

Husky band debuts new CD

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The St. Cloud State University Husky Sports Band is celebrating its two-year anniversary with its debut studio CD.

"It's a homegrown production," band director Glen Tuomaala said. "It's for the members, the athletics department and the fans."

The Husky Sports Band started in 2006 as a regeneration of past university sports bands. Before that, it had been at least 10 years since the university had a sports band, Tuomaala said.

"Now that it's back and rolling, it's a success," he said.

The CD was recorded during three sessions in 2007 in the university's Ritsche Auditorium. It was a learning experience, Tuomaala said.

The band decided to produce a CD after doing demo recordings for its Web site and posting videos of performances at Husky football, hockey and basketball games on www.YouTube.com/scsuband

The \$10 disc includes pep band favorites such as "Hey! Song," "My Sharona," "YMCA" and "Wipeout" as well as the "St. Cloud State University Rouser" and the "St. Cloud State University Hymn." There are 16 tracks including a secret bonus track.

The Husky Sports Band turns two years old March 1, but it is celebrating at noon Feb. 29 with a CD release event at the university's Performing Arts Center. The event is free.

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