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SCSU Swimmers & Divers Land Three on All-NCC Academic At-Large Teams

Sioux Falls, S.D. - On Thursday, March 15, the North Central Conference announced the members of the 2007-08 men's and women's All-NCC Academic At-Large teams and three Husky swimmers and divers landed amongst the squads.

The two teams are derived from the conference's golf, tennis, wrestling and swimming & diving teams. The men's select group has a combined grade point average of 3.64, while the women's group has a 3.81 combined grade point average.

Kelsey Berkeland, a junior diver for SCSU, was named to the women's academic team after sporting a 3.93 grade point average in elementary education. The Coon Rapids, Minn., native has also tabbed NCC Commissioner's Honor Roll status twice in her collegiate career. Berkeland, a two-time All-American and All-NCC performer, was named a team captain for the upcoming 2008-09 season.

The SCSU men are represented by **Mitch Dickison** and **Sean Fitzgerald**. Originally from Faribault, Minn., **Dickison** garnered two NCC honorable mention bouts, finishing 8th in the 100 free and 9th in the 50 free at the final 2008 NCC Championships. The junior swimmer has a 3.81 GPA in criminal justice.

Fitzgerald served as a team captain during his senior stint in 2007-08 and charted a 3.52 GPA in communication arts and literature. A native of Marshalltown, Iowa, Fitzgerald garnered All-NCC status in the 50 free this season, along with three honorable mention finishes in the 200 back, 200 free and 100 back. He also went out on top at the NCC's as he was part of the 800 free relay team that set a new conference mark of 6:55.42, bettering the previous record of 6:56.7. The same four swimmers also set a new record in the 400 free relay with a time of 3:05.38. The senior completed his collegiate career at the 2008 NCAA Division II Championships, inking four honorable mention finishes in the 200 free relay, 400 free relay, 200 medley relay and 800 free relay.

Coached by seventh-year Head Coach Jeff Hagle, the SCSU women earned a 20th place finish after earning 50 points at the 2008 NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships in March while the Husky men earned a 15th place finish with 98 points.

Other SCSU student-athletes named to the All-NCC Academic At-Large teams were Westy Hanson (Wrestling), Kevin Lukens (Tennis), Travis Ross (Golf) and Kelly Freese (Tennis).

St. Cloud State University, an NCAA Division II affiliate, will join the always rugged Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in 2008-09. Founded in 1869, St. Cloud State University enrolls over 16,000 students making it the second largest college in the state of Minnesota.



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