A total of 17 sexual assaults were reported to the Women’s Center between July 1, 2003, and June 30, 2004. All but three occurred within this academic year. In the last four years, the number of sexual assault reports has decreased to the upper teens and low twenties; a decrease from reports which numbered in the upper thirties in the early 1990’s when the Women’s Center first implemented the Sexual Violence Prevention Program.

**Location**
Six of the assaults during this period occurred on campus, with five of those in residence halls. The remaining eleven occurred off campus. Of those, seven were in the south-side area of St. Cloud where student housing is concentrated, two occurred in other Cities, and in two cases the locations were unknown.

**Types of Assaults**
Thirteen of the assaults were committed by acquaintances of the victim and four were committed by a stranger. In five cases the perpetrator’s affiliation was unknown to the victim. Two of the assaults involved more than one assailant. The acquaintances involved included friends, friends of friends, a family member, a former student, a fellow student, a roommate’s boyfriend, visitors on campus, and individuals the victims had just met. This illustrates that even someone we know and trust can be a rapist. National statistics indicate that 85 to 90 percent of all sexual assaults are committed by someone the person knows. During this time period, our statistics indicate that 76% were committed by an acquaintance. This is slightly lower than most other years, but there is no indication that increasing stranger assaults is a trend.

Fifteen of the sexual assaults were rapes, with two resulting in physical injury. One involved the use of a weapon; and one involved sexual contact. In one case, the information on the type of contact was not made available for the report.

**Victims**
Sixteen of the victims were female and one was male. Fifteen of the victims were members of our campus community. All except two were students of SCSU. Thirteen of them ranged in ages of 18 to 26; four of the ages were unknown.

**Perpetrators**
There were a total of nineteen perpetrators, all of whom were male. Eight were known to be current SCSU students at the time of the assaults. One was a former student, two were visitors, one had no campus affiliation, one was a relative, and in six reports, the affiliation was unknown.
Reported By
Seven were reported directly by the victim, three were reported by the Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center, three were reported by Health Services, two were reported by a faculty member, one was reported by the Counseling Center, and one was reported by Public Safety.

Drug and Alcohol Involvement
Drugs or alcohol were known to be involved in eight of the seventeen assaults. Drug involvement was unknown in four of the cases. In one of the cases it was suspected that a drug was slipped into the victim’s drink. Two of these cases involved perpetrators having non-consensual sex with victims who were passed out or semi-conscious.

Case Outcomes
Five victims reported their assault to police and one reported it to the campus as a student conduct code violation.

Campus Resources
The SCSU Sexual Violence Prevention Program provides one-on-one support and advocacy services to victims of sexual violence, domestic violence, harassment and stalking. We also have a support group for survivors of sexual assault. During the 2003/2004 academic year, the Sexual Violence Prevention Program had 664 support and advocacy service contacts. The Sexual Violence Prevention Program also provides prevention education through the required Respect and Responsibility Course, presentations in class rooms, residence halls and community conferences. We conducted over 90 presentations to more than 5000 participants during the last academic year.

A self-defense program, R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense), is offered every semester to SCSU female students. There is a 24 hour crisis-line students can access by calling 251-4357(HELP). Students can also call Public Safety at 308-3333 or the Counseling Center at 308-3171. Please provide this referral information to any student who may be in need of these services. For more information on any of these resources, please call the Sexual Violence Prevention Program at 308-3995.

SCSU Sexual Assault Policy states that the Women’s Center will collect and analyze accounts of sexual assaults in the campus community. Staff and faculty are asked to contact the Women’s Center immediately with any information they receive regarding a sexual assault. The victim’s name is not recorded in the report and confidentiality is maintained.

Call 320-308-3995 for additional information.