April 18 ... She was second on the team with 300 defensive chances and was also second with 276 put outs ... Preiner threw out stealing runners four times and had 22 assists.

**2003:** Strong armed Preiner appeared in 20 games last season as a rookie...scored 4 runs...2 RBIs...952 fielding percentage...Look for Preiner to take over the catching role for the Huskies in 2004.

**High School:** A 2002 graduate of Stillwater High School, where she played for coach Mike Palovich ... three-time letterwinner in softball...All-Conference...All-State Second Team...All-Star Tournament selection...two-time letterwinner in basketball...gained basketball team's Most Improved Player award as a junior and senior.

**Personal:** Born on March 5, 1984...parents are Tom and Julie Preiner of Stillwater...graphic design major at St. Cloud State.

### Jessie Preiner at SCSU

Year	G	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg.	2B	3B	HR
2004	55	137	19	32	10	.234	5	0	3
2003	20	8	4	1	2	.125	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>.180</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

**Junior**

## 14 Ashley Yamamoto, 5-5/IF/Weiser, Idaho (Treasure Valley CC)

**Before SCSU:** Yamamoto is a junior transfer who played two years of junior college softball at Treasure Valley Community College... there she was named to the All-Conference 2nd Team.

**High School:** A 2002 graduate of Weiser High School in Weiser, Idaho, Yamamoto was a four-sport athlete... she won four letters in softball and was named to the 1st Team All-Conference...coached by Dale Emmert in softball...won two letters in basketball and was named 2nd Team All-Conference...won a letter in volleyball and soccer...named to the 1st Team All-Conference in soccer.

**Personal:** Born on July 29, 1984...daughter of Martin and MaryAnn Yamamoto of Weiser, Idaho...her greatest sports thrill was winning the B Division National Tournament the summer of 2000 on the U-18 softball team... a Pre-Dental major here at SCSU.

**Sophomore**

## 8 Jillian Graham, 5-3/IF-OF/Omaha, Neb. (Millard West H.S.)

**2004:** Played in 45 games for the Huskies and was the team leader in games as a sub (29) ... Graham started in right field in the Huskies last 13 games and batted .286 for the season, which was fifth-best on the team ... Graham batted .286 with runners in scoring position and hit .429 with two outs ... She also had a .500 success rate at advancing runners ... Graham has one multiple-hit game against Minnesota-Duluth on April 28, and also had two RBI in that game ... She had a 1.000 fielding percentage ...

**High School:** A 2003 graduate of Millard West High School in Omaha, Graham won four letters in softball and was part of three state-tournament qualifying teams (1999, 2000 and 2002) ... Also won Metro Conference championship ... Had four letters in track and field and is the current school record holder as part of the 4x400 relay team

**Personal:** Born on Dec. 30, 1984...Mother is Julie Graham of Omaha, Neb. ... A Nuclear Medicine Technology major at SCSU, she got a 4.0 GPA in her first semester at SCSU ... Likes to draw and go tubing behind a JetSki ... Bats/Throws: R/R

### Jillian Graham at SCSU

Year	G	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg.	2B	3B	HR
2004	45	14	10	4	2	.286	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.286</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>