A total of 11 sexual assaults were reported to the Women’s Center between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006. This compares to 25 reports in the 2004/2005 academic year and 17 in 2003/2004.

Location
Two of the assaults occurred on campus and both occurred in residence halls. This compares to two on-campus in 2004/2005 and six on-campus assaults in 2003/2004. The remaining nine occurred off-campus. Of those, four were in the south-side area of St. Cloud where student housing is concentrated, four occurred in other areas of the St. Cloud community and one occurred in another city. Nine took place in a private residence, one in a hotel, and one at a well-known party house.

Types of Assaults
Nine of the assaults were committed by acquaintances. One was committed by a stranger, and in one case, the affiliation was not reported to us. Four of the acquaintances were friends, one was a friend of a friend, one was a brother of a friend, one met his victim on Facebook, and in four reports the type of affiliation was not provided. National statistics reveal that 85 to 90 percent of all sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows.
Victims
All 11 of the victims were female and students of SCSU. Ages ranged from 18 to 22. Women 16 to 25 years old are at highest risk for sexual assault, and college women are at higher risk than women from the same age group that are not in college.

Perpetrators
There were a total of 11 perpetrators, all of whom were male. Three were known to be current students at SCSU, two had no known affiliation, one was a St. Cloud Technical College student living in our residence halls, one will be enrolled in the fall, and in four cases, the affiliation was unknown.

Reported By
Five of the assaults were reported by the Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center, three were reported directly by the victim, one was reported by Residential Life, one was reported by Public Safety Department, and one was reported by Health Services.

Drug and Alcohol Involvement
Drugs or alcohol were known to be involved in eight of the eleven assaults. Drug or alcohol involvement was unknown in three of the cases. Although alcohol is the most common “date rape drug,” we had an unusually high rate of reports in which it was suspected that a drug had been slipped into a drink.

Case Outcomes
Eight of the victims initially reported their assaults to the police. No one reported to the University judicial system in the cases involving a student perpetrator. This is a higher rate of reporting to the police than in past years, but a much lower reporting rate to the University.

Services Provided
Women’s Center staff met with over 70 students/staff needing support and advocacy services for gender violence related incidences.

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.