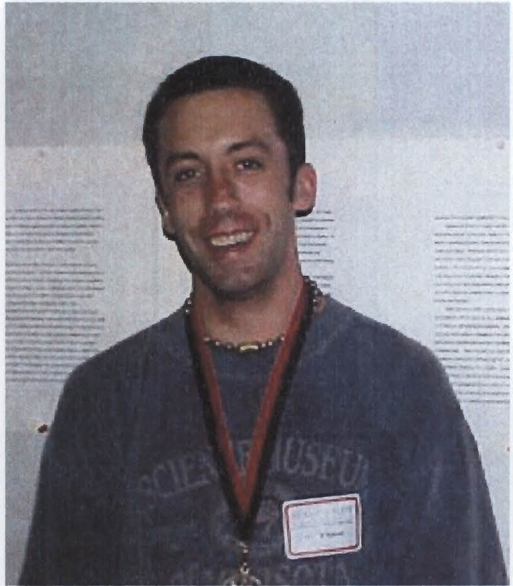


## Student-researcher presents at national meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

ST. CLOUD, Minn. - St. Cloud State University student O'Niell Tedrow made a research presentation last week at the North American annual meeting of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC). Held in Austin, Texas, the meeting was attended by more than 4,000 people.

Tedrow, a senior biology student from New London, Minn., had been chosen best student poster presentation at the SETAC Midwest Chapter annual meeting in January 2003. As a result, he was invited to present his research at the North American meeting and received financial support from 3M for the trip.



"This award demonstrates that SCSU students can and do conduct research on par with other universities on a national and regional scale," said SCSU Assistant Professor of Aquatic Biology Matthew Julius.

Tedrow's poster presentation, "Effects of Biologically Active Compounds on *Melosira varians* (Agardh.)," represents part of a larger body of research being conducted by Professors Julius and Heiko Schoenfuss in the SCSU Department of Biological Sciences. The research, which explores the effects of chemical contaminants on aquatic organisms, is supported by funds from the United States Geological Survey.

Tedrow, who will complete his degree in May 2004, is exploring graduate programs in environmental science and toxicology at various universities. "Working with Dr. Julius and Dr. Schoenfuss has completely changed my outlook on science and how to initiate research," said Tedrow. "I would like very much to continue in this field."

The Midwest SETAC is a non-profit organization dedicated to using multidisciplinary approaches to examine the impacts of chemicals and technology on the environment. The chapter is operated as an independent affiliate of the international SETAC organization.

SCSU undergraduate and graduate degrees balance strong liberal arts programs and foundations with specialized career preparation. The

university offers approximately 15,500 students more than 175 majors, minors and pre-professional programs in Business, Education, Fine Arts & Humanities, Science & Engineering, and Social Sciences, and 50 master's degrees through its School of Graduate Studies.

Media: O'Niell Tedrow may be reached at 320-202-1156.