A total of 25 sexual assaults and two suspected sexual assaults were reported to the Women’s Center between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010. The chart below shows the number of reports for past academic years. The two suspected assaults were drug facilitated incidences and in both cases the student went to the hospital and reported to the police. Due to memory loss, sexual assaults were suspected but unable to be confirmed. Those two reports are not included in the statistics below.

Location
A total of fifteen sexual assaults occurred in the private residence of either the victim or perpetrator (this includes residence hall rooms), two occurred at house parties, while four occurred on the sidewalk or alleyway. Seven of the assaults occurred on campus, all in residence hall rooms. Eighteen occurred off campus. Of off campus reports, three occurred in campus controlled areas or at off campus student-sponsored events. All four of the assaults occurring on the sidewalk or alleyway occurred off campus. In one report, the exact location was not provided in the report. Our local statistics mirror national statistics that show the vast majority of sexual assaults occur where either the victims or perpetrators live.
Types of Assaults

Twenty-one assaults were committed by acquaintances and four were committed by strangers. This compares with three stranger assaults in 08/09, zero in 07/08, two in 06/07 and one in 05/06. Of the acquaintance assaults, eleven were friends, four were recent acquaintances, three were friends of a friend, two were a boyfriend or ex-boyfriend and one was listed as other.

Victims

Twenty-four students were female and one student was a male. All twenty-five were enrolled students at the time of the assault. Fourteen were 18 to 19 years old, four were 20 to 22 years old, two were over 22 and in five cases the age was not provided. National statistics show that 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.
Perpetrators
All of the perpetrators were male, and two of the stranger assaults involved more than one assailant. Thirteen were SCSU students at the time of the assault, one was a student from another campus, one was a visitor, one was classified as “other,” three had no known affiliation with campus and in six reports, the affiliation was either unknown or not provided.

Reported By
Sixteen of the assaults were reported to the Women’s Center directly by the victim, four were reported by the Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center, two by Public Safety, two by Residential Life and one by Student Life and Development.

Drug and Alcohol Involvement
Drugs or alcohol were known to be involved in thirteen of the 25 sexual assaults. In one case, the victim was drugged without her knowledge. In five cases drugs or alcohol were not a factor and in six cases it was unknown.

Police/Campus Reports
Seven were known to be reported to the police and three were reported to the University Student Conduct Officer. This compares to five reports to the university conduct process in 2008/09. Five students were known to have gone to the hospital or to Health Services for medical treatment.

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. For additional information call 320-308-3995 or 308-4958.