A total of 19 sexual assaults were reported to the Women’s Center between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008. During the same time period last academic year, twenty-three sexual assaults were reported.

**Location**

Four of the assaults occurred on campus, all in residence hall rooms. This compares to seven on-campus assaults in 2006/2007 and two on campus assaults in 2005/2006. The remaining fifteen in 2007/2008, occurred off campus. Of those, four were in the south-side area of St. Cloud where student housing is concentrated, one occurred in another area of the St. Cloud community, and four occurred somewhere outside of St. Cloud. In five reports, the assault occurred off campus in St. Cloud, but the exact location (south-side or other St. Cloud location) was not specified. Of the four assaults that occurred outside of the St. Cloud community, three occurred outside of the U.S. while the victims were studying abroad.

**Types of Assaults**

All of the assaults were committed by acquaintances. Two of the assaults involved more than one perpetrator and one report was an attempted sexual assault. Eight of the perpetrators were considered
friends of the victim, five perpetrators were recent acquaintances, three were considered friends of a friend or relative, one was a boyfriend, and in two cases, the acquaintance type was not specified. National statistics reveal that 85 to 90 percent of all sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows.

**Victims**

All 19 of the victims were female, and were SCSU students at the time of the assault. Five of the victims were 18 to 19 years old, seven were 20 to 22 years old, and in seven cases the victim’s age was not specified. Women 16 to 24 years old are more at risk of being sexually assaulted than any other age group. College women are at higher risk than women from the same age group who are not in college. It is important to note, however, that sexual assault can occur to anyone at any age and is not the result of anything the victim did.

**Perpetrators**

All of the perpetrators were male. Eleven were students at the time of the assault, six had no known affiliation, and in two reports, the perpetrator’s affiliation with the university was either unknown or not provided.

**Reported By**

Nine of the assaults were reported to the Women’s Center by the Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center, six were reported by the victim directly, and four were reported by faculty or staff of the university.

**Drug and Alcohol Involvement**

Drugs or alcohol were known to be involved in fourteen of the nineteen assaults. In two of those reports, there is suspicion of drugs being put into the victims’ drink. In one case neither the victim nor the perpetrator had been using alcohol or drugs, and in four cases it was either unknown or not specified whether or not drugs or alcohol were involved.

**Case Outcomes**

Four of the victims reported their assaults to law enforcement at the time we received the report. One completed a blind report. This is down from fourteen victims last year who reported to police. Three filed a Student Conduct Code complaint with SCSU. Ten of the sexual assault victims went to a hospital for evidence exams.

**Community Notification**

The Community Notification Law (Minnesota Statutes 244.052) permits the release of information about certain offenders in Minnesota. Information on level three sex offenders (deemed the most likely to reoffend) can be found at [www.corr.state.mn.us/level3/level3.asp](http://www.corr.state.mn.us/level3/level3.asp). Currently there is one registered level three sex offender in St. Cloud. For more details, please go to the website.