A total of 15 sexual assaults were reported to the Women’s Center between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. The chart below shows the number of reports for past academic years.

Location

Four occurred on campus and eleven occurred off campus. Of off campus reports, seven occurred in the Southside area surrounding campus where many of our students reside, two occurred in other areas of St. Cloud, and two occurred in other cities in Minnesota. A total of thirteen sexual assaults occurred in the private residence of either the victim or perpetrator (this includes residence hall rooms). Five occurred in connection with house parties. One occurred while the victim was walking near campus. Our local statistics mirror national statistics demonstrating that the vast majority of sexual assaults occur where either the victims or perpetrators live.
Types of Assaults

Thirteen assaults were committed by acquaintances; one report involved more than one perpetrator in which both were strangers, and in one report information on the perpetrator was not provided. This compares with four stranger assaults in 2009/10, three stranger assaults in 2008/09, zero in 2007/08, two in 2006/07 and one in 2005/06.

Victims

Fourteen were female students and one was a male student. All fifteen were enrolled students at the time of the assault. All were between the ages of 18 and 22. 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. Ten were known to be SCSU students at the time of the assault and the student affiliation was unknown in the other five reports.

Reported By

Six of the assaults were reported to the Women’s Center directly by the victim, four were reported by the Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center, three by Residential Life, and two by Public Safety.

Drug and Alcohol Involvement

Drugs or alcohol were known to be involved in eleven of the fifteen sexual assaults. In four cases, it was suspected that the victims had drugs put into their drinks.

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 about 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 320.308.4958.

In addition, guidance by the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, requires employees of the University to report knowledge of sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, harassment, stalking and hazing to Ellyn Bartges in the Equity and Affirmative Action Office in Administrative building 102. The Affirmative Action Office is required to investigate and respond, but cannot guarantee confidentiality. For additional information contact 320.308.5123.