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Since the late 1800s women have participated in some form of athletic activity on the St. Cloud State University campus. It was not until the 1960s that a women's intercollegiate athletic program was introduced to the SCSU campus by Fran Bleick and Gladys Ziemer. Since the 1960s, the SCSU women's athletics program has grown to support 11 teams, competing at some of the highest levels of athletic competition.

As women's athletics at SCSU continues to grow, it is important to have a documented history of the program so that future generations of male and female athletes will understand the significance of these women's contributions to St. Cloud State.

### PROBLEM:

A history of the St. Cloud State men's athletics department was written in 1980 by Dr. John Kasper. *The Husky Tradition: A History of Men's Athletics at St. Cloud State University* chronicles the inception of SCSU men's athletics in the early 1900s to 1980. It provides an overview of the coaches and athletes who represented SCSU athletics. In addition, it chronicles the growth of collegiate athletics and the many associations that SCSU athletics became affiliated with over the years. There is no counterpart to Dr. Kasper's book that chronicles women's athletics at St. Cloud State University.

### FINDINGS:

Intercollegiate Women's Athletics at St. Cloud State University began in the 1960s and quickly grew throughout the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. In the 1960s and early 70s athletics for women was new to everyone including the athletes, coaches, and administrators. Many of the early athletes had their first athletic experience at the collegiate level. By the 1980s the formation of conferences and regional and national competition provided a basis for the women's sports teams. As the program reached the 1980s and 1990s, it became more competitive and several women's teams enjoyed unprecedented success winning conference championships, and advancing to regional and national tournaments.

Among the significant findings was the amount of information that had been documented by former athletes, coaches, and administrators. This documentation helped to create a chronology of events resulting in the history of women's athletics at St. Cloud State. An open-ended questionnaire was used to gather information about former and current athletes and coaches experiences in SCSU women's athletics. The answers to the questionnaire provided insight and anecdotal evidence of the athletic experience for women at SCSU.

The progress of women's athletics at SCSU has resulted in great success for female athletes on this campus. It has become an accepted program that has reached beyond the SCSU community into regional and national recognition for its teams and athletes. The findings are important because they tell the reader where SCSU women's athletics started, where we have been, and even hints at what the future holds.

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## Chapter I

### INTRODUCTION

Women's Athletics has been a significant part of St. Cloud State University (SCSU) since women first competed on the intercollegiate level in the late 1960s. Over the last 30 years, hundreds of female athletes have competed in 13 sports, earning All-Conference, All-Academic, and All-American honors as well as conference, regional and national championships.

Many of these women were pioneers in collegiate sport. Many took their sports to new heights in terms of skill and success. A very few enjoyed the ultimate success in women's intercollegiate athletics, a national championship.

Just like their male counterparts, SCSU women athletes have been guided by knowledgeable coaches and competent administrators. Just like their male counterparts, SCSU women athletes have practiced hard, trained hard, and competed for the opportunity to represent their institution on the collegiate playing field or hard court.

As women's athletics continue to grow and bring attention to SCSU, it is important to document the history of the program so that future generations of male and female athletes will understand the significance of these women's contributions to St. Cloud State University. It is also important for former and current administrators,

coaches and athletes to have a working knowledge of the SCSU women's athletics program.

In the summer of 1968, Dr. Frances A. Bleick, the Director of Women's Physical Education, hired Gladys Ziemer as an instructor and the Director of the Women's Recreation Association. During the 1973-74 school year Ziemer would be given the title of Director of Women's Athletics. Ziemer would guide the SCSU women's athletic department through the formidable stages of building a program. She would help set the course with a membership in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW). She would lead the program through the changes brought forth by Title IX, the federal legislation enacted in 1972 that states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance" (United States Congress, 1972).

Following the dissolution of the AIAW in June of 1982, the women's athletic department would join the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), an association that had provided organization, governance, and championships for men's athletics programs since the 1920s. Today, women athletes on the St. Cloud State campus compete in 11 NCAA recognized sports and are eligible to compete for national championships in each of the sports of cross country, volleyball, and soccer in the fall; swimming and diving, basketball, ice hockey, and Nordic skiing in the winter; softball, track and field, golf, and tennis in the spring.

### Statement of the Problem

A history of the St. Cloud State men's athletics department was written in 1980 by Dr. John Kasper, a former SCSU coach and former chairman of the Physical Education, Health and Recreation department. *The Husky Tradition: A History of Men's Athletics at St. Cloud State University* chronicles the inception of SCSU men's athletics in the early 1900s to 1980. It provides an overview of the coaches and athletes who represented SCSU athletics. In addition, it chronicles the growth of collegiate athletics and the many associations that SCSU athletics became affiliated with over the years. There is no counterpart to Dr. Kasper's book that chronicles women's athletics at St. Cloud State University.

This thesis details the growth of SCSU women's athletics and includes a narrative of the associations that have evolved to support women's athletics. These associations include conference (Northern Sun Conference; North Central Conference), state (Minnesota Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women), and national (National Collegiate Association of Athletics; Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women) governing bodies. It also provides an account of the effects of Title IX as it pertains to SCSU women's athletics.

### Purpose

The purpose of this thesis is to provide a comprehensive narrative of the history of St. Cloud State University Women's Athletics. It recalls the beginnings and initial discussions regarding the formation of a women's intercollegiate athletics department on the SCSU campus and follow its growth to the year 2003. This thesis is designed to

give future researchers and historians a resource for women's athletics at St. Cloud State University. The thesis also determines the factors that contributed to the organization of the SCSU women's athletics program and outlines the growth of the program along with its many challenges and successes. In addition, it will attempt to provide anecdotal information about the program.

This historical look at SCSU women's athletics identifies the administrators, coaches, and athletes who initiated the program and recognize the outstanding participants during each of the decades beginning with the 1960s. It delves into the inspiration, reasoning, and facilitation of the development of the SCSU women's athletics program.

St. Cloud State lacks a single resource where researchers can learn about and research the history of women's athletics at the university. While women's athletics is relatively new in the history of sport as compared to men's athletics, there is very little literature available about the origins and history of women's athletics at St. Cloud State University. This thesis is significant in that it will be the first recorded history of St. Cloud State University Women's Athletics. It is a comprehensive narrative of women's athletics at SCSU, chronicling the program's growth as well as the growth of women's athletics at the state, regional and national level.

### Limitations

This historical review of SCSU women's athletics is limited by the lack of literature on this specific topic. It also seems limited by the fact that some important people in the decision making process are deceased and dated records may have been



lost. It might also be limited by the fact that much of the research depends heavily on the memories of the first coaches and first athletes to be associated with the program. Over the years, memories can fade and information may be forgotten. It also is limited in particular sports where there were a number of coaching changes or part-time coaches were hired, creating interruptions in record keeping.

## Chapter II

### METHOD

#### Introduction

After considerable thought and with added input from a colleague and friend, the researcher chose to investigate the history of women's athletics at St. Cloud State University. The difficulty is there is not a single publication in existence where one could research the beginnings of women's athletics on the SCSU campus. At the same time, there is no single publication that travels the path of women's athletics, the administrators, coaches, and athletes from the 1960s to the present. Since research on the history of women's athletics had not been conducted, the researcher searched SCSU archives, SCSU's Office of Athletic Media Relations, and interviewed several subjects in order to establish a timeline and formulate a history of women's athletics at St. Cloud State. An open-ended questionnaire was created to solicit the experiences of former and current SCSU athletes and coaches. The questionnaire addressed experiences, events, traditions, competition, atmosphere, and the affect Title IX had on female athletes at SCSU. This chapter will examine the subjects, instrument, procedures, and data analysis components of this thesis.

## Subjects

The subjects for this study are former and current athletes and coaches who participated in SCSU women's athletics from the 1960s to the present. The criteria for selecting subjects in the questionnaire were based on several factors, including success in the program, early experiences, membership in the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame, and availability of contact information. The questionnaire was sent to 11 former and current coaches and 69 former and current athletes. The return rate of the 80 questionnaires sent out was 38.7%. The coaches returned 7 of their 11 questionnaires for a return rate of 63.6%, whereas the athletes returned 25 of 69 questionnaires for return rate of 36.2%. Of the returned athlete questionnaires, one subject elected not to fill out the questionnaire. In addition, five personal interviews were conducted with a former athlete, two former coaches, a former administrator/coach, and the current director of SCSU Athletics.

## Instrument

The questionnaire was developed and distributed by the researcher. The questionnaire was four pages in length with a cover letter and informed consent sheet (see Appendixes A, B, and C). The questionnaire and informed consent were approved by the St. Cloud State University Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects on January 26, 2004 (see Appendix D). The questionnaire consisted of 10 open-ended questions that inquired about the experience of the subject, significant events, rituals and/or traditions, coaching, competition, atmosphere toward women athletes, the impact of Title IX, anything they would like to change about their

experience, and the final question asked for a story or anecdote depicting the experience of the subject at SCSU. Following are examples of the questions used:

- What were some of the events that you consider significant during your career?
- How would you describe the competition during your career?
- Did Title IX have an affect on your experience?
- Do you have a fun, funny, competitive, or heart warming story or anecdote that you would be willing to share?

### Procedures

Three mailings consisting of a questionnaire, cover letter, informed consent, and a self-addressed return envelope were sent out on February 13, February 18, and February 27. The February 13 and 27 mailings were to the athletes. The February 18 mailing was to coaches. A March 5 return date was requested of the February 13 and 18 mailings, while a March 12 return dated was requested of the February 27 mailing. The personal interviews were conducted on December 12, 2002; December 2, 2003; January 20, May 20, and June 16, 2004. The interviews were conducted in person and tape recorded. The December 12, 2002 and December 2, 2003 interviews were conducted in the conference room of Halenbeck Hall on the SCSU campus. The January 20, May 20, and June 16 interviews were conducted at the Caribou Coffee Shop in St. Cloud.

### Analysis of Data

Several avenues of research were used to gather information for this study. The researcher used personal interviews, a questionnaire, and archival research to determine a timeline and history for women's athletics at SCSU. Information from the early years of women's athletics at SCSU was not as well documented as the latter years. A lack of a sports information director (currently referred to as an athletic media relations director) for women until the mid 1970s most likely contributed to the fact that not all of the information was compiled and put in one place where it could be easily accessed. Files were gathered from archives, athletic media relations, former coaches and administrators, and the storage area of Halenbeck Hall. By the 1980s and 1990s, results and athletic publications were filed with archives and copies were kept in the athletic media relations office, which gave the researcher better access to the desired information. In addition, media coverage of women's athletics increased tremendously during the 1980s and 1990s, giving the researcher another avenue for gathering information. While all research methods have been exhausted, there still remain some gaps in information, which may never be filled.

Once all of the research materials were gathered, the researcher organized the information chronologically and determined a timeline for the history of women's athletics at SCSU. The timeline served as the outline for the narrative portion of the thesis. The narrative was then drawn from a combination of archival research, personal interviews, and the knowledge of the researcher who has been the athletic media relations director at SCSU since January of 1985. Throughout the sections, the

researcher wove the facts of the formation of the department, the vitae of an important figure in the history of SCSU women's athletics, and short biographies and quotes from key athletes and coaches in the program.

### Summary

The goal of the researcher was to create a timeline and produce a descriptive narrative of the history of women's athletics at St. Cloud State University. By conducting the research, compiling the information, and publishing the work, the researcher hopes to fill a void for future researchers of SCSU women's athletics. While some gaps in the research still remain, it is the hope of the researcher that as more people read the history, they will come forward with information that may help fill in the areas where the research is lacking. It is also the hope of the researcher that subsequent staff in the athletic media relations department will continue to document the history of SCSU women's athletics.

## Chapter III

### RESULTS

#### THE EARLY YEARS: 1869 TO 1960

In September of 1869, the St. Cloud Normal School opened its doors on the banks of the Mississippi River in St. Cloud, Minnesota. On September 13, 40 females and 10 males went to Stearns House to begin their first day of classes at St. Cloud Normal School (Kasper, 1980).

The Minnesota State Legislature authorized a name change in 1921, allowing the school to adopt the name St. Cloud State Teachers College (the word "teachers" was deleted in 1957). In 1975, St. Cloud State became a university (St. Cloud State University, 2002-2005).

The earliest mention of any form of athletic competition for women against an outside opponent was in the March 1901 *Normalia*. The *Normalia* was a student publication published monthly during the school year from 1892 to 1904. The account of the competition is as follows.

The Ladies' Basket Ball team also nobly maintained the reputation of the Normal school in their match with the ladies of the Brainerd high school on Friday evening, March 22nd. The Brainerd team was strong at guard and center but rather weak in securing goals for the Normal team. The guarding of Miss MacGregor and Miss Langvich prevented any scoring by Brainerd, while the

superior team work of the Normal forwards enabled Miss Sjoquist to secure three goals, Miss Russell one and Miss Schultz one. The latter was disallowed owing to a previous foul and the match resulted 9-0 in favor of the Normals. (p. 18)

Basketball is the only sport mentioned as a competitive endeavor among the young ladies of the St. Cloud Normal School in the early 1900s. The following account offers some details into the preparation of the women for competition in 1902.

The athletic young ladies of our school are doing especially good work this year in basket-ball. Almost every afternoon after school is over the old gymnasium is enlivened by a practice game. The first public game of the season was played on Saturday evening, the 22nd of November. A team of this year's girls challenged last year's Gopher team to a game. The challenge was accepted and a close game played. The Gophers, however "old" as they may be, proved their mettle by scoring 12 points against the 3 of the "young" girls. The gophers had the advantage in having played longer, while the new girls had the advantage in recent practice. A goodly number of people attended the game and the girls are proud to have made some seventeen odd dollars for the athletic fund. The players were (*sic*) on the new team Misses Jeanette Donaldson, Helen Olander, Lydia Klatt, Estella Wiggin, and Emma Langvich; on the old team, Misses Irene Swensen, Josephine Sletto, Anna DeNeffe, Nora Nilsen, and Eva Sorensen. (*Normalia*, 1902, p. 10)

There is no mention of women's basketball contests in the 1903 editions of the *Normalia*. The women scheduled and played four games against high schools in 1904, posting a 2-2 record. "On January 16, 1904, the Normal girls defeated Anoka 30-0, lost to Superior on February 13, 15-5, lost to Superior again on February 14, 17-9, and rebounded with a home win over Superior on March 11, 27-28" (*Normalia*, 1904, pp. 13-14).

There is a considerable gap in the history of women in athletics at the St. Cloud Normal School between the 1904 *Normalia* and *Talahi*, the St. Cloud Teachers College



(S.T.C.) yearbook, which began publication in 1923. The *Talahi* was published until 1979.

The 1923 *Talahi* mentions the traditional contest between the Junior and Senior girls' basketball teams that took place on March 5. For the first time in the history of the institution, the Seniors defeated the Juniors with the final score of 15-6 favoring the Senior class. Also in the 1923 *Talahi*, mention is given to the first annual tennis tournament of the St. Cloud Teachers College held on the college courts in the spring of 1922.

Great interest was shown by the students in this event. In the preliminaries the Juniors and Seniors first played for the championship of each class. Lundstrom won the Senior boys championships and Bugbee was judged girl champion. Osborne and Randall were declared man and lady champions of the Junior class. (p. 94)

Girls tennis and girls basketball continue to earn recognition in future editions of the *Talahi*. It should be noted that in the 1925 *Talahi*, it is reported that,

Girls' Tennis is one of the first girls' sports to gain recognition in the school. Although it is just beginning to gain a foothold among the college athletics it is fast becoming an event looked forward to throughout the entire year. (p. 136)

The earliest recognized organization for women in athletics on the St. Cloud State campus was the "M" Club.

The 'M' Club was organized in the late spring of 1925 to meet the need of many girls in this college who were interested in athletics. It aims to foster among the women interest and participation in athletics; to increase physical efficiency; to develop a higher degree of sportsmanship, school and class spirit; to stimulate prospective teachers toward preparing themselves to teach physical education in the public schools. Membership is open to any woman, who, after one term of school work, is interested in athletics; who scores 100 points according to the 'M' Club point system; who has a C average with one B; and who does satisfactory work in physical education. (*Talahi*, 1926, p. 158)

According to the *Talahi*, during the 1927 school year, the "M" Club sponsored field hockey and soccer in the fall term. Basketball and swimming were offered in the winter quarter, and volleyball, track and swimming were offered during the spring term. Two very significant faculty hires were made in 1926 and 1927 that would have a positive effect on women's physical education and women's athletics for the rest of the 1920s, 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s on the S.T.C. campus. In 1926, Miss Marie Case joined the women's physical education department and, in 1927, Miss Carrie Hupp became a faculty member. These two women would guide and develop the women's physical education department for over 30 years. Through their combined efforts, women on the S.T.C. campus participated in various sporting events. Miss Case and Miss Hupp would teach many of the skills in physical education classes. The two instructors would also serve as advisors to almost every women's sports organization and club during their tenure.

The 1928 *Talahi* gives considerable coverage to women's athletics, dedicating nine pages to the program. The highlighted programs included the Women's Physical Education Department, the 1927 Tennis tournament, the "M" Club, H.O.P. (a hiking organization), Swimming for Women, Women's Field Hockey, "M" Club Basket Ball, Shoemaker Hall-Lawrence Hall Basket Ball Game, and Women's Gymnasium Classes. Until this issue there was very little mention of the campus women and their athletic endeavors. An excerpt from the Women's Field Hockey page follows:

At S.T.C. field hockey is a comparatively new sport, although it has been played for years in Eastern Colleges. This year Miss Carrie Hupp coached 25 girls through a happy and successful season in this sport. Many of the girls knew nothing about the game at the beginning of the season. Before several

weeks had passed, the girls had obtained sufficient knowledge to enjoy the game. (p. 155)

Changes took place in 1928, when the "M" Club made way for the Women's Athletic Association (W.A.A.), (*Talahi*, 1929). The W.A.A. was organized by women's physical education teachers Miss Marie Case and Miss Carrie Hupp. As the women's physical education department grew, so did the interest in women's extra curricular sports. The W.A.A. membership was made up of physical education majors and non-majors who were interested in sports as recreation. The W.A.A. would continue to provide the women of the S.T.C. an organized forum for women's athletic activities until the late 1960s.

According to the 1929 *Talahi*, "due to the persistent efforts of Miss Marie Case and Miss Carrie Hupp, the physical education for women, has advanced rapidly towards its goal of perfection." (p. 131). In 1928, the first class graduated from the women's physical education department and the program was extended to a 4-year course. During the 1929 school year, the S. T. C. girls were given the first opportunity to show off their abilities in track and field events. Miss Hupp taught the girls form and at the end of the season a track meet was held. Growth continued in 1930 when Eastman Hall, the new physical education building, opened on campus. According to the 1931 *Talahi*, the new building helped to enhance the progress of the physical needs of the girls enrolled in the college and the new sport of swimming was ushered in as Eastman boasted a pool.

In the 1932 *Talahi*, the W.A.A. is featured in the athletics section of the annual yearbook for the first time. The major sports sponsored by the W.A.A. during the year

included soccer, hockey, and swimming in the fall; volleyball and basketball in the winter; and track, baseball, and life saving in the spring. Under the Physical Education Majors, the 1932 *Talahi* noted that physical education has been made a 4-year course. "To graduate as a Major from the Physical Education Department, a girl must have completed 32 quarter hours in physical education, together with the academic requirements. She must also have engaged in the sport classes offered each quarter" (p. 129).

The W.A.A. would continue to provide an intramural sports program for the women of the S.T.C. One of the components of the W.A.A. was an annual State Play Day. S.T.C. hosted the 1939 State Play Day for college women. "The gala event took place during the early part of May and was highly successful," (*Talahi*, 1939, p. 68). These play days drew women from other colleges, but they did not compete as representatives of their colleges. Instead women from several different colleges would make up the teams. This would alleviate a highly competitive activity which was a norm among male college sports teams of the day. Throughout the 1940s and 1950s, the State Play Day would play an important part in the administration of the W.A.A.

By 1940, minor sports in the W.A.A. included shuffleboard, ping pong, aerial darts, badminton, basketball shooting, and tennis. According to the 1945 *Talahi*, S.T.C. women went off campus for sports competitions. The women participated in basketball games at St. Benedict's and a high school basketball play day.

By 1951 the W.A.A. sponsored intramural sports for all interested girls 4 nights a week on the campus. In 1953, S.T.C. hosted the W.A.A. play day on May. 2. The

1956 *Talahi* lists Miss Case as the head of the Women's Physical Education Department. Two years later (1958), Miss Case retired from the university after 31 years of service to the institution. An assistant professor of physical education, she was the chair of the women's physical education department at the time of her retirement. Miss Hupp left the university in 1940 after 12 years of service. According to the *Talahi*, in 1959 Frances A. Bleick joined the faculty of St. Cloud State College (SCSC). She was hired as an Assistant Professor and Chairwoman of the Women's Physical Education Department.

#### THE 1960S: THE BUILDING OF SCSU WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

During the mid 1960s, the W.A.A. would change its name to the Women's Recreation Association (W.R.A.). There is no documentation given for the change as the *Talahi* went from using W.A.A. to W.R.A. without any explanation, but the mission would prove to be the same as the one for the W.A.A. Throughout the 1960s, the W.R.A. would provide competitive opportunities for female athletes. In fact, from 1958 to 1968, it became a tradition for SCSC to sponsor a state-wide annual volleyball "Sportsday." These annual events were organized by the students themselves under the supervision of the W.R.A. Director. This activity helped students to develop leadership skills. Committees were formed, meetings were held, and a final report was issued following the completion of the event. The W.A.A. Committee Report for the January 18, 1958 Volleyball Sports Day read as follows.

Letters were sent to the following colleges inviting them to our Volleyball (*sic*) Sports Day: St. Benedict, Bemidji, Moorhead, Winona, University of Minn.,

UMD, St. Catherine, St. Olaf, Careleton, (*sic*) Macalaster, Mankota, (*sic*) Augsburg, College of St. Scholastica, College of St. Teresa, Gustavus Adolphus, Hamline, Bethel College. Four committees were set up to help prepare for this day. The refreshment, social, officiating, and equipment.

A schedule of the entire sports day was mimeographed for the benefit of the players. Also, we mimeographed (*sic*) schedules for the officials and timers and scorers. We divided the playing time into half-hour games. A team must win 2 out of 3 games to be declared the winner. Four courts were used. 17 teams were playing in the whole sports day event, but only 8 teams could play at once. Every team got to play at least 3 times during the day.

The games were started a half-hour behind schedule because of the delay on arrival of a few teams. The girls played straight through till 4:00. We picked up the score sheets after every game and put the standing of the teams on the blackboard for everyone to see.

We answered any question they had and corrected the conflicts between different teams. (SCSU Archives, Volleyball Sportsday File, 1958)

Another example of a W.R.A. sponsored event was a round robin volleyball tournament held during the fall quarter of 1964. According to the 1964-65 Volleyball Sports Head Report, games were played every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening in the Eastman Hall North Gym (SCSU Athletic Media Relations [AMR] Files; SCSU AMR Files, Extramural Files, 1964-65). A total of 20 teams participated in the tournament. Three teams, the DeFlaters captained by Kathie Carlson, Aw Nuts captained by Judy Jensen, and the Linda St. John captained MissFits posted 4-0 records during the round robin portion of the tournament. These three teams advanced to the 1964 Championship Tournament played on December 10. Each team won one match and lost one match in the championships and Tri-Champions were declared in volleyball. One hundred and ninety seven women participated in the fall volleyball tournament and 18 were chosen by their teammates to represent SCSC in a game

against St. Benedict's College on December 2. The St. Cloud State team won the best of three games match 15-6 and 15-7, and was awarded the "Traveling Saints Trophy." The trophy stayed in the possession of the winning team until the winter basketball competition with the trophy going to that winner.

The W.R.A. went off campus to play a basketball game across town at the College of St. Benedict in 1966. According to the 1966 *Talahi*,

An athletic team from St. Cloud State engaged in battle against a troop of villains from near by St. Benedict's. Three times during 1965-66, our lady Huskies met the Bennies . . . in showdowns of basketball, volleyball and track and field. To the team demonstrating clearest superiority goes what the classes have called the Traveling Trophy, presently possessed by SCS. (p. 190)

By 1967, membership in the W.R.A. had reached 1500 girls on the SCSC campus. Also in 1966, an Extramural program for women was created on the St. Cloud State campus. Sally Erbaugh, a women's physical education faculty member, served as the Women's Extramural Adviser, and Linda Ochs, another physical education faculty member, was the assistant adviser. During the 1967-68 school year, Extramural sports included field hockey, volleyball, basketball, gymnastics, badminton, softball, tennis, track and field, golf, and swimming. Following is a summary of the Women's Extramural Program for 1967-68, written by Sally Erbaugh.

The past year was very hectic but very profitable with respect to student interest. In spite of seemingly insurmountable obstacles the year shows some progress in terms of general campus understanding and support.

It is unfortunate that this area of the Women's Physical Education program is considered "new" by many people, when, in reality it has been operating for several years under the heading of Women's Recreation Association. The past spring quarter Miss Ochs, interested students, and I have spent numerous hours developing the format of the program as it is at present. More specifically

attention was directed to philosophy, areas of release time, insurance, budget, and the structuring of a student board.

The assignment of additional release time for advising the Extramural Program should improve the quality of the 1968-69 program even though the budget has been limited to \$2,000. Hopefully, each student who participates will realize more of the depth of personal development which is closely related to developing a higher level of motor skill and participating in competitive situations. Sally Erbaugh, August 12, 1968. (SCSU AMR Files, Extramural File, 1967-68)

During the 1968-69 school year, Linda Ochs served as the Women's Extramural Director and 19 events were scheduled (SCSU AMR Files, Extramurals File, 1968-69). The scheduled dates included everything from a Volleyball Officiating Clinic at Hamline University on October 15, to a Volleyball Sportsday at SCSC on November 23, to basketball and gymnastics competition dates in January and February, to a May 3 softball game, and a tennis and golf tournament at the University of Minnesota on May 10. It is interesting to note that the 1968 Volleyball Sportsday was organized and hosted by the Women's Extramural Program. Until 1968, the event had been organized by the W.R.A. The 1968 Volleyball Sportsday was the last one hosted by SCSC. It had been an annual tradition since 1958.

In the summer of 1968, Gladys Ziemer was hired as an instructor in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) and as the Director of the W.R.A. "I started work in the summer and taught a bunch of classes, mostly in elementary P.E., because someone had left," said Ziemer (personal communication, January 20, 2004). That first year, she started the softball program. Her hiring and subsequent career at St. Cloud State University (SCSU) would parallel the growth of women's athletics during the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. Ziemer started and



coached the softball and volleyball teams, and later coached the gymnastics and basketball teams. During the 1969-70 school year, she took on the title of Director of Women's Extramurals, started the volleyball program, and coached gymnastics and softball. From 1970-71 to 1972-73, her title was Director of Women's Intercollegiate Sports. In 1973-74, her title changed to Director of Women's Athletics and she was allowed 50% of her time to administrate the program.

The first hint of an intercollegiate program for women at SCSC came in the winter of 1968-69 when Linda Ochs coached the women's basketball team in four games as part of the extramural program (SCSU AMR Files, Extramurals File, 1968-69). The Huskies posted an 0-4 record losing to Bethel, 49-32, Mankato, 66-24, Winona, 34-30 and Minnesota, 46-25. Ziemer kept individual and team statistics for each of the four games played, laying the groundwork for record keeping for SCSC women athletes. Her handwritten stat work can be found in the Archives of the St. Cloud State University Learning Resource and Technology Center. In that first game against Bethel, SCSU junior Jane Lussenhop scored 16 points and sophomore Janet Lund tallied 13 points. In the four games that year, Lund would average 11.3 points and Lussenhop nine points to lead the Huskies. Later, in the spring of 1969, Ziemer coached an intercollegiate softball team that practiced daily and completed its first season with a 5-1 record. The Huskies first intercollegiate win was in the season opener, a 7-4 victory over Bemidji State College played at the Veteran's Field at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in north St. Cloud on May 3. In the win, the Huskies had five hits and only one error. "The winning pitcher for the team was Claudia

Wagner and Linda St. John led the Huskies with a two-for-four batting performance, and Carol Smith scored three runs and had one hit. Wagner and Jeanne Steinke each had one hit," (Jacques, 1993b, p. 18). Following that first game, SCSC went on to win three straight with victories over Bemidji State, 14-4, Winona State College, 18-9, and Gustavus, 12-10. The Huskies first intercollegiate loss was to the University of Minnesota, 5-4, but SCSC finished the season on a winning note, 8-5 at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. The members of that first intercollegiate team were: Diane (Cyr) Hedin, Barbara (Gilbert) Meyer, Marge (Gruls) Sovereign, Mary (Kelsey) Braegelmann, Lorraine King, Mary Klein, Marsha Linden, Janet Lund, Judy (Marschel) Dunlop, Marie "Mick" Meyer, Nancy Molzahn, Elizabeth (Rauen) Lahm, Linda St. John, Carol J. Smith, Linda M. Smith, Jeanne Stienke, Claudia (Wagner) DuBord, and Bonnie (Young) Johnson.

Ziemer and Bleick drove to Estes Park, Colorado in the spring of 1969 to attend the Division of Girls and Women's Sports (DGWS) National Conference, June 21-27. In the Foreword of the Conference booklet, *Sports Programs for College Women*, it is stated that:

The purpose of the conference was to examine the current status and explore future directions of sports programs for college women, including: ethics and values; needs in relation to leadership, understanding interpretation, and cultural, social, and political influences; the relationship among intramural, recreational, and intercollegiate programs; and the nature of competition in reference to sports program planning. (Division of Girls and Womens Sports, 1969)

Women's physical education directors, as well as women's extramural directors from colleges and universities across the country were in attendance. "We had these big

meetings in the lodge and they would just be ongoing conversations, to which I just listened. The purpose of it was to get something going, if we could. And something did get going," said Ziemer (G. Ziemer, personal communication, January 20, 2004). It was the first national meeting of women's physical education directors to address intercollegiate competition.

While women's athletics was being explored on the national scene in Estes Park that same year, Ziemer was active in Minnesota, earning a national rating in women's basketball officiating, and serving as a member of the Minnesota Board of Officials (SCSU AMR Files, Gladys Ziemer Service Record, 1968-1986). One of the duties of the Board included rating officials at clinics. During the 1969-70 school year, Ziemer attended a conference of Central Association of Physical Education for College Women, as well as a leadership conference for college women in sports, both held at Minnesota sites. In addition, she continued to work in developing officials for women's basketball.

According to Jacques (1993a), during the 1969-70 academic year, three other sports teams were formed for intercollegiate competition. On January 29, 1970, the SCSU badminton team, under head coach Dee Whitlock, was defeated by the University of Minnesota 6-4 in its inaugural match. On February 21, 1970, Ziemer coached the SCSC gymnastics team in its first meet, a triangular with Bemidji State and Minot State, which the Huskies won with 56.5 points. On April 27, Whitlock led the Huskies into their first intercollegiate tennis competition. In the debut match, which was the only match of the season, the Huskies fell to Minnesota-Duluth 4-2. At the end

of the 1969-70 academic year, Ziemer compiled a report on Women's Intercollegiate Sports. It is a significant report in that it sums up the various seasons and offers some unique insight into the trials, tribulations and successes of the program. Volleyball and field hockey were sports offered in the fall, with badminton, gymnastics, and basketball offered in the winter, and tennis and softball offered in the spring. The complete report is in Appendix A. Following is the concluding paragraph from that report.

We're getting better in some sports and waiting for some talent to enroll for others. Generally, the coaches feel the program is successful. We need more uniforms (some sports have none) and especially need warm-ups (which could be used for all sports except swimming until we can do better). The budget for this year was not adequate (and is possibly "overdrawn"), but will be somewhat more reasonable next year. We expect to cut down on travel expenses somewhat by sending two sports teams to the same school at the same time. Swimming competition will be added next year. If we can get a coach, we would like to get Track and Field into the 1971-72 budget and possibly Field Hockey. We need more practice areas and in some cases, facilities for home contests (as indicated in the preceding pages). Putting into effect, next Fall, the minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 for competitors at SCS should help improve the overall skill of our teams (especially in team sports), since we won't be working with so many girls who won't be in school the following season. We have plans to get our SCS policies for intercollegiate sports into the booklet form for students by Fall, 1971. The W.I.S. (Women's Intercollegiate Sports) Student Advisory Board goes into full swing in Oct., 1970. Respectfully submitted, G. Ziemer. (SCSU AMR, Extramural Basketball File, 1969-70)

Carol Smith was in her final year of college in 1968-69 and would graduate from SCSC in the spring of 1969 with a physical education major and a health minor. Smith could be considered one of the many pioneers of the modern version of women's athletics at SCSC. Upon her arrival in the fall of 1965, the only athletic competition available to her was with the W.R.A. She competed in badminton, volleyball, some basketball and softball. In fact, she was a member of SCSC's first intercollegiate softball team. "Most of us were so into sports, that it was a natural flow to go to it,

because it was our way to get out and do a little competing, because there weren't many other opportunities," said Smith in reference to her experience in the W.R.A. (C. Smith, personal communication, December 2, 2003). Smith served as the vice-president of the W.R.A. in 1967-68. The physical education majors at the time were very involved in the W.R.A. As committee-members and leaders, they would organize tournaments and play days, carefully supervised by the W.R.A. advisor.

We had sportsheads where you would do a particular sport, be in charge of softball or volleyball, and get that going. The executive officers would work together and decide what we were going to do. I think we had camp outs once a year as a special outing. (C. Smith, personal communication, December 2, 2003)

Smith credits Linda Ochs, a women's physical education instructor, for getting the women students interested in competing as a team against outside competition.

She did a lot of . . . let's get a team together, practice a little bit and we'll go play badminton at the U . . . Well, we mainly got killed but we had the experience. Then it would be let's get some people together and play volleyball, so we'd go to St. Ben's and play volleyball. It was nothing like a five or six game schedule that Gladys Ziemer had when she got here. (C. Smith, personal communication, December 2, 2003)

Win or lose, it gave the women at SCSC an opportunity to compete. At the same time, other colleges would invite schools to their campus for tournaments. Winona State would host a tournament, so SCSC would hold tryouts and select a team to compete in the tournament. The tournaments were usually played on Saturdays and offered competition in volleyball, badminton, basketball and softball. Many of the tournaments and games were arranged by the W.R.A. members themselves.

I remember calling to arrange volleyball against St. Benedict's. I do remember that some of our best players were responsible for arranging some of the matches, which would be unheard of today. I think everyone was just excited

about the opportunity to compete. I think the composition of most of the teams were people in phy. ed. It wasn't just that it was exclusive, because there were some people I played with who just loved badminton or loved this sport, so they would come and play whether they were in English or elementary ed. or whatever. (C. Smith, personal communication, December 2, 2003)

Uniforms for sports teams were not available during Smith's career at SCSU.

I remember basically we never had any uniforms because we were just so new, I think we all wore our phy. ed. shorts or something like that and a white shirt. I remember the navy blue jackets of the phy. ed. majors, but not everyone was a phy. ed. Major. (C. Smith, personal communication, December 2, 2003)

Smith laughingly recalled, "We were the skuzziest looking team. Probably, that's what psyched them out; that's how we beat them" (C. Smith, personal communication, December 2, 2003). The women physical education majors had a rule where they had to wear a skirt when they were in Halenbeck Hall.

If it was 20 below zero you could tell the phy. ed. people because they were the only ones on campus dumb enough to have skirts on. That was one of the rules and you couldn't let Fran Bleick ever see you without a skirt on. (C. Smith, personal communication, December 2, 2003)

At the time, the main facilities used by the women athletes were the Halenbeck Hall balconies for volleyball and badminton, the campus lab school and Eastman for basketball and the Veteran's Field for softball. The Veteran's Field offered a unique setting for the women's softball team, as it included a built in fan base of patients from the nearby Veteran's Hospital.

We played our softball season out at the Vets and that was just an experience in itself out there because many of our fans were the Vets. Some of them had their own problems and issues. You learned a lot by having them around, like how to deal with fans. Someone would walk out on the field or something and hold the game up. (C. Smith, personal communication, December 2, 2003)

By Smith's recollection, it was one of the nicer fields for that time, with a great deal of space for fans. It also was sheltered and screened in.

Another early pioneer in SCSU women's athletics was Linda St. John. St. John competed in volleyball, field hockey, basketball, and softball from 1964-69. She was the 1960s version of the multi-sport athlete, as was almost every woman who participated in W.R.A. activities. They all participated for the love of the sport so as the seasons changed, these athletes would move into the next sports offering. St. John participated in Sportsday competitions in field hockey, volleyball, basketball and softball. She was a member of the first SCSC softball team in 1969 which would be her only intercollegiate experience in college. A newspaper clipping from the 1969 softball season (Jacques, 1993b, p. 18) summarizes the Huskies season opener in which SCSC defeated Bemidji State College, 7-4 on May 3 at the St. Cloud Veteran's Hospital Field. Linda St. John led the St. Cloud hitting with two hits in four at-bats..

Competition and opportunities were quite limited in 1964 when I began, but progressively grew throughout my years at SCSU. In looking back, what seems significant is that we were paving the way for women's athletics to reach newer and better heights. Playing a few away games in 1964 was the baby step to Division play and full seasons. New opportunities and greater competition and University support for the growth of women's athletics—those were significant. (L. St. John, personal communication, February 29, 2004)

During the 1969-70 school year, under the direction of Ziemer, SCSC organized the first intercollegiate teams in volleyball, gymnastics, badminton and tennis. Ziemer would organize and coach the volleyball and gymnastics teams while Dee Whitlock, another women's physical education instructor would coach the badminton and tennis teams. In the summer of 1969, Ziemer spent a considerable

amount of time learning volleyball with Georgene Brock, the volleyball coach at Mankato State College. "I spent time with Georgene during the summer of 1969 and she gave me drills that explained how to do volleyball and that's how it got started. And of course, I read and read and read" (G. Ziemer, personal communication, January 20, 2004). The Huskies practiced and played matches in the balconies of Halenbeck Hall. On October 25, 1969, the volleyball team competed in its first match with the "A" team defeating Winona State 15-12, 5-15, 15-10. The women played 10 matches in that first season, posting a 6-4 record. The year culminated with a state-wide invitational tournament at the University of Minnesota.

I remember that first year I was coaching. We played in a tournament at the U (University of Minnesota) in Norris gym. Dee Whitlock and some other people from St. Cloud came to watch my team, and we lost 15-0 in one game because every single ball we served hit the wall behind the court. They were that excited. (G. Ziemer, personal communication, January 20, 2004)

Members of that first volleyball team were: Ruth (Ahlstrom) Jorgenson, Shirley (Brehmer) Tschackofske, Diane Eckhoff, LaDonna M. (Fossell) Peterson, Sandra Hansen, Kathy Chard-Herring, Mary (Kelsey) Braegelmann, Lorraine King, Janet Lund, Judy (Marschel) Dunlop, Marie "Mick" Meyer, Nancy Molzahn, Jan Peterson, Elizabeth (Rauen) Lahm, Carolyn Reinfeld, Linda (Roden) Rosaasen, Pam Shidla, Nancy Way, Julie Winkler, Sheila (Yonker) Boesche, and manager Jane Whim (Jacques, 1993b).

The first gymnastics competition for the Ziemer coached Huskies was on January 24, 1970 (Jacques, 1993b). SCSU hosted a triangular meet with Bemidji State



and Minnesota. The Huskies finished third with 30 points, behind first place Bemidji State with 44 points and Minnesota with 41 points. The Huskies' Lianna Anderson and CeCe Ritter tied for first place in the floor exercise. Bonnie Leuer took first on the balance beam and Ruth Ahlstrom was first on the vault. The first win for the Huskies came on February 21 when SCSC scored 56.6 points to win the Bemidji State College Triangular. Bemidji State finished with 54.5 points and Minot State had 48.5 points. SCSC went on to place fifth at the State Meet held at the University of Minnesota on February 28. Ahlstrom finished first in the trampoline competition. The first gymnastics roster included: Ruth (Ahlstrom) Jorgenson, Lianna Anderson, Lynn (Clark) Beckenbach, Donna (Diederich) Torgerson, LaDonna M. (Fossell) Peterson, Anell "Nellie" (Griffith) Kern, Gayle Groebner, Mary (Houle) Koski, Sue Kuckler, Bonnie (Leuer) Hagelberger, Lynne McDonald, Barbara (Mead) Nelson, Maureen (Mullen) Waltman, CeCe Ritter, Charlene (Ulrich) Morrow, and Nancy Winans.

The badminton team under the direction of head coach Dee Whitlock competed in its first match at the University of Minnesota on January 28, 1970, a 6-4 loss. Liz Rauen, Paula Lindgren, and Kathy Justin won their singles matches. According to Jacques (1993b), the doubles team of Marcia Thompson and Kathy Rolf were winners also. On February 26, the Huskies hosted Southwest State College in the only home match in what would be the short history of badminton at SCSU, as the 1970-71 season would be the final year of competition for the program. Mankato defeated SCSC 7-5 in a dual meet and the season ended at the University of Minnesota Invitational Badminton Tournament with Vicki Wedgewood taking second in the singles division

and Marcia Thompson and Kathy Rolf winning the doubles consolation title. The first badminton team roster included: Paula Jackson, Judy (Marschel) Dunlop, Nancy Molzahn, Sue (Otis) Ulbricht, Linda (Pearson) Lehtola, Lynn Sathre, Natalie Swanson, Marcia (Thompson) Kleven, Vicki (Wedgewood) Anders, and Karen J. Woods.

Whitlock's tennis team debuted on April 27, 1970, losing their only match of the season 4-2 to Minnesota-Duluth (Jacques, 1993b). Kathy Marker and Kathy Hessler won in singles competition for the Huskies. Members of the 1970 women's tennis team were: Gayle Groebner, Kathy Hessler, Mari Ingram, Constance (Johnson) Wahlstrom, Nancy Jones, Connie LaBrosse, Kathy Marker, Mary Nygaard, and Linda M. (Pearson) Lehtola.

With intercollegiate sports competition well underway, the last mention of the W.R.A. is made in the 1970 *Talahi* which published photos of W.R.A. participants during competition. The women's intercollegiate sports scene was moving closer to the sports programs that exist today in women's athletics. The transition of women's sports for recreational purposes only, to that of competitive competition was underway. The 1960s introduced women to intercollegiate sports and the 1970s would further define the interests of women in sports and create more opportunities for women in competition.

### Summary

The 1960s marked the true beginning of women's intercollegiate athletics on the St. Cloud State campus. Regularly scheduled Sportsdays were organized and administrated by the female students with help from faculty advisers. The first

intercollegiate athletic teams were organized in the late 1960s. Those teams included softball, basketball, gymnastics, tennis, and badminton. The biggest impact of the 1960s was the hiring of Gladys Ziemer as an instructor in the Physical Education Department and the Director of the W.R.A. Ziemer would play a huge role in the organization and implementation of women's sports at SCSU, as well as at the state and national levels.

### THE 1970S: EXPANSION, AIAW, TITLE IX

The 1970s would bring the development of SCSC Women's Athletics to a crescendo. Swimming and diving, track and field, cross country, and golf fielded their first competitive teams, bringing the women's sports total to 10 at the institution. Ziemer continued to represent SCSC among state educators, coaches, and administrators in promoting and advancing college women's athletics in Minnesota. According to her service record (SCSU AMR Files, Gladys Ziemer Service Record, 1968-86), in 1970-71, Ziemer represented SCSC at an October meeting held in Bemidji to draft the constitution and by-laws for the Minnesota Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MWIAA). She also attended the first National Women's Collegiate Volleyball Tournament in Lawrence, Kansas in February of 1971; and in May of 1971 attended the first MWIAA Meeting for Directors and Coaches held in Winona, Minnesota. In 1971-72, Ziemer was elected to the MWIAA Executive Board. She attended a Central District Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation in Fargo, North Dakota in April of 1972. It was at that convention that an

organizational meeting for the Region 6 Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) took place. The following year (1972-73), Ziemer was elected Vice-Chairperson of the Minnesota Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (MAIAW), formerly the MWIAA. She served as the MAIAW Chair of the Rules Interpretation and Protest Committee and attended the MAIAW State Basketball Tournament in that capacity. She also attended conferences of Region 6 AIAW and was elected Minnesota Representative to Region 6 AIAW. During the 1973-74 school year, Ziemer's title was changed to Director of Women's Athletics. In addition to being vice chair of the MAIAW and Minnesota representative to the Region 6 AIAW, she was the SCSC delegate to the first ever AIAW Delegate Assembly held in Overland Park, Kansas in November of 1973. She also attended the MAIAW Delegate Assembly and the Region 6 AIAW Executive Council Meeting.

During the decade, changes for women athletes were taking place on the national level. In the 1971-72 school year, SCSC women athletes had a new goal to reach in terms of athletic success as the AIAW was organized to provide policies and guidelines for women's athletics programs. The 1972-73 AIAW Handbook states:

The Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) was organized in 1971-72 to replace CIAW. It provides a governing body and leadership for initiating and maintaining standards of excellence in women's intercollegiate athletic programs. Colleges and universities should indicate their active support by membership in this organization (1) if they subscribe to the belief that the focus of women's intercollegiate athletics should remain on the individual participant in her primary role as a college student, and (2) if they support the policies under which such programs have been operated by DGWS, CIAW, and AIAW. (p. 6)

On June 23, 1972, the United States Congress enacted Title IX and women's sports changed forever. Title IX states that "No person in the United States shall on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance" (Cited in Oglesby et al. 1998). The federal legislation, still in effect today, prohibits sex discrimination in any educational institution receiving federal funds. Title IX applies to all programs within an educational institution, but it has had a major impact on sports programs for women in the ensuing decades. At SCSU, Title IX legislation created more opportunities for women athletes. As a result of Title IX, SCSU was one of the first colleges in the U.S. to grant athletic aid to female athletes (SCSU AMR Files, Financial Assistance, 1974-75). The first athletic grants in aid for women athletes at SCSU were given out during the 1974-75 school year. Volleyball, basketball and softball athletes were given \$200 each in financial assistance.

Deb Allyn was one of the first female athletes at SCSU to receive an athletic grant.

I thought SCSU was somewhat of a leader in women's athletics. Some of the media materials published in 1976 were better than what many institutions produced for women in the early '80s. At the time, as a student-athlete, I was maybe not aware of the fights and struggles the coaches were going through. I do remember diving and rolling on the balconies for volleyball practice. We traveled in charter buses and ate at respectable restaurants. We had practice gear provided. I don't recall ever being hassled for being a woman athlete. The coaches encourage professional development and I attended some of the AIAW meetings as a student representative. (D. Allyn, personal communication, March 16, 2004).

## Volleyball

Ziemer's 1971 volleyball team fell to a 5-6 mark, but rebounded in 1972 to finish second to the University of Minnesota in MWIAA competition. The first Region 6 AIAW Volleyball tournament was held at the University of Minnesota on January 19-20, 1973. Twelve teams from seven states qualified for the competition. The Huskies won the consolation championship and closed out the season with an impressive 17-6 record (SCSU AMR Files, Volleyball File, 1977). It was the first winning season in the 4-year history of SCSC volleyball. The fall 1973 season was a banner year for volleyball at SCSC (SCSU AMR Files, Volleyball Media Guide, 2003). The Huskies captured the MWIAA championship by defeating a strong University of Minnesota team in the finals. Advancing to the Region 6 AIAW tournament, Ziemer's squad finished eighth and recorded another winning season with a 13-8 record.

By the fall of 1974, the SCSU volleyball team faced a rebuilding year and finished fifth in the MAIAW with a respectable 9-5 record, but emerged as a state power again in 1975 (SCSU AMR Files, Volleyball Media Guide, 2003). The Ziemer coached Huskies would start out the 1975 season with three straight losses, but recovered with a record setting 14 consecutive wins. End of the season blues settled on the team, as the Huskies finished third in the state tournament and a disappointing 12th in the Region 6 AIAW tournament. The season was still a success as the Huskies posted a record 22 wins against only 7 losses for the year. St. Cloud State University

(SCSU) rose to the top in volleyball in the fall of 1976, claiming the MAIAW large college championship and posting a 26-15 overall record.

A new coach was hired to replace Ziemer in volleyball and softball during the 1977-78 school year (G. Ziemer, personal communication, January 20, 2004). At the time, the SCSU administration felt that Ziemer was taking on too much, coaching three teams and serving as athletic director. She had to decide what sport she would coach. It was an easy decision for Ziemer who loved coaching. She chose basketball. "I chose basketball because it had the longest season and all I wanted to do was coach," Ziemer said (personal communication, June 20, 2004). Ziemer would continue as the women's athletics director. Dianne Glowatzke, a graduate of Mankato State, would take over the reins of the program, coaching softball until 1984 and volleyball until 2002. She would become a mainstay of the SCSU women's athletics department.

My first year here, I was the head volleyball coach, assistant basketball coach and head softball coach . . . Burnett was our first really big recruit as far as athletic scholarships went and our first big transfer we got was Kris Carlton from the University of Minnesota. And, they are both in our Hall of Fame. I think Kris, to this day was the most technically sound volleyball player as far as how she hit. And I think Kris could easily play at the level they are playing at today and be one of the better players. She was that good and that was really early . . . I came here to coach in really a good situation. I look back at some of the other colleges at the time, and I think we were one of the most progressive colleges as far as a women's sports program here. I know it's the battles that 'Zip' (Gladys Ziemer) fought and she really established the women's program here. (D. Glowatzke, personal communication, December 12, 2002)

The Glowatzke coaching era began in the fall of 1977 with volleyball. That season the Huskies continued their excellence; compiling a 25-19 record, claiming second place in the MAIAW and finishing sixth in the Region 6 AIAW tournament.

Under the guidelines of the AIAW, the off-campus recruitment of prospective student-athletes was prohibited (SCSU AMR, Volleyball File, 1977). In order to attract female athletes to campus, the sports teams would hold auditions for all interested high school seniors or community college sophomores. A letter was sent to high school and community college coaches, asking them to make aware to their athletes interested in attending SCSU, the dates for the auditions. In one such letter dated November 21, 1977, Coach Glowatzke writes, "We encourage students to attend SCSU because they are interested in the program available to them here." Glowatzke's 1978 squad posted a 24-16 record and finished third in the final year of the MAIAW large college tournament. In 1979, the eight team Northern Sun Conference (NSC) was inaugurated and the Huskies tied for second with a 5-2 record against league schools, finished third in the MAIAW Division II Tournament, and finished the season with a 23-16 overall record.

Deb Allyn. Deb Allyn lettered in volleyball four times from 1973 to 1976 and was a team co-captain in 1975 and 1976 (SCSU AMR Files, Volleyball File). She was one of the first female SCSU athletes to receive scholarship aid in the 1974-75 school year (D. Allyn, personal communication, March 16, 2004). Allyn played in 216 games in her career, which at the time was the most ever played by an SCSU volleyball player. During her four seasons on the team, the Huskies posted a 70-35 overall record and advanced to the Region 6 AIAW Tournament twice. She played on two state championship MAIAW teams, winning her first year (1973) and her senior year in 1976. She lettered three times in basketball. She was a member of the 1973-74



inaugural track and field team, lettered three times in the sport, served as team captain, and qualified for nationals in the javelin. She placed fifth in the javelin in the first outdoor track meet for the Huskies on May 4, 1974 at the University of Minnesota with a throw of 105 feet, 7½ inches. She also established the school record in the javelin. Allyn was inducted into the SCSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1991. "I think Gladys decided to get practice uniforms because of me wearing my bright Golden Gophers sweatpants and sweatshirt to practice" (D. Allyn, personal communication, March 16, 2004).

Kris Carlton. Kris Carlton transferred to SCSU from the University of Minnesota and started competing for the Huskies in volleyball in the fall of 1975 (SCSU AMR Files, Volleyball File). The first scholarship athlete to transfer to SCSU, she played volleyball for three seasons, and was a member of the 1976 softball team. According to her biography in the *Women's Fall Sports Guide* (1977), Carlton was "co-captain of 1977 team . . . was leading hitter on '75 and '76 team . . . attacks well with either hand" (p. 10). When she completed her volleyball career in 1977, she ranked first on the career records chart, having played 267 total games. The Huskies posted a 73-41 record in her three seasons on the team and won the 1976 MAIAW Large College Championship.

Jeanne Burnett. Jeanne Burnett arrived on the SCSU athletic scene in the fall of 1978 (SCSU AMR Files, Volleyball File). She was highly touted in volleyball as the Huskies top freshman recruit. As quoted from the 1978 SCSU *Women's Fall Sports*

*Guide*, Burnett was “a strong hitter and very aggressive player . . . has the ability to play the entire rotation” (p. 10). In the 1981 SCSU *Volleyball Media Guide*, Burnett’s biography stated, “One of the top athletes on the SCSU campus...serving as a tri-captain this fall...has started since her frosh year.” (p. 6). Burnett was a four-time MAIAW Volleyball All-Tournament team selection. By the time her basketball career ended, Burnett had become the fourth Husky to score 1000 career points. Today, she ranks 11th in all-time scoring with 1,394 career points and fifth in rebounding with 919 rebounds and fifth in games played with 155. She was also a three-time MAIAW Basketball All-Tournament team selection. She was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994.

### Name and Coaching Changes

The 1974-75 school year brought on a name change in state competition.

Championships played under the banner of the MWIAA would change to the MAIAW.

G. Ziemer stated (personal communication, January 20, 2004):

When we first organized our state organization, we called it the MWIAA . . . That’s just what we named it when we sat up at somebody’s house in Bemidji, writing the bylaws, probably in 1969. As we became affiliated with the national playoffs and once the regional AIAW was formed, then the states changed it to the same thing (MAIAW). It was the exact same organization.

Two new coaches were hired by SCSU in the fall of 1975 (Jacques, 1993a).

Karen Thompson would organize and coach the first cross country team and take over the track and field head coaching duties in the spring of 1976. Joanne Owens was hired to coach gymnastics and organized the first intercollegiate golf team.

### Cross Country

In the cross country team's 1975 fall debut, the Huskies took fourth place at the Golden Valley Women's Invitational Cross Country meet (Jacques, 1993b). The University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse won the meet, which was run at the Lake Nokomis course. Mary Bedard of SCSU placed 17<sup>th</sup> with a time of 13 minutes, 36 seconds. Other place finishers for the Huskies included: 20. Dusty Ripplemeyer, 21. Mary Perish, 22. Claire Johnson, 23. Ann (Erickson) MacConnell, 24. Jocie Hanson, 25. Corrine (Hillinski) Larson, 28. Eileen (Kub) Black. Michele (Tauzell) Pederson was the ninth member of the inaugural cross country squad. Of the nine members of the inaugural cross country team only two had high school running experience, Mary Bedard and Eileen Kub. Five races were scheduled that first year, including the SCSU Invitational and the MAIAW Championships where the Huskies finished in third in both competitions (SCSU AMR Files, Cross Country File 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978). The following year (1976), the Huskies competed in seven races, placed first in four races and third in the MAIAW Championships (SCSU AMR All-Time Records, Women's Cross Country, 1976). Kate Krippner and Lori Hayne became the first ever cross country athletes to qualify for the National AIAW Cross Country Championships held on November 13 in Madison, Wisconsin. The Huskies competed in their first Region 6 AIAW meet in 1977 and placed 12<sup>th</sup>. Toni Bourne and Linda Guck led the Huskies in the fall of 1978, placing in the top 10 in the MAIAW championship. Bourne finished fourth and went on to a 26<sup>th</sup>-place finish at the Region 6 AIAW meet. Guck placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the MAIAW and 57<sup>th</sup> in the region race. Toni Bourne competed in the 1979 AIAW

Division II National Meet in Tallahassee, Florida and placed 44<sup>th</sup> (out to 204 runners) in the race (SCSU AMR All-Time Records, Women's Cross Country, 1979). As a team, the Huskies placed second at the MAIAW championship and fourth in the Region 6 AIAW championship.

### Golf

Six SCSU women stepped up to the first tee box at Wapicada Country Club on April 30, 1976 for their first ever collegiate golf match against St. Olaf College (Jacques, 1993b). St. Olaf won the match 270-292. Anne Theis, who had earned the number one position for the Huskies, carded an 88 to finish second in the competition. Joining Theis on the first golf squad in 1975-76 were: Jane Gustafson, Gayle Knutson, Ann Lindgren, Mary McChesney, Ann (Pearson) Sowieja, and Vicki Stewart. In 1978, Theis was named the women's golf coach. In 1991, Theis Kollar became the SCSU women's golf coach for the second time.

### Badminton

Badminton would have a very short tenure as an intercollegiate women's sport at SCSU, as the Huskies played in their final badminton match on February 20, 1971, at the Minnesota Invitational (Jacques, 1993a).

### Basketball

Four different women would coach the women's basketball team in its first 5 years of competition. Linda Ochs (1968-69), Joan Payne (1969-70), Pat Halvorson (1970-71, 1971-72) and Joyce Gedde (1972-73) combined for a 21-27 record in the

first 5 years of the program (SCSU AMR Files, SCSU Women's *Basketball Media Guide*, 2003-04). Halvorson's 1971-72 squad would post the first winning season for the Huskies with a 6-4 season record. In 1973-74, the Ziemer era as women's basketball head coach would begin.

When I started coaching basketball in 73-74, there were no books out on full court basketball for women. I was studying Johnny Wooden and then articles were appearing. The first really good book on women's full court basketball was by Mildred Barnes who was at Central Missouri State, and who actually had also been involved in organizations like CIAW and DGWS. She wrote about full court basketball, and the drills were wonderful. I learned a lot from the Mildred Barnes book. (G. Ziemer, personal communication, January 20, 2004)

When Ziemer took over as coach of the basketball program, she was learning the game, at the same time as she was teaching it to her athletes. Many members of the early SCSU women's basketball teams were new to the sport, having not played prior to arriving on the university campus. Ziemer took it upon herself to watch men's games, chart the plays, and then teach them to her own team. She was definitely a student of the game. Watching televised games was a habit that she continued throughout her collegiate coaching career.

Under the four previous coaches, the women's basketball team played and practiced at the Campus Lab School (G. Ziemer, personal communication, January 20, 2004). In Ziemer's first year as basketball coach, the women were allowed to play and practice at Halenbeck Hall. Ziemer's squad posted a 3-6 record in 1973-74, winning the first game of the season, a 44-25 victory over St. Benedict's. The other Husky wins were a 40-36 victory over the University of Minnesota-Duluth, and a 62-36 win over St. Benedict's in the first game of the State Tournament. Mary LeVassuer led the

Huskies in scoring averaging 12.4 points per game and rebounding with 9.8 per game (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Women's Basketball Results, 1974). The 1974-75 basketball squad posted a 5-10 overall record and the 1975-76 basketball team posted its first winning record under Coach Ziemer with a 15-8 mark (SCSU AMR Files, SCSU Women's *Basketball Postseason Guide*, 2003-04). Forward Nola Johnson averaged 13.3 points per game and that first winning season would spark a string of 15 consecutive winning years of Husky basketball under the tutelage of Ziemer. The Husky basketball team won the 1976-1977 MAIAW Large College Championship with a 67-60 win over the University of Minnesota and advanced to the Region 6 tournament and posted an 18-4 team record. Nola Johnson and Sue Wahl led the Huskies during the 1977-78 season to a 19-12 record. That season Johnson led all scorers with 446 points and shot a team high 42% from the field. Wahl led the team in rebounds with 310 and assists with 45. In 1978-79, Wahl led the Huskies in points (466), rebounds (315), and assists (68), and was named to the Women's Collegiate Basketball All-American Region Team. SCSU posted a 19-10 record that season.

Nola Johnson. Nola Johnson played basketball, volleyball and softball at St. Cloud State from 1974 to 1978 (SCSU AMR Files). She was the first SCSU women's basketball player to score 1000 points in a collegiate career and finished her career with 1,248 points. The SCSU women's basketball team placed second in the MAIAW State Tournament in 1976 and 1978, advancing to the AIAW Region 6 Tournament in 1976. In 1977, SCSU won the large college state championship and again advanced to the Region 6 AIAW Tournament. That year, SCSU posted an 18-4 record, the best in

school history at the time. During the 1977-78 season, Johnson led the team in scoring with 446 points. Johnson was a team co-captain for three of her four seasons on the team. Her name remains in the SCSU basketball record book as she still ranks among the top 10 all-time in scoring, rebounding, field goals made and field goals attempted. She played volleyball for 3 years and was a 2-year starter. She played in 166 volleyball games which ranked 10<sup>th</sup> all-time in the 1978 volleyball career record book. Johnson played 1 year on the softball team and was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in the fall of 2002.

Patti Decker. Patti Decker was also a three-sport athlete for the Huskies during the mid 1970s (SCSU AMR Files, 2001). She was a 4-year starter on the basketball team from 1974-78 and a three-time team co-captain. Decker followed Johnson into the 1000 career points club and still ranks in the top 20 in career scoring with 1,182 career points. As a freshman in the spring of 1975, she participated in track and field. Decker ran on the school record setting 880 yard medley relay and set the school record in the 200-meter hurdles. She switched to softball in the spring of 1976 and was a 3-year starter on the SCSU squad which finished as state runner-up in 1977 and 1978. As a junior member of the softball team in 1977, Decker led the squad in hitting with a .338 average. At the end of her career in 1978, Decker had her name beside nine individual career records in the softball record book. She was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001. Getting new uniforms is always an exciting time for athletes and Decker recalled a new uniform experience from her basketball playing days.

Before a State tournament we got new uniforms. Well, I quickly dressed and put my warm-ups on and went out to the court for pre-game. As they were announcing the starting line-up I took my warm-ups off and I ran out as they announced my name. My teammates were laughing and pointing at me and Coach Ziemer was just shaking her head and smirking. I finally realized why they were laughing as I looked down at my uniform and realized my number in the front of my uniform was much larger than my teammates. I had it on backwards. My teammates were kind enough to huddle around me as I switched my uniform around! (P. Decker, personal communication, March 8, 2004)

Sue Wahl. Another fine athlete from the 1970s, Sue Wahl competed in basketball, volleyball, track, and tennis from 1975-79 (SCSU AMR Files). Wahl was named to the All-Region 6 AIAW basketball team in 1979. She received All-Minnesota AIAW basketball and volleyball honors in 1978 and added a second basketball honor in 1979. She was the first woman collegiate basketball player in Minnesota to score both 1000 points and grab 1000 rebounds in a collegiate career. She is the first of only two SCSU players to score 1000 points and 1000 rebounds in a Husky uniform. Wahl still holds the SCSU school record for rebounds in a career with 1,074. She shares the individual game record for best free throw percentage making 12 of 12 free throws versus Mankato State in 1977. She ranks 10<sup>th</sup> on the all-time scoring chart with 1,418 career points. During the 1977-78 season, she led the Huskies in rebounding and assists. In 1978-79, Wahl led the team in three categories, scoring with 466 points, rebounding with 315 and assists with 68. At the end of the 1979 season, Wahl held five single-game records, eight single season records, and eight career records. During the 1976 track season, Wahl had four first-place finishes in the high jump, including a top finish at the MAIAW State Meet with a jump of 5 feet, 0 inches. In addition, she won the 1976 Region 6 AIAW pentathlon. At the end of the 1976



season she held school records in the 100 meter hurdles, long jump, and high jump. In the 1978 St. Cloud State University *Women's Fall Sports Media Guide*, Wahl, a senior volleyball player, is described as one of the best athletes ever to don a uniform at St. Cloud State. The bio goes on to say she is a team co-captain and leading returning hitter, and has outstanding jumping ability. She was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991.

In college, the athletic events that stick out the most after all this time included a last second shot against the University of Minnesota early during my sophomore year that beat the buzzer and won the game—the first of a four-game sweep of the U of M that year. We went on to regionals that year and lost to a couple of fine women's teams in the playoffs. One individual moment that resonates was winning the 2-day, seven state regional pentathlon as a freshman. At that time, three of the five events—the high and long jumps and 100 meter hurdles—were my specialties . . . and in the remaining two—the shot put and 200-meter dash—I was able to hold my own. Sadly, the decision was made not to send me to Nationals, which was one of the factors in my eventually retiring from that sport. I vaguely remember scoring my 1000<sup>th</sup> point during my junior year . . . and more vividly remember my 1000<sup>th</sup> rebound well into my senior year—at the time, the first woman in Minnesota to reach that milestone. I remember some fantastic rallies in volleyball my senior year, brought about by the great coaching of Dianne Glowatzke and the marvelous skills of my teammates. A truly great experience was really the success of all our teams. During my 11 seasons in four different sports, I never competed on a losing team—a real credit to all our coaches and all my teammates. (S. Wahl, personal communication, March 17, 2004)

### Gymnastics

Linda Ochs coached the first gymnastics team in their only competition of the 1968-69 season. Following is an account of that competition published by the *St. Cloud Daily Times*:

St. Peter, Minn. The St. Cloud women's gymnastics team won the state championship here Saturday at Gustavus Adolphus College.

The Huskies posted 86 team points to 67 for runnerup Mankato. Carleton had 63, Gustavus 58 and the University of Minnesota 46. Char Dawson won the advanced division all around title taking first in the floor exercise, balance beam, uneven parallel bars, vaulting and tumbling. Nancy Howard was first in the intermediate floor exercise and third in the balance beam. Ruth Ahlstrom was first in the advanced trampoline and second in the vaulting. Maureen Mullen posted another first for state in the novice tumbling and was third in the trampoline. Barbara Mead was second in the novice balance beam and fifth in the vaulting. Terry Hanson was third in the novice vaulting.

Girls picking up fourth place for the Huskies were Barbara Johnson in the intermediate tumbling and Mary Houle in the novice tumbling. Other members of the team placing in the meet were Lianna Anderson, Cece Ritter, Sue Poliak, Pam Shidla and Mary Kelsey. The State women's gymnastics team is coached by Linda Ochs (State Girl Gymnasts, 1969).

Ziemer coached the 1969-70 squad to a fifth-place finish at the MWIAA meet.

The Huskies hosted their first home gymnastics meet on January 24, 1970 and placed third in a triangular meet with 30 points, behind Bemidji State (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Minnesota (1<sup>st</sup>) (Jacques, 1993a). Doris Kelly, a former graduate assistant, took over the head gymnastics coaching duties from Ziemer in 1971, and in 1972, another coaching change took place when Carol Brink signed on as the Huskies third coach. Brink would coach the squad through the 1974-75 season. The 1972-73 squad placed fifth in the MWIAA under head coach Carol Brink, as did the 1973-74 squad. The top performers for the Huskies in 1973-74 were captain Kris Winter, Debbie Mahoney, Ann Sweeney, and Wendy Gilbertson. In a Husky win over Augustana on January 16, 1974, Mahoney placed first on the vault, bars, and floor exercise. SCSU played host to the 1975-76 MAIAW State Meet on February 21 and placed fifth under new head coach Joanne Owens (SCSU AMR Files, Gymnastics Results, 1975-76). Mahoney placed first in the vault with a score of 8.40. Mahoney and teammate Vicki Verhey represented SCSU at

the Region 6 AIAW Gymnastics Championships in Brookings, SD, marking the first time an SCSU gymnast had advanced to the Region meet. Mahoney finished 24<sup>th</sup> in the competition. The Huskies placed sixth in the MAIAW meet in 1976-77 and third in 1977-78. The 1978-79 season with Becky McClellan as head coach saw the Huskies place fourth in the MAIAW and eighth at the Region 6 AIAW meet. The program vaulted to the top in 1979-80 when SCSU won the MAIAW Division II state title and placed third at the Region 6 AIAW meet. Two SCSU gymnasts advanced to the AIAW Division II National Meet. They were Anne Cleary who finished 24<sup>th</sup> and Terese Sager who placed 48<sup>th</sup> in the all-around competition.

Debbie Mahoney. Debbie Mahoney was a 4-year member of the gymnastics team (SCSU AMR Files). She was a 2-year co-captain and a two-time Region 6 AIAW qualifier in the vault during her sophomore and junior year. She tied for first in the vault in the State Meet in 1976 and finished third in State in 1977. In 1976 she was rated first in the state in the vault. In addition to being an outstanding gymnast, Mahoney also had a solid career in track and field. She ran the 400-meter hurdles, the 440 relay and mile relay, and competed in the long jump. At the 1975 State MAIAW track meet, Mahoney set the SCSU record in the long jump with a mark of 15' 4 1/4", and ran a leg on the record setting 440 and mile relays.

### Swimming and Diving

Ruth Nearing organized and coached the first SCSU women's intercollegiate swimming and diving team in the fall of 1970. According to Jacques (1993a), the first

meet was held on October 31, 1970, with the Huskies swimming to an 80-31 victory over Winona State. The swimmers would go on to finish fifth at the MWIAA State meet held in Minneapolis on December 5, 1970. Later in the season, Robin Inserra, Jane Lussenhop, Bonnie Muedeking, and Nancy Raso would compete in the Division of Girls and Women's Sports (DGWS) National Swimming and Diving Meet at Tempe, Arizona, held March 25-27, 1971. The team finished 33<sup>rd</sup> in the 200 freestyle relay. Members of that first swimming team included: Toni Ammend, Mary Jane Beckel, Shirley (Brehmer) Tschackofske, Colleen (Campbell) Wambach, Rebecca (Davis) Walling, Linda Hays, Robi Inserra, Janet Kroupa, Linda Lundquist, Jane (Lussenhop) Hayman, Maureen Mulligan, Ann Perry, Nancy (Raso) Eklund, and Bonnie Torpy (Jacques, 1993b).

Nearing's 1971-72 swimming and diving squad continued to improve and captured SCSC's first MWIAA state title in a competition held at Halenbeck Hall. The Huskies finished with 236.5 points, ahead of the University of Minnesota's 226 points (Jacques, 1993a). According to Jacques, the victory completed an undefeated season for the Huskies. The 1975-76 swimming team went 11-1 in dual competition and placed fourth at the MAIAW State meet. The Huskies swimming and diving success was evident in the results of the 1976-77 season when SCSU placed second in the MAIAW State Meet and sixth in the Region 6 AIAW meet (SCSU AMR, Swimming Results, 1976-77). Diver Laurie Dineen qualified for the AIAW National Tournament in Providence, RI. At the State Meet, Dineen placed first in the 1- and 3-meter diving events, and set an MAIAW record on the 1-meter board with a score of 392.40.

Teammate Shelly Iten placed second in 1- and 3-meter diving. Jane Baltes Barton, who would be inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992, placed second in four events, the 200, 100, and 50 backstroke, and the 100 individual medley. In the Region 6 AIAW competition, the 200 freestyle relay team of Karen Anderson, Jackie Arveson, Brenda Danzl, and Baltes placed eighth. Baltes placed fourth in the 100 and 50 backstroke. Dineen placed third, Iten sixth and Mary Stock eighth in the 3-meter diving event. The 400 medley relay of Baltes, Linda Eickenberg, Kim Thompson, and Danzl placed fifth, while the 400 free relay team of Anderson, Arveson, Thompson, and Danzl placed tenth. Twenty-two school records were set during the 1976-77 season. The records included: 200 medley relay (2:01.84) and 400 medley relay (4:31.278) of Baltes, Danzl, Eickenberg, and Thompson. Anderson set marks in the 1650 freestyle—(20:00.43), 500 freestyle—(5:41.83), and 200 freestyle—(2:08.6). Danzl set records in the 100 freestyle—(1:00.0). Jane Jaspersen established records in the 400 IM—(5:43.197) and 200 butterfly—(2:45.18). Baltes set five records in the 200 IM—(2:30.7), 200 backstroke—(2:20.75), 100 backstroke—(1:04.11), 50 backstroke—(1:30.09), and 100 butterfly—(1:07.45). Patti Pribyl owned the 200 breaststroke mark—(2:44.95), and Eickenberg the 100 breast—(1:15.49), and 50 breast—(1:35.04) records. Not surprisingly Dineen set new records in 1-meter diving—(206.9 points), and 3-meter diving—(232.75 points). The 800 free relay—(9:20.20), of Connie Anklam, Marta Schnapp, Anderson, and Arveson, the 400 free relay—(4:03.005) of Thompson, Anderson, Arveson, and Schnapp, and the 200 free relay—(1:49.752) of Arveson, Anderson, Baltes, and Danzl also established school records.

Diver Deb Miller established an MAIAW record enroute to her state title during the 1978-79 season. That same year, Baltes placed second in the 100 backstroke and fourth in the 200 individual medley at the state MAIAW competition. As a team, the Huskies placed fourth at the State meet and fifth in the Region 6 AIAW Championships. The 1979-80 squad sent seven swimmers to the AIAW Division II National Swimming and Diving Championships (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records Women's Swimming and Diving, 1979-80). In Nearing's final season as head coach, the Huskies posted a 6-1 dual meet record, won the MAIAW team title and the Region 6 AIAW team championships. Baltes earned All-American honors in the 50 backstroke with a 12<sup>th</sup>-place finish. She also finished 18<sup>th</sup> in the 200 and 24<sup>th</sup> in the 100 backstroke. Deb Miller placed 26<sup>th</sup> in 3-meter diving and 41<sup>st</sup> on the 1-meter board. Cherie Roeder placed 24<sup>th</sup> on the 1-meter board and 41<sup>st</sup> on the 3-meter board. Diane Holmgren was 36<sup>th</sup> in the 1650 freestyle. The 200 medley relay team of Lucia Tahti, Baltes, Beth Canny, and Nancy Bader placed 26<sup>th</sup>. The outstanding career of Baltes, a walk-on, came to an end in 1980 and she recalled a story that made a big splash in her final season.

During my senior year it was a personal goal of mine to qualify for the National competition. My coach, Ruth Nearing, was aware of, and very supportive of my desires and goals. On Parent's Day that year, Ms. Nearing pulled me aside before the start of the meet. She had her own very unique ways of inspiring each of her swimmers and this day was no exception. With contagious enthusiasm she announced that if I swam my qualifying time that day she would climb up the high dive and, in front of all the parents, jump off with all of her clothes and shoes on. Just the thought of it was all I needed to push myself that extra bit in order to swim my qualifying time for the National competition in the backstroke. As promised, at the end of the meet she announced her 'deal' with me and proceeded to make a grand production of her

high dive. It was a very memorable moment! (J. Baltes, personal communication, March 2, 2004)

Jane Baltes Barton. Jane Baltes Barton was an SCSU letterwinner in swimming from 1976 to 1980 (SCSU AMR Files). Baltes was SCSU's first female All-American, earning the honor by placing 12<sup>th</sup> in the 50 backstroke at the 1979-80 AIAW Division II National Swimming and Diving Championships. She was the team Most Valuable Player (MVP) all four seasons of her career and a team co-captain. During her collegiate career, she held school records in the following events; 200 and 400 medley relay, 200 and 400 freestyle relay, the 400, 200, and 100 individual medley, and the 200, 100, and 50 backstroke, the 100 butterfly, and 100 freestyle for a total of 12 records.

Baltes was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992. Her experience exemplified the graciousness of the athletes who had the opportunity to compete in athletics in the 1970s.

The most significant event for me, perhaps, was the opportunity given to me by Ms. Nearing to join the team as a walk on. I came from a very small high school program with not much experience in high level competition. Although the entire experience was a significant factor in building discipline, character, and determination in my life, the culminating event was the AIAW National Championship. It signified to me all that I had worked for and built in my life during my 4 years of competition at SCSU. But ultimately, what was most significant were the wonderful people I had the privilege of sharing those 4 years with. (J. Baltes, personal communication, March 2, 2004)

### Softball

Softball in the 1970s got underway on May 2, 1970, with a road game against Winona State College, in the first of five dates scheduled for that spring (SCSU

Archives, Softball File, 1975-84). That first game resulted in a 10-5 loss. The Huskies posted a 2-5 record that season, which included an impressive 23-10 win over the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis on May 19. The 1971 Huskies lost the first game of the season, but went on a four-game winning streak to finish the season with a 4-1 record. An improved record was the result of the 1972 season as SCSU posted a 6-2 mark including two wins over the University of Minnesota. A final stat sheet for the 1973 season was produced with third baseman Mary McKeown leading the team in hitting with a .619 average. Five players hit over .400 that season. Center fielder Kathy Justin hit .579 and led the team in hits with 15, home runs with two and runs batted in with 13. The Huskies posted a 5-2 record, again beating Minnesota twice during the season (SCSU Archives, Softball File, 1973). During the 1972 and 1973 seasons, Sheryl Pearson was the pitcher of record in 7 of the 16 games played those two seasons. Her record was 7-0. Kathy Ogden pitched in seven games during that same time period and posted a 5-2 record (SCSU Archives, Softball File, 1975-1984). Softball was suspended in 1974 in order to start the track and field program. The 1974 season marked the first year of the state tournament for softball.

Four returning players from the 1973 team highlighted the 1975 softball squad (SCSU AMR Files, Softball File, 1975). Co-captains Kathy Ogden and Cindy Neisen, along with Sheryl Pearson and Jane Ernster would lead the team into a schedule that included four doubleheaders and the MAIAW State Tournament. The Huskies posted a 5-7 record and won the consolation championship of the state tournament. Sixty-five people tried out for the team and 18 were on the final roster. Four future SCSU Hall of



Fame athletes graced the 1976 softball roster. Carol Bemis, Kris Carlton, Patti Decker, and Nola Johnson were members of a team that recorded an 11-7 record. Cindy Neisen led the team in hitting with a .430 average, and Decker and Johnson hit .380 during the season. The 1976 team set a school record with 25 triples during the season, a record that still stands (SCSU Archives, Softball File, 1975-1984). The Huskies finished third in the MAIAW Tournament in 1977 and posted a 14-8 overall record. Patti Decker had a team high 68 at bats and hit .338 for the season. She also led the team with four home runs and 15 runs batted in. Deb Lehner, a first-year player, hit .341 in 44 at bats.

The 1978 Huskies under new head coach Dianne Glowatzke posted a 13-10 record and finished second in the MAIAW tournament (SCSU Archives, Softball File, 1975-84). The decade came to an end with a 12-9 record in 1979 and a second place MAIAW State tournament finish. Julie Gilbertson, Mary Scholl, Kathy Sherer, and Deb Miller were named to the State All-Tournament team. Gilbertson pitched three shutouts in the state tournament and catcher Rita Rosendahl led the team in hitting with a .357 average. It turned out to be a record setting season for the Huskies and the squad established team records for fielding (.925), stolen bases (23 in 78 attempts) and walks drawn (123). Individually, 13 career records were set, of which Patti Decker had a hand in nine and Peg Poirer had three. Deb Miller had a school record 21 runs batted in (rbi). In addition, game records were established as SCSU scored 32 runs against Bemidji, a mark that still stands. That same game, SCSU set marks for 16 singles, 24 rbi, and 16 bases on balls, all marks that remain in the record book. Three individual marks still stand from that season as Kathy Sherer set the mark for most runs scored in a game

with five, Miller set the mark for single-game rbi's with six and Jane Shimon set a new mark for walks drawn with four (SCSU AMR Files, *SCSU Softball Media Guide*, 2002). Poirer, a solid performer for the Huskies, finished her career with a .234 batting average, having played in 60 games, tallying 192 at bats, 45 hits, 45 runs, and 26 rbis. During the early years of the softball program, the team would practice and play on the Veterans Administration Hospital diamond in St. Cloud. According to Glowatzke, the VA facility was a great field and place to practice. "The atmosphere was fun and interesting. Clients in robes would come over and watch our practices and games. There were occasions when they would walk on the field during a practice or a game. We would call a momentary halt in the action," (personal communication, March 3, 2004).

### Track and Field

The softball program was suspended in the spring of 1974 so that Ruth Nearing could organize SCSC's first intercollegiate track and field team. The squad would compete for the first time on April 27 at an indoor meet at North Dakota State and finish in fourth place (out of nine teams) with 26 points (Jacques, 1993a). Michele Carlson won the high jump, making her the first title winner in SCSC track history, followed by Cheryl McCloy and Connie Muyers with fourth and fifth-place finishes. Other members of the SCSC team that finished in the finals of that first meet included the fifth place 440 yard relay team of Marlene and Michele Carlson, Connie Muyers, and Jean Callahan. Vida McQueen placed fourth in the mile run and third in the 880 yard run and the 2 mile run. The 880 yard medley relay of Muyers, the Carlsons, and

McQueen placed fourth. The sister tandem of Marlene and Michele Carlson placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the discus (SCSU AMR Files, Track and Field, 1973-74). The Huskies would go on to a sixth-place finish at the MAIAW State meet. Track and field first team members were:

Becky (Allyn) Schafer, Deb Allyn, Toni Ammend, Cathy (Bastien) Murray, Carol Bennett, Jean (Callahan) Busch, Marlene (Carlson) Zorman, Michele (Carlson) Richards, Deeann Jo Griebel, Corrine (Hillinski) Larson, Marsha Kurka, Cheryl (McCoy) Ikier, Vida McQueen, Connie (Muyres) Weis, Sue Patterson, Maxine Perish, Kay Pfluger, and Linda (Rongitsch) Eshelman. (Jacques, 1993b)

According to information in the 1973-74 SCSU AMR Track and Field File, 15 events were run and SCSU records were established for all 15. Sue Patterson set the initial mark in four events, the 100-meter hurdles, 440-yard dash, 200-meter hurdles, and 1-mile run. Michele Carlson established marks in the 200-yard dash, discus and high jump, and Connie Meyers in the 100-yard dash, Vida McQueen in the 880-yard run, Deb Allyn in the javelin, Becky Allyn in the long jump, and Carol Bennett in the shot put also established the first school records in their respective events. At the end of the 1974 track and field season, Coach Nearing wrote a summary of the season which was placed in the Women's Track and Field 1974 file. Following is an excerpt of Nearing's memo summarizing the first season of track and field competition for SCSU women.

The complete memo can be found in Appendix B.

Of the 56 interested prospects who signed up for the first meeting in the history of St. Cloud State College for the track and field team, 18 remained with the team throughout the season. They were an enthusiastic group of girls of which just a little over half had previous track and field experience. By the end of the season most of the girls got the butterfly (sic) out of their systems and were fairly well experienced participants.

It would have been nice to have had track uniforms for this year, but things don't always go as you would like. It will be nice when the track is finished next year. It has been extremely hard holding practices in the dance studio, the gymnastics gym, and any other spaces possible. I guess with what we had this year, the team did a fairly good job. In addition, something should be done about Selke Field's women's rest room if we plan to hold meets there next year.

It is truly disgusting. In addition, a locker room facility should be provided and planned before next year. To summarize: The season was an interesting one. It was one which required a great deal of learning, but it was well worth it. And next year is another year. Bigger and better things are yet to come. Track and field is an exciting sport. It's nice to be outside in the fresh air with a great bunch of girls. (SCSU AMR, Women's Track and Field, 1974)

The 1975 track and field team, in its second year of existence, hosted its first meet, the SCSU Quadrangular on April 18 at Selke Field (SCSU AMR Files, Women's Track and Field Results File, 1975). The Huskies finished third out of four teams. On that historic day, 16 events were run and the Huskies took first place in three events. Dee Greibel won the 2-mile run, Patti Decker was victorious in the 200-meter hurdles, and Debbie Krats won the high jump. The Huskies competed in eight meets that season and hosted three. On April 25, the SCSU Triangular was held and the Huskies had a strong outing, winning the team title with 93 points, followed by Bethel with 26 and Gustavus with 21. The Husky runners were victorious in 12 events, with Decker winning three events and Griebel winning two events. Griebel represented SCSU at the Region 6 AIAW Meet placing third in the two mile run and seventh in the mile run. Jo Steinberg and Debbie Krats also qualified and competed at the regional meet in the high jump.

The 1976 spring track team finished third at the MAIAW State meet under new head coach Karen Thompson. Jo Steinberg (high jump, sprints), Sue Wahl (jumps,

hurdles), Deb Griebel (distance), Joan Kampa (distance), Deb Allyn (javelin), and Mary Wild (shot, discus) would pace the Husky track team during the 1976 season (SCSU AMR, Track and Field File, files, 1976). By the end of the season, Kampa owned four school records, Wahl three, and Wild two. The Huskies placed first in all four home meets that season and tied for eighth at the Region 6 AIAW Meet. The SCSU track and field squad competed in 11 meets during the 1978 season and won five team titles. The Huskies opened the season with a team victory at the St. Olaf Indoor meet, the first indoor competition ever for SCSU (SCSU AMR All-Time Records, Women's Track and Field, 1978). The Huskies had three individuals qualify for the Region 6 AIAW track meet. Mary Wild won the javelin competition and placed in the shot put, while Toni Bourne competed in the 3000- and 5000-meter distance events, and Lori Gunner competed in the javelin. Julie Gohman qualified for nationals in the shot put after placing second in the MAIAW meet and third in the Region 6 meet, and along the way set the school record with a throw of 44 feet, 4 inches. The Huskies competed in three indoor meets during the 1979 season, finished fifth at the MAIAW and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Region 6 AIAW meet (SCSU AMR All-Time Records, Women's Track and Field, 1979).

Jo Steinberg. Jo Steinberg was a member of the first track and field team in 1974 (SCSU AMR Files). She went on to compete for the Huskies for the next three seasons. She qualified and competed in the high jump at the 1975 Region AIAW meet in Wichita, Kansas. At the end of her career in 1976, she held two records. She held the 100 yard dash record with a time of 11.4 seconds and was a member of the record

setting 880 yard medley relay team with Connie Manual, Mary Stock, and Teresa Hillmer. Steinberg has several fond memories from her track and field experience, including shoveling snow off the outdoor track at Selke Field in order to practice and traveling with the team.

We were on a track trip to South Dakota and we stopped to eat at a little family style restaurant. We were shown to a back room and Dusty Ripplemeyer started moving tables around so we could sit together. A waitress walked into the room and got really upset. She said, 'I don't come into your house and move your furniture around! Don't come into mine and move my furniture!' Well, we quieted down and moved the furniture back, but we must have repeated her quote a hundred times at other places we ate and at practice for the rest of our season. (J. Steinberg, personal communication, March 12, 2004)

Sue Patterson. Sue Patterson was a member of the first SCSU women's track and field team in 1974, her final year at SCSU (SCSU AMR Files). Prior to that she was on the gymnastics, swim and softball teams. She competed in gymnastics for 4 years (1970-74), was a member of the swim team for 3 years (1971-74) and a 1-year member of both the softball (1970) and track teams (1974). She was a national qualifier in AIAW gymnastics and diving. Patterson established the first track records for the 100-meter hurdles (18.3), 440-yard dash (63.0), 200-meter hurdles (34.8), and the 1-mile run (5:47.0). She also ran on the record establishing 1-mile relay team with Corky Hillinski, Becky Allyn, and Vida McQueen (4:27.0). Patterson was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999.

In that time and place, athletics at SCSU met all my expectations. I knew it then and I believe it now. SCSU athletics gave me a career and an edge in getting me my first job. What more could I have ever wanted from an athletic experience that was my first exposure to sports. The biggest gratification that came from my being an SCSU athlete came after the fact. And that's a huge credit to the

SCSU athletic department. (S. Patterson, personal communication, February 27, 2004)

### Tennis

Very few tennis matches were played in the early years of the program, as records from the 1970 to 1974 season show only 15 matches were played (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Women's Tennis Results, 2004). By the spring of 1974, the tennis team had posted its best record in the 5-year history of the program as Coach Dee Whitlock's charges went undefeated, 7-0. In 1975, the Huskies competed in their first MAIAW tournament and finished in third place, the same for 1976. Also in 1976, the Huskies played a total of 15 matches, posting a 12-3 record. In 1977, the Huskies went 10-2 and finished second in the MAIAW. In 1978, the final season for Whitlock as head coach, SCSU posted an 8-2 mark and placed second in the MAIAW. The Huskies won two of three tournaments, and Sue Fischer and Laurie Fisher qualified for the Region 6 AIAW Tournament. The 1978 season capped the 4-year career of Laurie Fisher, a top player for the Huskies. All four of the losses that the Huskies endured during the 1977 and 1978 seasons were to the University of Minnesota. Becky McClellan would finish out the decade as head coach. In her two seasons, 1979 and 1980, McClellan's teams posted a 16-6 dual record and in 1980 won the first of five straight Northern Sun Conference (NSC) titles and captured the MAIAW Championship, which was the first of four for the Huskies (SCSU *Women's Tennis Media Guide*, 2003).

Intercollegiate sports for women was a new phenomenon for both the coaches and the athletes in the 1970s. Many of the first athletes to compete for the Huskies had to learn their skills in college. Sports were not an option for them at the high school level. At the same time, many of the coaches were learning to coach and teach the skills needed to be competitive in intercollegiate sports. The 1970s was a process of organization, learning, and competing for SCSU women athletes and coaches. Many prominent names in SCSU women's athletics coached or competed for the Huskies during the 1970s. Sue Fischer, Kathy Justin Schultz, Sue Lambert, Deb Allyn, Linda St. John, Kris Carlton, Sue Patterson, Jane Baltes Barton, Carol Bemis, Nola Johnson, and Patti Decker are all members of the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame and competed for the Huskies during the 1970s. In addition, the coaching careers of Gladys Ziemer and Dianne Glowatzke would take off during the decade.

### Summary

In the 1970s, women's athletics at St. Cloud State took a big step forward establishing intercollegiate programs in swimming and diving, track and field, cross country, and golf. Women interested in intercollegiate competition had 10 sports programs to choose from. One third of the current female members to the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame came from the sports programs of the 1970s. In addition, four coaches, Gladys Ziemer, Dianne Glowatzke, Ruth Nearing, and Karen Thompson established themselves for long-term commitments to the program. The athletic competition for women became more formal as regularly scheduled contests became



the norm. In addition, post season tournaments were established and women starting competing for championships.

#### 1980S: COMING OF AGE, NCAA

While the 1970s represented a decade of new beginnings in SCSU women's athletics, the 1980s was a decade of success and belonging. It was during the 1980s that the SCSU women's athletic program really came of age. Three significant events took place during the early and mid-80s that would strongly impact the direction of the program. The first event was joining the Northern Sun Conference (NSC) as a charter member in 1979-80. SCSU Women's Athletic Director Gladys Ziemer was one of the eight women involved in the creation of the NSC. "It took quite a bit of work and many trips to the Cities (for organizational meetings). The Presidents or Provosts from the schools involved in the forming of the NSC were there. That was unheard of" (G. Ziemer, personal communication, January 20, 2004). The Presidents attended two meetings where agreements were made. Once it was all agreed to, representatives from each institution, usually the women's athletic director, met and became the drafters for each of the conference sport guidelines. "There were eight women who were drafters of these sports, who went to all of these meetings. We picked the name. We picked the colors. We designed the logo," Ziemer said. The formation of the conference guaranteed each school a regular competition schedule. The league would devise a conference schedule and the individual schools could add in non-conference competition. This new method of scheduling competition was a far cry from the

methods used in the 1960s and 1970s. During those early decades many of the competitions were scheduled via mail correspondence. Up to six letters would be exchanged in order to set and confirm a single competition date between two schools.

That (forming a conference) took us out of the AIAW statewide playoff structure and gave us some guaranteed competition. Before, we would go to MAIAW meetings and the basketball coaches would get together in one room and we would take turns asking each school if we could schedule a home and away on these dates. Then the next person would go around the room. With the conference we knew the schedule ahead of time and it just made a huge difference: (G. Ziemer, personal communication, January 20, 2004)

The Huskies found great success in the NSC winning nine conference titles from 1979-80 to 1983-84. The Huskies joined the league with a “bang,” winning conference titles in basketball and tennis during the 1979-80 seasons. Basketball and tennis would capture a total of eight league titles, four each, with volleyball, bringing home the ninth title.

The second significant event was the dissolution of the AIAW in June of 1982. The SCSU women’s athletic department would join the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), an association that had provided organization and championships for men’s athletics programs since the early 1900s. According to the NCAA website:

In early December 1905, Chancellor Henry M. MacCracken of New York University convened a meeting of 13 institutions to initiate changes in football playing rules. At a subsequent meeting December 28 in New York City, the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States (IAAUS) was founded by 62 members.

The IAAUS officially was constituted March 31, 1906, and took its present name (NCAA) in 1910. For several years, the NCAA was a discussion group and rules-making body; but in 1921, the first NCAA national championship was held: the National Collegiate Track and Field Championships. Gradually, more rules committees were formed and more championships were held.

The NCAA began administering women's athletics programs in 1980 when Divisions II and III established 10 championships for 1981-82. A year later, the historic 75<sup>th</sup> Convention adopted an extensive governance plan to include women's athletics programs, services and representation. The delegates expanded the women's championships program with the addition of 19 events. (NCAA, 2004)

One of the first things that membership in the NCAA brought to light was the ability for the organization to promote its sports.

One date that blew me away was when we went to the Sunwood for Noel Martin's (former football coach) first interview on campus, and the sports announcer from WJON Radio came up and asked me how it felt to be ranked sixth in the country (in women's basketball). We knew nothing about it and, of course, that was our first year in the NCAA. The AIAW wasn't even close to having that kind of a computer bank. (G. Ziemer, personal communication, January 20, 2004)

Joining the North Central Conference (NCC) was the third defining event for women's athletics in the 1980s. The NCC was, and still is, widely regarded as the premiere NCAA Division II conference in the country. The conference was formed at a meeting in the fall of 1921 and the first conference championship was the men's track and field championship held in the spring of 1922 (Record and History Book, 2002-2003). In November of 1978 it was proposed that women's athletics would be phased into the NCC over the next 3 years. The SCSU men's program joined the league in 1981 and the women committed to the conference in 1984. "I think it was definitely very significant to move into the North Central," said Ziemer (G. Ziemer, personal communication, January 20, 2004).

We, of course, had a lot of reservations about this doubleheader basketball stuff, because we'd been taught through Title IX and all of the national noise that we heard, that playing at 6 o'clock on Friday and Saturday wasn't right and that our parents couldn't get there. I was dragging my feet a little but when Mankato made the move, there was no way I felt that St. Cloud dared not go if

Mankato went, because they were our natural rival. It was definitely the right thing to do. There was no doubt in my mind. We knew all the people in the NSC so well. All of us had grown up through this together. That was a wonderful conference. (G. Ziemer, personal communication, January 20, 2004)

Basketball and tennis would continue their winning ways in the new conference with tennis winning five conference crowns and basketball one by the 1990-91 season. From the 1979-80 season to the 1990-91 season, SCSU women's teams would win a total of 15 conference championships in both the NSC (9) and NCC (6). Nine of those titles were won by the women's tennis team.

During the 1980s, Ziemer would continue to serve in a leadership capacity in a number of organizations (SCSU AMR Files, Gladys Ziemer Service Record). She became a charter member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), was elected chair of the Region 6 AIAW Ethics and Eligibility Committee, and was St. Cloud State's representative to the AIAW Delegate Assembly. She also served on the National AIAW Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Board. She quickly became involved in the NCAA, as she was selected to the NCAA Division II Women's North Central Region Basketball Advisory Committee, which regionally ranked Division II women's basketball teams weekly during the season. By the 1985-86 season, Ziemer was elected Chair of the North Central Region Advisory Committee, and served on the NCAA Division II Coaches Poll, ranking teams nationally each week. During the 1987-88 school year, she was elected to a 3-year term to the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Committee, which was in charge of directing and supervising the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball playoffs. In 1989, she was elected Chair of the NCAA

Division II Women's Basketball Committee and was re-elected to a second 3-year term on the committee.

### Volleyball

Volleyball opened the 1980s with a young, inexperienced team hitting the court. Only three starters returned from the 1979 squad, including seniors Lisa Anderson and Kathy Schik, and junior captain Jeanne Burnett (SCSU AMR Volleyball File, 1980). The Huskies did well, posting a 21-18 overall record, finishing third in the NSC and third in the MAIAW State Tournament. A trip to the Region 6 AIAW Division II Tournament highlighted the 1981 season and the Huskies finished second in the NSC and MAIAW. The Huskies first, and to this date, only conference volleyball title was won in 1982 (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Volleyball, 2004). SCSU went undefeated in NSC conference play with a 7-0 record, went on to finish second in the MAIAW tournament, and posted an overall record of 27-9. The 27 wins, at the time, were the most wins in a season for the volleyball program. Becky Stream led the NSC in serve efficiency percentage and was second in success percentage. She also ranked in the top 10 in offense and attack success. Callie Carlson was first in the league in serve success percentage and was top 10 in assists. The 1983 squad recorded the most wins ever with a 33-15 record and a second place NSC finish with a 10-2 mark. That season the Huskies led the NSC in team defense, assists and offense. Individually, Nancy Thompson led the league in assists.

St. Cloud State's volleyball debut in the NCC in 1984 was very impressive as the Huskies produced a 37-13 overall record and finished third in the league race

(SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Volleyball, 2004). Five SCSU players, Dorene Dechaine, Julie Blossey, Kim Thiesfeld, Nancy Thompson, and Becky Stream, were named to the All-North Central Conference Volleyball team. The Huskies enjoyed a national ranking for most of the season and were ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the NCAA Division II Final Volleyball Poll. The SCSU volleyball team made its first appearance ever in the 1985 NCAA Division II Volleyball Championships. SCSU's hopes for a national title ended when they were defeated by the number one ranked team in the nation, Cal-State Northridge, 15-10, 15-5, 15-4. The Huskies were rated 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the final NCAA Division II volleyball poll and recorded their winningest season ever with a 38-9 record. The 38 wins still stand as a team record. The Huskies also posted a 7-0 record against NCC teams in regular season play. Along the way, the Huskies won three invitationals, the University of North Dakota Invite, Mankato State Invitational, and the Lewis University Invitational; placed second at the SCSU Invitational and University of Nebraska-Omaha Invitational; and placed third in the NCC Championships. Nancy Thompson, Becky Stream and Julie Blossey earned All-NCC honors. Thompson, Stream and Kim Thiesfeld were named to the NCC All-Academic volleyball team. Stream was named an Honorable Mention All-American by the Division II Collegiate Volleyball Coaches Association and head coach Dianne Glowatzke was named NCC coach of the year. Blossey, Thiesfeld, Stream, Thompson, Terri Deaton, Mary Schleper, Deb Willenbring, and Kathy Davis were the offensive punch for the Huskies. Blossey led the team with a .464 attack percentage. Schleper

was the top blocker with 121, Davis led the team with 66 service aces and Thompson had 791 set assists.

With the graduation of four seniors, including future Hall of Fame Inductee Becky Stream, and the return of one senior and two juniors, a young SCSU squad took to the court in 1986. The Huskies recorded their 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive winning season with a 29-20 record and placed third in the NCC. Nancy Thompson, the lone senior, finished an outstanding career as a setter, and still ranks fourth all-time in set assists at SCSU. For most of the 1987 season, the Huskies enjoyed a top 20 NCAA Division II national ranking. SCSU posted a 25-20 overall record and finished third in the NCC race. Junior Kathy Davis was named to the All-NCC Volleyball team for the second straight year. Coach Glowatzke captured her 300<sup>th</sup> career win during the season.

With all six returning starters, a challenge was issued to the 1988 squad to build themselves into a contender and that they did (SCSU AMR Files, SCSU Volleyball Media Guide, 1988). SCSU was ranked as high as sixth in the Tachikara Coaches Top 20 poll and made their second appearance in the NCAA Division II National Championships, advancing to the NCAA Division II North Central Regional Tournament. The 12<sup>th</sup> ranked Huskies traveled to number two ranked North Dakota State and lost 15-11, 4-15, 4-15, 0-15. The 1988 Huskies posted a 22-15 overall record enroute to SCSU's 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive winning season. SCSU finished tied for third in the NCC tournament. Senior attacker Kathy Davis was named to the All-NCC team for the third straight year. Junior middle blocker Sheri Mandell was named to the All-NCC team. Davis, Mandell, and Karen Henderson were named to the 1988 American

Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) North Central Region Team. For the first time ever, the Huskies won the title at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual SCSU Invitational by defeating the field including nationally ranked University of Nebraska-Omaha. The decade ended in 1989 with the Huskies posting an 18-18 overall record and finishing fifth in the NCC. SCSU was rated 14<sup>th</sup> in the Tachikara Coaches Top 20 pre-season poll. The Huskies won the University of North Dakota Invitational and Gigi DesLauriers, a sophomore, was named the tournament MVP. DesLauriers, a future Hall of Fame inductee, was named to the NCC All-Conference team as well.

Becky Stream. Becky Stream was a 4-year volleyball standout at SCSU (SCSU AMR Files). In 1982 she led the NSC in serve efficiency and ranked second in serve percent, and was named to the MAIAW Division II All-Tournament team. She was a 1983 NSC All-Conference Volleyball Team selection and a 1984 NCC All-Conference pick. The Huskies were defeated by Nebraska-Omaha in the semi-finals of the 1984 NCC Volleyball Championships. Stream was a member of the 1985 volleyball team, the first ever to advance to the NCAA Division II tournament. She was named to the 1985 All-NCC team for the third straight year. The Huskies placed second and third in the NCC during her career. A senior captain, she was named to the North Dakota State University, University of Nebraska-Omaha, and Lewis University All-Tournament teams in 1985. She led the team with 354 kills in 1985 and still ranks 10<sup>th</sup> on the SCSU all-time charts in kills and ninth in attack attempts. She was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.



Kathy Davis. Kathy Davis started for the Husky volleyball team as a first-year player during the 1985 season in which the Huskies made their first NCAA post season appearance and played through the 1988 season (SCSU AMR Files). Davis played in all 46 matches that season and led the team with 66 service aces and hit .206. In 1986, she was named to the All-NCC team, led the team in kills with 443 and service aces with 97, and hit .264. By 1987 she was the team leader in kills, hitting percentage, and digs, and was a two-time All-NCC pick. Her career culminated in 1988 with her third selection to the All-NCC team and SCSU's second ever NCAA post season appearance. She was also named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) North Central Region team. A 4-year starter, Davis still ranks among the top five in career matches played, kills in a career, attempts, and service aces. She still holds the season record for attack attempts with 1,388 set in 1987 and service aces with 97 set in 1986. SCSU posted a 124-44 record during her four seasons as a starter.

Sheri Mandell. Sheri Mandell had an outstanding volleyball career from 1986 to 1989, being named to the All-North Central Conference team three times (SCSU AMR Files). She holds the career records for blocks and block assists, as well as the season records in both of those categories. She led the team in solo blocks in each of her four seasons. Mandell hit .309 her sophomore season and .316 as a senior. In 1988 and 1989 she was named to the AVCA North Central Region team. The Huskies won 94 matches during her career. She ranks second on the career charts in matches played, fifth in kills, and sixth in attack attempts.

## Cross Country

In the early 1980s, the women's cross country team continued to compete in the MAIAW state championships and upon qualification, the Region 6 AIAW Championships (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Women's Cross Country, 2004). The 1980 season started the decade with a third place MAIAW finish and a fifth place at the Region 6 championships. The Huskies placed second in the first two meets of the season, the SCSU Invitational and the UM-Duluth Invitational. The 1981 season marked the final year of Region 6 AIAW competition for the Huskies, who placed seventh in the region. SCSU posted a third-place finish in the MAIAW Division II state meet and opened the season with a team title at the UM-Duluth Invitational, winning the three team field.

By 1982, the Huskies were competing in the NCAA (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Women's Cross Country, 2004). SCSU competed in its last MAIAW Division II state championship, placing third. SCSU then placed fifth at the NCAA Division II North Central Region Championships. In 1983, the Huskies competed for the NSC championship, finishing third and went on to an 11<sup>th</sup>-place finish at the NCAA North Central Regional. With a new coach, Sue Gabrielson, and a young runner in Connie Kampa, the Huskies opened the 1984 season with a team title at the UM-Duluth Invitational. Individually, Kampa placed second in the meet. Kampa would be the top finisher for the Huskies in every meet that season. She placed 10<sup>th</sup> at the NCC and NCAA North Central Region Championships, which were run simultaneously, and qualified for the NCAA Division II National Cross Country Championships. She

finished the season with a 38<sup>th</sup>-place finish in a time of 17 minutes, 59 seconds at the NCAA Championships, becoming the first NCAA qualifier in cross country for SCSU. As a team, SCSU placed sixth in the NCC and seventh at the North Central Region meet. Kampa culminated her career as the top SCSU runner in 1985. She finished sixth at the NCC and NCAA Division II Central Region Championships, hosted by SCSU, and qualified for the NCAA Division II National Cross Country Championships for the second straight year. This time, she ran away with All-American honors, placing 21<sup>st</sup> with a time of 18:45.9 in the national championship race. As a team, under new head coach Nancy Knop, the 1985 Huskies finished seventh in the NCC and eighth in the Central Region race.

Jenni Schultz replaced Kampa as the top runner for the Huskies during the 1986 season (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Women's Cross Country, 2004). She won two individual titles during the regular season racing to first place at the UM-Duluth Invitational and the SCSU Invitational. Schultz placed 10<sup>th</sup> at the NCC Championships and 14<sup>th</sup> in the Central Region race. As a team the Huskies placed eighth in the NCC and ninth in the Region in 1986. Schultz led the Huskies to a seventh-place finish in the NCC and an eighth place Central Region finish in 1987. She placed eighth in the NCC and region meet, and qualified for the NCAA Division II National Cross Country Championships where she finished 37<sup>th</sup> overall. Schultz became the first and to this date only SCSU female runner to win the individual NCC title, which she did in 1988 with a winning time of 18:37 in the championship race held in St. Cloud. As a team, the Huskies placed fourth in the NCC Championships. Schultz went on to place 22<sup>nd</sup> at

the NCAA Championships. The 1989 Huskies placed sixth in the NCC Championships.

Connie Kampa. Connie Kampa placed 21<sup>st</sup> in the 1985 NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships in a time of 18:45.9 over the 5000-meter course to earn All-American honors (SCSU AMR Files). The All-American finish capped a senior cross country season for Kampa who placed in the top 10 in every regular season meet she participated in including a first-place finish in the Minnesota-Duluth Invitational. Kampa competed in the cross country and track and field national championships in both her junior and senior years of competition. She placed in the top 10 in both the NCC and North Central Region championships twice during her career.

Jenni Schultz. Jenni Schultz replaced Kampa as the number one distance runner for the Huskies from 1986 to 1989 (SCSU AMR Files). She competed in cross country and in the distance events for track and field for four seasons. In 1987, Schultz set the school record in the outdoor 1500 meters and the indoor 1000 meters. In 1988, she added the indoor 1500-meter record to her achievements. Schultz won the 1988 NCC cross country championship hosted by SCSU in a time of 18:37. She went on to earn All-American honors with a 22<sup>nd</sup>-place finish at the 1988 NCAA Division II National Cross Country Championships. In the winter of 1989 she won the NCC championship in the indoor 1500 meters.

## Golf

The 1980 and 1981 SCSU golf teams were coached by former player Anne Theis (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Women's Golf, 2004). The Huskies competed in three events in 1981 and finished fifth at the MAIAW State meet. The spring 1982 team played in four events and finished third in the MAIAW State meet. Carey Dubbs placed eighth and Dawn Peterson ninth at the MAIAW tournament to lead the Huskies. SCSU's Marje Holm placed ninth and Carey Dubbs 10<sup>th</sup> at the 1983 MAIAW State championships where the Huskies placed fourth as a team. In 1984 John Pearson took over the head coaching duties and the Huskies placed fourth in the Minnesota Women's Collegiate Golf Association (MWCGA) Division II and III State Meet, which replaced the MAIAW competitions. For the first time ever, the Huskies competed in a fall schedule in 1984. That same fall, the Huskies competed in their first NCC golf championship and finished in third place. Cheryl Peterson placed sixth, Deb Holm eighth, and Marje Hahn ninth at the conference championships. Karen Johnson posted the low scores for the Huskies during the spring of 1985 and again during the fall of 1985 schedule. The Huskies won the spring 1986 Minnesota Invitational as Deb Holm shot a 2-day score of 133 to lead SCSU. Holm, along with teammates Karen Johnson, Deb Torborg, and Kris Pohl earned all state honors during a very successful spring schedule. The Huskies won one team title in 1986, finished second three times, and fourth once.

Four Huskies qualified and competed in the National Small College Golf Invitational in the fall of 1986 and SCSU finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the team standings. Kris Pohl,

Cathy Quade, Missy Spindler, and Deb Torborg represented SCSU at the Championships. The spring of 1987 saw the Huskies place sixth at the Minnesota Invitational. A very young Husky squad led by Gwen Halvorson and Lori Miller placed third in the 1988 Minnesota State Golf Championships. Both Halvorson and Miller earned All-State honors, placing third and fifth, respectively at the state meet. The finish capped a strong season finale, as the Huskies finished in the top three of the last three meets of the season and did not finish any lower than fifth during the season. Miller won medalist honors at the St. Olaf College Golf Invitational, carding a 2-day total of 170 (36 holes) for the individual title. Kelly Burley led the way for the Huskies during the spring 1989 season. The Huskies competed in three tournaments with Burley winning individual medalist honors in all three events. She led SCSU to their first MWCGA team title.

### Basketball

The 1980s were filled with basketball successes as the Huskies won NSC titles in 1980, 1982, 1983, and 1984, and later in the decade won SCSU's first and to this date only NCC title in 1989 (SCSU AMR Files, SCSU Women's Basketball Media Guide, 2004). In addition, the women made six NCAA Division II North Central Region appearances, won three North Central Region titles, advancing to the NCAA Division II National Quarterfinals four times, including three straight years from 1983 to 1985. Unfortunately, the season would end in the quarterfinals as the Huskies never advanced to the national semifinals. While Sue Wahl, Patti Decker, and Nola Johnson were the top players of the 1970s at least a dozen players made a name for themselves

during the 1980s including the likes of Diane Scherer, Bonnie Henrickson, Jeanne Burnett, Linda Nelson, Gwen Frederick, Dawn Anderson, Ramona Rugloski, Sarah Howard, Julie Eisenschenk, Jan Niehaus, and the Toni and Tami Jameson twins. Diane Scherer brought an outstanding shooting game to the Huskies in her first season, 1979-80, leading SCSU in scoring, averaging 15 points per game (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Women's Basketball, 2004). That year SCSU posted a 15-13 overall record, went 5-2 in the NSC, good for a three-way tie for the conference championship.

According to the 1980-81 Northern Sun Conference Record Book, Scherer ranked second in league scoring that season, averaging 22.8 points per game in NSC competition. She also set two NSC single season records for most field goals made with 73 and most points scored with 160. For the second straight year, Scherer led the Huskies in scoring with a 19.9 points per game average and the Huskies posted a 17-14 overall record during the 1980-81 season (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Women's Basketball, 2004). SCSU posted a 5-2 record in the NSC, good for a second-place finish. A second NSC championship awaited the program in 1981-82 when SCSU posted a 15-12 overall record and a 10-4 mark in the conference in a three-way tie for the championship. Again, Scherer led the team in scoring, averaging 21.4 points per game. The freshman class of the 1981-82 season included Bonnie Henrickson, Gwen Frederick, Dawn Anderson, and Linda Nelson. Henrickson was second in team scoring her rookie season, averaging 11.4 points per game and second in rebounding, averaging 7.7 rebounds per game. The 1982-83 team was one of the most accomplished squads in SCSU's illustrious women's basketball history. On its way to establishing 17 collective

records, the team was 31-4, won the NSC championship outright with a 14-0 league record, won the MAIAW state tournament, won the NCAA Division II North Central Regional and advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals for the first of three straight appearances. The Huskies hit the 30-win mark for the first time in the program's history. Twenty-one individual records also fell by the wayside, with Scherer collecting 13 of them. That year Scherer had a strong supporting cast in the above mentioned class playing in their second season and a new rookie in Ramona Rugloski. Scherer would end her collegiate career on the first highly successful team in the modern era, and for the fourth straight year, led the Huskies in scoring, averaging 21.0 points per game. She scored 2,349 points, the highest figure in Minnesota women's collegiate basketball history. Henrickson and Rugloski would also average in double figures with 16.6 points and 14.4 points per game, respectively. Henrickson and Rugloski were one and two in rebounding, with 9.9 and 8.3 rebounds per game, respectively. In the final four games of the season, SCSU defeated Southwest State, 80-60 and Minnesota-Duluth, 86-65 in the MAIAW State tournament, soundly defeated Texas A&I University, 74-57 in the regional tournament and lost a heartbreaker to Central Missouri State in the NCAA quarterfinals, 65-63.

The 1983-84 season was the last year that SCSU competed in the NSC (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Women's Basketball, 2004). The Huskies posted a 27-3 overall record and won their third straight NSC Championship and fourth overall with a 12-0 record. SCSU defeated South Dakota, 66-55 in the NCAA North Central Region Championship held at Halenbeck Hall and fell to the University of Dayton, 80-56 in



the NCAA quarterfinal played at Dayton, Ohio. Rugloski led the team in scoring, averaging 18.8 points per game, followed by Bonnie Henrickson with 15.3 points per game and Linda Nelson with a 13.2 points per game average. Rugloski scored a career high and school record 38 points against Mankato State in a 79-63 win. That same year, Henrickson scored a career high 35 points in a 102-79 win over Augustana College. A third straight NCAA post season playoff appearance, a top 10 national ranking, and a second-place finish in the NCC in its first year as a member, highlighted the 1984-85 season for the Huskies. SCSU posted a 24-6 overall record and were 10-4 in the NCC. The Huskies entered the first NCAA poll of the season as the number seven team in the country, jumped to the number three spot during the course of the season, and finished the year as the 10<sup>th</sup> ranked team. The Huskies defeated the University of North Dakota, 66-46 and the University of South Dakota, 56-55 to win the North Central regional. SCSU then faced Cal Poly Pomona in the NCAA quarterfinals and the season ended with a 71-69 loss to the Broncos. Junior center Ramona Rugloski was named to the All-NCC basketball team. The Huskies set several team, individual, and career records during the season. Individually, Dawn Anderson set the single season record for assists with 227, a record that still stands. Four players established new career records including two by Bonnie Henrickson who set the career mark for most free throws with 507 and most games played at 122, a mark that still stands. Dawn Anderson established the career record for assists with 705, another record that still stands and Ramona Rugloski set a career record for blocked shots with 267. For the second straight year, Ramona Rugloski led all players in scoring,

averaging 19.1 points per game. Bonnie Henrickson added 12.6 points per game and Linda Nelson dropped in 10.8 points per game. Seniors Dawn Anderson, Gwen Frederick, Bonnie Henrickson, and Linda Nelson completed their 4-year careers with the Huskies. The season would also mark the end of the 3-year career of Ramona Rugloski as she elected not to return to the team the following season. In her three seasons, she scored 1,604 career points, pulled down 747 rebounds, and tallied 271 blocked shots. She also had a sterling field goal percentage of .577 (696 of 1205). She was the first Husky to be named an All-NCC team member in 1985.

With the loss of all five starters from the 1984-85 season, the 1985-86 basketball squad was a young group with only one junior, Carol Thelen, and the remainder of the roster made up of freshmen and sophomores (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Women's Basketball, 2004). Sophomores Sarah Howard and Orla Hohnstadt, and first-year player Julie Eisenschenk were the top three scorers for the Huskies, averaging 19.4 points, 15.4 points and 14.0 points respectively, during the season. SCSU posted a 14-13 overall record and went 7-7 in the NCC, good for a fourth-place finish. Howard was named to both the All-NCC team and the Academic All-NCC team. She tied the single-game record for free throws made with 15 and set a new season mark for free throw percentage hitting .867 from the charity stripe. The Husky basketball fortunes shot upward during the 1986-87 season when SCSU made its fourth NCAA post season appearance. The Huskies posted a 21-8 overall record, finished third in the NCC with a 10-4 mark, and defeated the University of Nebraska-Omaha (UNO) in the opening round of the NCAA Division II North Central Region.

Tournament 68-60 before being eliminated by North Dakota State in the region final 67-65. That season the Huskies had five players average double figures in scoring. Howard led the way with 16.8 points per game, followed by Eisenschenk with 15.4 points, newcomer Toni Jameson with 10.7 points, Orla Hohnstadt with 10.6 points and another newcomer Jan Niehaus with 10.3 points per game. Howard and Eisenschenk were named to both the All-NCC team (Howard for the second time) and the Academic All-NCC team (Howard for the second time). Howard was also named the Outstanding Player of the Game against UNO in the North Central regional.

For the fifth time in 56 years, the Huskies advanced to the NCAA Division II North Central Region Tournament in 1987-88 (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Women's Basketball, 2004). SCSU was eliminated in the first game, losing to top seed North Dakota State, 77-57. The Huskies posted an 18-10 overall record and finished fourth in the NCC with an 8-6 mark. For the third straight year, Sarah Howard led the Huskies in scoring, this time averaging 21.5 points per game. Howard set a single season record for best free throw percentage and set the career mark for best free throw percentage. She was named to the NCC All-Conference team for the third straight year, and led the league in scoring with a 24.07 points per game average. She tallied 916 career points in the NCC, third best in the history of the league and was the all-time best free throw shooter in the league with 87% accuracy. She also led the country in free throw shooting, making 90% of her free throws. She was the NCC scoring champion and free throw percentage champion (.924) in 1988. An outstanding student, Howard was a three-time Academic All-NCC selection and a 1988 Academic All-

American. At the end of her collegiate career with the Huskies, she held six individual records and ranked second on the all-time career scoring list with 1,812 points. She remains the schools free throw percentage career record holder and currently ranks third all-time in scoring. She was a two-time Kodak All-District team selection and a three-time American Women's Sports Federation (AWSF) All-American. Hohnstadt also finished her career in 1988 as 1 of 10 SCSU players to score 1000 points in a career. She currently ranks 14<sup>th</sup> on the all-time career scoring chart at SCSU with 1,223 career points.

The Huskies ended the 1980s in style, winning their first ever NCC title in 1988-89, sharing the crown with North Dakota State (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Women's Basketball, 2004). In addition, the Huskies made their sixth NCAA post season appearance of the decade, winning the NCAA Division II North Central Region Tournament with a 91-89 overtime win over the University of Alaska-Anchorage and an 87-80 win over North Dakota State. The Huskies hosted Central Missouri State in the NCAA quarterfinals and lost to the visitors 87-71. SCSU posted a 21-9 overall record and finished 11-3 in the NCC. Julie Eisenschenk earned All-NCC honors for the second straight year and Jan Niehaus and Toni Jameson were named All-NCC for the first time. Niehaus led the NCC in scoring and steals. Simona Samuelson, a sophomore, led the league in blocked shots. Niehaus was named the MVP of the North Central Regional and Jameson and Eisenschenk were named to the All-Tournament team. The Huskies earned a top 20 ranking in the NCAA polls during the season. Niehaus and Eisenschenk were named to the NCC All-Academic team and the

Academic All-American team. Eisenschenk was the lone senior on the NCC Championship team and her career ended in a practice before the national quarterfinal game when she ruptured her achilles tendon. She was a two-time NCC All-Conference and All-Academic team pick and a First-year All-American in 1986. Twice she earned Academic All-American honors. When her career ended, she ranked fifth on the SCSU all-time career scoring chart with 1,500 career points. She set the career mark for field goal percentage at .513 and ranked fourth all-time in rebounding with 752. She currently ranks ninth on the all-time career scoring list and is listed in the top 12 in rebounding, assists, steals, field goals made, free throws made, free throw percentage where she ranks second, and field goal percentage where she ranks third.

Diane Scherer. Diane Scherer would play basketball for the Huskies from 1979 to 1983 (SCSU AMR Files). Eleven games into her first season, Scherer scored a team high 23 points. In the last five games of her rookie season she totaled 107 points and led the team in scoring average with 15.0 points per game. She would lead the Huskies in scoring as a sophomore, averaging 19.9 points per game, as a junior averaging 21.4 points and again as a senior with a 21.0 points per game average. By the time her career ended with the Huskies, she had scored a school record 2,349 career points, a mark that stands today. It was noted by Coach Ziemer, that Scherer was a good shooter with great range, and her scoring record came prior to the implementation of the three-point field goal. Scherer reached the 1,000-point career mark during her sophomore season, the same year that she scored a school and NSC single-game record 33 points against UM Duluth. A 4-year starter, she graduated from SCSU as the all-time scoring

leader in Minnesota women's basketball history, a record that stood for 8 years. She was a four-time All-Conference selection in the NSC and a four-time MAIAW All-Tournament team selection. She became SCSU's first AIAW All-American when she was named to the AIAW Division II All-American second team as a junior. She earned AIAW Region 6 All-Region honors 2 years in a row. Scherer captained the Huskies her senior season in 1982-83 which was also SCSU's most successful season to date in the history of the program. That year, SCSU posted a 31-4 record, won the NSC title with a 14-0 record, won the NCAA North Central Region Tournament, and advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals for the first time in school history. The Huskies won three NSC conference championships during her career. She averaged 19.4 points a game in her career of 121 games played. Scherer capped her outstanding career in 1983 with 13 school records. She still holds school records for career points (2,349), most field goals made in a game (16), most field goals made in a season (320), and most points in a season (763). Scherer was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995.

The "Fab Four." One cannot talk about the 1980s without mention of four players who were the "Fab Four" of the SCSU basketball program from the 1981-82 to 1984-85 seasons (SCSU AMR Files). During those four seasons, the "Fab Four" helped SCSU post a 97-25 overall record, a 36-4 record in the NSC, and a 10-4 record in the NCC. The "Fab Four" lost only eight games in conference play during their 4-year career. They were members of three straight teams that advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals, had a hand in three straight NSC conference championships, and were members of the first team to play in the NCC, capturing second place in the new league

in 1985. These four individuals also brought added attention to women's athletics at SCSU. Their personalities brought people to games and their winning kept people coming. In addition, the local media began to pay more attention to the women's basketball team, which can be surmised as a direct result of the success of the program. It is without a doubt that these four players, Dawn Anderson, Gwen Frederick, Bonnie Henrickson, and Linda Nelson, contributed to the most successful run of Husky basketball in the history of the program. Of course, there are many stories that get told about this group and Bonnie Henrickson recalled one involving a last second game winning shot.

Of course, Dawn, Nellie, Gwen, and I have hundreds of stories that get fabricated every year but I'm not sure they are appropriate here! In the regional semi-final (1984-85 season) at the University of South Dakota, we were down one point with :04 seconds left in the game. (SCSU had the ball on a side out of bounds). We ran a play to get it to half court and call a time out. We run Linda (Nelson) off a baseline screen and she takes two dribbles. At the time I could have killed her for the second one, and she nailed the shot at the buzzer. It was like we won the National Championship. That still feels like yesterday. (Bonnie Henrickson, personal communication, February 20, 2004)

Dawn Anderson. Dawn Anderson was a two-time American Women's Sports Federation All-American selection (SCSU AMR Files). Anderson still owns the career, single season, and single-game records for assists and steals at SCSU. She is the SCSU career leader in assists with 705 and steals with 400. She holds the single season marks for assists with 227 and steals with 166 and the single-game records for assists with 14 and steals with 19.

Gwen Frederick. Gwen Frederick currently ranks third in assists with 278, second in steals with 172, tied for second in games played with 121, and eighth in field goal percentage with a mark of .477 (322 of 674) on the SCSU all-time career charts (SCSU AMR Files).

Bonnie Henrickson. Bonnie Henrickson was a three-time All-NSC team selection (SCSU AMR Files). She finished her career ranked second on the all-time scoring chart with 1,731 career points. She was also the career leader in free throws made and free throws attempted with 644. She ranked second on the all-time rebounding chart with 995 boards. During her career, Henrickson held single-game records for most free throws, best free throw percentage, and best field goal percentage. She held season marks for most free throws, most consecutive free throws, and most rebounds. She currently holds school records for consecutive free throws made (34) in a season, most rebounds in one season (348), and best free throw percentage in a game (100%, 15 of 15). Her current rankings on the career charts include first in games played with 122, second in free throw attempts and free throws made, third in rebounding and free throw percentage shooting, fifth in all-time scoring, seventh in field goals made, eighth in blocked shots and field goal attempts, and 10<sup>th</sup> in steals. She was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996. Henrickson recalled the tradition of listening to music as a team prior to road games.

Coach Ziemer played Ann Murray tapes on the bus 30 minutes prior to our arrival at the gym. We all sang too!! Priceless. No head phones as 'Teams that won together listened to music together'. Jeanne Burnett got caught with headphones (to a cassette player) and didn't start that night . . . My experience at SCSU was and still is very good for me. It makes me appreciate how far



women's athletics have come. I went from riding on a bus for 5 hours to a game (get off and play), to riding in a \$14 million jet to New Jersey (takes an hour) the night before and a \$24,000 price tag on the trip. I wouldn't change my experience for anything. I have friendships for life (Linda Nelson and I remain good friends). I learned to compete with discipline, respect, and commitment. (B. Henrickson, personal communication, February 20, 2004)

Henrickson was named the women's head coach at Kansas in March of 2004, following a successful run as the Virginia Tech University head coach.

Linda Nelson. Linda Nelson was a 1984 All-NSC team selection and was named to the NCAA Division II quarterfinals All-Tournament team (SCSU AMR Files). She was also a 1985 American Women's Sports Federation All-American second team pick. She left the Huskies ranked among the top 10 in scoring, free throws made, free throws attempted, rebounds, field goals made, field goals attempted, assists and steals. Nelson remains on the SCSU all-time top 10 charts in steals, games played, and field goal percentage. She was also a member of the SCSU softball team. Nelson was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999.

Ramona Rugloski. Although her career lasted only three seasons, Ramona Rugloski made the best of her time on the court (SCSU AMR Files). She was the first SCSU basketball player to be named to the All-NCC team, a feat she accomplished in her junior season (1985). She led the Huskies in scoring during the 1983-84 and 1984-85 seasons. She still holds single-game records for most points in a game with 38 and most field goals made in a game with 16. She currently holds the single season record for best field goal percentage of .606 (252 of 416) set during the 1983-84 season and the single season mark for blocked shots with 104 established during the 1982-83

season. She is the current career record holder for field goal percentage with a .577 average (696 of 1205). She currently ranks sixth in all-time scoring with 1,604 points, is second on the career blocked shots chart with 271, eighth all-time in rebounds with 747, and fourth all-time in field goals made with 696. Rugloski was also a 1985 Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Kodak All-District team selection and a 1984 and 1985 American Women's Sports Federation All-American team selection. She was named the Outstanding Player of the 1984 NCAA North Central Region Tournament and was named to the All-NCAA Division II quarterfinal team. She was a two-time NSC All-Conference team pick and earned NCC All-Academic team honors in 1985. Rugloski was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998.

Julie Eisenschenk. Julie Eisenschenk played basketball for the Huskies from 1985 to 1989 and was a member of the track and field team from 1986 to 1988 and again in 1990 (SCSU AMR Files). She was a two-time All-NCC basketball pick, played in three NCAA regionals, one NCAA quarterfinal, and helped the Huskies to the 1989 NCC title. She was a 1986 AWSF Freshman All-American and a 1987 All-American. She was a two-time NCC All-Academic team member and was a second and third team College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-American. She scored 1,500 career points at SCSU and still ranks in the top 10 in scoring, rebounding, assists, field goals made, free throws made, field goal percentage, and free throw percentage. In track and field, Eisenschenk was a two-time All-American in the shot put, placing sixth at the NCAA Division II National outdoor

championships in 1986 and again in 1990. She was a three-time conference champion in the shot put and discus, winning both events at the 1986 conference meet and repeating in the shot put in 1987. In 1986 Eisenschenk set the school record in the shot put of 47 feet, 1½ inches, a mark that has since been broken. To cap her outstanding career with the Huskies, she received the 1989-90 Stan Marshall Award which is given to the top female student-athlete in the NCC. Eisenschenk was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000.

### Gymnastics

Equipment and liability issues led to the termination of the gymnastics program on February 9, 1981.

We had a problem with it because we couldn't get the equipment . . . In gymnastics, you had to change the equipment every year, or else there could be a lawsuit. The other thing was we couldn't find teams to compete against us. Winona, the U., and Gustavus still had teams but everyone else was dropping it for that very reason. We'd buy the uneven parallel bars which were terribly expensive and then they would change them, and you had to buy another set the next year. Plus the insurance was just so high. Lawsuits over injuries were beginning to appear at the national level and that's why schools were dropping gymnastics. (G. Ziemer, personal communication, January 20, 2004)

### Swimming and Diving

The 1980s started with a new head coach in Carol Anklan who came on deck in the fall of 1979 (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Women's Swimming and Diving, 2004). That season (1979-80) the Huskies won the MAIAW State championship and qualified three swimmers for the AIAW Division II Nationals. Sheila Quinlan competed in the 200 butterfly, Nancy Bader in the 200 backstroke, and Cindy LaFavor

in 1- and 3-meter diving. The 1980-81 season also marked the inaugural year of the annual SCSU Invitational. Cindy LaFavor returned to the AIAW Division II Nationals in 1981-82 qualifying in 3-meter diving. The Huskies won the SCSU Invitational and placed third at the Region 6 AIAW Meet. Instead of competing to qualify for the AIAW nationals, the Huskies had a new challenge during the 1982-83 season, that of qualifying for the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships. Janis Quinlan, a first-year swimmer, qualified for the NCAA meet in three events, the 200 and 400 individual medley, and 200 butterfly, while sister and teammate Sheila Quinlan qualified in the 200 butterfly.

The Huskies continued to perform well in 1983-84 as four individuals and one relay team qualified for the NCAA nationals and the Huskies competed in the NCC Championships for the first time, finishing third in the NCC (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Women's Swimming and Diving, 2004). Cindy LaFavor was named NCC Diver of the Year, and Karin Martin won the 1-meter diving competition and Kati Johnson the 3-meter competition. Janis Quinlan won the conference 500 freestyle, 200 and 400 individual medley. LeAnne Giese qualified for the NCAAs in the 50 freestyle and was joined by divers Karen Martin who qualified on the 1-meter board and Katie Johnson and Cindy LaFavor who qualified on the 3-meter board. The 200 freestyle relay team of Giese, Jill Koski, Anita Aijala, and Jeanne McGovern placed 17<sup>th</sup> at the national championships. Twelve school records were established during the 1983-84 season (Women's Swimming and Diving Media Guide, 1984-85). LeAnne Giese set new marks in the 50, 100, and 200 freestyle, and the 100 individual medley. She also

swam a leg on the record setting 200 free relay with Anita Aijala, Jill Koski, and Jeanne McGovern, the 400 free relay with Aijala, Koski and Janis Quinlan, and the 800 free relay with Aijala, Koski, and Janis Quinlan. Janis Quinlan set new marks in the 500, 1000, and 1,650 freestyle, and the 200 and 400 individual medley. A 9-2 dual meet record, a second-place finish in the NCC Championships and seven qualifiers to the NCAA Championships were the highlights of the 1984-85 season. Janis Quinlan successfully defended her 400 individual medley title in the NCC Championships, making her the first SCSU swimmer to win back-to-back conference titles. Giese qualified for nationals in the 50 and 100 freestyle, Mary McGregor in the 100 backstroke, Kris Kerick and Kati Johnson in 3-meter diving, and Shari Gutzmann, Jeannette Tousignant, Jill Koski, and Giese in the 200 free relay.

A fourth-place finish in the NCC Championships and a 4-7 dual record marked the 1985-86 season (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Women's Swimming and Diving, 2004). The 1986-87 Huskies finished second at the NCC Championships and Carol Anklan was named NCC Coach of the Year. SCSU repeated its second place NCC Championship finish in 1987-88. The Huskies' Becky Birnell won the 1,650 freestyle at the NCC Championships and set new school records in the 200, 500, 1000, and 1650 freestyle events. The 1988-89 season brought a new coaching face to the SCSU swimming and diving program. Diane Heydt would take over from Carol Anklan. Anklan coached for nine seasons and compiled a 49-29 record in dual meet competition. Heydt would lead the Huskies to a third place NCC finish with the 400 medley relay winning the NCC title. Eight school records would fall during her

inaugural season. Birnell would break her own record in the 500 and 1000 freestyle events. In 1989-90, five more school records were established and the Huskies finished fourth in the NCC.

LeAnne Giese. LeAnne Giese had a stellar career with the Husky swimming and diving team from 1983-84 to 1986-87 (SCSU AMR Files). Giese qualified for the national championships in three of the four seasons that she competed for SCSU. A sprinter, she was off the blocks in her first year, setting a school record in the 50 freestyle at the 1984 NCAA Championships where she placed 17<sup>th</sup> in the event. She won the 50 freestyle at the NCC Championships and placed second in the 100 freestyle and 100 individual medley. In her first season, Giese set school records in the 50, 100, and 200 freestyle, 100 individual medley, 200 free relay, 400 free relay, and 800 free relay. She went on to better her school record in the 50, 100, and 200 freestyle in 1985. As a sophomore she co-captained the team and earned Team MVP honors in 1984. Giese competed in the 1985 and 1987 NCAA Championships.

Janis Quinlan. Janis Quinlan competed three seasons for the Huskies from 1982-83 to 1985-86 (SCSU AMR Files). As a 1<sup>st</sup>-year team member, she qualified for the 1983 NCAA Championships in three events, the 200 and 400 individual medley and 200 butterfly. Her older sister Sheila also qualified that same year in the 200 butterfly. During her sophomore season, Quinlan broke four school records and one NCC record, and was a member of a record setting relay team. Her finest performance was in the 200-yard individual medley, where she set SCSU and NCC records with a

time of 2:17.24. She also set school marks in the 400 individual medley and the 500, 1000, and 1,650 freestyle events. Quinlan won four NCC titles during her career including three in 1984 in the 500 freestyle, 200 and 400 individual medley. In 1985 she repeated as the NCC Champion in the 400 individual medley. She earned team MVP honors in 1983 and again in 1984. At the end of her career in 1985, Quinlan held the school records in the 500, 1000, and 1650 freestyle, 200 and 400 individual medley, and the 200 medley relay, 400 freestyle relay, and the 800 freestyle relay.

Shela Quinlan. Sheila Quinlan distinguished herself as one of the top performers on the SCSU swimming and diving team from 1980-83 to 1984-85 (SCSU AMR Files). At SCSU, Quinlan was a team captain and a most valuable swimmer award recipient in 1981 and 1982. She set five team records at SCSU from 1980-85 and advanced to the NCAA Division II Nationals in 1981 and 1983, competing in the 200 butterfly. Quinlan held school records in the 50, 100 and 200 butterfly, and the 200 and 400 medley relays at the end of her career. She was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

### Softball

The Huskies finished the 1980 season with an 11-11 overall record and went 1-2 in MAIAW State Tournament games (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Softball, 2004). Deb Lehner, a senior who played third base, led the team in hitting with a .357 average. The 1981 Huskies posted a 13-9 overall record, won the MAIAW Division II State Tournament, and placed fifth at the Region 6 AIAW Tournament. Diane Evans, a

first-year outfielder hit .317 for the Huskies. Marcia Ledin pitched in 14 games, posting an 8-3 record with a 0.72 earned run average (ERA). The debut of first-year pitcher Julie Engmark marked the 1982 season as the Huskies posted a 12-12 record. Engmark pitched in 18 games, posting an 11-6 record and a 0.77 ERA. She struck out 54 batters in 109.2 innings pitched. On the offensive side, she hit .333 for the season and led the team in hits, runs, double, triples, and runs batted in. The Huskies finished 10-13 in 1983 as Engmark went 10-10 on the mound with a 1.28 ERA. She led the team in hitting with a .368 average. She once again led the team in hits, runs, doubles, triples, and RBIs.

For the first time, SCSU competed in the NSC in softball in 1984 (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Softball, 2004). The Huskies posted an 11-6 overall record and went 10-5 against NSC opponents, and were 3-2 in the NSC tournament. Engmark hit a whopping .404 that season and dropped her ERA to 0.80, pitching in 13 games, posting an 8-4 record. The 1985 season marked a couple of firsts for SCSU softball. Sue Becker became only the third coach in the history of the softball program, taking over for Dianne Glowatzke and the Huskies competed in the NCC for the first time. SCSU posted a 15-12 overall record, were 9-8 against NCC opponents, and finished fourth in the NCC tournament. Engmark completed an outstanding career as a Husky, hitting a career .364 and pitching a career 1.29 ERA. She was the first SCSU player to be named to the All-NCC softball team. The Husky record dropped to 10-18 overall in 1986 and SCSU finished fifth in the NCC tournament. Molly Johnson and Lynn Richert led the Husky attack as Johnson hit .300 on the season and Richert .270. Johnson, an All-NCC



team pick, led the team with 27 hits and Richert was the team leader in RBIs with 14. Eleven team records, 10 pitching records, and 10 individual season hitting records were set by the Huskies during the 1987 season. SCSU posted a 21-18 overall record and placed fifth in the NCC tournament. Seniors Chris Ostlund and Lynn Richert set career hitting marks, with Ostlund setting the career record for most at bats with 337 and Richert setting the mark for most singles in a career with 79. Between the two players, they accounted for 11 individual hitting records at the end of their careers. Richert owned the season records for most at bats in a season (126), most hits in a season (41), most singles in a season (37), most RBIs in a season (24), and most total bases in a season (51). Ostlund had the career mark for most at bats (337), most runs in a season (29), most doubles in a season (6), and most base on balls in a season (24) and career (48). Richert and Johnson were named to the All-NCC team. First-year pitcher Katie Kraft threw 205.1 innings, struck out 166, and posted a 1.26 ERA. According to Richert, the competition during her career was always great.

Augustana and Omaha were always the team to beat. Their schedule was almost double what ours was, and it showed. It seemed like the competition in this conference got stronger year after year. Softball really seemed to be coming along as a sport in this conference . . . Sue Becker had the knowledge, enthusiasm and drive to come in and build a program from the ground up. That's when softball really began for me. She got us more games. We traveled and practiced regularly. I loved it! (L. Richert, personal communication, March 8, 2004)

The 1988 squad posted the winningest record in the history of the program going over the 30 win plateau for the first time with a 31-12 record (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Softball, 2004). In addition, the Huskies posted their best finish to date in the NCC tournament, losing to Augustana College in the championship game, 6-1.

The Huskies were ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the final NCAA softball poll. SCSU set or tied 31 team and individual records during the season, and outfielder Molly Johnson collected ten hitting records, for both season and career. Kraft set or tied eight records, including three career marks, in only her second season on the mound. Kraft pitched in 32 games, posted a 20-9 record, throwing 185.2 innings, striking out 138 batters and posting a 1.65 ERA. Kraft pitched all five games of the NCC tournament. Kraft, Johnson, and catcher Kelly Jarvis were named to the All-Conference team. For the first time in the history of the SCSU softball program, the Huskies advanced to the 1989 NCAA Division II Midwest Regional, 1 of 16 teams selected to compete in the post season. SCSU faced the number three team in the country Sacramento State in the opening round and dropped a 2-1 decision in 12 innings. The Huskies were eliminated from the tournament by Augustana College who defeated SCSU 1-0 in 10 innings. The 1989 Huskies were nationally ranked throughout much of the season and were ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the final poll of the year. SCSU posted a 26-14 overall record and placed fourth in the NCC tournament. The Huskies broke or tied 11 school records and, as a team, led the NCC in batting average at a .348 clip. Kraft threw 189 innings, struck out 93 batters, and posted a 1.51 ERA. Kraft and Kim Bass were named to the All-NCC softball team. Bass was also named to the All-Region team and first-year utility player Shelly Jensen was a second team All-Region selection. Jarvis was named to the Midwest Region All-Tournament team.

Julie Engmark. Julie Engmark had an outstanding 4-year career as a pitcher for the Huskies from 1982-85 (SCSU AMR Files). In her four seasons, she posted a 44-28

record on the mound for the Huskies. Engmark pitched 495.2 innings, struck out 207 batters, and posted a 1.29 career ERA. In two of the seasons she pitched, Engmark posted an ERA of under 1.00. In 1982, she pitched a .77 ERA and in 1984 posted a .80 ERA. She also hit a career best .364. When Engmark completed her career in 1985, she held five hitting records, including most hits in a career (100), most doubles in a season (6) and career (17), most extra base hits in a career (26), and career batting average for 50 or more at bats (.364). She also held 13 pitching records including most appearances in a career (77), most starts in a career (70), most complete games pitched (67), most victories in a season (15), most victories in a career (44), most losses in a career (28), most innings pitched in a career (495.2), hits allowed in a career (339), runs allowed in a career (172), most strikeouts in a career (207), best earned run average in a season of 100 or more innings (.77 ERA, 109.2 IP, 12 ER), best earned run average in a career of 300 or more innings (1.29 ERA, 495.2 IP, 91 earned runs), best win/loss record in a season (15-8), and best win/loss record in a career (44-28)

Molly Johnson. Molly Johnson was a 4-year standout in the softball program from 1985 to 1988 (SCSU AMR Files). She was SCSU's first three-time All-North Central Conference softball team selection, gaining the honors in 1986, 1987, and 1988. She left SCSU as the all-time hitting leader, collecting 10 school records along the way. At the end of the 1988 season, she held the career records for at bats with 374, hits with 109, singles with 85, RBI with 63, and total bases with 149. She also held the single season records for most hits with 42, most triples with seven, most RBI with 31, total bases with 57, and extra base hits with 12.

Katie Kraft. By the time she completed her collegiate softball career, Katie Kraft had established herself as the most prolific pitcher in SCSU softball history (SCSU AMR Files). Kraft pitched for the Huskies from 1987 to 1990 and during that span set 21 school records. She held virtually every school pitching record until 10 years later when Karissa Hoehn came on the SCSU scene in 1997. Among her records were season and career marks for appearances, games started, complete games, victories, innings pitched, strikeouts and best win/loss record. She was a three-time All-NCC team member and two-time Academic All-NCC team selection. In 1990 she was named First Team All-Midwest Region by the National Softball Coaches Association. During her collegiate career, Kraft posted a 78-43 overall won/loss record, pitched in 72% of the games played, threw 822.1 innings, struck out 512 batters and established a career ERA of 1.30. In 1990, she posted her best record of 27-11, struck out 165 batters, and had a career low 1.07 ERA. In 1988, the Huskies established a school record for wins with a 31-12 overall record. That 31 win mark stood until the 1998 season when SCSU posted 42 wins. In 1989, the Huskies made their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance, playing in the Division II Midwest Regional. SCSU went 0-2 in the regional, losing both games by one run in extra innings. The Huskies were nationally ranked in 1988 and 1989, with their highest ranking of 12<sup>th</sup> in 1989. SCSU was the NCC runner-up in 1990. Kraft was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001.

## Track and Field

Track and field continued an indoor and outdoor spring schedule in the 1980s (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Results Women's Track and Field, 2004). The Huskies opened the decade with a third-place finish at the MAIAW Division II State Championships and finished seventh in the Region 6 AIAW meet. The 1981 Husky squad competed in its first-ever NSC Championship meet, placing second behind Moorhead State. SCSU also finished second at the MAIAW State Meet. During the regular season, SCSU won six team titles in the 10 meets they competed in. SCSU hosted its first indoor track meet in 1981, winning a triangular with Mankato State and South Dakota State.

According to Jacques (1993a), in the spring of 1982, Marie Sherwood won the javelin at the AIAW National Championships, becoming SCSU's first and only individual AIAW National Champion. She won the championship with a throw of 164 feet, 3 inches. She, along with teammates Kirsten Olson, who placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 134 feet, 8½ inches and Sharon Provo, who placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the javelin, helped the Huskies place 18<sup>th</sup> out of 64 teams at the National Championships. Sherwood and Olson both earned All-American honors for their performances. The Huskies placed third in the NSC championships and won three meet titles during the regular season. The Huskies dropped to a fourth-place finish in the 1983 NSC championships and Sherwood continued to perform well. During the season, she won the javelin at the Midwest Classic and placed sixth in the javelin at the Drake Invitational. Sherwood qualified and placed third at the NCAA Division II Track and

Field National Championships with a throw of 149 feet, 5½ inches earning NCAA All-American honors. The 1983 NCAA championships were the first for the Huskies as the AIAW competition ceased at the end of 1982. Marie Sherwood gained her third All-American honor in 1984 placing sixth in the javelin at the NCAA Championships with a throw of 150 feet, 1 inch. The Huskies competed in their final NSC championships, placing third. Sherwood won the NSC title in the javelin, while Linda Weisbrich was the NSC champion in the shot put, and Lynn Klappa earned the conference title in the 400-meter hurdles.

In 1985, new head coach Sue Gabrielson greeted the Husky tracksters (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Results Women's Track and Field, 2004). Karen Thompson had completed 9 years successfully guiding the Huskies from infancy to the 1980s in cross country and track and field. With the new coach came the Deb Rose era of track and field. During the 1985 indoor season, Rose would win five individual titles in the triple jump, high jump, and long jump. She also had strong support from teammates Julie Alberg, Lynn Klappa, and Connie Kampa. The Huskies competed in their first NCC indoor track and field championships in 1985, placing seventh. SCSU also placed seventh in their first NCC outdoor championships. Nancy Knop became the new head coach and another standout athlete Julie Eisenschenk would anchor the field events for the Huskies beginning in 1986. With Rose and Eisenschenk in the field events and Kampa and Jenni Schultz running the middle-distance and distance events, the Huskies had some outstanding individuals on the roster. The 1986 squad placed ninth in the conference indoor championships and sixth in the outdoor championships. Rose won

her first conference title in the indoor triple jump with a leap of 35 feet, 2 inches.

Eisenschenk was a double winner in the outdoor NCC championships winning the shot put with a throw of 44 feet, 8¾ inches and the discus with a toss of 140 feet, 4 inches.

Eisenschenk went on to represent SCSU at the NCAA Division II National Track and Field Championships, gaining All-American honors with her sixth-place finish in the shot put with a throw of 45 feet, 3¾ inches.

The 1987 track and field squad ended the season with a fifth-place finish in the NCC outdoor championships after finishing seventh at the indoor championships (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Results Women's Track and Field, 2004). Rose won her second straight indoor triple jump title with a mark of 35 feet, 11½ inches. At the outdoor championships Rose won both the long jump (18 feet, 6¾ inches) and the triple jump (37 feet, 5¾ inches). She also set a new school record in the indoor long jump with a mark of 17 feet, 5½ inches. The Huskies recorded their best-ever finish in an NCC championship in the 1980s with a fourth-place finish in the 1988 outdoor meet. In addition, the Huskies placed sixth at the indoor championships and placed more athletes in the NCC finals than in any previous year with 12. Becky Anderson, a freshman in 1988, would begin a string of championships unheralded by a Husky track athlete. She won the NCC title in the indoor long jump while Rose placed third. Rose was second in the triple jump. At the outdoor championships, Anderson won the long jump and triple jump and set an NCC record in the long jump with the mark of 18 feet, 8¼ inches. Rose finished second in the long jump and third in the triple jump. During the season Rose established a new indoor triple jump record with a mark of 36 feet, 7

inches. The decade came to an end with another outstanding conference performance from Becky Anderson who was voted the MVP of the 1989 NCC outdoor track and field championships. Anderson is the first and only SCSU athlete, to this date, to be named the outstanding performer at an NCC track championship. Anderson won the NCC indoor championship in the long jump and won conference outdoor titles in the long jump and triple jump. In addition, Jenni Schultz, won the 1500 meters at the indoor championships. As a team, the Huskies finished sixth at the indoor championships and seventh at the outdoor championships.

Marie Sherwood. Marie Sherwood competed in the field events in track and field from 1982 to 1985 for the Huskies (SCSU AMR Files). She is SCSU's first female national champion in any sport, winning the 1982 AIAW Division II Track and Field Championship in the javelin with a throw of 164 feet, 3 inches. She was a one-time AIAW All-American and a two-time NCAA All-American. Sherwood competed in the 1983 NCAA Championships placing third in the nation and in a return trip to the championships placed fifth in 1984. She also won the 1982 NSC javelin title and set the conference record in the event with a throw of 145 feet, 2 inches. She repeated as an NSC javelin champion in 1984, and placed second in 1983. She won the 1982 MAIAW State title in the javelin. In 1983, she placed sixth and in 1984 second in the javelin at the Drake Invitational, the precursor to today's Drake Relays. A three-sport athlete at SCSU, Sherwood also competed in basketball and volleyball for the Huskies. She was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1985.



Deb Rose. Deb Rose was a 4-year member of the SCSU track and field team from 1984 to 1988, and her career was impressive (SCSU AMR Files). She began making a name for herself during her sophomore season in 1985 when she won the triple jump in the first indoor meet of the season, placed fourth in the 55-meter hurdles, and fifth in the high jump. The next meet she won the high jump and long jump, and placed third in the hurdles. She went on to win the triple jump two more times in meets during the indoor season. During the 1986 indoor and outdoor season she won the triple jump four times. She culminated the 1986 season by winning the triple jump at the NCC Championships with a mark of 35 feet, 2 inches. In 1987 Rose won three NCC titles, winning both the NCC indoor (35 feet, 11½ inches) and outdoor (37 feet, 5¾ inches) triple jump, and the outdoor long jump (18 feet, 6¾ inches). She also set a new school record in the long jump of 17 feet, 5½ inches, beating her own school record. In season competition, she won nine triple jump and four long jump titles. In 1988, Rose placed second in the triple jump and third in the long jump at the NCC indoor championships behind teammate Becky Anderson. At the NCC outdoor championships, she placed second in the long jump and third in the triple jump, again behind Anderson. She also set a school record in the indoor triple jump with a mark of 36 feet, 7 inches. During the 1988 season she won the long jump seven times and the triple jump five times. To sum it all up, Rose was a four-time NCC champion, winning back to back NCC indoor triple jump championships, and outdoor titles in the triple and long jump. During her career, she held two school records in the indoor triple jump and long jump.

My last competition for SCSU was at a Last Chance meet at the U. of M. After my last jump I remember thinking how sad it was that I wasn't going to be able to compete for SCSU any more. I enjoyed all parts of my athletic experience - the practices, the competition, but mostly my teammates and coaches. (D. Rose, personal communication, February 22, 2004)

### Tennis

A dynasty in the making, the tennis team enjoyed a great deal of success during the 1980s. After winning four straight NSC titles in 1980, 1981, 1982, and 1983, the program continued its success in their new home, the NCC, winning league titles in 1985, 1987, and 1988. That is a total of seven conference titles in one decade (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Women's Tennis, 2004). Second-year head coach Becky McLellan guided the 1980 tennis team to a 10-1 dual mark, a 7-0 NSC mark, the NSC and MAIAW Championship. Carol Anklan began her 3-year coaching stint in 1981 with the Huskies posting an 8-3 dual meet record and a 7-0 NSC mark. The Huskies won the NSC and MAIAW Championships in an exact repeat of 1980 (SCSU Archives, Tennis—Women's 1975-1982 file).

By 1982, the Huskies were cruising in the NSC, going undefeated (7-0) in league play and posting an 11-1 record (SCSU Archives, Tennis—Women's 1975-1982 file). The Huskies again won the MAIAW Championship, as Theresa Spiering at #3 singles, Judi McDonald at #5 singles, and Karen Scott at #6 singles won individual state titles. To complete the triumph, the Huskies' doubles teams of #1 Spiering and McDonald, #2 Joan Sundstrom and Debbie Osmera, and #3 Lisa Jettenberg and Scott won championships. The Huskies went on to win the Region 6 AIAW tournament with Jettenberg winning an individual title at #4 singles and Scott winning at #6 singles, and

the #2 and #3 doubles teams winning Region titles. That advanced the Huskies to the 1982 AIAW Division II National Tennis Championships at the University of Northern Colorado in May. SCSU finished in a tie for 20<sup>th</sup> place. SCSU went undefeated once again in NSC play during the 1983 season with a 7-0 record and a 10-3 overall mark (SCSU Archives, Tennis—Women's 1983-1985 File). The Huskies won the MAIAW team championship winning titles at #3 singles (Scott), #5 singles (Katy Upton), #6 singles (Carol Stouffer) and #1 doubles of McDonald/Scott and #3 doubles of Sandy Sharp and Jane Reis. McDonald won the consolation championship at #1 singles and Jetenberg finished second at #4 singles.

Jeff Black arrived on the women's tennis scene in 1984 as the new head coach, and again the Huskies were a success, posting an 11-2 record, a 6-0 NSC mark, and finishing second in the NSC tournament (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Women's Tennis, 2004). Karen Scott at #2 singles and Sandy Sherbarth at #5 singles won conference titles. The doubles team of Scott and McDonald received an invitation to the 1984 NCAA National Tennis Championships where they won their first match, defeating the doubles team from Central Connecticut and bowed out of the tournament in the quarterfinals with a loss to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. The 1985 season introduced the Huskies to the North Central Conference and the results were outstanding. Senior captains Scott and McDonald entered the season ranked nationally as a doubles team. They went on to lead the Huskies to their first of many NCC tennis titles. They combined to record an 11-2 record as a doubles team and Scott won the #2 singles NCC title. Other NCC title winners were Sandy Sherbarth at #3 singles and

Carol Stouffer at #5 singles. The #2 doubles team of Sherbarth and Upton, along with the #3 doubles team of Shanlee Bahl and Marge Hall won conference championships. McDonald finished her career as the consolation champion at #1 singles. A less experienced Husky squad hit the court in 1986 as SCSU posted a 6-8 overall record and finished third in the NCC championships. The 1987 Huskies returned to championship form, winning their second NCC team title in three seasons and posting a 10-3 overall record. The Huskies won individual titles at #1 singles with Sandy Sherbarth, #2 singles with Missy Heinen, #3 singles with Shanlee Bahl, #4 singles with Andy Aaker, and #6 singles with Janie Guilord. SCSU was also victorious with the #1 doubles team of Sherbarth and Heinen and the #2 doubles team of Bahl and Aaker.

Another first-year coach and a second straight NCC championship awaited the 1988 SCSU tennis team (SCSU Archives, Tennis—Women's 1986-1989 File). Larry Sundby would begin a long and storied career as the women's tennis coach, as he continues to lead the team today. The 1988 Huskies went 12-6 in dual meets and again dominated at the NCC championships. The Huskies came away with individual titles with Bahl winning at #1 singles, Heinen winning at #2 singles for the second straight year, Aaker at #3 and coaches' daughter Kris Sundby winning at #5. All three doubles teams won conference titles in #1 Bahl and Aaker, #2 Heinen and Sundby, and #3 Litchy and Bialke. A second place NCC finish was all the Huskies could muster in 1989 as SCSU advanced to the finals in eight matches. The Huskies garnered conference titles at #3 singles with Missy Heinen, and #6 singles with Kris Sundby. The #2 doubles team of Melissa Andreotti and Sundby and the #3 team of Bialka and

Litchy were also winners (North Central Conference Record and History Book, 2003).

Kris Sundby Portz, currently a faculty member in the SCSU accounting department stated (personal communication, March 8, 2004):

Three of the 4 years I played my tennis coach was my dad (Larry Sundby) which was incredibly special and memorable for me. Of course, he was the best coach. Aside from being biased, he was very fair, dedicated to the program, and was extremely concerned that each player had an opportunity to gain valuable life experiences as a scholar-athlete.

Karen Scott. According to current women's tennis coach Larry Sundby (who didn't coach Karen Scott), Karen Scott is probably the most dominant player SCSU has had. Scott played tennis for the Huskies from 1982 to 1985 (SCSU AMR Files). She still holds school records for best career won/loss percentage of 83%, best career singles winning percentage of 87%, best career doubles winning percentage of 80% and best single season winning percentage in singles of 94%. She played on the NSC championship teams of 1982 and 1983 and led the Huskies to their first NCC title in 1985. She won two MAIAW State singles titles (#6 and #3 singles), two state doubles titles, one NSC singles championship (#2 singles), one NCC singles championship (#2 singles), and a Region 6 AIAW singles and doubles championship. She competed in the AIAW National Team Championships in 1982 and earned an invite to the NCAA Championships in doubles in 1984. She currently ranks in the top 10 in 6 of the 18 categories where records are kept. Scott reflected on the competition during her playing career at SCSU (personal communication, February 17, 2004).

During the years I played, 1982-85, our tennis program was very good. We did not get a chance to compete and travel as much like they do now. It would have

been nice to play some tougher schools and travel a bit more. The competition was pretty tough, but I think we could have played even better teams.

Judi McDonald. Judi McDonald was a 4-year standout in the SCSU tennis program from 1982 to 1985 (SCSU AMR Files). McDonald compiled one of the best records in the history of SCSU tennis. She still owns a school record 77 career wins in doubles. She ranks among the top 15 all-time in 8 of the 18 categories kept in the record book. She played on teams that won two NSC Championships and the Huskies first-ever NCC Championship. During her three seasons of competition in the NSC, the Huskies never lost a single conference match. McDonald played #5 singles her first season, winning individual titles at the MAIAW State meet and the Region 6 AIAW championship. She also won the State #1 doubles title with Karen Scott. In her final three seasons, McDonald played #1 singles for the Huskies capturing the consolation singles championship and #1 doubles title at the 1983 State MAIAW meet. In 1984, McDonald and Scott were invited to compete in doubles at the NCAA National Championships. In her final season of competition, McDonald won the #1 singles consolation title in the NCC and posted an 11-2 record in doubles with Scott.

### Summary

The 1980s marked the "we are here to stay" decade of women's athletics at SCSU. Individual and team successes were abundant and women's athletics at SCSU thrived in a competitive environment. Organizations, such as the Northern Sun and North Central conferences, the AIAW and the NCAA, gave direction to women administrators, coaches and athletes. Thirteen conference titles were won by SCSU's

women's teams during the 1980s, and teams and individuals were acknowledged at the highest level as national championships were sponsored and promoted by the NCAA. In fact, the 1980s brought out SCSU's first national champion in Marie Sherwood who won the javelin at the 1982 AIAW Division II National Track and Field Championship. Many more great names from the 1980s were added to the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame including Sue Wahl Storbeck, Anne Campbell, Jeanne Burnett, Marie Sherwood, Bonnie Henrickson, Becky Stream Van Erp, Ramona Rugloski Hjerpe, Sarah Howard, Linda Nelson, Julie Eisenschenk, Jan Niehaus Herke, Katie Kraft, and Sheila Quinlan.

#### 1990S: CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

The 1990s was a decade filled with change. A longtime coach and administrator would retire. The men's and women's athletics departments would merge under one athletic director, and three women's sports would be added to the menu of opportunities for SCSU athletes. Gladys Ziemer resigned as women's basketball coach following the 1992-93 season. She had guided the Husky basketball program for 20 seasons and left the coaching ranks with a 321-212 all-time record. In addition, she led her basketball teams to three NSC Conference Championships and one NCC Championship. She guided SCSU to seven NCAA Division II Regional Tournaments and four NCAA Division II quarterfinal games, including three straight quarterfinal appearances from 1982-83 to 1984-85. Two years later, in 1995, Ziemer resigned from her position as Director of Women's Athletics in order to join the faculty and teach full-time in the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Sport

Science at SCSU. An incredible administrative run in women's athletics had come to an end. Mike Simpson, the former SCSU football coach and assistant men's athletic director served 1 year as the interim women's athletic director and, in 1996, Dr. Morris Kurtz was named the Director of Athletics of the newly combined men's and women's athletics departments. Dr. Kurtz had been the men's athletics director since 1984.

Three sports were added to the women's program during the 1990s, beginning with the addition of women's soccer in the fall of 1994. In 1997-98, a women's Nordic ski team was formed and, in 1998-99 a Division I women's ice hockey team "hit the ice" for the first time. SCSU celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's athletics during the 1992-93 season. A reunion was held on Saturday, February 13. At the half-time of the women's basketball game that afternoon, members of SCSU's first teams were introduced and the department was presented with the 1992 NCC All-Sports Trophy.

### Volleyball

The Husky volleyball fortunes regressed a bit in 1990 as SCSU posted an 8-24 record and placed eighth in the NCC in a rebuilding year (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records Volleyball, 2004). Gigi DesLauriers earned All-NCC honors to highlight the season for the Huskies. A freshman class that included Christin Broich, Lisette Hayden, Tonja Worrell, and Kristi Kutter, all earned valuable playing time during the season. Another young team "hit the court" in 1991 when the Huskies finished with a 9-14 overall record and improved to a sixth-place finish in the NCC regular season. DesLauriers would finish her career as a two-time All-NCC selection and three-time All-Academic NCC pick. She would leave SCSU with 1,123 career kills, 68 solo



blocks and 214 block assists. The youth of the 1990 squad began to show their experience in 1992 as the Huskies improved to a 24-12 overall record, finished fifth in the NCC regular season and advanced to the semifinals of the NCC post season tournament. SCSU broke into the AVCA Tachikara Top 25 Volleyball Poll and was ranked 24<sup>th</sup> late in the season. Three players, Lisette Hayden, Kristi Kutter, and Marja Lust earned All-NCC honors, and Hayden and Kutter were named to the AVCA All-North Central Region Team.

A veteran volleyball team hit the court in 1993 and the Huskies celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> year of collegiate competition in style, returning to the NCAA Division II North Central Region volleyball tournament for the first time since 1988 and the third time ever (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records, Volleyball, 2004). SCSU posted a 21-11 overall record and went 7-2 in the NCC. SCSU lost to Northern Colorado in the championship game of the NCC Tournament, only to face the Golden Bears in the NCAA Tournament, losing in four games. Senior Lisette Hayden, a two-time All-NCC selection, finished her collegiate career as did Kristi Kutter, another two-time All-NCC pick. Kutter set two NCC tournament records in 1993. She set marks for block assists in a match with 13 and set the tournament mark for block assists with 25. Hayden and Kutter were named to the 1993 American Volleyball Coaches Association Division II North Central All-Region team. Swen Minnema, a sophomore, was also named to the All-NCC team. Minnema led the league in hitting percentage at a .432 pace. Five seniors, Hayden, Kutter, Lust, Christin Broich, and Carrie Sandbulte, all completed their eligibility in 1993. A coaching milestone was also set as Dianne Glowatzke

coached her 400<sup>th</sup> career win in a three-game victory over the University of North Dakota on October 15. Junior Swen Minnema and sophomore Cami Selbitschka led the Huskies to a 19-12 overall record and a fifth-place tie in the NCC in 1994. Selbitschka and Minnema were named All-Conference and the Huskies were ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> in the AVCA/Tachikara Division II volleyball poll near the end of the season.

To date, the 1995 season ranks as the most successful in the history of SCSU volleyball (SCSU AMR Files, SCSU Volleyball Media Guide, 2003). That year, the Huskies won the North Central Region Championship and advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight Tournament, December 2-4 at Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida. The Huskies posted a 27-6 overall record and finished second in the NCC with a 14-4 mark, SCSU's best finish ever since joining the league. SCSU went on to defeat Morningside College in three games and the University of Northern Colorado in four games in the region championship. At the Elite Eight, the Huskies faced the #1 ranked Barry University team in the quarterfinals and lost an exciting match to the Buccaneers 15-11, 15-6, 15-12, and Barry went on to win the national championship. Junior Courtney Powers was named to the NCAA Elite Eight All-Tournament team, as she led the Huskies in the match against Barry. Senior Swen Minnema was named to the AVCA All-American Second Team, and along with teammates Krista Hartung and Cami Selbitschka, was named to the North Central Regional All-Tournament team. Minnema, Selbitschka, and Heather Modean were named to the All-Conference team. The Huskies finished the season ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the final volleyball coaches' poll and Glowatzke was voted the North Central Region

Coach of the Year. Mary Hyland, Hartung, and Minnema were the only seniors on the team.

In the first national volleyball poll of the 1996 season, the Huskies were ranked third in the country, the highest ranking ever for the SCSU program (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records Volleyball, 2004). The Huskies won 9 of their first 12 matches and went on to post a 20-11 overall record and 12-6 mark in the NCC, good for a fourth-place finish. Powers and Selbitschka, both seniors were named All-Conference and Selbitschka was named an AVCA Division II Second Team All-American. Selbitschka ended her career as the Huskies career leader in kills with 1,567, attack attempts with 3,792, and digs with 1,159. Setter Heather Modean, the other senior on the team, completed her career as SCSU's all-time career assist leader with 4,546. Modean, Selbitschka, and Powers were ranked among the NCAA Division II National leaders, as Selbitschka led the nation in kills per game with 5.49, Modean ranked second in assists per game with 13.33 and Powers ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in hitting percentage with a .403 mark. Powers led the NCC in hitting percentage and Selbitschka was the league leader in kills per game.

An 8-25 overall record and a ninth-place finish in the NCC with a 3-15 record marked the 1997 season (SCSU AMR, All-Time Records Volleyball, 2004). Sophomore Kim Pellmann was named to the All-NCC Honorable Mention team and three seniors, Sarah Strohschein, Yoko Nawataya, and Juley Viger, completed their playing eligibility. The Huskies went above the .500 mark and Coach Glowatzke coached her 500<sup>th</sup> career victory in 1998. SCSU sported a 16-13 overall record and

finished tied for sixth in the NCC. Glowatzke earned her 500<sup>th</sup> career win in a 15-3, 8-15, 15-6, 15-8 NCC victory over nationally ranked Augustana College (7th NCAA Division II) on Friday, November 6. Junior hitter Kim Pellmann was named to the All-NCC team and led the league in kills with 4.43 per game. Junior transfer Andrea Thul led the conference in service aces and sophomore setter Rachael Olson led the league in set assists. Olson became the sixth Husky to go over the 1000 assist mark in a season. She had 1,384 assists in 1998 which still ranks her third on the single season performance chart. Pellmann was named to the All-NCC and NCC All-Academic teams for the second straight year as the Huskies posted a 12-17 record and finished ninth in the NCC with a 4-14 mark in 1999.

Kristi Kutter and Lisette Hayden. Kristi Kutter and Lisette Hayden were Husky volleyball teammates from 1990 to 1994 (SCSU AMR Files). They were part of a 1990 recruiting class that included four players that played in at least 27 matches, for a young, unheralded team. While the team struggled during the 1990 and 1991 seasons, the hard work paid off in their junior and senior seasons. By 1992 the Huskies won 24 matches.

Their careers culminated in 1993 when SCSU won 21 matches, played in the championship match of the NCC tournament, and advanced to the NCAA Division II North Central Region tournament. In the 1993 NCC tournament, Kutter set conference records for block assists in a match with 13 and block assists in a tournament with 25. Kutter was named the AVCA Division II Player of the Week in October. Twice she was selected to the NCC All-Conference team. Hayden was also a two-time All-NCC

team pick and a two-time Academic All-Conference team pick. Hayden still ranks in the top three in career kills and kill attempts at SCSU.

Swen Minnema. Swen Minnema had an outstanding volleyball career with the Huskies from 1992 to 1995 (SCSU AMR Files). In her final season, Minnema led the Huskies in attack percentage, solo blocks, and block assists. She was a three-time All-NCC pick and a three-time Academic All-NCC selection. She was named to the 1995 North Central Region All-Tournament team and was a second team AVCA All-American. In 1995 she was a first team Verizon Academic All-American. To this day, she holds the career record for service aces with 240. Her freshman and senior years, she led the Huskies in service aces.

Cami Selbitschka. Cami Selbitschka still holds the career records for kills with 1,567, attack attempts with 3,792, and digs with 1,159 (SCSU AMR Files). Along with those career marks, she also holds the record for most kills in a season with 616, which she accomplished during the 1996 season. Selbitschka played from 1993 to 1996. During that span, the Huskies played in two NCAA North Central Region Tournaments (1993 and 1995), advanced to the 1995 NCAA Division II Elite Eight, and posted 19 or more wins in each of the four seasons. Selbitschka was a two-time All-NCC team pick, an AVCA All-North Central Region team selection and a member of the 1995 NCAA North Central Region All-Tournament team.

Kim Pellmann. Kim Pellmann finished her collegiate career with the Huskies in 1999 ranked among the top volleyball players of all-time (SCSU AMR Files). In the

2000 SCSU Volleyball Media Guide, she ranked second all-time in kills with 1,322 (where she still stands), tied for second in block assists with 388, was seventh in total attack attempts with 2,732, seventh in service aces with 138, ninth in solo blocks with 52, 13<sup>th</sup> in matches played at 113, and 13<sup>th</sup> in digs with 579. She had the fourth highest season totals in kills and kill attempts. She was a three-time All-NCC pick and a two-time conference All-Academic team member. She was also a two-time AVCA All-North Central Region team selection in 1998 and 1999. Pellmann was also a solid performer on the track team competing in the high jump. She won the 1999 NCC outdoor track and field high jump title.

I picked up track my third year to high jump with a freshman volleyball player. To me it was going to be my relaxing sport. I didn't expect to do well because I was average in high school. The first meet I competed in, I had a terrible approach but some how provisioned for nationals. I decided that it could not be my non-competitive sport after that. In all my seasons (five or six) of getting on the national list, I never made it to nationals, always seeming to miss it by one or two spots. (K. Pellmann, personal communication, March 5, 2004)

### Cross Country

A national ranking of 20<sup>th</sup> in the NCAA Division II Women's Cross Country Poll in October of 1990 kicked off the decade for the Huskies. The national ranking marked the first time in the history of the women's program that the Huskies were rated. Junior Michele Nelson paced the Huskies in 1990 with five top-five finishes including three first-place finishes. SCSU finished fifth in the NCC and NCAA North Central Regional. The 1991 cross country team posted the most successful season ever at SCSU (SCSU AMR Files, SCSU Women's Track and Field Guide, 1992). For the first time in the history of the program, the Huskies earned a bid to the 1991 NCAA

Division II National Cross Country Championships. As a team, the Huskies finished ninth overall and senior Michelle Nelson led the way with a 12<sup>th</sup> place individual finish and All-American honors. Teammate Sue Kent, another senior, placed 44<sup>th</sup> at the championships. The season began for SCSU with a victory in the SCSU Open as Nelson and Amy Suprenant had a one-two finish in the meet. SCSU finished fourth at the NCC championships and the NCAA North Central Regional, again led by Nelson who finished second. The 1992 season was also a success as the Huskies duplicated their best-ever finish in the NCC placing fourth. Individually, Amy Suprenant placed eighth and Stephanie Aspen 10<sup>th</sup> in the NCC race to lead the Huskies. Suprenant had an outstanding season finishing in the top 10 in each race. She started the season with an individual win in the SCSU Invitational and Aspen placed second. Suprenant also won the Mankato State Invitational, placed fourth at the University of Minnesota Nike Invitational, fifth at the Nebraska-Omaha and Jim Drews Invites, and seventh at the South Dakota State University Invite. During the season, SCSU was ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the NCAA Division II poll.

The 1993 Huskies combined team achievement and individual success to finish fourth in the NCC (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Women's Cross Country Results, 2004). Throughout the regular season, SCSU consistently finished near the top in team scoring at every race. SCSU won the SCSU Invitational, Mankato State Invitational, and Augustana Invitational, placed fourth at the Jim Drews Invite, and fifth at the University of Minnesota Nike Invite. The Huskies also enjoyed a national ranking for much of the season and finished the year ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in NCAA Division II cross

country. Amy Suprenant earned All-American honors with her 15<sup>th</sup>-place finish at the NCAA Championships, the second best finish for an SCSU female ever in the national race. Suprenant was the individual leader for SCSU, placing in the top eight of each race during the regular season including an individual title at the UW-LaCrosse Jim Drews Invitational and a fourth-place finish in the conference and regional races.

Sue Patterson took over the cross country and track and field coaching reins in 1994, and the Huskies continued to perform well as Stacy Hauboldt and Sarah Niehaus led the team (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Women's Cross Country Results, 2004). Hauboldt finished 17<sup>th</sup> at the NCC meet and 22<sup>nd</sup> in the NCAA regional. The women finished seventh in the conference and eighth in the region. In 1995, the women slipped to eighth in the NCC and ninth in the region race, and had a new coach in Dan Hostager. Hauboldt was named to the All-North Central Region team for the third straight year as a result of her 10<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the conference and region. The women's team had a repeat finish in the conference and region race in 1996, placing eighth and ninth respectively, under another head coach in Todd Lane. Stacy Hauboldt kept pace with a 10<sup>th</sup> place NCC and NCAA region individual finish to earn All-Region honors in the North Central. The 1997 Huskies again had a new coach in Chad Fickbohm and placed ninth in the NCC and the regional. Senior Janell Kriesel took over the front runner position for SCSU and placed 23<sup>rd</sup> at the NCC Championships. And yet another coach led the Huskies during the 1998 season as the Huskies placed ninth in the NCC and 12<sup>th</sup> in the region with new head coach Dave Johnson. In 1999, Seth Mischke became the men's and women's cross country and track and field coach,



a position he still holds in 2005. The 1999 Huskies did not have a complete team and did not place at the NCC and and NCAA regional championships.

Michelle Nelson. Michelle Nelson to this day is the greatest distance runner in SCSU history, having run for the Huskies from 1988 to 1992 (SCSU AMR Files). She still holds six school records in the distance events, including the 1500, 3000, and 5000 meter events in indoor track, and the 3000, 5000, and 10,000 meter events in outdoor track. Nelson was a four-time All-American in Track and Field from 1990 to 1992 and a cross country All-American in 1991. She was a five-time North Central Conference champion as she won the indoor 10,000 meters in 1990 and 1991, the indoor 3000 meters in 1991 and the outdoor 3000 meters in 1991 and 1992. She finished 12<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Division II National Cross Country championships, the best finish ever for an SCSU athlete. During her senior season in cross country (fall of 1991), Nelson placed first or second in every race with the exception of the NCAA Championships where she earned All-American honors with a 12<sup>th</sup>-place finish. She dominated the local circuit with first-place finishes at the SCSU Open and Mankato State Invitational, and added second-place finishes at the Bison Invitational, University of Minnesota Invitational, Jim Drews Invitational, UND Open, the NCC and the NCAA region race.

Amy Suprenant. Amy Suprenant was an outstanding distance runner for the SCSU cross country and track and field teams from 1990 to 1994 (SCSU AMR Files). In the fall of 1991, she was the number-two runner on a cross country squad that placed ninth in the nation. The following year she finished in the top 10 in the NCC race,

earning All-Conference honors, and placed in the top 15 at the NCAA Region race. As a senior in the fall of 1993, Suprenant earned All-American honors with a 15<sup>th</sup>-place finish at the NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships. She finished fourth in the NCC and Region Championships. On the track, Suprenant had some strong indoor and outdoor performances. In 1992 she won the 5000 meters at the NCC outdoor championships. In the spring of 1993 she finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the nationals in the 1500 meters at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, and placed fourth in the 3000 meters at the NCC indoor meet. In the spring of 1994, Suprenant placed third in the 5000 meters at the NCC indoor championships and 11<sup>th</sup> in the same event at the NCAA Division II Championships.

### Golf

Seniors Gwen Halvorson and Gina Privratsky and first-year golfer Kerry Brodt led the Huskies during the fall 1990 season (SCSU AMR Files, Golf Results File, 1990-1994). Halvorson was the top individual scorer for the team averaging 86.8 strokes and her best individual finish was seventh at the Mankato State Invitational. Brodt's best finish of the season was fourth place at the St. Olaf College Invitational. In the spring of 1991, Kerry Brodt was invited to play in her first of four National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA) Division II, III and NAIA Championships in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. In the fall of 1991, former golfer Anne Theis returned for her second stint as head coach. Brodt led the Huskies during the 1991-92 seasons. At the spring of 1992 Minnesota Women's Collegiate Golf Association (MWCGA) State Tournament the Huskies posted their best team score of the season with a 733 total. Brodt was invited

to play in the NGCA National Championship in May at Fayetteville, North Carolina. Brodt shot a final round score of 81 to finish sixth in the championship and earn All-American honors, becoming the first SCSU female golfer to achieve the honor.

The Huskies culminated the fall 1992 season with an eighth-place finish at the National Midwest Golf Championships. SCSU's Brodt, finished second among the Division II contenders and was fourth overall in the field of 102 golfers. Brodt, a captain, was again invited to the NGCA Championships. She and teammate Dawn Carlson represented the Huskies at the spring 1993 Championships in Massachusetts. In the fall of 1994, the Huskies competed for the first time in an NCC championship. SCSU placed third and Missy Pickar of the Huskies was third among the individual golfers. Brodt was named to the All-NCC team. Brodt and Pickar would represent the Huskies at the spring 1995 NGCA Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana. Brodt made her fourth and final appearance at the championships, while Pickar made her first appearance. Brodt finished 15<sup>th</sup> and Pickar 21<sup>st</sup> in the championship. Of note, Jenny Tollette of Rollins College (Florida) was the individual runner-up in 1995. She would become SCSU's golf coach in 1998.

Missy Pickar tied for medalist honors and the Huskies placed fourth as a team at the 1995 NCC Championships (SCSU AMR Files, Golf Results, 1995). Pickar earned All-NCC honors for her performance, a 3-day total of 253 and is the first SCSU women's golfer to earn a conference title. The following spring Pickar, in her senior season, finished fifth overall at the 1996 MWCGA State meet and the team placed fifth in the competition. The women placed fourth once again at the 1996 NCC

Championships. Another fourth place NCC finish went into the books in the fall of 1997. Jessica Simonson was named to the 1997 All-NCC golf team and finished sixth overall in the championships. In the spring of 1998, Simonson finished tied for 16<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Division II National Golf Championships, becoming the first Husky to qualify and compete in an NCAA championship. Previous to 1998, the only national competition was the NGCA Championships. Simonson carded scores of 84, 80, 80, and 79 for a 4-day total of 323.

Jennifer Tollette took over the SCSU head coaching duties from Anne Theis in the fall of 1998. That fall the women placed fourth at the NCC Championships and Jessica Simonson finished second overall with a 3-day total of 242 (78-80-84) after being the first day leader. Simonson was the individual medalist in four of the seven tournaments SCSU played in, and was named to the All-NCC team for the second straight year. In the spring of 1999, Simonson qualified and competed in the NCAA National Championships for the second straight year. She finished 26<sup>th</sup> overall with a 4-day score of 343 (83-89-88-83). She was also named the 1999 MWGCA Player of the Year, placed sixth at the Minnesota State Tournament, and was named to the All-State team. For the fifth straight year, the Huskies finished fourth at the 1999 NCC Championships. Amanda Lindquist was the top golfer for SCSU placing second overall and earning All-NCC honors.

Kerry Brodt. Kerry Brodt was a four-time national qualifier during her collegiate golf career with the Huskies (SCSU AMR Files). Brodt was invited to the 1991 NGCA Championships in LaCrosse, Wisconsin as a first-year player. She shot a

career best eight over par 80 in the first round of the 1992 NGCA Championships. She shot another 80 and was in third place after the second day of competition. She shot a final round 81 to finish sixth at the Championships and earn SCSU's first All-American honor. In the fall of 1992, Brodt finished second among Division II leaders and fourth overall at the National Midwest Golf Championships, featuring 21 regional teams and 102 golfers. Brodt shot a 2-day total of 168 (86-82). Brodt placed 15<sup>th</sup> at the 1995 NGCA National Golf Championships with a 3-day total of 260 (89-83-88).

Jessica Simonson. Jessica Simonson was a member of the Husky golf team from the fall of 1996 to the spring of 1999 (SCSU AMR Files). During her first season, 1996-97, she averaged 91.0 strokes per round in the fall. In the spring, she had her best finish of fifth place at the Gustavus Invitational. The following season (1997-98), she dropped her stroke average to 83.08 and placed second in the first competition of the fall season. During the fall schedule she would place in the top six in every event, including a sixth-place finish at the NCC Championships. Simonson led the NCC after the first day of the 3-day competition. Simonson continued to play well in the spring of 1998, winning medalist honors at the St. Cloud Invitational. She advanced to the NCAA Women's Division II and III Championships May 12-15 in Michigan, becoming the fourth SCSU individual to be invited to the Championships. She placed 16<sup>th</sup> at the championships with a 4-day score of 323 (84, 80, 80, 79). During the 1998 fall schedule, Simonson was the medalist in four of the seven tournaments she played in. Once again, she led the NCC after the first day of competition. She went on to finish second at the conference championships and earned All-NCC honors for the

second year in a row. Simonson was named the Minnesota Women's Golf Coaches Association (MWGCA) Player of the Year in the spring of 1999, placed sixth at the Minnesota State Tournament, and was named to the All-State team. She concluded her collegiate career in the spring of 1999 with a return trip to the NCAA Championships where she finished in 26<sup>th</sup> place.

### Soccer

In the fall of 1994, SCSU added women's soccer to the athletics program, bringing the total number of sports offered for women to nine (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Women's Cross Country Results, 2004). It was the first sports addition for women since the fall of 1975 when the cross country and golf programs were started. "We are very excited about the addition of soccer to our program. Soccer is very popular in the high schools and at the youth level in Minnesota," said Director of Women's Athletics Gladys Ziemer. "The establishment of women's soccer marks an especially significant point in our continuing effort to offer a comprehensive athletics program which responds to the interests of the university's women students," said SCSU President Robert Bess (St. Cloud State University Women's Soccer Guide, 1994). Colleen Edwards was named the soccer coach and the first match was played on September 10 at St. Olaf College in Northfield. The result was a 3-0 loss. The Huskies started off the season slowly, going winless through the first six games with a record of 0-5-1. Midway through the season, the Huskies turned things around with their first collegiate win, a 3-2 victory over the College of St. Scholastica on October 2. The Huskies went on to win six of their last eight games and finished the inaugural season

with a 6-7-1 overall record. Captain Cheryl Urbaniak was the Huskies leading scorer in that first season, notching four goals. She scored the Huskies first-ever goal on October 1. The first team members of the SCSU women's soccer program were Kristen Evanson, Kathryn Preston, Michele Webb, Marlene McCormick, Erika Vanvick, Susan Erickson, Jennifer Brancale, Diane Jackson, Robin Wert, Adriana Robledo, Amy Golembeck, Kathryn Brehm, Andrea Strom (captain), Bridgett Schwartzbauer, Amy Detviler, Keli Holmes, Christy Hovanetz, Cheryl Urbaniak (captain), Lynn Martin, Kari Waldo, Jennifer Swanstrom, Julie Stuart, Jennifer Johnson, Tiffany Diehl, and Tara Lee.

A new coach, Shellee Lamie, and 14 returning players would set the tone for the Huskies during the 1995 season (SCSU AMR Files, SCSU Soccer All-Time Results, 2004). The Huskies opened the season with a 3-1 win at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse and won five of their first six matches. SCSU went on to post a 13-5-2 overall record. Christina Fleischer and Kari Waldo were the offensive punch for the team. Fleischer tallied 19 goals and 10 assists for 48 points, while Waldo had 35 points on 15 goals and 5 assists. Alyssa Halverson played in goal in all 20 matches and ended the season with 164 saves, seven shutouts, and 0.90 goals against average. Several players earned post-season honors as Waldo was named to the NSCAA/Umbro All-Central Region Division II first team. Fleischer was named to the All-Central Region second team and was a first team All-Region selection by the Division II sports information directors. Jen Brancale and Michelle McGeehan gained honorable mention honors on the NSCAA/Umbro All-Region team. The 1996 season offered the Huskies

the challenge of competing for a North Central Conference championship. Four teams would vie for the first NCC title. Joining the Huskies in the race were Mankato State, North Dakota State, and Northern Colorado. The Huskies finished the season with a 7-9-3 overall record and placed third in the NCC with a 1-2-0 record. Ann Hultgren and Katie Brehm were named to the All-NCC team and Keli Holmes was a conference Honorable Mention pick. Hultgren was also named to the All-Central Region team. Hultgren was the team's leading scorer with 16 goals and five assists. Fleischer scored eight goals and had five assists, and Jen DeMers also scored eight goals and had two assists. Halverson started 18 games in goal and posted 125 saves, five shutouts, and 1.76 goals against average. The 1997 Huskies went 6-11-1 overall and finished third in the NCC with a 1-2-0 record. SCSU jumped out to a fast start winning four and tying one in their first five games. Hultgren led the Huskies with eight goals and two assists. Lisa Carroll and Katie Brehm, two defenders, were named to the All-Conference team. Hultgren and first-year goaltender Jennifer Ring were named to the conference Honorable Mention team.

The Husky fortunes tumbled in 1998 as SCSU posted a 4-13-1 overall record and went 0-3 in the NCC for a fourth-place finish (SCSU AMR Files, SCSU Soccer All-Time Results, 2004). Heidi Karr was named to the All-NCC team and Fleischer was an Honorable Mention pick. Fleischer led the Huskies in scoring with nine goals and three assists. Stacey Dundon took over the head coaching reins in the spring of 1999 after serving as an assistant coach in 1998. The 1999 Huskies featured senior Chris Fleischer who had an outstanding career as a Husky. Fleischer led the team in



scoring with 23 points and would finish her career with the Huskies as the all-time leading scorer with 113 points on 46 goals and 21 assists. She would hold the record for most points in a season with 28, most goals in a career, most goals in a season with 19, most goals in a game with four, most career assists, and most assists in a season with 10. SCSU posted a 6-10-1 overall record and finished fifth in the NCC with a 2-4-0 record. Kim Corbin was named to the NCC Honorable Mention team.

Chris Fleischer. Chris Fleischer had an outstanding soccer career with the Huskies from 1995 to 1999 (SCSU AMR Files). Due to an injury, Fleischer missed the 1997 season, but she was the team's leading scorer in three of her four seasons with the Huskies, 1995, 1998, and 1999. In her first year on the team, which was only the second in the history of the soccer program, Fleischer went out and scored 48 points on 19 goals and 10 assists, a season record that still stands today. She also remains the all-time leading scorer in SCSU soccer history with 113 points on 46 goals and 21 assists. She still holds school records for most goals in a career with 46, most goals in a season with 19, and most goals in a game with four. She ranks second all-time in career assists with 21 and most assists in a season with 10. Some of her best single-game performances included eight points in games versus Southwest State in 1996 and Bemidji State in 1999. She tallied seven points against Concordia in her first season with the Huskies. She was an Honorable Mention All-NCC team selection in 1998 and earned Umbro Division II All-Central Region honors in 1995. Three times during her career, Fleischer was named the NCC Player of the Week, including twice during her senior season.

Ann Hultgren. Ann Hultgren's soccer career spanned the 1996 to 1999 seasons (SCSU AMR Files). Hultgren was a key player in the Huskies' early program success. She was a 1996 All-NCC team pick, an Umbro Division II All-Central Region team member, and earned Honorable Mention All-NCC honors in 1997. She was named SCSU's first NCC Player of the Week on October 15, 1996. She is the current record holder for scoring the most points in a game, nine, which she tallied against Southwest State in 1996. She also had two games during her career where she tallied six points and one game with five points. She ranks second all-time in career scoring with 68 points on 30 goals and eight assists. She is second in points in a season with 37, second in career goals with 30, second in season goals with 16 and tied for most goals in a game with four.

### Basketball

The Huskies got the 1990s off to a great start as SCSU posted nine straight wins to start the 1989-90 season in style (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Basketball, 2004). The Huskies went on to post their 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive winning season with a 23-5 overall record and finished third in the NCC with a 14-4 record. Senior forward Toni Jameson became the NCC's all-time leading rebounder with a career total of 577. Jan Niehaus set an NCC season record for field goals made with 144 and Simona Samuelson set a new NCC mark for blocked shots in a season with 48. Niehaus and Jameson were voted to the All-NCC team for the second time each. Samuelson and Tami Jameson were named to the league's Honorable Mention team. The Huskies advanced to the NCAA tournament for the fourth straight year and

seventh time overall. SCSU's season came to an end with a 91-74 loss to North Dakota State in the North Central Regional. Coach Ziemer earned her 300<sup>th</sup> career victory in a 76-73 win over Northern Colorado in Greeley, CO on February 10, 1990. At the time, she was only the fifth Division II head coach to reach the 300 victory milestone. Four seniors completed their careers with the Huskies, including Vicky Deones, Jan Niehaus, Tami Jameson, and Toni Jameson. Niehaus led the Huskies in scoring, averaging 20.0 points per game in her final season, while Toni Jameson averaged 16.9 points and a team high 10.4 rebounds per game.

Simona Samuelson would take over the scoring role for the Huskies during the 1990-91 season, averaging 18.5 points per game and 10.0 rebounds per game (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Basketball, 2004). She nearly had a season record for blocked shots with 103, which fell one short of the school record 104. Samuelson was named to the All-NCC team and led the league in blocked shots with 50 during the season. She finished her career as the Huskies all-time blocked shots leader with 285, a record that still stands today. Samuelson set the single-game record for blocked shots with 10 against Quincy. The Huskies posted a 7-21 overall record and finished eighth in the NCC with a 4-14 record.

The 1991-92 Huskies posted a 6-21 overall record and finished ninth in the NCC with a 2-16 record (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Basketball, 2004). Kathy Blair and Dawn Shattuck, the only seniors on the team, were named to the Honorable Mention All-NCC team. The 1992-93 Huskies posted a 3-23 overall record and were 0-18 in the NCC. A couple of records highlighted the season as Emily

Van Gorden set a school single-game record for best three-point field goal percentage of .800 (4 of 5) versus Denver. As a team, SCSU set a school and NCAA record for best free throw percentage (SCSU) and best perfect game (NCAA) when the Huskies made 27 of 27 free throws against Cal State-Los Angeles. The 1993-94 season ended with the Huskies posting a 2-24 overall record and a 1-17 NCC mark. SCSU's conference win over Morningside College ended a 32-game league losing streak. Tara Kreklau, a former assistant coach, served as the interim head coach of the Huskies. Sophomores Emily Van Gorden and Brenda Meyer were named to the Honorable Mention All-NCC team.

On March 7 of 1994, Dr. Lori Ulferts was named the SCSU head coach (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Basketball, 2004). Ulferts became the seventh women's basketball coach in the history of the SCSU program. During her first year, the 1994-95 season, SCSU posted the most wins in five seasons, recording an 8-19 overall record and 5-13 NCC mark, good for eighth place. The eight wins were the most for the Huskies since the 1989-90 season and all five of the Huskies league wins came over the last seven games of the season. Junior Brenda Meyer was named to the NCC All-Conference team. She won the NCC scoring (20.67), rebounding (10.72) and three-point percentage (.444) titles, becoming only the third Husky to win a league scoring title. Sarah Howard won it in 1988 followed by Jan Niehaus in 1989. She was the second Husky to win the rebounding title, following Toni Jameson in 1990 and the first to win the three-point shooting percentage honor. In 18 league games, Meyer had 11 double-doubles to lead the conference. The 1995-96 season marked a break-through

year for the Huskies as SCSU posted its first winning record since the 1989-90 season. SCSU posted a 14-13 overall record and went 8-10 in the NCC to finish in fifth place in the league. Meyer continued her excellence being named the MVP of the North Central Conference, the first and to this date only Husky, to earn the honor. She led the NCC in scoring and rebounding for the second straight season and was named to the Kodak and CoSIDA Honorable Mention All-American teams. Meyer finished her NCC career second on the all-time NCC list in rebounds (620), fourth in free throws attempted (352), sixth in scoring (980), seventh in free throws made (243), ninth in field goals made (356), and 10<sup>th</sup> in blocked shots (78). In the SCSU record book, Meyer broke into the top 10 in 10 categories and remains among the top 10 in six categories and is 12<sup>th</sup> in all-time scoring with 1,384 career points. Meyer's supporting cast included Heidi Stuberg, Stacey Ruberg, and Katie Shea, all who were named to the All-NCC Honorable Mention squad.

A very youthful squad composed of freshmen, sophomores, and one senior hit the hardwood in 1996-97. (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Basketball, 2004). The Huskies posted an 8-19 overall record and finished eighth in the NCC with a 3-15 mark. Sophomore Katie Shea was named to the All-NCC team and senior Jenny Rood was named to the Honorable Mention team. The 1997-98 Huskies neared the .500 mark, finishing the season with a 13-14 overall record and in sixth place in the NCC with an 8-10 mark. Another youthful line-up faced the SCSU coaching staff and their youth was rewarded as first-year players Tina Schreiner and Christine Williamson were named to the All-NCC team, and Williamson was voted the NCC Rookie of the

Year. Two other players, junior guards Katie Shea and Teri Watkins, were named Honorable Mention All-NCC. Schreiner led the team in scoring and rebounding, averaging 16.3 points per game and 7.3 rebounds per game. She was followed by Williamson, who averaged 15.5 points and 5.7 rebounds. The Huskies averaged 81.3 points per game, setting a new single-season record. SCSU set a single-game record for steals with 27 against Minnesota-Morris and set a new mark for most points scored during an away game with 99 against South Dakota State in a 99-90 win on December 20 in Brookings.

The decade ended on a winning note as the 1998-99 Huskies posted an 18-9 overall record and finished in sixth place in the NCC with a 9-9 record (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Basketball, 2004). SCSU set a new scoring record, averaging 84.3 points per game. Williamson was named to the All-NCC team for the second straight year, and Sarah Brand, Jennifer Higgins, and Teri Watkins were all Honorable Mention selections. The Huskies broke into the regional rankings and received votes in the final USA Today/WBCA National coaches' poll. The Huskies scored over 100 points in three games during the season and set a team-scoring record with 123 points in a 123-115 win over Morningside College. Senior Teri Watkins joined the 1000-point club and ended her career with 1000 career points. She set three records during the season, including the single-game mark for three-point field goals made with eight, career three-pointers made with 64, and tied the single game three-point shooting percentage mark with an 8 of 10 performance (.800) against Bemidji State. Williamson led the team in scoring, averaging 16.9 points per game and was

second in rebounding with 7.1 rebounds per game. Sarah Brand led the team in rebounding with a 7.4 per game average. Tina Schreiner missed the season due to an injury.

Jan Niehaus. Jan Niehaus was a 4-year letterwinner in basketball from 1986 to 1990. (SCSU AMR Files) She was a three-time All-American and a two-time All-NCC team selection. She played in four NCAA Regionals, one NCAA quarterfinal, and helped the Huskies to the 1989 NCC Championship. She was a two-time NCC All-Academic team member and two-time academic All-American. As a junior, she led the NCC in scoring and steals. That same season, she was named the MVP of the NCAA North Central Region Tournament. She currently ranks fourth all-time in scoring at SCSU with 1,776 career points. Niehaus also accumulated 522 career rebounds, 407 assists, and 337 steals. She played in every one of the 115 Husky games during her 4-year career. She still ranks in the top 10 in assists (4<sup>th</sup>), steals (2<sup>nd</sup>), games played, field goal attempts, field goals made, free throws made, field goal percentage, and free throw percentage. Niehaus was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000.

Toni Jameson. Toni Jameson was an outstanding rebounder and 4-year starter for SCSU basketball, appearing in every game from 1986 to 1990 (SCSU AMR Files). Jameson was an Honorable Mention All-NCC team pick as a sophomore in 1988 and went on to be named a first team All-NCC pick as a junior and senior. She led the NCC in rebounding in 1990 averaging 10.39 rebounds per game and was second in league rebounding in 1989. She was named to the NCAA North Central Region All-

Tournament team in 1989. In 1990 she was named a second team American Women's Sports Federation (AWSF) All-American and to the WBCA Kodak All-District team. Jameson played in 115 games during her career at SCSU, scored 1,573 points and pulled down 1,046 rebounds. She still ranks second all-time in rebounding at SCSU. During her 4-year career, the Huskies won the 1989 NCC title, the first for the women, played in four NCAA North Central Region Tournaments, and one NCAA quarterfinal game, and posted an 83-32 overall record. Jameson still ranks among SCSU's top 10 in scoring, rebounding, assists, steals, games played, field goal attempts, field goals made, free throw attempts, and free throws made. She also competed in track for the Huskies.

Tami Jameson. Tami Jameson played alongside her sister Toni in 105 games from 1989 to 1990. (SCSU AMR Files). A 2-year starter, she scored 775 points and tallied 503 rebounds. Jameson was a 1990 NCC Honorable Mention team selection. Like her sister, she played on four NCAA tournament teams and helped the Huskies to their first-ever NCC basketball title. She also competed in softball and track for the Huskies.

Simona Samuelson. Simona Samuelson played on three straight NCAA regional tournament teams, one NCAA quarterfinal team, and the 1989 North Central Conference championship team during her Husky career that spanned from 1987 to 1991 (SCSU AMR Files). Samuelson was a 1991 All-NCC first team choice and a 1990 Honorable Mention pick. She was a 1991 Kodak Honorable Mention All-American. Samuelson led the league in blocked shots in 1989, 1990, and 1991 and set



an NCC record for blocks with 50 in 1991, which stood until the 1995 season. She also set an NCC record for best field goal percentage for a sophomore in 1989 with a .641 (66-103) mark. During her career, she set school records for most blocks in a game with 10 and most blocked shots in a career with 285, records that still stand. She also set the career mark for best field goal percentage of .557 but has fallen into second place all-time. She scored 1,291 career points and tallied 680 rebounds. In 1992 she competed on the SCSU track and field team with outstanding results. She won the NCC outdoor championships in the discus and the shot put.

Brenda Meyer. Brenda Meyer had an outstanding basketball career with the Huskies from 1992 to 1996 (SCSU AMR Files). As a senior in 1996, Meyer was named the MVP of the North Central Conference, the first and only SCSU player, to this date, to earn the honor. As a sophomore, Meyer was named to the NCC Honorable Mention team. She followed that up with NCC first team honors as a junior and senior and led the NCC in scoring and rebounding during those same seasons. In her final two seasons on the hardcourt, Meyer notched 24 double-doubles in league games. She finished her NCC career ranked second all-time in rebounding, fourth in free throw attempts, sixth in scoring, seventh in free throws made, ninth in field goals made, and 10<sup>th</sup> in blocked shots. As a senior, she was named to the Kodak All-District VII Team and a Kodak Honorable Mention All-American. Meyer wrote her name in the St. Cloud State record book as she ranked among the top 10 in 10 categories, including second in free throw attempts, third in blocked shots, fourth in field goal percentage and three-point field goal percentage, fifth in rebounding and free throws made, sixth in three-

point field goals attempted and made, 10<sup>th</sup> in steals and 10<sup>th</sup> in all-time scoring with 1,384 points. She still holds the record for best scoring average in a season of 21.5 points per game which she shares with Sarah Howard. In addition she scored a career high 35 points against Augustana College on February 23, 1996, just three points shy of the school record 38 points in a single game held by Ramona Rugloski.

### Swimming and Diving

The 1990-91 swimming and diving team sent two athletes to the NCAA Division II Championships. Emily Wicktor represented the Huskies for the second straight year in 1- and 3-meter diving, and first-year swimmer Pam Raetz returned home from nationals with All-American honors in the 100 and 200 breaststroke (SCSU AMR Files, St. Cloud State Women's Swimming and Diving Media Guide, 1992-93). Raetz won the 200 breaststroke at the 1991 NCC championships and set school records in the 100 and 200 breaststroke in her rookie season. SCSU placed third at the NCC championships (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Swimming and Diving, 2004). In 1991-92, the Huskies placed 12<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Championships, were second in the NCC, and Diane Heydt was named the NCC Coach of the Year. Nine members of the team qualified for the NCAA National Championships. Pam Raetz earned All-American honors in three events, as did Marissa Tieszen. Kori Pearson was an All-American in two events and Kathy Ghylin, Karen McKinley, and Andrea Bergstrom earned the honor in one event each. Sixteen school records fell during the 1991-92 season. Marissa Tieszen set a new mark in the 50 freestyle (:24.29). Lisa Peasley set marks in the 200 freestyle (1:57.59) and 500 freestyle (5:09.29). Kori

Pearson set new marks in all three backstroke events in the 50 (:28.72), 100 (1:01.76) and 200 (2:14.73). Pam Raetz set new marks in the 100 (1:06.42) and 200 breast stroke (2:23.58). The 200 and 400 individual medley records were set by Jenny Beyer with a 2:13.62 mark in the 200 and a 4:43.61 in the 400. Emily Wicktor set a new record in 1-meter diving with a score of 390.55 in 11 dives. She also set the 3-meter mark for six dives (252.95) and 11 dives (469.65). The 200 free relay (McKinley, Pearson, Andrea Bergstrom, Tieszen, 1:37.95), 200 medley relay (Pearson, Raetz, Ghylin, Tieszen, 1:49/97), 400 free relay (Bergstrom, Julie Heinz, Tieszen, Lisa Peasley, 3:38.65), and 800 free relay (Peasley, Sheryl Mohwinkel, Claudine Mohwinkel, Jenny Beyer, 8:07.13) also set school records.

In 1992-93, Coach Heydt took on the head coaching duties for both the men's and women's swimming programs (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Swimming and Diving, 2004). Her assistant that year was former Husky swimmer Jeff Hegle, who would be named the head coach for both programs in 2001-02. The Huskies placed 16<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Championships in 1992-93 and finished third at the NCC Championships. Raetz earned All-American honors in the 100 breaststroke placing fourth and 200 breaststroke placing seventh at the NCAA Championships and placed second in those same events at the NCC Championships. Pearson set new records, breaking her own marks in the 100 and 200 backstroke. Pam Raetz bettered her old record in the 100 breaststroke and Wicktor surpassed her own record in one meter diving (10 dives). Senior captains Andrea Bergstrom, Kori Pearson and Pam Raetz led the Huskies into the 1993-94 season, where SCSU finished 11<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA

Championships and third at the conference championships. Seven members of the team qualified for nationals. Raetz earned All-American honors in three events, with her best, a third-place finish in the 100 breaststroke. The 200 medley relay team of Pearson, Raetz, Stacy Bechel, and Tieszen had an All-American sixth-place finish, and Tieszen earned individual All-American honors in the 50 freestyle. At the NCC Championships, diver Ann Mommsen was voted Most Valuable Diver of the meet and SCSU diving coach Kevin Lawrence was named Diving Coach of the Year. The Huskies captured four firsts at the NCC Championships with Mommsen winning the 1-meter diving and Teiszen winning the 50 freestyle. The 200 medley and 400 medley relays also placed first. The team dipped into the record book eight times as Tieszen set new marks in the 50 and 100 freestyle and Pearson bettered her own marks in the 100 and 200 backstroke. Bechel set a new mark in the 100 butterfly and the 200 medley relay, as well as in the 400 and 800 free relays.

A 16<sup>th</sup>-place finish at the NCAA Championships and a third-place finish in the NCC meet highlighted the 1994-95 season (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Swimming and Diving, 2004). Three individuals, Marissa Tieszen, Ann Mommsen, and Sarah Loquai qualified individually for the nationals. The 200 free relay team of Nikki Noaeill, Jaime Jackson, Sarah Boothby, and Tieszen earned All-American honors with its seventh-place finish. All three NCAA national qualifiers came home with All-American honors in 1995-96. Sarah Loquai finished second in one meter diving at the NCAA Championships, after winning both the 1- and 3-meter events at the NCC Championships. Nikki Noaeill placed sixth in the 50 freestyle at

nationals and won the event at the NCC Championships. Marie Rubel placed eighth in diving at the nationals. Loquai was named the NCC Women's Diver of the Year and Kevin Lawrence of SCSU was honored as the NCC Diving Coach of the Year. Loquai set a school record in 1-meter diving and Noaeill set a school mark in the 50 freestyle. The 800 free relay of Becky Wattier, Terri Baysore, Deb Arai, and Tab Nord set a new mark in the 800 free relay. The Huskies finished 14<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA meet and third in the NCC.

SCSU's first national champion in swimming and diving was crowned in 1996-97 as junior Sarah Loquai won the 1-meter diving event with a score of 354.25 at the NCAA Championships (SCSU AMR Files, SCSU Women's Swimming and Diving Media Guide, 1998). She also finished sixth on the 3-meter diving board to earn All-American honors for the second straight year. In addition, Loquai won the 1- and 3-meter diving titles at the NCC Championships and was named the NCC Female Diver of the Year. Kevin Lawrence was again voted NCC Diving Coach of the Year. A coaching change also took place in 1996-97 as Lori Clark became the head coach replacing Diane Heydt who led the Huskies for eight seasons. SCSU placed 14<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Championships and third in the NCC. Marie Rubel qualified for the nationals in diving along with Karie Ann Goebel. Rubel earned All-American honors while Goebel earned Honorable Mention honors.

A rookie diver by the name of Mary Ahlin splashed onto the scene in 1997-98 (SCSU AMR Files, SCSU Women's Swimming and Diving Media Guide, 1998). Ahlin won NCAA Championship titles on both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving boards.

Her first title came on the 3-meter board with a score of 512.85, just missing a national record by less than four points. Three days later she won the 1-meter competition with a score of 425.10. She also won the NCC 3-meter diving title and set a conference record with a score of 517.25. Ahlin was named the NCAA Division II Women's Diver of the Year and was the co-winner of the NCC Female Diver of the Year Award with teammate Sarah Loquai. Diane Heydt returned to coach the Huskies in 1997-98 after one season as the women's swimming and diving coach at Mansfield University in Pennsylvania. The Huskies finished 12<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Championships and fourth in the NCC. By now, SCSU had established itself as one of the top diving programs in the country, having won three individual national titles in 2 years. The success of the SCSU diving program was solidified in 1998-99 when Mary Ahlin won her third and fourth National Championships. Ahlin repeated as the NCAA champion on the 3-meter diving board with a score of 470.80 and on the 1-meter diving board with a score of 406.00. For the second straight year she was named the NCAA Division II Female Diver of the Year. Earlier in the season she won both the 1- and 3-meter diving events at the NCC Championships and was named the NCC Female Diver of the Year. SCSU diving coach Bret Beecher was named the NCAA Women's Diving Coach of the Year for the second straight year and was the 1998 NCC Diving Coach of the Year. The women finished 12<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Championships and third in the NCC. Senior Marie Rubel brought her collegiate diving career to an end earning All-American honors on the 1- and 3-meter boards. Her All-American honors would total seven at the end of her career.

Pam Raetz. Pam Raetz swam for the Huskies from 1990 to 1994 and had an outstanding career (SCSU AMR Files). Raetz finished her career as a 10-time All-American, with seven honors coming in the breaststroke and the other three as a member of medley relay teams. When she graduated, she held school records in the 100 and 200 breaststroke which have since been broken. However, her name can still be found in the SCSU record book as a member of the record holding 200 medley relay and 400 medley relay teams. Raetz won an NCC championship in 1991 in the 200 breaststroke and swam a leg on both the 1994 NCC champion 200 medley and 400 medley relays. She qualified and competed in the NCAA Division II National Swimming Championships in every one of her seasons with the Huskies, starting in 1991 when she placed fifth in both the 100 and 200 breaststrokes. In 1992, she swam a leg on the fifth place 200 medley relay and placed seventh in both the 100 and 200 breaststrokes. In 1993, she was fourth in the 100 and seventh in the 200 breaststroke. She saved her top performances for her senior season as she placed third in both the 100 and 200 breaststrokes, was fourth in the 200 medley relay and ninth in the 400 medley relay.

Kori Pearson. Kori Pearson swam for the Huskies from 1990 to 1994 (SCSU AMR Files). In her sophomore season, she set three school records in the 50, 100, and 200 backstrokes. She also swam a leg on the school record 200 free relay, 200 medley, and 400 medley relay. She earned her first All-American honors as a member of the NCAA swimming 200 medley relay and 200 free relay teams in 1992. In 1993 she returned to the National championships as a member of the 10<sup>th</sup> place 200 free relay

team. Pearson swam on the NCC champion 400 medley relay in 1994 and returned to the national championships as a member of three relay teams. The 200 medley relay team placed fourth in her final season. Her name remains in the SCSU record book with the 200 medley relay and 400 medley relay.

Marissa Tieszen. Marissa Tieszen made a "big splash" with the Huskies earning 11 All-American honors from 1991 to 1995 (SCSU AMR Files). In her first season, she won the 50 freestyle at the NCC championships, set the school record in the event, and earned All-American honors with a seventh place national finish. She also swam on the record setting, All-American performing 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay teams. In 1993 she earned All-American honors in the 400 free and 200 free relays. She repeated as the NCC 50 freestyle champion in 1994 and placed seventh at the national meet in the event. She also swam on the NCAA fourth place 200 medley relay and the ninth place 400 medley relay. She returned to the NCAA championships in 1995 to compete in her fourth straight national race in the 50 freestyle. When she completed her career, she held the school record for the 50 freestyle (:24.22), 100 freestyle (:53.40), 200 free relay, and the 400 free relay, which have since been broken. Her name can still be found in the SCSU record book as a member of the record holding 200 medley relay team.

Sarah Loquai. As a junior during the 1996-97 season, Sarah Loquai made swimming and diving history at St. Cloud State (1998-99 St. Cloud State University Swimming and Diving Media Guide). Loquai became the first diver in university



history to win an NCAA Division II National Championship. Loquai brought home top honors in the 1-meter diving event, as she posted a score of 354.25 at the national championships. A three-time All-American in 1-meter diving, Loquai also earned All-American honors by placing sixth in the 3-meter diving event with a score of 365.15. During her collegiate career, she established herself as one of the nation's premiere Division II divers. In 1995 she placed 15<sup>th</sup> in national competition on the 1-meter board and improved to fourth place in 1996. By the end of her career with the Huskies which spanned from 1994 to 1998, Loquai was a five-time All-American, five-time NCC Champion, and three-time NCC Diver of the Year. She won NCC 1-meter diving titles in 1996, 1997, and 1998, and was the 3-meter conference champion in 1996 and 1997. She held the conference 1-meter diving record. She set SCSU records during her career on the 1-meter board for both 10 and 11 dives and on the 3-meter board for 11 dives. She still holds the 1-meter 11 dive record.

### Nordic Skiing

Nordic skiing was one of three sports added to complement the SCSU women's athletics program in the 1990s (All-Time Records, Women's Nordic Skiing, AMR File, 2004). The first season of competition for the Huskies was in 1997-98. That year SCSU competed in eight collegiate events under first-year head coach David Johnson. Becca Heath, Geri Droessler, Amanda Hammen, Erika Simonson, and Heather Heath were the top skiers for the Huskies. In the meets where the team scores were kept, the Huskies had two fourth-place finishes, and an eighth-, ninth-, and 10<sup>th</sup> place finish. In the Central Collegiate Skiing Association (CCSA) Regional which served as the

NCAA Collegiate qualifier, the Huskies placed ninth. Becca Heath was 40<sup>th</sup> in the 5K Classical and 39<sup>th</sup> in the 10K Freestyle. The first-year roster for Nordic skiing included Kim Behnen, Dana Colestock, Geri Droessler, Robbi Hamilton, Amanda Hammen, Heather Heath, Rebecca Heath, Katie Kelley, Janell Kriesel, Amanda Neese, Meghan Peden, Carrie Schaff, Kerry Schultz, Erika Simonson, Katie Somerville, and Michelle Tarpenting.

The Huskies competed in 13 races during the 1998-99 season under new head coach Susan Sandvig Shobe (All-Time Records, Women's Nordic Skiing, AMR File, 2004). SCSU returned four players from the 1997-98 squad and added eight newcomers to the 1998-99 roster. SCSU finished an impressive sixth place in the Regional Championships. Lyndsey Pierce finished the 1998-99 season ranked eighth among the top collegiate skiers, just two places shy of qualifying for the national championships. Calissa Schouweiler was ranked 16<sup>th</sup> and Kate Foley 24<sup>th</sup> late in the season. The Huskies best team finish was fifth place, three times during the season.

### Ice Hockey

The inaugural season for women's ice hockey on the SCSU campus was in 1998-99 (SCSU AMR Files, St. Cloud State University Women's Ice Hockey, The Inaugural Season, 1998-99). The Huskies played an independent schedule under head coach Kerry Brodt, a former SCSU golfer and girls' high school hockey coach. The Husky program made its debut on November 6, 1998 with a 4-2 win over St. Mary's University at the National Hockey Center with 1,144 people in attendance. The Huskies ended the season with an 8-12-2 overall record. The first-year roster for

women's hockey included Christy Blanchard, Krissy Bradbury, Heather Clark, Kim Conradi, Sondra Diaz-Arntzen, Kelli Donahue, Sara Ganser, Erika Glover, Gina Grosso, Kimberly Gubernot, Sandra Hansen, captain Lindsay Jerke, Tara McNamara, Andrea Nelson, Natalie Nygren, assistant captain Lisa Olson, assistant captain Rebecca Olson, Heidi Perz, Shana Scheuermann, Cheryl Starman, Stephanie Susterich, April Thornburg, and Jenni Wildes.

### Softball

A 33-11 overall win/loss record and a second-place finish in the NCC tournament was not enough to send the 1990 version of SCSU softball into the post-season playoffs (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Softball, 2004). Along the way, the Huskies were ranked in the top 20 of the coaches' poll for much of the season and set 11 new team records. Katie Kraft, Michele DeBace, and Gail Winkelman were named to the All-NCC team with Kraft earning the honor for the third straight year. Kraft was also named First Team All-Midwest Region, while DeBace, Noelle Robichon, and Shelly Jensen were named to the second team. The new decade did signal the end of the Katie Kraft era in the softball program. Kraft set 20 season and career pitching records, while DeBace (4) and Winkelman (1) combined to set five hitting records. A 30-15 overall record, NCC and NCAA Midwest Regional runner-up finishes and a 13-game late April win streak highlighted the 1991 softball season. The Huskies also enjoyed a national ranking all season long and were ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the final poll of the year. SCSU lost to Augustana College 2-0, in the title game of the Midwest Regional. Four players, DeBace, Winkelman, Jensen, and Jodi Grzeskowiak,

were named to the Midwest Region All-Tournament team. Jensen earned All-Midwest Region first team honors, while DeBace and Winkelman were named to the second team. Jensen, DeBace and Winkelman were all named to the All-NCC team. The Huskies set nine team records and DeBace set three individual season marks for most at bats (143), most hits (50), and most doubles (8), and tied the mark for extra base hits (17). DeBace led the team in hitting with a .371 average. A sophomore, Jodi Grzeskowiak, took over the pitching duties, posting a 12-4 record with a 1.54 ERA.

For the second straight year and third time in the previous four seasons, the SCSU softball team advanced to the 1992 NCAA Division II Midwest Regional and finished the season as one of the top 16 teams in the country (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Softball, 2004). The Huskies posted a 25-13 overall record, finished third in the NCC tournament, were ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the final NCAA Division II softball poll, and posted a sixth straight 20-win season. DeBace, Jensen, and Sue Varland were named to the All-Midwest Region second team. DeBace and Jensen were named first team All-NCC and Jensen was voted the Co-Most Outstanding Player of the NCC. Jensen completed her 4-year career with eight records, including the mark for most doubles in a season with 10, and career records for most at bats (502), most runs (92), most hits (139), most singles (107), most runs batted in (79), and most walks drawn (48). DeBace also set marks for most triples in a career, total bases in a career, and extra base hits in a career. Courtney Miller served as the head coach of the Huskies as Sue Becker took a leave of absence to further her education by pursuing a doctorate degree. Miller would serve as head coach for the 1992, 1993, and 1994 seasons.

A youthful roster hit the diamond in 1993 under second-year coach Miller, as only four seniors dotted the roster (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Softball, 2004). The Huskies posted a 22-23 overall record and were 4-2 in NCC Northern Division play. SCSU set seven team records and two individual marks. Marquita Acosta was named to the All-NCC team and set a season record for stolen bases with 23. Another youthful team represented the Huskies in 1994, as SCSU posted a 24-29 overall record and a 5-1 mark in NCC Northern Division games. Acosta was named to the All-NCC team for the second straight year and earned All-Midwest Region second team honors. Teammate Rachel Stadick was also an All-NCC and second team All-Region pick. The Huskies set six team and six individual records. Sue Becker returned to coaching in 1995 following her 3-year absence to earn a doctorate degree. Dr. Becker, the all-time winningest coach in SCSU softball history, led the Huskies to a 19-24 overall record and a 3-3 mark in NCC divisional play. Bridget Bargfrede tied the season record for home runs with five during the season and set the career home run mark with nine. With one senior and seven first-year players in the starting line-up, the young and inexperienced Huskies posted a 26-22 overall record and were 4-2 in NCC play in 1996. Jodi Brueske was named to the All-NCC team and the Midwest Region first team. Heather Evenson, Alison Huselid, and Michele Lechner all earned Midwest Region second team honors. Evenson set a new single season record for strikeouts with 199 and pitching appearances with 41, eclipsing the marks of Katie Kraft.

The 1997 Huskies reached the 30-win mark for the fourth time in the history of the program with a 30-17 overall record (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records,

Softball, 2004). First-year players Karissa Hoehn and Lisa Rosauer were named to the All-NCC team. Several records were broken during the season as Karissa Hoehn broke the single season strikeout record with 209 to surpass the old mark of 199 set by Heather Evenson in 1996. Jody Brueske became the career home run leader with 17. After 10 seasons as the head coach, Dr. Sue Becker stepped down to accept the position of athletic compliance officer at SCSU. The winningest coach in SCSU softball history, Becker recorded a 242-162 career record. After spending two seasons as a graduate assistant coach, Paula U'Ren, a former standout catcher for Augustana College, was named the head softball coach in 1998. She promptly led the Huskies to their first NCC softball title, a 42-14 overall record, and a berth in the NCAA Division II North Central Region tournament. The NCC title came in dramatic fashion as Jody Brueske belted a solo home run in the last of the 13<sup>th</sup> inning to lift the Huskies to a 2-1 victory over Augustana College. The Huskies set 39 team and individual records during the season, led by Brueske who set 11 season and individual batting records and pitcher Karissa Hoehn who set 10, including records for most wins (30), most shutouts (13), best ERA (0.77) and most strikeouts (321). Brueske extended her career home run mark to 21. Individual honors were plentiful as Hoehn was named the MVP of the North Central Conference and a National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II First Team All-American, becoming the first SCSU player to earn the All-American Honor. Alison Huselid, Michelle Lechner and Lisa Rosauer joined Hoehn on the All-Conference team. Lechner, Brueske and Hoehn landed on the NCC All-Tournament

team. Hoehn, Rosauer, and Lechner were named first team All-Region, while Huselid and Brueske drew second team honors.

More records, a 44-14 overall record, an NCC runner-up finish, and another berth in the NCAA North Central Region Tournament highlighted the 1999 season of Husky softball (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Softball, 2004). The Huskies lost to North Dakota State, 1-0 in the championship game of the NCC tournament. The 44 wins was one of nine team records established during the season along with 18 individual marks. Hoehn was named the league MVP for the second straight year and an All-NCC team member for the third straight year. Lechner and Rosauer were also named to the NCC team. Hoehn, Lechner, Rosauer, and Alison Huselid earned All-North Central Region honors, and Hoehn, Lechner, Huselid, and Jamie Trachsel were named to the Region All-Tournament team. Hoehn set 12 new season and career records including season marks for wins (36), shutouts (16), and strikeouts.

Shelly Jensen. Shelly Jensen was a standout in the softball program from 1989 to 1992 (SCSU AMR Files). A 4-year player at third base, Jensen gained NCC player of the Year honors as a senior and was selected to the All-NCC team in 1991 and 1992. A two-time All-Midwest selection in 1991 and 1992, Jensen was named to the NCC's All-Academic teams in 1990, 1991 and 1992. In her junior season, Jensen was named to the NDSU Invitational All-Tournament team. As a senior, she gained the tournament MVP award at the Mankato State-American Legion tournament. She capped her career by being named a first team GTE Academic All-American selection in 1992. In 1990 Jensen helped the Huskies gain their first ever NCAA Division II tournament bid, a

feat which was repeated in 1991 and 1992. She broke numerous team batting records during her college career and led the team in batting, doubles, stolen bases and RBIs in 1992. She finished her career with a .251 batting average and held career records for most at bats, most runs, most hits, most singles, most doubles, most RBI, and most walks. The Huskies advanced to the NCAA region tournament three of Jensen's four seasons in the line-up and posted a 4-year record of 114-53. Jensen, a member of the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame stated (personal communication, March 1, 2004):

One of the many funny stories of my athletic career actually occurred at the University of Northern Iowa Dome tournament. As we were entering the Dome we were very excited about the second day of competition and kind of forgot just how long the bats were. Unfortunately, as we entered the Dome, the bats broke UNI's revolving door. Coach (Becker) was so upset she very effectively motivated us into the championship bracket.

Michelle DeBace. Michelle DeBace was an outstanding catcher from 1990 to 1992 (SCSU AMR Files). In 1990, her first season with the Huskies, DeBace led the team with a .348 batting average, and also was the team leader in hits, runs, and triples. She set season records for hits (49), triples (11), extra base hits (17), and total bases (79). She was an All-NCC team pick and selected to the NCAA Midwest Region Second team. She led the team in batting average again in 1991 with a .371 average. She was the team leader in hits with 53, doubles with eight, and triples with nine. She set new season records for at bats (143), most hits, and most doubles, and tied her own record for extra base hits. She was named to the All-NCC team for the second straight year, earned All-Midwest Region Second team honors, and was named to the Midwest Region All-Tournament team. In 1992, her final season, she earned her third All-NCC



honor and was named to the All-Midwest Region second team. She left SCSU with career marks for triples (25), total bases (213), and extra base hits (47). During her career, the Huskies finished as NCC runner-up twice and advanced to the NCAA Midwest Region Tournament twice.

Jody Brueske. Jody Brueske was a standout infielder for the SCSU softball team from 1995 to 1998 (SCSU AMR Files). In her first season, Brueske started 42 games and hit .245 with four home runs. In 1996 her power and endurance were outstanding as she started all 48 games for the Huskies at third base, hit .323 with a team leading eight home runs and 41 RBIs. She was rewarded by being named to the All-NCC team. The eight homers set a single season record and her 12 total home runs in just two seasons were a career mark. In 1997, she added to her home run mark with five more, bringing her career total to 17 and hit .285 with 45 starts. The 1998 season was the most successful to date for SCSU softball as the Huskies posted a 42-14 overall record, won their first NCC championship and advanced to the North Central Region Tournament. Brueske was named to the All-North Central Region team and the North Central Region All-Tournament team. She ended her career holding five season records for at bats (200), runs (38), hits (75), home runs (8), and total bases (102). Her seven career records included most at bats (580), most runs (104), most hits (185), most home runs (21), most RBIs (109), total bases (267), and extra base hits (52). During her four seasons on the diamond, the Huskies posted a 117-77 record.

## Track and Field

Three Huskies earned All-American honors and Becky Anderson completed her conference three-peat in the long jump during the 1990 track and field season. (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Track and Field, 2004). SCSU finished fourth at the NCC indoor championships as Kim Berthiaume won the 800 meter run and Becky Anderson the triple jump. The Huskies placed seventh at the outdoor championships as Michelle Nelson won the 10,000 meter run and Anderson completed her three-peat in the long jump with a winning mark of 18 feet, 4½ inches. Julie Eisenschenk placed sixth in the shot put at the NCAA outdoor championships and earned All-American honors. Becky Anderson placed sixth in the outdoor triple jump and Michelle Nelson placed third in the outdoor 10,000 meter run to earn All-American honors. Six SCSU indoor and two outdoor records were established during the season. Gigi DesLauriers and Kim Berthiaume set new marks in the indoor 500 and 800 meter races, respectively. Irene Becker set a new indoor mark in the 55 meter hurdles. Becky Anderson bettered her records in the triple and long jump, and the 4x400-meter relay of Berthiaume, DesLauriers, Garner, and Guentzel set a new mark. The outdoor records to fall were the 10,000 meter run by Michelle Nelson and the triple jump by Becky Anderson. The 1991 Huskies placed seventh at both the NCC indoor and outdoor championships. Michelle Nelson won both the indoor and outdoor 3000-meter races. She also won the outdoor 10,000 meter run. Two Huskies earned All-American honors as Michelle Nelson placed second in the 10,000 meter run and fourth in the 5000-meter run at the NCAA outdoor championships. Gigi DesLauriers

earned All-American honors with a third-place finish in the high jump at both the NCAA indoor and outdoor championships. The Huskies finished 11<sup>th</sup> in team scoring at the outdoor nationals, the highest ever team finish for the SCSU women. More records were set as Michelle Nelson set new marks in the indoor 3000 and 5000 meters, Sue Slater equaled the 55-meter hurdles mark, and Gigi DesLauriers set a new mark in the high jump during the indoor season. Michelle Nelson set outdoor marks in the 3000- and 5000-meter races and Gigi DesLauriers set a new outdoor mark in the high jump.

Gigi DesLauriers won the NCAA Division II Indoor High Jump title to highlight the 1992 season (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Track and Field, 2004). DesLauriers became the first SCSU women's athlete to win an NCAA individual title. Marie Sherwood won a national title 10 years earlier at the AIAW Championships. DesLauriers also won the high jump title at both the NCC indoor and outdoor championships in 1992. The Huskies finished third at the NCC indoor championships, their best finish to date, behind the performance of DesLauriers and Michelle Nelson's win in the 3000-meter race and Becky Anderson's victory in the triple jump. The Huskies finished fourth at the outdoor NCC championships as Amy Suprenant won the 5000-meter run, Anderson won the triple jump, and Simona Samuelson in her first conference championships won the shot put and discus. Becky Anderson and Michelle Nelson joined DesLauriers at the 1992 NCAA indoor championships, and both had strong outings, as Nelson finished second in the 3000-meter run and Anderson placed sixth in both the long jump and triple jump. Anderson

and Samuelson also qualified and competed at the NCAA outdoor championships in 1992, with Samuelson placing second in the discus and eighth in the shot put, while Anderson finished fourth in the long jump and triple jump. More records were broken as DesLauriers set new indoor marks in the 500- and 600- meter races, and the high jump, Heather Aubol and Sue Kent set new marks in the 800- and 1000-meter runs, respectively, Michelle Nelson set marks in the 1500 and 3000 races, Sue Slater set a new record in the 55-meter hurdles, Samuelson set a record in the shot put, and Anderson bettered her own record in the long jump. New marks during the outdoor season included a Sue Slater record in the 100-meter hurdles and Samuelson's record in the discus. DesLauriers improved her high jump record and established a record in the heptathlon, and Anderson bettered her long jump record.

Angie West became an All-American in the discus at the 1993 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Track and Field, 2004). She placed sixth with a throw of 149 feet, 3 inches. SCSU placed 10<sup>th</sup> at the NCC indoor and fifth at the NCC outdoor championships in 1993. The 1994 Huskies placed fifth at the NCC indoor championships and fourth at the NCC outdoor championships. Nancy Knop was named the NCC Co-Coach of the Year at the outdoor competition. Three women qualified and competed at the NCAA indoor national championships, as Amy Suprenant, Sarah Niehaus and Sandy Fuchs represented the Huskies. During the outdoor season, Fuchs placed fourth in the discus to earn All-American honors. She had finished second in both the discus and shot put at the NCC championships. The 1994 season marked the end of the Nancy Knop era of

coaching. In nine seasons with the Huskies, she coached 19 All-Americans in track and field and five in cross country. Sue Patterson, a 1974 SCSU graduate and Athletic Hall of Fame member took over the coaching reins in 1995. She had been teaching and coaching at Division I Cleveland State University and prior to that was the longtime track and cross country coach at North Dakota State University. At NDSU, she was a five-time NCC Coach of the Year. The Huskies placed fifth at the both the NCC indoor and outdoor championships in 1995. Angie West won the NCC indoor shot put championship and went on to place fifth at the NCAA championships to earn her second All-American honor. West, along with teammate Sandy Fuchs qualified for the 1995 NCAA outdoor championships in both the shot put and discus. West earned another All-American honor as she placed second in the shot put, while Fuchs finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the event. After going two seasons with very little changes in the SCSU record book, six indoor and three outdoor records were broken including new records in the indoor shot put by Angie West and the 20 pound weight throw by Sandy Fuchs. West set a new mark in the outdoor shot and Fuchs set a record in the outdoor discus.

A new coach greeted the Huskies in 1996 in Tracy Dill. The longtime men's track and field coach was appointed head coach of both the men's and women's programs (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Track and Field, 2004). The women would finish seventh at the NCC indoor meet and ninth at the outdoor competition. Sandy Fuchs Dingmann won the NCC outdoor title in the discus and went on to place second in the event at the NCAA Championships. During the season she won five individual discus titles. She set new school records in the indoor 20 pound

weight throw and the outdoor discus. The 1997 Huskies set 11 new records, five during the indoor season and six during outdoor competition. Three team members, Dingmann, Julia Karst, and Carey Erpelding Meinert competed in four events at the NCAA indoor championships. Dingmann earned All-American honors with her fifth place 20 pound weight throw and seventh place shot put finish. Dingmann and Karst also earned All-American honors at the 1997 NCAA outdoor championships. Karst placed third in the shot put and Dingmann eighth in the discus. They were joined by teammates Carey Erpelding Meinert and Carmen Richardson at the national championships. Meinert finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the high jump and Richardson did not get past the qualifying heats in the 100- and 200-meters. Richardson did win the NCC indoor 55-meter dash earlier in the year. She set four school records during the season in the 100- and 200-meter outdoor events and the 55- and 200-meter indoor events. Carey Meinert set marks in the outdoor 100-meter hurdles and the indoor 55-meter hurdles. SCSU placed fifth at the NCC indoor and seventh at the NCC outdoor championships.

Carey Meinert and Nicole Bergh would set the pace for the Huskies during the 1998 season (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Track and Field, 2004). Meinert was impressive claiming nine victories and five second-place finishes during the indoor season. She opened the 1998 indoor season with a first place performance in the 55-meter hurdles and a record-setting pole vault at the Northwest Open in Minneapolis. She would win the inaugural NCC indoor pole vault with a 9 feet, 6 inches performance and qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in the 55-meter dash, an event for which she held the school record. In the outdoor opener, Bergh won

the 400-meter dash and the pole vault, setting a school record, clearing 10 feet in the event. Meinert continued to run well winning the 100-meter hurdles and the high jump in the outdoor opener. In the NCC outdoor championships, Bergh placed second in the pole vault with a school record vault of 10 feet, 4 inches. Meinert placed third in the 100-meter hurdles and high jump and fourth in the pole vault at the NCC meet. As a team, the Huskies placed sixth at the NCC indoor championships and eighth at the conference outdoor meet.

Nicole Bergh continued SCSU's success in the pole vault during the 1999 season as she won the NCC indoor title with a vault of 10 feet, 10¼ inches and placed fifth at the NCAA indoor national championships with a school record vault of 10 feet, 11¾ inches, earning All-American honors (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Track and Field, 2004). She also set a new outdoor pole vault record with a mark of 11 feet, ¼ inch. Two sport athletes Kim Pellmann (volleyball) and Jennifer Higgins (basketball) made an immediate impact on the track scene during the 1999 outdoor season. Pellmann won the high jump at the NCC outdoor championships, while Higgins won the heptathlon. Higgins qualified for the NCAA outdoor championships in the heptathlon and 200-meters. She had an All-American finish in the heptathlon with a fourth place at the national championships. During the season Higgins set school records in the 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, javelin, heptathlon, and ran a leg on two record-setting relay teams (4x100 and 4x400). Nicole Bergh qualified and competed in the pole vault at the outdoor NCAA Championships and

placed ninth. The women's squad placed eighth at the NCC indoor meet and sixth at the outdoor meet in 1999.

Becky Anderson. Becky Anderson would have one of the most prolific careers of any athlete at SCSU in a career spanning from 1988 to 1992. (SCSU AMR Files). As a freshman member of the track and field team in 1988, she won three NCC championships, including an indoor long jump title and the outdoor long jump and triple jump titles. She repeated as NCC champion in all three events in 1989. In 1990, she won the indoor triple jump and the outdoor long jump. In 1992, she came back to win the indoor and outdoor triple jump title. She set the NCC outdoor long jump record in 1989. That adds up to 10 NCC championships, including four straight outdoor triple jump championships. Needless to say, she set school records in both the indoor and outdoor long and triple jumps, and all four records still stand in today's record book. The records are indoor long jump (18 feet, 11¾ inches), indoor triple jump (39 feet, 9 inches), outdoor long jump (19 feet, 4¾ inches), and the outdoor triple jump (39 feet, 6½ inches). She was voted a co-winner of the 1989 NCC Outstanding Female Athlete Award at the outdoor championships. In 1990, she earned NCAA All-American honors with a sixth-place finish in the triple jump at the NCAA Division II outdoor championships. In 1992, Anderson placed fourth in the long jump and fourth in the triple jump at the NCAA indoor national championships earning All-American honors. She made a return visit to the NCAA outdoor championships in 1992, placing sixth in both the long jump and triple jump, earning two more All-American honors. She would



leave SCSU as a six-time track and field All-American. Anderson was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005.

Gigi DesLauriers. The Gigi DesLauriers era began in the fall of 1988 when the freshman stepped onto the volleyball court (SCSU AMR Files). DesLauriers played in all 36 matches of her rookie season, ranked third on the team in kills and was second in blocking. In 1989 she played in all 36 matches, ranked second on the team in kills with 337 and was third in blocks with 90. She led the 1990 squad with 357 kills, a .236 hitting percentage, and 284 digs. DesLauriers lettered 4 years in volleyball, captained the team in 1990 and 1991, and was named to the 1989 and 1990 All-NCC volleyball teams. She was an All-Region team selection in 1989. DesLauriers was a three-time NCC All-Academic team selection and a 1990 GTE Academic All-District V selection. She finished her career with 1,123 career kills, 68 solo blocks, and 214 block assists. She still ranks among the team's top 10 leaders in several statistical categories, including career kills (seventh with 1,123), career kill attempts (fourth with 3,162), career service aces (sixth with 150), and career solo blocks (sixth with 68). DesLauriers probably enjoyed even greater success as a member of the track and field team. She became the first SCSU woman to win an NCAA track championship and only the second woman at the time to win any type of a national championship. She won the NCAA Division II indoor high jump championship in 1992. She also gained a third place finish in the high jump at both the NCAA Division II indoor and outdoor meets in 1991. A team captain in 1992 and 1993, she earned the team's Most Inspirational Award in 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993. In addition to her high jump heroics, she owns

the current school records in the indoor and outdoor high jump, in the indoor 500-meter run, and the indoor 600-meter run. In 1993, she was selected as a GTE District V All-Academic team member. The SCSU track and field MVP award is named after her. She still holds the NCC outdoor high jump record of 5 feet, 10 inches which she set in 1992. DesLauriers was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

Sandy Fuchs Dingmann. Sandy Fuchs Dingmann was an outstanding performer in field events for the Huskies from 1993 to 1997 (SCSU AMR Files). By the time she finished her collegiate competition, she was a four-time All-American, having won the honor three times in the discus and once in the 20 pound weight throw. Twice she placed second at the NCAA outdoor national championships in the discus. Dingmann placed fifth in the 20 pound weight throw at the 1997 NCAA indoor national championships. She was a two-time NCC discus champion in 1994 and 1996, and a four-time All-NCC performer. Twice she broke the school record in the discus, first during the 1993 season and then again in 1994. She still holds the discus school record of 169', the hammer throw record of 141 feet, 8 inches and 20 pound weight throw record of 50 feet, 6 inches. Dingmann was voted the Team MVP in 1996 and captained the Huskies in 1997. She was the first female to win the SCSU Female Student-Athlete of the Year Award in 1997.

Carey Erpelding. Carey Erpelding Meinert competed in track and field for the Huskies from 1993 to 1998. She sat out the 1995 season with a medical redshirt (SCSU AMR Files). Meinert set the standard in the NCC pole vault, winning the first title at

the 1998 NCC indoor championships and setting the league record. She set school records in the indoor 55-meter hurdles (8.15) and the outdoor 100-meter hurdles (14.28) during the 1997 season. Both records stand today. Meinert was a four-time NCAA qualifier and an NCC placewinner in the 100-meter hurdles, 55-meter hurdles, high jump, pole vault, and 400-meter relays (indoor and outdoor). During the 1998 indoor and outdoor seasons, she recorded 11 first-place finishes. She was voted the Team MVP in 1997 and was a team co-captain in 1997 and 1998. She was named the 1998 SCSU Female Student-Athlete of the Year.

### Tennis

The SCSU tennis program brought the success of the 1980s into the 1990s as the Huskies opened the decade with an NCC Championship in 1990 (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Women's Tennis Results, 2004). SCSU advanced five of its six singles players and all three doubles teams to the championship match of the 1990 NCC tournament. Sue Larson won at #1 singles, Judy Bialka at #5 singles, and Becky Kopp at #6 singles, along with the #2 doubles team of Sue Larson and Julie Sundby. SCSU posted a 20-5 record, enroute to its fourth conference championship. SCSU won its fifth NCC Championship in 1991 by 1 point over perennial power, the University of Northern Colorado. All three doubles teams and #5 singles Becky Meyer and #6 singles player Julie Sundby won their respective flights. Head Coach Larry Sundby was named the NCC Coach of the Year after leading the Huskies to the championship and a 15-5 season record.

An NCC runner-up finish to the University of Northern Colorado in 1992 kept the Huskies at the top of their game (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Women's Tennis Results, 2004). For the third straight year, Sue Larson advanced to the championship match of the #1 singles flight. After winning in 1990, she placed second in 1991 and 1992. The Championship turned into a dual match between the Huskies and UNC as both teams advanced players to the finals at every position. Unfortunately for the Huskies, UNC won at every one of those positions. SCSU posted a 17-7 record during the regular season. For the second straight year the Huskies finished as NCC runner-ups in 1993. Again the Huskies went head-to-head with UNC as SCSU advanced to the championship in eight positions and UNC advanced in all nine. SCSU's Annie Keller won at #2 singles for the Huskies. SCSU posted an 18-5 overall record during the season. Julie Sundby completed her 4-year career posting a 108-51 career record, which ranked her sixth along with Sue Larson, on the all-time win list at the time.

A second-place finish in the NCC would continue to be the mantra for SCSU tennis in the '90s as the Huskies lost out to the University of Northern Colorado in 1994 (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Women's Tennis Results, 2004). This time the Huskies placed second in five singles and all three doubles matches. SCSU finished the season with a 16-4 record. The 1995 Huskies advanced to its first ever NCAA Regional Tournament, after finishing second in the NCC and posting a 16-9 record. SCSU lost 4-0 to Cameron University in the Regional. The 1995 season also marked the first of 6 straight years in which SCSU hosted the NCC Championships. In 1996, the Huskies advanced four singles players and two doubles teams to the championship flight of the

NCC tournament. The Huskies finished second and posted a 14-9 overall record. A young Husky roster made up of five first-year players, three sophomores and one junior, completed the 1997 season with a third place finish at the NCC championships. Brianna Rupp, a first-year player finished second at #4 singles, and Jill Taylor and Jennifer Hulett placed second at #3 doubles to lead the Huskies. SCSU posted a 14-12 overall record. Another second place NCC finish and a 17-10 record was the result of the 1998 season. The Huskies had five second-place finishes at the conference championships including that of Tally Jo Satterlee at #1 singles, who finished the year with an impressive 23-7 overall record. Rupp finished second at #6 singles. The 1990s ended with the Huskies sixth second place NCC finish of the decade. Three singles players and three doubles teams advanced to the championship match with all six finishing second. SCSU completed the season with a team record 21 wins (21-5) and Satterlee finished her final season at #1 singles with a 19-7 record.

Sue Larson. Sue Larson advanced to the NCC championship match at #1 singles 3 straight years during her SCSU tennis playing career which spanned from 1990 to 1992 (SCSU AMR Files). Larson transferred to SCSU after 1 year at Gustavus Adolphus College. She won the 1990 NCC singles championship and finished as runner-up in 1991 and 1992. She was also an NCC Champion at #2 doubles in 1990 and #1 doubles in 1991, as well as the #1 doubles runner-up in 1992. In 1991, Larson was invited to the NCAA National Tournament in #1 doubles. Her combined record in singles and doubles over her three seasons with the Huskies was 108-48. During the 1991 season she posted a 20-7 record in singles and in 1990 was 22-4 in doubles.

Becky Meyer. Becky Meyer played tennis for the Huskies from 1991 to 1994 (SCSU AMR Files). She established a school record 142 career wins in singles and 77 career wins in doubles. She ranks in the top 10 in eight all-time categories and played on the Huskies last NCC Championship team in 1991. She was a two-time NCC champion at #5 singles and #2 doubles in 1991 and was a conference runner-up five times during her career. Meyer describes a traveling experience with Coach Sundby.

Coach Sundby was notorious for getting lost and not asking for directions. He always remained calm though and somehow would get us to our destination. One year when we were out in Colorado, it seemed every road he chose was closed. Needless to say, driving in the mountains and not knowing exactly where we going with every road being closed got a little unnerving. We were all happy when we finally arrived alive to our hotel! Then we went out to practice at the Air Force Academy, and all we had were our regular tennis balls from home, not the high altitude balls. We looked like a bunch of jokers because everyone's hitting was off and our balls were all over the place. I'm sure had anyone been scouting us at the time, they wouldn't have been too concerned about playing us. (B. Meyer, personal communication, February 28, 2004)

Tally Jo Satterlee. Tally Jo Satterlee played two seasons of tennis with the Huskies in 1998 and 1999 (SCSU AMR Files). In her short time at SCSU she combined for a singles and doubles record of 86-34. She was the NCC runner-up at #1 singles and #2 doubles in 1998. She placed fifth in #1 singles and was the NCC runner-up at #1 doubles in 1990. In 1998, Satterlee played in 63 matches and won 45, more than anyone previously, according to her coach Larry Sundby.

### Summary

Change and the addition of three women's sports define the 1990s of SCSU women's athletics. In 1996 the university merged the men's and women's athletics

department under one leader. The addition of soccer, ice hockey and Nordic skiing provided more opportunities for women to compete in intercollegiate athletics. And, throughout the decade, women athletes continued to represent SCSU in the highest manner both on and off the court. For the first time in the history of the program a team advanced to the upper echelon of competition as the 1995 volleyball team reached the NCAA Division II Elite Eight. Three more athletes won national championships as Gigi DesLauriers became the first female athlete at SCSU to win an NCAA Division II National Championship in the indoor high jump in 1992. Five years later Sarah Loquai would win a national championship in 1-meter diving. One year after Loquai's achievement, Mary Ahlin would win her first of back to back NCAA Division II Championships in diving, winning the one and 3-meter events in 1998 and 1999, a feat that will be hard to match or even surpass in the future. From this decade would come two more SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame inductees in Shelly Jensen and Gigi DesLauriers.

#### 2000 AND BEYOND

Another long-standing figure in SCSU women's athletics would leave the campus in 2002; head volleyball coach Dianne Glowatzke. After 27 years with the Huskies, she retired from the coaching and teaching ranks. Ice hockey, Nordic skiing, and soccer established themselves as solid programs in the new millenium. A new stadium, scheduled to open in the fall of 2004, will be the new home to the SCSU women's soccer team. The spring of 2004 would amount to one of the most successful

seasons in SCSU women's history as the tennis, golf and softball teams all advanced to regional competition and the tennis and softball teams went on to the NCAA Division II National Championship tournament in their respective sports.

### Volleyball

The volleyball team opened the new millennium with a 7-21 record and an eighth-place finish in the NCC with a 3-15 mark (SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Athletics, The Year in Sports, 2000-2001). Katie Larsen and Melissa Wright were named to the Honorable Mention All-NCC volleyball team, as Wright led the club with 431 kills. Setter Rachael Olson moved up the all-time career assist chart to second place with 4,539 career assists, a position that she still maintains. The 2001 SCSU volleyball team posted a 4-24 overall record and finished 1-17 in the NCC (SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Athletics, The Year in Sports, 2001-2002). The only senior on the squad, Tanash Lawrence, led the Huskies offensive attack with 279 kills, 24 blocks, and 41 block assists. Kari Turkowski, a sophomore, led the team in set assists with 915 and service aces with 36.

The 2002 volleyball season marked the end of an era in SCSU women's athletics as Dianne Glowatzke coached her final season with the Huskies (SCSU AMR Files, Season in Review, St. Cloud State University Volleyball, 2002-2003). The longtime coach completed her 27<sup>th</sup> season at the helm of Husky volleyball. She went out with a 527-418 career record and ranked among the top 10 active NCAA Division II volleyball coaches in career wins. SCSU finished the season with a 4-21 record and a



ninth place NCC finish. Junior setter Kari Turkowski was named to the All-NCC team.

Turkowski moved into fifth place on the all-time set assist chart with 1,695 assists.

Patricia Mickow was selected to fill the footsteps of longtime head coach Dianne Glowatzke and took over the coaching reins in the fall of 2003 (Volleyball 2003-2004 Season Wrap-Up, St. Cloud State University, SCSU AMR Files). The Husky record improved to 11-19 overall and 3-11 in the NCC during Mickow's first season. Turkowski was named to the All-NCC team while Leah Herrboldt and Lindsay Ashburn were named to the All-NCC Honorable Mention team. Turkowski finished her career ranked fourth on the all-time set assist chart with 2,816 assists. She also finished sixth on the all-time digs chart with 857 in her career. Jane Backes and Cara Bartolic were the other two seniors on the team.

Mickow and senior captain Megan Hardy led the 2004 Huskies to the most successful season since 1995. SCSU posted a 19-12 overall record, tied for third in the NCC with a 7-5 record and advanced to the NCAA Division II North Central Region Tournament. The eighth seeded Huskies took on the top seeded University of Minnesota Duluth and were defeated three games to none. Leah Herrboldt and Jamie Schlagel earned All-NCC First Team honors, while Hardy and Angie Mayers were second team selections. Hardy was named the 2004 NCC Defensive Specialist of the Year and is only the second SCSU player to earn the award. The 19 wins are the most for SCSU since winning 20 during the 1996 season.

### Cross Country

The women placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the NCC in cross country in the fall of 2000 and were led by Jennifer Mead who was the Huskies top runner throughout the season (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Women's Cross Country Results, 2004). In 2001, the Huskies finished ninth in the NCC led by Jen Lanin. SCSU sent only three runners, Jaime Petsch, Jen Lanin, and Mel Genereau to the NCAA Division II Regional Meet and did not post a team score. Veteran runner Jaime Petsch and first-year runners Jennifer Houck and Becky Anderson paced the 2002 Huskies. Houck placed 36<sup>th</sup> and Anderson 47<sup>th</sup> at the NCC Championships where SCSU placed ninth as a team. A 20<sup>th</sup> place team finish at the NCAA Regional was the reward for an improving 2003 cross country team. Seniors Amy Dombrovski with a 93<sup>rd</sup>-place finish and Jaime Petsch with a 97<sup>th</sup>-place finish led the Huskies. SCSU placed seventh at the NCC Championships, led by the 41<sup>st</sup>-place finish of Dombrovski and 45<sup>th</sup>-place finish of Petsch. Dombrovski, Petsch, and Jenny Lanin completed their distance running careers with the Huskies. SCSU improved to a 16<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the 2004 NCAA Regional and placed sixth at the NCC Championships. Beth Sandoval led the Huskies with a 26<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the regional race with a time of 23:14.

### Golf

The Huskies placed fifth in the fall 2000 NCC golf championships (SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Athletics, The Year in Sports, 2000-2001). Kristin Osheim was the top individual finisher for the Huskies with a 2-day total of 173 (84-89), good for ninth place. Osheim was the Huskies low scorer in all five

competitions of the season. In the fall of 2001, the Huskies placed seventh at the NCC Championships with Sarah LeClair finishing eighth among the individual golfers with a three day total of 252 (90-79-83). During the spring 2002 season, the Huskies placed fifth at the North Central Regional with Kristin Osheim the individual leader for the Huskies. SCSU won two spring events, a Quadrangular and the St. Cloud State Triangular. A fourth-place finish at the NCC Championships fueled by Kristin Osheim's and Sarah LeClair's 11<sup>th</sup> place tie culminated the Huskies 2002 fall season. Junior co-captain Sarah LeClair shot a final round 88 to finish 42<sup>nd</sup> at the Spring 2003 NCAA Division II Golf Championships. LeClair was the first SCSU women's golfer since Jessica Simonson (1998), to compete at the National Championships. LeClair finished the 4-day tournament with a 356. For the second straight year, the Huskies qualified for the NCAA North Region Tournament. The Huskies, seeded fourth, finished fourth in the tournament, and LeClair finished sixth individually. Frances Rise was the individual medalist at the Maverick Invitational during the spring season. Kristen Osheim's third place individual finish and Sarah LeClair's 11<sup>th</sup>-place finish helped the Huskies to a fourth place team finish at the fall 2003 NCC Championships. Osheim shot a three-day score of 225 (78-69-78) to earn All-NCC First team honors. LeClair's 235 total (81-74-80) put her on the NCC All-Conference second team. During the regular season, Osheim was the medalist at the SDSU Invitational with a two day score of 159 and Angela Kippley was the medalist at the B.W. Riverport Classic with a 156 2-day total.

For the first time in school history, SCSU qualified for the spring 2004 NCAA Division II women's golf championships (SCSU AMR Files, St. Cloud State University Season in Review, 2003-04). The Huskies gained a trip to the national competition at the Legacy Club at Alaqua Lakes in Longwood, FL, May 12-15.

SCSU placed eighth in the team standings with a team score of 1,305. Rollins College was the tournament champion with a score of 1,196. Individually, Kristin Osheim placed 22<sup>nd</sup> in the NCAA tournament with a score of 319 (86-81-74-78) and Sarah LeClair placed 28<sup>th</sup> with a score of 324 (78-82-83-81). Angela Kippley placed 34<sup>th</sup> at the meet with a score of 329 (80-81-87-81) and Kristina Carlin placed 42<sup>nd</sup> with a score of 334 (79-82-87-86). The group was completed by Becca Rotert with a 48<sup>th</sup> place score of 354 (85-86-94-89). SCSU advanced to the NCAA Tournament thanks to their second-place finish at the NCAA Division II North Region Tournament on May 4-5 in Mankato. SCSU was seeded third in the six team regional behind #1 seed University of Nebraska-Omaha and #2 seed Minnesota State University. The top two teams from the region tournament advanced to the NCAA Tournament. Minnesota State University won the six-team regional with a score of 1,014, while the Huskies shot a three-round total of 1,043 (353-351-339). Senior Angela Kippley led the team with an eighth-place finish at 256 (83-90-83). Kristin Osheim placed ninth with a score of 258 (90-89-79), and her score of 79 on the final day marked the second lowest round score in tournament play. Sarah LeClair, a 2003 national qualifier for the Huskies as an individual, placed 11<sup>th</sup> at the regional with a score of 261 (88-86-87) and Kristina

Carlin placed 15<sup>th</sup> with a tally of 268 (92-86-90). Becca Rotert had a 26<sup>th</sup> place score of 278 (94-94-90).

The tournament marked the third consecutive season that the Huskies have been invited to regional competition. During the spring 2004 regular season, SCSU placed second at the Minnesota State Open, where Kippley earned medalist honors, third at the University of South Dakota Invitational, fourth at the Minnesota State University Invitational, and won a dual over Southwest Minnesota State University. In the fall of 2004, SCSU placed sixth at the NCC Championships, led by a 14<sup>th</sup>-place finish for Quinn Scarborough. In the spring of 2005, the women placed fifth at the Minnesota Women's State Championship.

### Soccer

Senior Kim Corbin led the NCC in assists during the 2000 season and was named to the All-NCC team (SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Athletics, The Year in Sports, 2000-2001). Corbin became the fourth Husky to earn All-NCC soccer honors and goaltender Laura Kenady was named All-NCC Honorable Mention. The Huskies finished the season with a 9-9 overall record and a sixth place NCC finish with a 4-5 record under first-year head coach Stephanie McGuinness. Corbin, a midfielder, shattered the SCSU school records for assists. In 2000, she established school records for most assists in a game with four, most assists in a season with 20, and most assists in a career with 23. She did this as a 2-year member of the team, playing in 35 matches. Brynell Blauert and Nicole Green, 4-year members of the Husky soccer team, completed their eligibility in 2000. Christy Wentz, a first-year

forward led the Huskies in scoring with 13 goals and five assists. The 2001 Huskies posted a 6-12 record and a 3-5 NCC mark, with a very competitive schedule, as SCSU played 8 of the top 10 teams in the region (SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Athletics, The Year in Sports, 2001-2002 ). First-year player Kayla Berry led the club in scoring with five goals and four assists followed by another first-year player, Jessica Wolke, who tallied five goals and one assist. Goaltender Laura Kenady led the NCC with 160 saves. The 2002 Huskies jumped out to a 7-3-1 record and then went on a five-game winless streak to finish the season with a 7-7-2 overall record and a 2-6-0 seventh place NCC record (SCSU AMR Files, The Year in Sports, St. Cloud State University, 2002-2003). Heidi Westrum led the Huskies in scoring with eight goals and two assists. First-year goalkeeper Stephanie Brendel was the goalie of record for all 16 matches of the season. She notched three shutouts, allowed 39 goals, and had an impressive 2.43 goals against average.

The 2003 season ended with the Huskies posting a 6-9-3 overall record and a 1-3-2 NCC finish (SCSU AMR Files, Women's Soccer Final Release, November, 2003). Forward Heidi Westrum was named to the All-NCC first team and goalkeeper Stephanie Brendel was a second team All-NCC pick. Westrum was second in team scoring for the Huskies with 13 points (5 goals/3 assists). Brendel played in every minute of the 2003 season, posting a 2.14 goals against average with 143 saves and a .781 save percentage. Team Rookie of the Year Trista Cooke led the team in scoring with seven goals and two assists.

A new home for women's soccer highlighted the 2004 season. SCSU moved into Husky Stadium on the banks of the Mississippi River. The state-of-the-art facility boasts an OmniGrass surface and seats 4,198 fans. In the winter, a dome covers the playing surface and turns it into an outstanding practice facility. The 2004 season ended for the Huskies in a shoot out in the first round of the NCC post season tournament. A 2-2 tie with Minnesota State ended in a shoot out loss for the Huskies. SCSU posted a 7-8-3 overall record and a 2-2-2 NCC mark. Goalkeeper Stephanie Brendel was named First Team All-NCC and teammates Betsy Pratt and Savannah Swanson were second team selections.

Kim Corbin. Kim Corbin had a short but outstanding career as a midfielder on the SCSU soccer team during the 1999 and 2000 seasons (SCSU AMR Files). A Division I transfer Corbin played in 35 games and shattered the SCSU records for assists. In 2000 she established SCSU school records for most assists in a game with four, most assists in a season with 20, and most assists in a career with 23. She was named to the All-NCC team in 2000 and was an All-NCC Honorable Mention selection in 1999. She tallied four goals and three assists for the Huskies in 1999. In 2000 she notched five goals and 20 assists and ranked second in scoring for the Huskies with 30 points.

### Basketball

An 18-9 overall record and a fifth place NCC finish with a 10-8 record, gave the 1999-2000 Huskies their most overall and NCC wins since the 1989-90 season

(SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Husky Athletics, The Year in Sports, 1999-2000 ). Jessica Forsline and Jennifer Higgins were named to the All-NCC team and Tina Schreiner was an NCC Honorable Mention pick. Higgins was named the NCC's Defensive Player of the Year, the first Husky player to be so honored. Christine Williamson, a junior went over the 1000 point mark during the season and ended the year with 1,123 career points. Only two seniors, Higgins and Sarah Brand, dotted the roster. Brand played four seasons and scored 656 points, pulled down 588 rebounds and had 152 career assists. In two seasons, Higgins posted 491 points, 218 rebounds and 118 steals. Williamson led the team in scoring and rebounding, averaging 17.9 points and 7.4 rebounds per game.

For the first time in over a decade the women's basketball team advanced to the NCAA North Central Region Tournament in 2000-01 (SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Husky Athletics, The Year in Sports, 2000-2001). The Huskies posted their most wins in a decade with a 21-9 overall record and finished fourth in the NCC with a 12-6 mark. The Huskies advanced to the region tournament in Grand Forks, North Dakota where they lost to the host school, University of North Dakota 70-63 in semifinal action. Tina Schreiner was named to the North Central Region All-Tournament team, the Daktronics All-Region team, and the Wells Fargo All-Tournament team. Schreiner and senior teammate Christine Williamson were named to the NCC All-Conference team (Williamson for the third time), and first-year player Andrea Shogren was named the NCC Freshman of the Year. Nicole Persby was an Honorable Mention All-NCC pick. Williamson also earned second team Daktronics



All-Region honors. Schreiner won the NCC scoring title, Williamson was the league leader in blocked shots and Persby led the NCC in assists. Williamson completed her career ranked sixth in all-time scoring with 1,588 career points. She ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in career rebounding, 10<sup>th</sup> in steals, third in blocked shots, ninth in field goal attempts, 11<sup>th</sup> in field goals made, second in free throws made; 15<sup>th</sup> in three-point field goal attempts and three-point field goals made, 12<sup>th</sup> in field goal percentage, and 10<sup>th</sup> in free throw percentage. Williamson played in 98 career games at SCSU and started in 96 of those games. The Huskies were ranked sixth in the final North Central Region ranking and made their eighth NCAA tournament appearance and first since the 1989-90 season.

A 14-13 overall record and a sixth place NCC finish with a 9-9 record marked the 2001-2002 Husky basketball season (SCSU AMR Files, St. Cloud State University Women's Basketball Season Wrap-Up, 2001-2002). Seniors Nicole Persby and Tina Schreiner were named to the All-NCC basketball team while Jessica Abrahams was named to the NCC Honorable Mention team. Schreiner earned the All-Conference honor for the fourth time while Persby and Abrahams were honored for the first time. Schreiner and Persby ended their careers as members of the SCSU 1000 point club as Schreiner dropped in 1,838 points and Persby scored 1,159 points.

The Huskies dropped below the .500 mark in the 2002-03 season, posting an 8-19 overall record and finishing eighth in the NCC with a 3-13 record (SCSU AMR Files, St. Cloud State University Women's Basketball Season Wrap-Up, 2002-03). Kristine DeGroot represented the Huskies on the Honorable Mention All-NCC team.

Andrea Bennett, a transfer from St. Ben's and 4-year team members Celestine Frank and Jonelle Streed completed their senior season with the team. Frank played in 97 games during her career. Streed brought her career to an end with a 32-point performance, connecting on 10 of 20 field goals, including 7 of 10 from three-point range in the Huskies final game of the season. The seven three-pointers was just one shy of the school record 8 held by Teri Watkins. In her career, Streed played in 109 games, scored 760 points, grabbed 316 rebounds, and had 101 assists. She ranked third all-time in three-point field goals made with 87 and fourth all-time in three-point field goal attempts with 260. DeGroot led the Huskies in scoring, rebounding, and blocked shots during the season.

The Huskies returned to their winning ways in 2003-04 with a 17-11 overall record and a fifth-place finish in the NCC with a 7-7 record (SCSU AMR Files, St. Cloud State University Women's Basketball, 2003-2004 ). The Huskies had a five and six-game winning streak during the season. SCSU led the NCC in free throw shooting, making 77.6% of their free throws and ranked sixth in NCAA Division II in free throw shooting percentage. First-year post Erika Quigley was a first team All-NCC pick and was named the NCC's First-Year Player of the Year. Quigley was also selected to the 2003-04 Division II Bulletin All-Freshman Team and the All-North Central Region Second Team. She led the Huskies in scoring and rebounding and ranked second in the NCC in rebounding and third in league scoring. Senior Jessica Abrahams was an honorable mention All-NCC pick. Abrahams co-captained the 2002-03 Huskies and joined the 1000 point club during the season. She finished her career with 1,060 career

points and ranks third all-time in three-point field goal attempts and three-point field goals made, and is seventh in three-point field goal percentage. Andrea Shogren was the other senior on the team to finish out her career with the Huskies. Shogren ranked fourth all-time with 96 three-point field goals made. As a freshman, she was named the NCC's First-year Player of the Year.

An NCAA Division II North Central Region Championship and a trip to the Elite Eight defined the 2004-05 women's basketball season. The Huskies posted a 23-10 record and advanced to the NCAA regional tournament for the ninth time in the history of the program. SCSU overcame a seventh seed in the regional tournament, posting a 79-57 win over Minnesota State University-Moorhead, a 67-59 victory over the University of Minnesota Duluth, and an 87-70 win over Concordia-St. Paul in the championship game. As the North Central Region Champions, SCSU advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight in Hot Springs, Arkansas in March. As with SCSU's previous four Elite Eight appearances, the Huskies lost in the quarterfinals to Merrimack College, 79-78. SCSU was in control for most of the game and led 42-35 at half-time. Both teams went on runs during the second half and Merrimack tied the score 74-74 with 1:16 left in the game. SCSU's April Carlson hit a two-point basket to give the Huskies a two-point lead. Merrimack answered with a three-point basket and led by one point with 25 seconds left. Katie Huschle was fouled and calmly hit two free throws to give the Huskies a one point lead. Merrimack scored again and led 79-78 with three seconds remaining. SCSU had one last opportunity to make a basket but couldn't execute the play and time ran out. Erika Quigley had an outstanding

sophomore season and was named to the 2005 Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-American Team and the Daktronics All-American Team. She was named the Regional Tournament MVP, All-Region and All-Conference. She led the Huskies in scoring and rebounding, averaging 22.7 points and 12.1 rebounds per game. She became the third player in Husky history to score 1000 career points as a sophomore. She was ranked among the national leaders in rebounding (4<sup>th</sup>), scoring (8<sup>th</sup>), blocked shots per game (16<sup>th</sup>), and field goal percentage (42<sup>nd</sup>). Quigley set the sophomore record for scoring average in the NCC and tied the sophomore record for rebounding. SCSU graduated two 4-year players in guards Molly Jensen and Katie Huschle. Huschle finished her career with 1,043 career points. She ranked in SCSU's all-time top five in three-point field goal percentage and free throw percentage

Jessica Abrahams. Jessica Abrahams joined the SCSU basketball program in the fall of 1999 and went on to have an outstanding career with the Huskies (SCSU AMR Files). A guard, Abrahams would play in 114 career games and was a starter in 89. She was a two-time All-NCC Honorable Mention selection. Abrahams is the most recent member of the 1000 point club, ending her career ranked 19<sup>th</sup> on the all-time scoring chart with 1,060 career points. She ranked third in three-point field goals made and 12<sup>th</sup> in career steals. For her career she averaged 9.3 points and 3.8 rebounds per game. She was a team co-captain and scored a career high 25 points in February of 2002 against the University of Northern Colorado. The Huskies posted a winning record in all four of her seasons on the hardcourt. She was a member of the 2000-2001 Husky team that advanced to the NCAA playoffs for the first time since the 1989-90

season. That year, the Huskies placed fourth in the NCC. At the conclusion of her senior season, she was honored by her team with Team MVP and Team Player awards.

Nicole Persby. Persby started in all 111 games during her career at SCSU (SCSU AMR Files). She finished her career with 1,159 points, ranked second in all-time assists with 588, and ranked ninth in steals with 164. She led the team in assists in each of her four seasons with the Huskies. Persby averaged 10.4 points per game and shot 42.8% from the field during her career. She was an All-NCC team selection in 2002 and an Honorable Mention All-NCC pick in 2001.

Tina Schreiner. From the fall of 1997 to the spring of 2002, Tina Schreiner “tore up” the basketball court for the Huskies (SCSU AMR Files). Schreiner started in every one of the 114 games during her career at SCSU. She became the second leading scorer in school history, leaving the program with 1,838 career points and a 16.1 points per game average. She ranks first on the all-time charts in free throw attempts with 734 and free throws made with 541. She ranks fourth all-time in rebounding with 932 rebounds and is third in steals with 276. She also ranks in the top 10 in blocked shots, games played, field goal attempts, and field goals made. Schreiner was a three-time first team All-NCC pick and was Honorable Mention All-NCC one year. In 1998 she earned First-year All-American honors and was a two-time Daktronics All-Region first team pick. Schreiner led the Huskies in scoring in three of her four seasons, including her rookie year. She scored a career high 32 points in December of 2001 against Bemidji State. In her last two seasons combined, she scored 27 double doubles. Her

most outstanding season was during her junior year, when SCSU produced its most successful finish in over a decade. That year, SCSU posted a 21-9 overall record, finished fourth in the NCC with a 12-6 league record, and advanced to the NCAA Division II North Central Region Tournament. The NCAA playoffs marked the first post season bid for the Huskies since the 1989-90 season. Besides being named to the NCC first team, Schreiner brought home North Central Region and Wells Fargo All-Tournament team honors, and was named to the Daktronics All-Region First Team. Schreiner captured the NCC scoring title, averaging 18.8 points. She recorded 17 double doubles during the season and scored in double figures in all but one game.

### Swimming and Diving

The 1999-2000 women's swimming and diving team placed fifth at the NCAA Division II National Championships as eight team members qualified for nationals (SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Husky Athletics, The Year in Sports, 1999-2000). Junior Heather Miller placed second in the 100 freestyle and first year Tesia Zuba was third in the 200 breaststroke, earning All-American honors and highlighting the Huskies national performance. Mary Ahlin finished third and fourth respectively in the 1- and 3-meter diving events. Other women qualifiers included Kim Braun in the 1650 freestyle, Kori Strate in the 100 freestyle and 200 free relay, Amy Crook, Beth Mattson, and Heather Hansen in diving, Adrienne Higler, Lindsay Bubolz, and Beth Lococo in the relays. The women's squad finished third at the 2000 NCC Championships as Ahlin successfully defended her titles on both the 1- and 3-meter boards. Miller was a double winner, winning the conference title in the 50 and 100

freestyle, and Zuba won the 100 breaststroke. Head Coach Diane Heydt was named the NCC Women's Coach of the Year and Bret Beecher was named the co-Diving Coach of the Year. Ahlin was named the league's Most Valuable Diver for the second straight year and Miller was named the NCC Women's Rookie of the Year. Ten school records were set during the season including four by Zuba in the 100 and 200 breaststroke, and 200 and 400 individual medley. Miller set new marks in the 50, 100, and 200 freestyle. Lococo set a new mark in the 200 butterfly. The 400 and 800 free relay of Braun, Higley, Strate, and Miller also set new records.

Three members of the SCSU team qualified for the NCAA Division II Championships in 2000-2001 and Derek Chaput was the new coach for the Huskies. (SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Husky Athletics, The Year in Sports, 2000-2001). Divers Mary Ahlin and Beth Mattson qualified in 1- and 3-meter diving, and Tesia Zuba competed in the 200 and 400 Individual medley, as well as the 100 and 200 breaststroke. Their performances resulted in a 15<sup>th</sup> place national finish. Zuba had two second place All-American finishes in the 100 and 200 breaststroke, setting school records in both events. Ahlin finished fourth in the 1- and 3-meter diving competition. The Huskies finished fourth at the NCC Championships as Ahlin won her fourth straight 3-meter diving title with a score of 454.40 and was voted the Outstanding Female Diver of the Meet for the third straight year. Zuba won the 200 breaststroke in 2:22.06. Ahlin completed the most prolific career in the history of SCSU diving, winning four NCAA Championships and six NCC Championships. She was a three-time NCC Female Diver of the Year, a two-time NCAA Division II Diver

of the Year, and held NCC and school records in 1- and 3-meter diving. She currently holds four of the five SCSU diving records.

Former Husky swimmer Jeff Hegle was named the head coach of men's and women's swimming and diving in 2001-02 (SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Husky Athletics, The Year in Sports, 2001-02). Tesia Zuba led the Huskies with a third straight NCAA National Championship appearance. She qualified in four events and earned All-American honors three times with a second-place finish in the 200 breaststroke, fourth-place finish in the 100 breaststroke, and an eighth-place finish in the 400 IM. For the second straight year, Beth Mattson qualified on the 1- and 3-meter diving boards and finished 16<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, respectively in those events. The Huskies finished fourth in the NCC Championships as Zuba defended her title in the 200 breaststroke and also won the 100 breaststroke. Zuba set two school records during the season in the 200 and 400 individual medley. First-year swimmer Tennyson Anseth also set a school record in the 1000 freestyle with her time of 10:43.71. Tesia Zuba led the Huskies to a 13<sup>th</sup> place NCAA finish and a fourth place NCC finish in 2002-03 (SCSU AMR, The Year in Sports, St. Cloud State University, 2002-2003). Zuba qualified and competed in seven events at the NCAA Championships. She earned All-American honors with a fourth-place finish in the 200 breaststroke and a fifth-place finish in the 100 breaststroke. She was also a member of the record setting 800 free relay and 400 free relay. She was joined by five teammates who made their first ever appearance in the national championships. Sara Steffen qualified on the 1- and 3-meter diving boards, and relay team members Jamie Sanborn, Alise Emil, Danielle Breunig,



and Jackie Vieau qualified for the nationals after setting an SCSU record in the 200 free relay at the NCC Championships. Emil set a new school record in the 100 butterfly, and three relay team records were broken during the season.

The 2003-04 season culminated with a third place team finish at the NCC Championships and an 11<sup>th</sup> place NCAA finish. The 200 free relay team of Brenda Peters, Alise Emil, Jackie Vieau, and Danielle Breunig turned in an NCC Champion performance with their time of 1:36.67. Brenda Peters, Jackie Vieau, Alise Emil, and Danielle Breunig won the 400 free relay, breaking the NCC record in the process, with a time of 3:31.57. Peters, a first-year swimmer, broke the school record in the 100 backstroke placing fourth. Breunig broke the school record in the 200 freestyle with a fourth-place finish. The 200 free relay, 400 free relay, Breunig, and divers Sarah Nielsen and Sara Steffens qualified and competed at the NCAA Championships. Several records were set by the women as the Huskies posted a 6-0 dual meet record. Record setting performances were recorded in the 200 freestyle: Danielle Breunig (1:55.26), 100 backstroke: Brenda Peters (1:00.01); 200 free relay (Peters, Vieau, Emil, Breunig) - 1:36.67; 400 free relay (Peters, Vieau, Emil, Breunig) 3:31.57; 200 medley relay (Peters, Emil, Breunig, Vieau) 1:48.88.

A 12<sup>th</sup>-place finish at the 2005 NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving championships marked the culmination of the 2004-05 season. Nine swimmers represented SCSU at the national championships and four earned All-American honors. The Huskies were represented by three divers in juniors Sarah Nielsen and Sara Steffen, and sophomore Kendra Willis. Juniors Jackie Vieau, Alise Emil, Danielle

Breunig, and Kristin Otterson, sophomore Brenda Peters, and first-year swimmer Melissa Eggleston qualified for the national meet. Emil earned All-American honors with a fifth-place finish in the 100 butterfly in a school record setting time of 56.26. Emil, Vieau, Breunig, and Peters earned All-American honors with a seventh-place finish in the 400 free relay. Earlier in the season Vieau won the 100 freestyle at the North Central Conference Championships in 51.99. The above mentioned 400 free relay team also won an NCC championship in an NCC record time of 3:30.56. As a team, the Huskies placed third at the NCC championships. Eight SCSU school records were set during the 2004-05 season. The records to fall included the 100 freestyle (Danielle Breunig), 1000 freestyle (Tennyson Anseth), 100 butterfly (Alise Emil), and the 200 butterfly (Caitlin Digney). Four relay marks also fell as new records were set in the 200 medley relay, 400 free relay, 400 medley relay, and the 800 free relay.

Mary Ahlin. Mary Ahlin's athletic career at St. Cloud State may never be matched (SCSU AMR Files, St. Cloud State University Swimming and Diving Media Guide, 2003-04). The most decorated diver in the history of SCSU athletics, she completed her career that spanned from 1997 to 2001, as a four-time NCAA Division II National Champion and eight-time All-American. She won the 1- and 3-meter NCAA Division II individual diving national championships in 1998 and 1999. She qualified for nationals on both boards in each of her four seasons. Ahlin won four straight NCC titles on the 3-meter diving board and was a two-time champion on the 1-meter board. She was a three-time NCC Female Diver of the Year and a two-time NCAA Division II Diver of the Year. She held school and NCC records in 1- and 3-

meter diving, and currently holds four of the five SCSU school records in diving. She was named the 2001 St. Cloud State Female Senior Athlete of the Year and was featured in the *Sports Illustrated* Faces in the Crowd on April 6, 1998.

Tesia Zuba. Tesia Zuba had a prolific career with the Huskies come to an end at the 2003 NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving National Championships (SCSU AMR Files). A 4-year member of the swimming and diving program from 1999 to 2003, Zuba qualified for the national meet in all 4 years of her career and earned 11 All-American honors. Her highest national finish was second in the 200 breaststroke (twice) and the 100 breaststroke. In addition, she was a three-time NCC champion in the 200 breaststroke and a one-time winner in the 100 breaststroke. She held four school records in the 100 (1:04.08) and 200 breaststroke (2:17.34), and the 200 (2:07.50) and 400 individual medley (4:30.15). In addition, she swam a leg on the record setting 400 free relay and 800 free relay teams.

### Nordic Skiing

A sixth place overall finish at the NCAA regional completed the 1999-2000 season for the Huskies (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records Women's Nordic Skiing, 2004). Lyndsey Pierce closed out her career at SCSU with an 18<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the 5K freestyle with a time of 19:03.3. Seniors Becca Heath placed 21<sup>st</sup> and Sheri Swedal placed 23<sup>rd</sup>. In the 15K Classical, Pierce led the team with a 15<sup>th</sup>-place finish and first-year skier Kay Adamson was 21<sup>st</sup>. SCSU's second-place finish at the St. Mary's Invitational was the highest placing for the Huskies at a collegiate meet since the

program began in 1997-98. Adamson's time of 15:02.6 at the Central Region Classic was the best in the 5K freestyle event during the season, while Pierce's time of 51:21.4 in the 15K Classic in the Central Region Classic race was the fastest time in 2000. Jeremy Frost became the head coach of the Nordic ski team in the fall of 2001. Four of the six races the Huskies competed in during the 2001-02 season were considered NCAA qualifying races. (SCSU AMR, Nordic Ski Results File, 2001-02). The first of the season was January 19 in Marquette, Michigan where the Huskies placed sixth as a team with Adamson leading the way with a 19<sup>th</sup> place individual finish in the 5K race. Jaime Petsch followed in 26<sup>th</sup> place, Jenni Mead was in 29<sup>th</sup>, Rachel Norman was in 32<sup>nd</sup>, and Jenny Lanin finished 49<sup>th</sup>. The following day, SCSU placed seventh in the 15K race with Adamson among the top racers with a 20<sup>th</sup>-place finish. The next NCAA qualifier was in Ironwood, Michigan. In the Classical race, Adamson placed 30<sup>th</sup>, Norman 34<sup>th</sup>, and Petsch 38<sup>th</sup> to give the team an eighth-place finish. In the freestyle, Adamson placed 27<sup>th</sup>, Petsch 34<sup>th</sup>, and Norman 37<sup>th</sup>, and another eighth place team finish. The Huskies season ended with the 2002 CCSA Regional Championship where Adamson and Petsch placed 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, Norman and Jenni Mead placed 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, and Jenny Lanin 41<sup>st</sup> in the 5K, and an eighth place team finish. In the 15K race, Adamson finished 22<sup>nd</sup> and the team was eighth.

Kay Adamson became the first ever SCSU skier to advance to a national meet, when she qualified for the 2003 NCAA Nordic Ski Championships in Hanover, New Hampshire (SCSU AMR Files, The Year in Sports, St. Cloud State University, 2002-03). Adamson placed 36<sup>th</sup> in the 15K classic with a time of 54:38.6. Two other program

firsts took place during the season as Adamson became the Huskies' first ever race champion in the program's 6-year history, when she won the North Country Invitational. The Huskies third-place finish at the 10K classic in Marquette, Michigan was the highest team finish ever posted by an SCSU squad in a CCSA qualifier in team history. An eighth-place finish in both the freestyle and classic races at the 2004 NCAA Central Region Championships culminated the 2003-04 Nordic ski season (SCSU AMR Files, SCSU Nordic Ski Team News Final Release, 2003-04). Amy Wyman led the Huskies in the 15K classic with a 20<sup>th</sup>-place finish. In the 5K freestyle, Wyman was again SCSU's top finisher, placing 28<sup>th</sup>. For the first time ever, SCSU hosted a Nordic ski competition at the Greystone Trails on February 14 and 15 in St. Cloud. The Huskies placed fifth in the team standings, with Julie Warneke posting the top SCSU individual finish in 16<sup>th</sup> place. SCSU's best finish of the season was a second place at the St. John's/St. Benedict Invitational in January. Amy Wyman placed third in the 5K skate to help the Huskies to a top finish.

Led by Julie Warneke, the Huskies place seventh at the 2005 NCAA regional. Warneke placed 26<sup>th</sup> in the 5k Classic and 28<sup>th</sup> in the Freestyle. Teammate Marie Jordan placed 31<sup>st</sup> in the Classic and 30<sup>th</sup> in the Freestyle.

Kay Adamson. Kay Adamson provided two of the biggest firsts in the short history of the SCSU Nordic ski program (SCSU AMR Files). Adamson competed for the Huskies from the 1999-2000 to the 2002-03 season. She culminated her career in the winter of 2003 as the first ever SCSU Nordic skier to qualify and compete at the NCAA Nordic Ski Championships March 7, 2003. Adamson placed 36<sup>th</sup> in the 15K

classic with a time of 54:38.6 on the Dartmouth Cross Country Course in Hanover, New Hampshire. She was also the first Husky skier to win a race, placing first at the North Country Invitational on January 5, 2003.

### Ice Hockey

The 1999-2000 hockey season marked the inaugural season of the women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) and only the second season of varsity competition for the Huskies (SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Husky Athletics, The Year in Sports, 1999-2000). SCSU finished the season with a 13-19-3 overall record and placed fourth in the WCHA with a 6-15-3 mark. The Huskies advanced to the WCHA Tournament where they fell to Ohio State, 3-2 in first round action. Forward Fiona McLeod recorded 18 goals and 12 assists to lead the Huskies in scoring. The Huskies first WCHA win came on October 22 at the National Hockey Center against Ohio State. Jennifer Swanson scored the game winning goal at 2:46 of the overtime period, giving the Huskies a 3-2 victory. Laura Gieselman was the first Husky to be named WCHA Player of the Week. The first-year player earned the honor after shutting out Ohio State, 2-0.

A winning record and a fourth place WCHA finish highlighted the 2000-2001 SCSU ice hockey season (SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Husky Athletics, The Year in Sports, 2000-2001). SCSU posted a 17-16-2 overall record and a 12-10-2 mark in WCHA play. The fourth seeded Huskies lost to fifth seeded Ohio State, 5-0 in the first round of the WCHA Tournament.

SCSU head coach Kerry Brodt-Wethington was named the 2000-01 WCHA Coach of the Year. Kobi Kawamoto, Fiona McLeod, and Ricki-Lee Doyle were named to the All-WCHA Second Team. Kobi Kawamoto repeated as a second team All-WCHA performer as the Huskies posted a 7-26-1 overall record and finished sixth in the WCHA with a 6-17-1 league mark in 2001-2002 (2001-2002 St. Cloud State University Women's Hockey Recap, SCSU AMR Files). Eleven new school records were established. Roxy Stang scored 24 goals during the season, the third highest total in school history. Kawamoto scored her 61<sup>st</sup> career point to move into third place on the all-time scoring chart. In the *USA Today/American Hockey Magazine* Pre Season Women's Hockey Poll, SCSU received votes for the first time in school history.

After four seasons at the helm of the program, Kerry Brodt Wethington resigned and Jason Lesteberg, the former Bemidji State women's coach, was named the second women's hockey coach at SCSU in 2002-03 (SCSU AMR Files, St. Cloud State Women's Hockey Season Review, 2002-03). Under Lesteberg, the Huskies posted an 11-23-0 record and finished sixth in the WCHA with a 5-19-0 record. Kelly Stewart was named to the WCHA All-Rookie team. Carrie Holldorf led the team with 17 assists and 25 points. Ashley Stewart was the top goal scorer with eight goals and senior goaltender Laura Gieselman led the team with seven wins, a 3.27 goals against average, and .899 save percentage. Gieselman left campus with team records in virtually all of the goalie categories including career goals against average (3.98), save percentage (.885), victories (35), minutes played (5938:06), games played (108), saves

(3,077), and shots faced (3, 471). An outstanding student, Gieselman was a three-time WCHA All-Academic Team member.

The 2003-04 Huskies posted a 7-24-1 overall record and finished sixth in the WCHA with a 4-19-1 league record. Senior captain Kobi Kawamoto was named to the All-WCHA Second Team for the third time in her career. She scored 99 career points in her four seasons with the Huskies, and was one point short of becoming the second SCSU player in school history to reach the 100 point plateau. Another senior, Roxy Stang, also concluded her career with the Huskies. Stang left the Huskies as the school's all-time scoring leader with 119 career points. She also holds the career mark for goals with 71.

For the third straight season, the Huskies finished sixth in the WCHA. The 2004-05 SCSU squad posted a 9-22-4 overall record and a 7-18-3 WCHA record. Junior forwards Ashley Stewart and Kristy Ooninx led the team in scoring with 23 points each. Four seniors completed their careers in 2005. Tina Ciraulo, Carrie Holldorf, Melanie Pudsey, and Kari Turkowski completed their collegiate careers. Ciraulo finished her career ranked fourth on the all-time career games played list, having played in 133 games. She also ranks ninth in all-time scoring with 53 points (19 goals and 34 assists). Pudsey is fifth on the all-time list with 129 career games played. Holldorf ranks fifth on the all-time career scoring list with 72 points (26 goals and 46 assists). A three-sport athlete at SCSU, Turkowski played in 27 games after joining the team in December of 2003.



Tara McNamara. Tara McNamara was the first SCSU hockey player to play four seasons for the Huskies from 1998-99 to 2001-02 (SCSU AMR Files). She was a two-time captain of the Huskies and played in every game of her 4-year career which totaled 126 career games. A defender, she led the team in penalties during her first two seasons. She scored five goals and had seven assists during her collegiate career.

Laura Gieselman. Laura Gieselman was a 4-year standout at goaltender for the Huskies from 1999 to 2003 (SCSU AMR Files). In her first season, which was also SCSU's first as a member of the WCHA, Gieselman played and started 28 games. She posted 4.19 goals against average and a .884 saves percentage. She recorded two shutouts, including the school's first WCHA shutout, a 2-0 victory over Ohio State. Gieselman ended her career with 103 starts in 112 game appearances. She recorded a 3.98 goals against average and a .886 saves percentage. Gieselman posted a 35-59-5 career record with five shutouts. Gieselman left campus with team records in virtually all of the goalie categories including career goals against average (3.98), save percentage (.886), victories (35), minutes played (5938:06), games played (112), saves (3,077), and shots faced (3,471). She was a three-time WCHA All-Academic team selection.

Kobi Kawamoto. Kobi Kawamoto wore the captains C on her sweater two seasons during her career which spanned from 2000 to 2004 (SCSU AMR Files). A defender, Kawamoto concluded an illustrious career with 99 career points, which ranks her second on the all-time career scoring list. She tallied 35 goals and a career record

64 assists during her career. She played in 102 career games and holds individual records for most assists in a game and most points in a game with three. She is a three-time All-WCHA second team pick.

Roxy Stang. While Kobi Kawamoto held down the blue line for the Huskies, Roxy Stang became a prolific goal scorer from 2000 to 2004 (SCSU AMR Files). Stang is the school's all-time scoring leader in hockey with 119 career points. She owns the career record for goals with 71. She holds season records for most goals scored (26), most hat tricks (3), most shots on goal (101), most power play goals (29), most game winning goals (9), and most shots on goal in a career (477). Stang is one of three Huskies to notch five points in a single game.

### Softball

For the third straight year the SCSU softball team qualified and competed at the NCAA Division II North Central Region Tournament (SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Husky Athletics, The Year in Sports, 1999-2000). The 2000 Huskies posted a 41-10 overall record, went 11-3 against NCC teams, and placed third in the NCC tournament. It was the third consecutive season the Huskies had won over 40 games. Senior pitcher Karisssa Hoehn was named a National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) First Team All-American. Hoehn, along with Stacey Schoenrock were named to the All-Region Team. Hoehn, Schoenrock, and teammates Stacy Witters and Mary Libbesmeier were all named to the All-NCC team. Hoehn was named the NCC's MVP for the third straight season. Hoehn finished her career with

the Huskies, with her name behind 21 of 23 career, season and game records. Hoehn threw a school record 25 shutouts in 2000 and had other season records for strikeouts with 442 and starts with 43. She ended her career with 163 appearances, 141 starts, 108 complete games, 116 wins, 981.2 innings pitched, 1,381 strikeouts, 62 shutouts, 9.85 strikeouts per game, and the best win/loss record of 116-35. She also made her mark as one of the best pitchers in NCAA history. At the end of her career, she ranked third in NCAA Division II in career strikeouts, third and fifth in season strikeouts, sixth in career shutouts, fourth in season shutouts, third in career strikeout ratio and 15<sup>th</sup> in season victories.

A 37-15 overall record, a 7-7 record against NCC teams, a second place NCC tournament finish and two home run records highlighted the 2001 SCSU softball season. (SCSU AMR Files, St. Cloud State University Softball Season Review and Final Statistics, 2001). The Huskies broke the single season team record for home runs with 19 and Abby Bourman tied the season home run record with eight long balls. Brooke Gentzler was named to the All-NCC and All-Region team, and Lindsay Mutcherson was named to the All-Region team. The Huskies ticked off 11 straight wins to start the season and won six of the last seven games of the season. St. Cloud State ended the 2002 season with a second-place finish at the NCAA Division II North Central Region Tournament held in Fargo, North Dakota (SCSU AMR Files, St. Cloud State University Softball Year End Guide, 2002). SCSU, the number four seed in the tournament, opened play with a 2-1 win over number two seed Minnesota Duluth. SCSU advanced to the second round and defeated Augustana College 2-1 and

remained in the winner's bracket of the double elimination tournament. A full schedule on the third day of the tournament greeted the Huskies as they played four consecutive games. A 4-2 loss to top seed North Dakota State sent the Huskies to the loser's bracket where they defeated Augustana College, 3-0. The win sent SCSU into the championship game against undefeated North Dakota State. The Huskies kept their tournament hopes alive with an 11-4 win over the Bison, setting the scene for a second championship game showdown with NDSU and a shot at the National Championship tournament. The Bison prevailed 7-5 in game two of the championship and advanced to the national tournament. SCSU finished the season with a 44-13 overall record, posted a 10-5 record in NCC play, and finished third at the NCC tournament. Abby Bourman was named a NFCA Division II First Team All-American. Five Huskies were named to the All-NCC team led by Brooke Gentzler, a second-year pick. She was joined by Abby Bourman, Nicole Webb, Abby Velta, and Megan Fuches. Bourman, Fuches, and Angie Berg were named to the NCAA All-Region team, and Gentzler, Velta, Fuches, and Webb were named to the region All-Tournament team. Gentzler, Bourman, Velta, and Fuches started all 51 games during the season for the Huskies. Gentzler tied Bourman for the single season home run record with eight in 2002. Bourman set new records for total bases and extra base hits in a season. The Huskies broke team records for most runs scored in a season with 301, most runs batted in with 247, and tied the mark for total bases with 672.

The 2003 St. Cloud State squad won the second NCC championship in team history with a 4-1 win over North Dakota State (SCSU AMR Files, St. Cloud State

University Softball Year End Guide, 2003). The Huskies advanced to the championship game of the NCAA Division II North Central Region Tournament where they lost to North Dakota State once again for the right to play in the NCAA National Championship Tournament. The 12<sup>th</sup> ranked Huskies posted the most wins in school history with a 46-16 overall record and were 10-6 in NCC games. SCSU broke or tied 30 team and individual records enroute to their eighth NCAA post season tournament appearance. Numerous honors were awarded several SCSU players as Nicole Webb, Abby Bourman, Brooke Gentzler, and Abby Velta were named to the NFCA All-Region First Team. Players selected to the 2003 NCAA Division II North Central Region All-Tournament team were Webb, Velta, Gentzler, Bourman, Angie Berg, and Laurel Bauer. The All-NCC list included Webb, Gentzler, Bourman, Berg, Velta, and Cally Stewart. Megan Grimes, Abby Bourman, Amy Anderson, Melissa Wood, and McKayla Kroll were the seniors on the team. Nicole Webb led all of NCAA Division II with 33 wins. The Huskies were ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the final NFCA poll of the season.

It marked the most successful season in the history of SCSU softball and all of SCSU women's sports as the 2004 Huskies placed third at the NCAA Division II National Fastpitch Softball Tournament. (SCSU AMR Files, St. Cloud State University Softball Year End Guide, 2004). The first ever final four appearance for any SCSU women's team sport culminated a season in which the Huskies won both the North Central Region Tournament and the NCC Tournament. At the NCAA Championships, the Huskies defeated Northern Kentucky 1-0 and then beat Western New Mexico 2-0. SCSU came within one strike of beating Angelo State before losing 4-2 and the

Huskies' season ended with a 2-0 loss to eventual national champion Florida Southern, earning SCSU the third place trophy. The Huskies made their first trip to the NCAA Elite Eight by winning the 2004 NCAA North Central Region Tournament held in Omaha, Nebraska. The Huskies posted a 5-3 win over Truman State and a 3-2 win over North Dakota State to advance to the region championship game against Concordia-St. Paul. In the first championship game of the double elimination tournament, Concordia-St. Paul defeated the Huskies 1-0 in eight innings. The following day the two teams met again for the right to advance to the NCAA Elite Eight and the Huskies won their first region championship in dramatic fashion. SCSU's Cally Stewart, after fouling off 12 balls and with two strikes against her hit a solo home run over the left field fence in the bottom of the fourth inning. That run was all the Huskies needed in the 1-0 victory as the game featured five hits, three by the Huskies and no errors. Nicole Webb, the tournament MVP struck out three batters and did not allow a walk in posting her 29<sup>th</sup> win of the season. One week earlier the Huskies won their second consecutive and third overall NCC Championship with a 2-0 victory over Augustana College in Sauk Rapids, MN. Brooke Gentzler hit a solo home run in the third inning and Jess Preiner scored on an RBI single from Angie Berg. Webb, who posted four consecutive shutouts in the tournament, pitched a five-hitter and struck out four batters in the championship. The Huskies advanced to the Championship game with a 6-0 win over South Dakota State, followed by a 2-0 win over North Dakota State and a 1-0 11 inning win over the University of Nebraska-Omaha. The 2004 squad set 25 game, season, and career records, and tied four others. Velta earned NFCA All-American second team

honors, headlining a long list of honors that players received during the season. Webb (MVP), Megan Fuches, Berg, Stewart, and Jessica Swartour all earned North Central Regional All-Tournament team honors while Velta (first team), Gentzler, Webb, and Berg (all second team) were named to the North Central Region team. Earning NCC team honors were Berg, Gentzler, Webb, and Velta. Gentzler added one more honor to her career as she was named SCSU's Female Athlete of the Year. In addition, the program said goodbye to three outstanding seniors in Angie Berg, Brooke Gentzler, and Nicole Webb. When the season had ended SCSU had posted a 42-15 overall record, including a 9-5 mark against NCC schools.

For the ninth straight season and eighth under head coach Paula U'Ren, the SCSU softball team posted a 30-plus win season. The 2005 Huskies went 34-25 overall, posted a 7-5 record in North Central Conference games, and lost, 6-2, to the University of Nebraska-Omaha in the conference championship game. Three Huskies, Abby Velta, Megane Fuches, and Ashley Homan were named to the All-North Central Conference team. Homan was also voted the NCC Freshman of the Year. Velta, Fuches, and Jessica Swartout were the three seniors on the team. Velta earned first team National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II All-North Central Region team honors and Jessica Preiner was named to the second team.

Angie Berg. Angie Berg completed an outstanding softball career in 2004 after helping the Huskies to two NCC Championships (2003, 2004) and a third place NCAA Division II finish (SCSU AMR Files). In her four seasons, SCSU posted a 169-59 overall record. Berg started in every one of the 228 games played and completed her

career with the most at-bats in SCSU history (718). During the 2004 season, in which the Huskies won the NCC and North Central Region championships and went on to place third at the NCAA National Championships, Berg batted .330 and started all 57 games at shortstop. Berg earned All-NCC team honors twice, was named to the North Central Region All-Tournament Team twice and was an All-North Central Region second team selection twice during her career.

Abby Bourman. Abby Bourman played catcher for the Huskies from 1999 to 2003 (SCSU AMR Files). She started in 222 games. In her freshman year, she tied the season home run record with eight long balls. During the 2002 season, she led the Huskies in eight of 11 hitting categories including a batting average of .406. She set three season records for runs batted in with 52, total bases with 125, and extra base hits with 27. She earned All-NCC and All-North Central Region team honors. In 2003, Bourman's senior season, she was named to the NFCA All-American First Team and the North Central Region All-Tournament team. She also earned All-NCC and All-North Central Region honors for the second straight year. At the end of her career, she held SCSU career records for at bats (687), runs (133), doubles (51), runs batted in (151), total bases (378), and extra base hits (88). She played on one NCC Championship team and three NCAA North Central Region qualifying teams.

Brooke Gentzler. Another one of three outstanding players to play softball at SCSU from 2001 to 2004 was Brooke Gentzler who played first base (SCSU AMR Files). Her power helped the Huskies to two NCC Championships (2003, 2004) and a



third place NCAA National tournament finish in 2004. Gentzler started in all 228 games of her career and completed an amazing career at SCSU setting career school records for best batting average (.391), most runs (143), most hits (273), most home runs (42), most RBIs (161), most walks (71), most total bases (453), and most extra base hits (89). During the 2002 season she set a season record for home runs with nine. In 2003, she bettered that mark with 17 home runs and added season records for RBI's, total bases, extra base hits, and batting average with a .431 mark. Gentzler was named the 2004 SCSU Female Student Athlete of the Year. She was a four-time All-NCC team selection, a two-time North Central Region All-Tournament team member, a three-time All-Region pick (once first team) and a 2003 All-American.

Karissa Hoehn. Outstanding pitching has been a trademark of SCSU softball over the years and the success of Karissa Hoehn from 1997 to 2000 is no exception (SCSU AMR Files). Hoehn debuted in 1997, posting a 14-12 overall record with a 1.32 earned run average, and broke the single season strikeout record with 209. She was named to the All-NCC and All-North Central Region Team. By her sophomore season, she held ten SCSU pitching records, had won the Huskies first ever NCC Championship, was named SCSU's first NFCA First Team All-American and NCC MVP, and was named to the All-NCC, All-North Central Region, and North Central Region All-Tournament teams. As a junior in 1999, she again was voted the MVP of the NCC, was named All-NCC, All-North Central Region, and to the All-Tournament North Central Region team. The Huskies placed second in the NCC and second at the NCAA regional. Hoehn continued the honors parade in 2000, earning NFCA First

Team All-American honors for the second time in her career, her third consecutive NCC MVP honor and selection to the All-NCC, All-North Central Region and the All-Tournament North Central Region teams. She established season records for shutouts with 31 and strikeouts with 442. She left SCSU with her name behind all but two pitching records, for a total of 21 season and career records. She also finished her career as one of the best in NCAA history, ranking third in career strikeouts, sixth in career shutouts, fourth in season shutouts, third in career strikeout ratio and third for most strikeouts in a season.

Abby Velta. Abby Velta played outfield for the Huskies for four seasons (SCSU AMR Files). She was a four-time All-North Central Conference Team selection and the NCC Freshman of the Year. She was a three-time National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II All-North Central Region Team member. She earned NFCA All-America Second Team honors in 2004. She was voted SCSU's Senior Female Athlete of the Year in 2005. A 4-year starter in centerfield, Velta left the Huskies with many team records including; most career at bats (817), most career runs (175), most career hits (296), best career fielding percentage (.993), and most stolen bases (85). She also set season records with 83 hits in 2004, 72 singles in 2004, 49 runs in 2003, and 27 stolen bases in 2003. She was named to the 2003 and 2004 Honorable Mention Academic All-NCC team in 2004 and 2005. Velta was a member of two NCC Championship teams and the 2004 squad that finished third at the NCAA National Championships.

Nicole Webb. Nicole Webb picked up where Karissa Hoehn left off in the pitching department from 2001 to 2004 (SCSU AMR Files). By the time her career ended, Webb had broken seven of Karissa Hoehn's records. Perhaps the most impressive of her records was for best winning percentage as she posted a 113-31 record for a .785 winning percentage. Webb saved the best for last as she pitched SCSU to the 2004 NCC Championship throwing four shutouts for a total of 32 innings. The following week she was named the MVP of the North Central Regional Tournament and advanced the Huskies to their first ever NCAA National Tournament appearance. Webb was a three-time All-NCC team selection, three-time North Central Region All-Tournament team pick, including tournament MVP in 2004, and a two-time All-North Central Region pick, once as a first team member and once as a second team member. The Huskies compiled a 169-69 win/loss record during her career, won back to back NCC Championships, were North Central Region runner-ups twice, North Central Region Champion once and an NCAA Elite Eight participant.

### Track and Field

The SCSU women placed eighth in both the indoor and outdoor NCC Championships under new head coach Seth Mischke in 2000 (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Track and Field, 2004). Jodi Tarasewicz had an outstanding season, winning the NCC indoor pole vault championship with a vault of 11 feet, 3½ inches, becoming the third straight Husky to win the new event. She qualified for the NCAA indoor championships and placed fifth with a vault of 11 feet, 7¾ inches, becoming the Huskies second pole vault All-American. Tarasewicz and teammate

Jennifer Higgins qualified and competed at the 2000 NCAA outdoor championships. Higgins placed fourth in the heptathlon, setting a new school record with a score of 5,209, surpassing the old mark of 5,060 set during the 1999 NCAA championships. Tarasewicz placed sixth in the pole vault with a vault of 11 feet, 7¼ inches.

During the 2001 indoor season SCSU placed seventh at the NCC Championships. Crystal Pautzke (pole vault), Danielle Simons (55-meter low hurdles), and Jennifer Higgins (200-meter dash), all placed second at the NCC indoor championships (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Track and Field, 2004). Higgins set new school records in the 400-meter dash (55.85) and 200-meter dash (25.21) at the NCC championships. Pautzke, Tarasewicz, and Higgins qualified for the NCAA Indoor National Championships. Pautzke placed sixth and Tarasewicz eighth in the pole vault to earn All-American honors, while Higgins had an All-American eighth place finish in the 400-meter dash. At the 2001 NCC Outdoor Championships, Higgins won the heptathlon with a school and conference record 5,436 points. She also placed second in the 400 meters and third in the 200 meters. Higgins went on to place second in the heptathlon at the NCAA outdoor championships with 5,238 points, earning another All-American honor. Tarasewicz gained another All-American honor with a third-place finish in the pole vault (12 feet, 1½ inches).

A ninth-place NCC indoor and 10<sup>th</sup>-place NCC outdoor finish went in the books for the 2002 Huskies (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Track and Field, 2004). At the conference indoor championship, Stacey Baumbach placed second in the high jump. She went on to place 11<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Indoor Championships in the

high jump. Pautzke placed 10<sup>th</sup> and Tarasewicz 12<sup>th</sup> in the pole vault in a return trip to the indoor nationals. Stacey Trushenski represented SCSU at the 2002 NCAA outdoor championships, placing sixth in the third heat of the 100-meter hurdles but did not advance to the finals. She placed fourth at the NCC championships in the 100-meter hurdles. Amy Dombrowski finished fourth in the 500-meter dash to help SCSU to an eighth place indoor NCC finish in 2003. The Huskies placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the NCC outdoor championships and Tarasewicz qualified once again for the NCAA Outdoor National Championships in the pole vault and placed 13<sup>th</sup> in the event.

Anna Sandoval won the 60-meters at the NCC Championships in a time of 7.77 and pole vaulter Jodi Tarasewicz qualified and competed at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships to highlight the 2004 indoor track season for the Huskies (SCSU AMR Files, All-Time Records, Women's Track and Field, 2004). SCSU finished eighth in the NCC team standings. Tarasewicz placed seventh at the NCAA indoor championships, held in Boston, Massachusetts posting a height of 12 feet, marking the fifth All-American performance by the vaulter. She qualified for nationals (both indoors and outdoors) seven times during her career and she brought home All-American honors five times. She also owns the SCSU pole vault record, which she set in 2000 at 12 feet, 3½ inches. The Huskies placed eighth at the 2004 NCC outdoor championships led by Katie Wilson who won the conference title in the javelin with a school record and stadium record (Fargo, ND) throw of 146 feet, 10 inches. Wilson paced the Huskies all season as she claimed three first-place finishes in the javelin

during the regular season. She qualified for the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships where she placed 14<sup>th</sup> in the javelin.

The 2005 women's track and field team placed seventh at both the North Central Conference indoor and outdoor track and field championships. Two runners met provisional NCAA qualifying times as Anna Sandoval has a provisional time in the 60-meter dash and Beth Sandoval a provisional mark in the 800 meters. During the outdoor season Katie Wilson earned All-American honors with an eighth-place finish at the 2005 NCAA Outdoor Championships in the javelin with a throw of 141 feet, 7 inches. Beth Sandoval set a new school record in the 3000 meter steeple chase with a time of 11:17:04 and Kari Turkowski set a new mark in the hammer throw with a toss of 142 feet, 10 inches.

Jennifer Higgins. Jennifer Higgins was an outstanding two-sport athlete for the Huskies from 1998 to 2001 (SCSU AMR Files). Higgins participated in basketball for two seasons and track and field for three seasons. She capped her collegiate track career at the 2001 NCAA outdoor championships with a second-place finish in the heptathlon scoring 5,238 points and a ninth-place finish in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches. She earned All-American honors in both the heptathlon and the 400-meter dash, a race in which she placed eighth. She won the 2001 and 1999 NCC heptathlon championships. She placed fourth in the heptathlon at the 1999 and 2000 NCAA Championships, setting a school record in 2000 and earning All-American honors both years. Following the completion of her collegiate track career, she held six school records in outdoor track in the 200- and 400-meter dashes, heptathlon, 4x100-

relay, sprint medley relay, and hurdle shuttle relay. Higgins also held seven indoor track records, in the 200- and 400-dash, the 500-, 600-, and 800-meter run, pentathlon, and the 4x400-relay. On the basketball hardcourt, she was named to the 2000 All-NCC team and the 1999 All-NCC Honorable Mention team (SCSU AMR Files, Season in Review, St. Cloud State University Athletics, The Year in Sports, 1999-2000). She was voted the NCC Defensive Player of the Year in 2000. A 2-year starter at guard, Higgins averaged 7.5 points per game, shot 44.5% from the floor, and tallied 147 assists. She ranks among the top 12 in 3-point field goals made, 3-point field goals attempted and 3-point field goal percentage in the SCSU record book. Higgins was also a standout in the classroom, earning Verizon Academic All-American first team honors in track and second team academic All-American honors in basketball. She was a three-time NCC All-Academic team selection.

Jodi Tarasewicz. Jodi Tarasewicz had an outstanding pole vault career as a member of the SCSU track and field team from 1999-2000 to 2003-04 (SCSU AMR Files). As a first-year athlete in the spring of 2000, she won the NCC indoor pole vault with a height of 11 feet, 3½ inches, setting an NCC record. She went on to place fifth at the NCAA Division II Indoor championships. Later that spring, she placed fourth at the outdoor NCC meet and sixth at the Outdoor NCAA meet. In 2001, she placed third in the indoor NCC and eighth at the NCAA Indoor meet, followed by a fifth place outdoor NCC finish and her best ever third-place finish at the NCAA championship with a height of 12 feet, 1½ inch. She missed most of the indoor season and all of the outdoor season in 2002 with one exception, as she placed 12<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Indoor

Championships. She followed that up with a seventh place NCC outdoor and 13<sup>th</sup> place NCAA outdoor finish in 2003. Tarasewicz brought her career to an end in the spring of 2004 with a fourth place NCC indoor finish, seventh place NCAA indoor finish, and seventh place NCC outdoor finish. In all, Tarasewicz qualified and competed in eight NCAA Championships and earned All-American honors five times.

### Tennis

The new millenium began with a second place NCC finish and a 17-10 dual record for the SCSU tennis team (SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Husky Athletics, The Year in Sports, 1999-2000). Michelle Lechner charted the best team singles record with a 20-8 mark during the season with most of her wins coming at #4 singles. She was the NCC runner-up at #4 singles and Angie McMahon was second at #1 singles. A youthful squad hit the court in 2001 as seven of the 10 rostered players were first-year team members (SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Husky Athletics, The Year in Sports, 2000-2001). The Huskies finished fourth in the NCC and posted a 19-6 dual meet record. Jessica Conway at #3 singles and Jodi Pease at #4 singles placed third at the NCC championships. The 2002 Huskies also finished fourth at the NCC Championships and tied a team record for 21 wins in a season as SCSU finished 21-7 (SCSU AMR, Season Review, St. Cloud State University Husky Athletics, The Year in Sports, 2001-2002). The Huskies won 13 straight matches to end the season and had only one upperclassman on the roster in senior Jessica Conway. Conway won the NCC consolation championship at #4 singles. Nicole Lechner placed second at #3 singles, and Alyssa Luaritsen and Katie Zika



placed second at #3 doubles. A trip to the NCAA Division II Regional Tournament, another 20-win season, and a fourth place NCC finish culminated the 2003 tennis season for the Huskies (2002-2003 Season Review, St. Cloud State University Husky Athletics, The Year in Sports, SCSU AMR). SCSU advanced to the NCAA regional for only the second time in the history of the program, as the Huskies previously competed in the NCAA tournament in 1995. SCSU lost to conference foe University of Northern Colorado, 5-1 with the #2 doubles team of Sara Eull and Courtney Hover posting the win for the Huskies. Eull and Hover also won the #2 doubles title at the NCC championships. SCSU posted a 21-6 overall record which tied the record for most team wins in a season.

A second consecutive trip to the NCAA Division II North Central Regional culminated the 2004 tennis season for the Huskies (SCSU AMR Files, SCSU Women's Tennis News Final Release, 2004). SCSU posted an 18-7 dual match record and placed third at the NCC Championships. The Huskies earned the #5 seed at the NCAA regional and played #4 seed the University of Nebraska-Omaha. UNO defeated SCSU 5-0 in a match played in Topeka, Kansas. At the NCC championships, Berit Merrill at #1 singles, Courtney Hover at #4 singles, and Nicole Nyberg at #6 singles advanced to the championship match where they placed second. Nicole Lechner at #2 singles and Sara Eull at #3 singles finished third in their respective flights. Nyberg's loss at #6 singles was her first defeat of the 2004 season as she posted a 21-1 singles record, including a 19-0 mark during the regular season. The 19-0 record marked one of the longest undefeated runs in school history. Lechner reached the 100-win plateau in her

career during the 2004 season, becoming the 22<sup>nd</sup> player to reach the century mark and only the third player to reach the milestone in three seasons. Berit Merrill's career with the Huskies came to an end with the 2004 season. Merrill ended her career with 73 career wins in singles play and topped the career charts with 105 matches played.

For the third straight season, the SCSU women's tennis team earned an invitation to the NCAA Division II North Central Region Tournament, held in Emporia, Kansas. The season came to an end in the first match of the region tournament, a 5-0 loss to Northwest Missouri State University. The Huskies were ranked fifth in the region for much of the season. SCSU finished third in the North Central Conference and posted an 18-9 record in match play. Jenna Vogel led the Huskies with an NCC singles title at #5 singles, the first individual title in over 10 seasons for the Huskies. At the end of the season, long time head coach Larry Sundby announced that he would step down as head coach of the women's program. While he will continue to assist the program, the head coaching reins have been handed over to men's tennis coach Jerrill Anderson. Sundby coached the Huskies for 18 seasons, compiled a 311-129 record, and led SCSU to three NCC Championships in 1988, 1990, and 1991. He also led the Huskies to NCAA tournament bids in 1995, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

### Summary

As the program reached the mid-way mark of the decade, the opportunity to look into the future of SCSU women's athletics was presented to the researcher. In the late 1990s, SCSU added three sports; soccer, Nordic skiing, and ice hockey, bringing

the total women's sports programs at the university to 11. According to SCSU Director of Athletics, Dr. Morris Kurtz, the future of women's athletics will be in meeting the needs and interests of our young people.

Really, I think we have just scratched the surface in terms of meeting the needs of the young women on our campus community. You look at the last three sports we added, women's soccer, women's Nordic skiing and women's ice hockey, and yet you pick up the newspaper, look around and you can see the opportunities that are expanding now. . . . It's unbelievable the number of opportunities and interests that are now being presented to us. (M. Kurtz, personal communication, June 16, 2004)

While SCSU has added sports and made great progress in women's athletics, Kurtz feels that women's athletics will continue to evolve into the future.

One thing that seems to happen in all of intercollegiate athletics, men's and women's, is that, you have sports because you've always had them. This is an exciting time. It's an evolving time, in terms of watching the interests of our young people and the sports that they want to participate in, versus what we offer based on the fact that we've always offered these sports. I see a lot of schools doing what we are doing, and that is going through a re-evaluation period where you look at what is offered, look at the needs and interests of our young people and ask the hard questions. (M. Kurtz, personal communication, June 16, 2004)

As mentioned earlier, the spring of 2004 was one of the most successful in terms of national competition in the history of the women's program. Three teams advanced to regional competition and two teams, the softball and golf teams qualified for the NCAA Division II National Championship. The Championships for golf and softball were held near one another in Florida. At the Opening Ceremonies of the Division II Festival which celebrated and recognized the competing teams, St. Cloud State was heard often. "It was just unbelievable that we would have that many teams (the SCSU men's golf team also competed in the NCAA championships) competing

for national championships. We received great notoriety and were prominent on the national stage. It was very special," said Kurtz (M. Kurtz, personal communication, June 16, 2004).

While many people called it the crowning accomplishment for the SCSU women's program, Kurtz would like to think of the National Championship experience as another rung on the ladder. "I have no doubt that in the near future we will be talking about winning national championships in our women's program. This certainly laid a strong foundation to springboard into the future," Kurtz said (M. Kurtz, personal communication, June 16, 2004).

#### ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY COACHES

For the last 36 years coaches have come and gone, and all have left a legacy. Some were the first to coach at SCSU. Others were educated to become coaches. Refer to Appendix K for the year-by-year coaching history and results for each of SCSU's women's athletics teams.

##### Carol Anklan

Carol Anklan was head coach of the swimming and diving teams from 1979 to 1988 (SCSU AMR Files). In her nine seasons as head coach, the Huskies posted a 49-29 record in dual meet competition, won MAIAW State Meet titles in her first two seasons, and placed second in the NCC Championships three times. Anklan also coached the SCSU tennis team for four seasons from 1981 to 1984. She led the Huskies to outstanding success as SCSU posted a 40-9 record in four seasons of dual

competition. Anklan's teams won three straight NSC titles and three straight MAIAW state meet championships. SCSU never lost an NSC dual match in her four seasons as head coach, posting a 27-0 record in league competition.

### Sue Becker

Sue Becker, or Dr. Susan Becker as she is known today, coached the SCSU softball team for 10 seasons from 1985 to 1991 and then again from 1995 to 1997 (SCSU AMR Files). She left the program for three seasons to pursue a doctorate; thus the Dr. Becker reference. In her 10 seasons at the helm of the softball team, Becker posted a 241-163 overall record. She guided the 1988 squad to the first 30-win season in the history of the program and matched that 30-plus plateau again in 1990, 1991, and 1997. She led SCSU into the NCC in 1985 and three times during her tenure, the Huskies placed second in the conference tournament. She led SCSU to NCAA Midwest Region tournament runner-up finishes in 1989 and 1991. Dr. Becker has served as the Athletic Compliance Coordinator and a professor in the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Sport Science Department.

In December of 2005, she was appointed the interim Associate Athletics Director and Senior Women's Administrator in the SCSU Athletic Department.

### Tracy Dill

Tracy Dill coached the SCSU women's track and field team for four seasons from 1996 to 1999 (SCSU AMR Files, St. Cloud State University Track and Field Guide, 2003). He led the women to two fifth-place indoor NCC finishes in 1997 and

1998. He guided the 1999 outdoor team to a sixth-place NCC finish. He coached five NCC individual champions during his four seasons and four All-Americans. Dill is currently an Associate Director of Athletics at SCSU.

### Jeremy Frost

Jeremy Frost has been the women's Nordic ski coach at SCSU since the 2001-02 season (SCSU AMR Files). Prior to that, he served as the graduate assistant coach for two seasons in 1999-2000 and 2000-01.

### Dianne Glowatzke

Dianne Glowatzke coached the SCSU volleyball team from 1977 to 2002 (SCSU AMR Files). The winningest coach in any sport at St. Cloud State, and only the second to coach SCSU volleyball (she succeeded Gladys Ziemer in 1977), Glowatzke posted a 527-418 career win/loss record in 27 seasons with the Huskies. She guided the Huskies to 19 winning seasons and ranked as high as ninth in victories among the winningest active coaches in NCAA Division II volleyball. Over the years, Glowatzke's teams were ranked in the NCAA Division II Top 20 and she guided SCSU to four NCAA Division II post season appearances, including a first ever berth in the NCAA Elite Eight in 1995. She was voted the 1995 North Central Region Coach of the Year and the 1995 NCC Coach of the Year. She also led the Huskies to the 1982 NSC title. Glowatzke was inducted into the Mankato State University Athletic Hall of Fame in the fall of 1988. She officiated volleyball at the collegiate level, having served as the head official at the 1978 National Small College Volleyball Tournament. She is

a former member of the National Volleyball Rating team. In addition to coaching volleyball, Glowatzke also coached softball for her first 7 years at SCSU. She compiled a 79-68 record as a softball coach.

### Jeff Hegle

Jeff Hegle has been the women's and men's swimming and diving coach since the 2001-02 season. (SCSU AMR Files). Hegle led the Huskies to a top four NCC finish in each of his seasons and has sent several athletes to the NCAA National Championships. He has led the women to four top 16 NCAA finishes including a 12<sup>th</sup> in 2005, 11<sup>th</sup> in 2004, 13<sup>th</sup> in 2003, and 16<sup>th</sup> in 2002. Hegle has a long history with the SCSU swimming and diving programs as he served as a graduate assistant coach in the program for two seasons from 1993 to 1995 and is a former Husky swimmer. He captained the SCSU men's team during the 1991-92 season. In addition to his duties as swimming and diving coach, he is the Aquatics Director at St. Cloud State University.

### Diane Heydt

Diane Heydt coached the SCSU women's swimming and diving teams for 11 seasons and the men's program for six seasons from 1988 to 2000 (SCSU AMR Files). In her 11 seasons with the women's team she compiled a 69-16-1 dual record, took nine trips to the NCAA Championships, placed second in the NCC once, and third in the league eight times. She coached 89 All-Americans and two national diving champions in Sarah Loquai and Mary Ahlin. Heydt coached 23 NCC champions and was voted the 1992 and 2000 NCC Swimming Coach of the Year. In 2000, the SCSU

women finished fifth at the NCAA Championships, the highest finish ever for an SCSU swimming and diving team. During Heydt's tenure, every school record was broken.

### Nancy Knop

Nancy Knop spent nine seasons as the head coach of the SCSU cross country and track and field programs from the fall of 1985 to the spring of 1994 (SCSU AMR Files). In cross country Knop led the Huskies to three fourth-place finishes in the NCC and a ninth-place NCAA Division II National Championship finish in the fall of 1991. Earlier in 1991, during the spring track and field season, the Knop led track and field team placed 11<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA National Championships. She coached seven All-Americans in track and field including the 1992 National Indoor High Jump Champion, Gigi DesLauriers. Knop coached Jenni Schultz, the only female SCSU runner, to date, to win an NCC cross country title. She also coached four All-Americans in cross country. Knop also coached athletes to 29 NCC indoor and outdoor individual titles in track and field.

### Judi Larkin

Judi Larkin is a familiar name to SCSU athletics as she was a member of the women's tennis team during the 1980s when she was known as Judi McDonald (SCSU AMR Files). Since the 2000-01 season she has served as the men's and women's golf coach at SCSU. In four seasons she has led the Huskies to their first ever NCAA



Division II Women's Golf Championships (2004) and three consecutive NCAA North Central Region Tournaments (2002, 2003, 2004).

#### Jason Lesteberg

The Jason Lesteberg era as the SCSU women's hockey coach began in the 2002-03 season (SCSU AMR Files). He is the second coach in the history of the women's hockey program. He has also coached women's hockey at Bemidji State and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

#### Stephanie McGuinness

Stephanie McGuinness was named the head coach of women's soccer in the fall of 1999. (SCSU AMR Files).

#### Patricia Mickow

Patricia Mickow succeeded Dianne Glowatzke and became only the third coach in the history of the volleyball program in the winter of 2003 (SCSU AMR Files). She led the Huskies for the first time in the fall of 2003 guiding SCSU to an 11-19 overall record and a 3-11 mark in the NCC. In 2004, the Huskies made their first NCAA Division II North Central Region post-season appearance since the 1995 season. SCSU finished the season 19-12 overall and 7-5 in the NCC, good for third place. She has previously coached collegiate volleyball at Bemidji State University, Mayville State University (ND), and Mount Marty College (SD).

Seth Mischke

Seth Mischke became the head coach of the SCSU men's and women's cross country and track and field programs in 1999-2000.(SCSU AMR Files). Prior to becoming the head coach of the Huskies, he was an SCSU assistant for one season and took over the reins from longtime coach Tracy Dill.

Ruth Nearing

Ruth Nearing was the first to coach women's swimming and diving and track and field at St. Cloud State (SCSU AMR Files). She was also one of SCSU's earliest coaches to bring coaching experience to the program, having coached for 6 years at Elizabethtown College prior to coming to SCSU. She spent 9 years as the SCSU swimming and diving coach from 1970 to 1979. Because it was believed that swimming and track were similar, she was appointed the track and field coach in the spring of 1974 and coached the squad for two seasons

Larry Sundby

Larry Sundby's name is synonymous with tennis in the St. Cloud area (SCSU AMR Files). Sundby has been the women's tennis coach at SCSU for 18 seasons (through the 2004-05 season) and has compiled a 311-129 dual match record. He has led the Huskies to three NCC titles, bringing home the championship trophy in 1988, 1990, and 1991. He was voted the NCC Coach of the Year in 1988 and 1991. His teams have consistently placed in the top three of the NCC championships throughout his tenure, including eight second-place finishes. The Huskies have received bids to the

NCAA Tournament four times during Sundby's tenure, including consecutive trips in 2003, 2004, and 2005. With the conclusion of the 2005 season, Sundby stepped down as head coach. He will continue to work with the program as an assistant, but the head coaching reins were turned over to men's coach Jerrill Anderson. Sundby is a professor emeritus of accounting at SCSU and captained the 1963 men's tennis team that won the Northern Intercollegiate Conference Championship.

#### Karen Thompson

Karen Thompson joined the SCSU coaching staff in the fall of 1975 as the first coach of the women's cross country team and in the spring of 1976 took over the head coaching reins of the women's track and field team and coached both teams until the spring of 1984 (SCSU AMR Files). Thompson was the head coach of the cross country team for eight seasons and the track and field team for nine seasons. Her cross country teams posted seven top four finishes at the MAIAW State Championships, placed third in the 1985 North Sun Championships and enjoyed a fifth-place NCAA Central Region Championships finish in 1982 and an 11<sup>th</sup>-place region finish in 1983. In track, the Huskies finished as high as second in the 1978 and 1981 MAIAW State Meet. She led SCSU to a second-place finish in their first NSC Championship meet in 1981. The Huskies placed 18<sup>th</sup> at the 1982 AIAW National Championships under her leadership.

#### Dr. Lori Ulferts

Dr. Ulferts first season as women's basketball coach was 1994-95 (SCSU AMR Files). Since then, she has compiled a 162-145 with the Huskies and is 314-234 in 20

years as a head coach. Ulferts most successful season with the Huskies to date was in 2004-05 when SCSU posted a 23-10 overall record, placed third in the NCC, won the 2005 NCAA Division II North Central Region Championship with wins over MSU-Moorhead, 79-57; Minnesota Duluth, 67-59; and Concordia-St. Paul, 81-70; and advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight for the first time since the 1988-89 season. SCSU drew Merrimack College in the first game of the Elite Eight and lost a thriller 79-78. SCSU finished the season ranked #11 in the USA Today/ESPN Division II Top 25 Coaches' Poll. Ulferts has coached at the University of Minnesota-Crookston and MSU-Moorhead. She is a two-time Northern Sun Conference Coach of the Year.

#### Paula U'Ren

Paula U'Ren has been the SCSU softball coach since the 1998 season (SCSU AMR Files). The 2004 season marked her 7<sup>th</sup> year as the SCSU softball coach and it was the most successful in team history. She led the Huskies to the 2004 NCC Championship, North Central Region Championships and a third-place finish at the NCAA Division II National Championships. The third-place finish was the highest national finish for any women's team in the school's history. She compiled an impressive 297-97 win/loss record in her seven seasons. U'Ren led the Huskies to three NCC titles in 1998, 2003, and 2004. In 2005, her squad returned to the Championship game of the NCC tournament but lost 6-2 to the University of Nebraska-Omaha. She has advanced her teams to the NCAA playoffs in six times in 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, and 2004.

### Kerry Brodt Wethington

Kerry Brodt Wethington took on the challenge of coaching SCSU's first ever women's hockey team in the summer of 1998 (SCSU AMR Files). During her first season, 1998-99, the Huskies played an independent schedule and posted an 8-12-2 overall record. In 1999-2000, she coached the Huskies in their first season as a member of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) and her team posted a 13-19-3 overall record and placed fourth in the WCHA with a 6-15-3 record. The Huskies advanced to the WCHA Tournament. Wethington announced her resignation at the end of her fourth season with the Huskies. She compiled a 45-73-8 overall record and was named the 2000-01 WCHA Coach of the Year. Wethington, an All-American golfer for the Huskies, graduated from SCSU in 1995.

### Dee Whitlock

Dee Whitlock coached the tennis team from 1970 to 1978 (SCSU AMR Files). In her nine seasons with the Huskies, she compiled a 41-16 dual meet record. She led the Huskies to two second-place MAIAW finishes and two third-place MAIAW finishes. She was the first to coach women's tennis at SCSU. In addition, she was the first and only coach of the SCSU badminton team that competed for a short time during the early 1970s.

### Gladys Ziemer

Throughout her career at St. Cloud State Gladys Ziemer served with distinction as a professor, mentor, coach, and athletic director (SCSU AMR Files). She was a

recognized force at the conference and national level in the growth and development of women's intercollegiate athletics. She was a tireless advocate for gender equity and worked diligently for the success of women's athletics. Because of her work, she has had a positive impact on the lives of hundreds of student-athletes and opened many doors for women to enter the coaching and athletic administration ranks. Ziemer retired as head coach of the SCSU women's basketball team at the end of the 1992-93 season after 20 seasons at the helm of the program. As the head coach she compiled a career won/loss record of 321-212 in her 20 seasons, with 15 consecutive winning seasons from 1975 to 1990. She guided SCSU to four NCAA Division II quarterfinal games. Her teams appeared in NCAA post-season tournaments seven consecutive times from 1983 to 1990. Ziemer coached teams won four NSC and one NCC title during her tenure. She was named the AWSF Division II Coach of the Year in 1990 and served as the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Committee Chair during the 1989-90 season. Along with her head coaching duties, Ziemer served as the women's athletic director through the 1994-95 year. Under her leadership, SCSU accumulated nine NSC titles and six NCC titles. In addition, the Ziemer led program won the NCC All-Sports Trophy in 1991-92. Ziemer coached softball, gymnastics, volleyball, and basketball at SCSU and provided the leadership for the program that has developed into the well respected, successful program it is today. She is a member of the Mankato State Athletic Hall of Fame, NSC Hall of Fame, and was the recipient of the 2001 NCC Honor Award. Sue Wahl played basketball for Ziemer and described the coaching during her career in this way.

I would say that no coach I've ever known worked harder than Gladys. In my opinion, she devoted her life to creating opportunities for young women and to breaking down barriers, allowing us similar choices and experiences as were available to all the male athletes of our day. (Sue Wahl, personal communication, March 17, 2004)

Ziemer was also an active leader in the AIAW and NCAA. In fact, she spent 6 years on the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Committee from 1987 to 1993 and served as the chair of the national committee for years. The committee is responsible for directing and supervising the NCAA Division II national championship playoffs.

## Chapter IV

### SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, DISCUSSION, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Summary

The purpose of this study was to research and write a descriptive narrative of the history of women's athletics at St. Cloud State University. Since the early 1900s there has been varying forms of physical activity on the St. Cloud State University campus for women, whether it was the "Ladies Basket Ball team" of the early 1900s, The "M" Club of the 1920s, or the W.A.A. and W.R.A. of the 1940s, '50s and '60s. These organizations, in their own way, laid the foundation for women's athletics as it has come to be known today. Today, SCSU female athletes have the opportunity to compete in 11 different sports and receive scholarships based on their athletic and academic abilities. They are able to compete at a highly competitive level for conference, regional, and national honors. All of this would not have been possible without the commitment of an administration and the foresight of several leaders, including Fran Bleick and Gladys Ziemer. Along with the many women's coaches and athletes who have come through the doors of the University, they have helped to increase the interest and participation in collegiate athletics for women at SCSU for the last 36 years.



## Conclusions

In conducting the research for this study several themes emerged. As these themes evolved so did the successes of the SCSU women's athletic department. Two themes came to the forefront during this study. The first was the development of women's athletics at SCSU and the second was the success of the program. A large part of the development theme that emerged in the early years was the fact that athletics for women was new to everyone including the athletes, coaches, and administrators. Many of the early athletes had their first athletic experience at the collegiate level. Competitive women's or girl's teams among youth groups and high schools were non-existent in the 1960s and early 1970s. In addition, many of the coaches in the early years were learning the sport as they were coaching the sport. At the same time, the administrators were working relentlessly to schedule events, provide transportation, uniforms, equipment, and practice and playing spaces for the newly initiated student athletes. While this was taking place on the SCSU campus, the same things were happening at other campuses across the nation. At some point, the coaches and administrators put their collective heads together and created guidelines, policies and procedures for competition among the universities and colleges. By the 1980s the formation of conferences and regional and national competition provided a basis for the women's sports teams. Everyone was competing under the same rules, scheduling became easier, and the athletes were learning skills at the high school and youth levels.

Scholarships were introduced to women's athletics at SCSU in 1975. By offering scholarships, SCSU became recruiters of female athletes. Scholarships

provided financial assistance to athletes who may not have had the means to pay for a college education. While the initial scholarships (\$200 to \$250) did not defray the cost of an entire education, they did provide an incentive for young women to attend college and assist in planning for their careers. In addition, scholarships provided a more competitive and equitable playing field as coaches would pursue the best athletes they could find to represent SCSU. Scholarships also had limitations. The AIAW eschewed scholarships, but the NCAA embraced scholarships and recruiting as an integral part of the organization. The NCAA and conference guidelines set limitations on scholarships and in essence the most scholarships would go to the volleyball and basketball programs, while the fewest scholarships would go to track, swimming, and softball.

Even with the scholarship limitations, SCSU was committed to a broad-based program for women athletes. Softball, basketball, and volleyball were the first team sports to engage in collegiate competition on the SCSU campus. Those sports were followed by individual sports, such as swimming and diving, track and field, tennis, badminton, and gymnastics. Over time the number of sports offered would change. Badminton and gymnastics were dropped but in the 1990s three new programs were added to help fulfill the need for women participating in emerging sports. The addition of women's soccer, ice hockey and Nordic skiing brought the sport count for women to 11 on the SCSU campus.

Competitive success also emerged as a theme during the research. From the 1980s to the mid 1990s, SCSU experienced an era of success that is yet to be repeated. The basketball, volleyball, and softball programs put the St. Cloud State University

name on the regional and national competitive map. Basketball, volleyball, and tennis won numerous conference titles. The basketball and volleyball teams were nationally ranked. Individuals from track and field, swimming and diving, golf, and tennis also achieved unprecedented success in competition at the conference, regional, and national levels.

In collegiate sports, the ultimate in athletic success is a national championship and over the years, SCSU has produced four individual national champions. In 1982, nearly 15 years after the inception of women's intercollegiate athletics on the SCSU campus, the first female national champion was crowned. Marie Sherwood won the javelin at the 1982 AIAW National Track and Field Championships held in Clarksville, Tennessee. Ten years later, the second SCSU women's national champion was crowned when Jennifer (GiGi) DesLauriers won the high jump at the 1992 NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships in Saginaw Valley, Michigan. In 1997, Sarah Loquai won the national 1-meter diving title at the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships. In 1998 and 1999 Mary Ahlin won a total of four national championships, two each on the 1-meter and 3-meter diving board.

Team success in collegiate sports is measured by conference championships, NCAA appearances, and NCAA National Championships. SCSU teams have won a total of 18 conference championships since 1979-80. The bulk of the conference championships have gone to the tennis team with nine titles, followed by basketball with five, softball with three, and volleyball with one.

Basketball, volleyball, softball, and swimming and diving have had the most success on the regional and national levels. SCSU women's basketball has won five NCAA regional titles and lost five NCAA quarterfinal games, most recently advancing the NCAA Division II Elite Eight in March of 2005 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The volleyball program has made five NCAA regional appearances, won the 1995 North Central Regional, and advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight in Miami Shores, Florida, where the Huskies lost to host team Barry University in the quarterfinals. The softball program has advanced to the post season seven times. In 2004 the Huskies won the North Central Regional and advanced to the Final Four of the NCAA Championships. SCSU finished third, the highest national finish for an SCSU women's team in the history of the program. The swimming and diving team has been a consistent player on the national scene, having placed in the top 20 in the NCAA National Championships 14 times since 1991. The best Husky finish was fifth place in 2000. More recently the SCSU women's tennis program has made three straight NCAA Division II tournament appearances in 2003, 2004, and 2005.

### Discussion

The goal of the researcher was to investigate the history of women's athletics at St. Cloud State University by researching the teams, records, results, and individuals, including coaches and athletes that were integral to the development and continued progress of the program. At times there was some difficulty in sticking to this thread as outside events influenced the decisions that were made and the research would uncover information of interest but not necessarily vital to telling the history of SCSU women's

athletics. In addition, the personalities of the figures involved, whether they were athletes or coaches, could easily have taken the researcher away from the main goal of the research. By sticking to the history, the researcher was able to present a factual account of the history of women's athletics at St. Cloud State University.

For the researcher, one of the significant findings was how much information was documented over the years that helped to align the facts. During the early years of the SCSU women's program, the coaches did regular post-season summaries that documented everything from the competitive experience, to the facilities, to the budget. During the 1970s a more formal approach to documenting women's athletics was taken with the addition of a sports information director. While the position initially dealt mostly with men's sports, it has evolved into a significant source of information on SCSU women's athletics.

Another significant finding of this study was to unwrap the history of women's athletics at St. Cloud State. Through the research process, the researcher was able to create a timeline for women's athletics and bring to print many of the experiences of women athletes and coaches through the questionnaire and personal interview component of the research. The research reflected the growth and changes of the program from the early beginnings to its current state in 2005. The study also serves as a reminder to SCSU's current female athletes that the reason they have what is needed to be successful in athletics is the hard work of those who played before them. Because of the interest and continued successes that have been experienced over time, today's

athletes are receiving some of the best coaching available. They are able to compete at one of the highest levels of sports for women.

The third significant finding is that the progress of women's athletics at SCSU has resulted in great success for female athletes on campus. The planning, the building, the hard work, the initiative, the forward thinking, has made SCSU women's athletics very competitive at the intercollegiate level. The women's athletics program began with small steps and gradually progressed into an accepted collegiate experience at St. Cloud State. That growth eventually reached beyond the SCSU community into regional and even national recognition on the women's intercollegiate athletics scene.

These findings are all important in that they tell us where we started, where we have been, and even a little bit about where we are headed in terms of women's athletics at SCSU.

While the women were learning how to play and coach sports, the male athletes on the SCSU campus were heavily involved in intercollegiate competition. By the 1960s, when the women were just beginning to introduce athletics to the female population, the men were deeply entrenched in their own athletic program.

According to Kasper (1980), the beginnings of organized athletics on the SCSU campus took place in March of 1892 when a group of male students formed the St. Cloud Normal School Athletic Club. The purpose of the club was to obtain a practice/playing facility from the administration, and to pursue a schedule of varied athletic activities.

By the 1960s, men's athletics at SCSU had been well established and the Huskies were reaping the rewards of their success. For instance, from 1962 to 1970, the SCSU men's basketball team won eight conference championships. The SCSU football program won 18 conference titles from 1920 to 2002 and has made two NCAA Division II post-season appearances. The Husky baseball program has won 14 conference championships since 1932 and in 1969 finished third in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Tournament. Since 1986 the men's tennis program has won 12 North Central Conference Championships, including four straight titles from 2002 to 2005, and made five NCAA Regional tournament appearances.

By the beginning of the 1970s, there were 13 men's intercollegiate sports and 9 women's intercollegiate sports. The men's teams were competing in the Northern Intercollegiate Conference (NIC) and it was not until 1979 that the women began to compete in the Northern Sun Conference (NSC).

In 1981, the SCSU men's athletics program joined the North Central Conference and the women would become league members in 1984. The only other conference changes would be in men's ice hockey, when SCSU went from competing in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA), in NCAA Division III to the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) in NCAA Division I in 1990.

Finally, this study serves as a source of history to St. Cloud State University sports fans and alumni who have followed SCSU athletics over the decades. The faces and skills of women athletes have changed tremendously since the concept of

intercollegiate athletics for women was conceived in the 1970s. In addition, the fan base for women's athletics continues to grow. As more and more become mothers among those who competed in the 1970s, 80s, and 90s, it is the researcher's hope that their daughters will compete in athletics and discover a life long love for sport, both competitive and recreational. And it is the investigators hope that this work will serve as a learning resource for such aspirations.

### Recommendations

1. Continue to record the history of women's athletics with an annual summary of the results of each sport.
2. Do a breakdown of each sport that would reflect in greater detail the season results. It would also give more detailed information about the coaches and athletes representing St. Cloud State.
3. Do an analysis of the athletes and coaches inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame.
4. Conduct an analysis of the records established and broken throughout the history of SCSU women's athletics.
5. Conduct parallel research between the history of women's athletics at SCSU and the history of women's sports at the national level and how the women's movement may have influenced women's sports.
6. Do an analysis of media coverage of SCSU women's athletics over the same decades that the current research was conducted.



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APPENDIXES

APPENDIX A

Questionnaire



**History of SCSU Women's Athletics Questionnaire. The purpose of this questionnaire is to assist in a descriptive study documenting the history of women's athletics at St. Cloud State University. Please answer the following questions as candidly as possible. Thank you.**

What was your experience as an athlete, coach, or administrator?

What were some of the events that you consider significant during your career?

What are some of the rituals or traditions you participated in as an SCSU athlete?

What are some of the rituals or traditions you participated in as an SCSU coach?

How would you describe the coaching during your career?

How would you describe the competition during your career?

How would you describe the atmosphere towards women athletes during your career?

Did Title IX have an affect on your experience? Please explain that affect.

If you could go back in time, what, if anything, would you change about your experience at SCSU?

Do you have a fun, funny, competitive, or heart warming story or anecdote that you would be willing to share? If so, please tell me your story?

**Please provide the following contact information. Thank you.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sport(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Years Competed \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to be interviewed as a follow-up to this questionnaire?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

APPENDIX B

Cover Letter

January 7, 2004

Former Athlete  
123 street  
Any Town, USA, 12345-1234

Dear Former Athlete:

As the Director of Athletic Media Relations at St. Cloud State I have a great interest in the history of the Husky athletic program. This year I returned to St. Cloud State as a graduate student to complete my master's degree in sports management. It has truly been an enlightening experience and I have enjoyed my classes immensely.

As part of my degree requirement, I am writing a thesis on women's athletics at SCSU. While a book was written in the 1980s about the history of men's athletics at SCSU, nothing has been written about the history of women's athletics. Through my graduate program, I plan to change that. I will culminate my graduate experience with a thesis on the history of women's athletics at St. Cloud State.

As a former St. Cloud State University athlete, you played a role in the history of women's athletics at the university. You have been selected to fill out a questionnaire regarding your experience as a female athlete at St. Cloud State. You may also be selected to conduct a follow-up interview with myself via e-mail, phone or in person. This is strictly a volunteer opportunity. If you do not want to share your experiences with others, you are not required to complete the questionnaire.

St. Cloud State women athletes have enjoyed a great deal of success in the 30-plus years of the program's existence. It is my intent to share the highlights and successes of the teams and individuals who have represented SCSU over the years. It is my wish to publish this work in the future and make it available to the general public.

Once you have completed the questionnaire, please return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided by February 20, 2004.

I hope that you can find time in your very busy schedule to fill out this questionnaire. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Anne Abicht  
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APPENDIX C

Informed Consent

**INFORMED CONSENT**  
**St. Cloud State University**  
**St. Cloud, MN**

1. I hereby consent to participate in master's thesis research conducted by Anne Abicht, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN.
2. I understand that the purpose of this research is to publish a history of women's athletics at St. Cloud State University. The researcher has specifically focused her attention on women's athletics and women athletes from the 1960s to the present.
3. I understand that my involvement in the research consists of filling out an open ended questionnaire, and possibly a follow-up interview via telephone, e-mail, or in person.
4. I understand that my participation in the research is completely voluntary. My participation will not impact my relationship with St. Cloud State University, the SCSU Athletics Department, and the SCSU Alumni Office.
5. I understand that I will be able to review the document before final publication.
6. I understand that my responses will be made public and will help to provide a written history of St. Cloud State University women's athletics. A published copy of the completed thesis will be placed in the St. Cloud State University Learning Resources and Technology Center.

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(Signature)

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(Date)

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APPENDIX D

Approval from Institutional Review Board



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**St. Cloud State University  
Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects**

**Researcher:** Ann Abicht  
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**Title of Research:** A Historical View of St. Cloud State University Women's Athletics

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

The signatures below certify that this study has been approved/disapproved by the Institutional Review Board as follows:

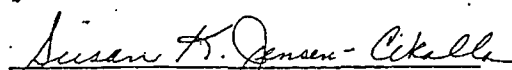
1. Final Approval: Approved as described in the application and with consent documents stamped with approval/expiration dates.
2. Disapproval: Proposed treatment of human subjects is not approved.

Please note the following, which also apply to your approval:

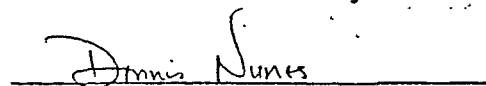
- Approval expires one calendar year from the approval date shown in this letter.
- Researcher should use the approved/stamped Consent Document showing approval and expiration dates. (see enclosed)
- Continuing Review/Final Report are due in one year to request extension of or to report conclusion of the research. (see enclosed)
- Researcher must seek approval of any changes in the study, its design, consent process, funding source or any part of the study that may affect participants.
- Adverse events (research related injuries or other harmful outcomes) should be reported to the IRB as soon as possible.
- The IRB reserves the right to review the research while it is in progress or when completed.

The IRB wishes you success with this research. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Sponsored Programs at (320-255-4932).

**For the Institutional Review Board:**

  
 Susan K. Jensen-Cekalla  
 IRB Administrator  
 Office of Sponsored Programs

**For St. Cloud State University:**

  
 Dennis Nunes  
 Dean, Graduate Studies

Enclosures: approved Consent document(s)  
 Continuing Review/Final Report form

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APPENDIX E

1969-70 Extramural Report

## Women's Intercollegiate Sports - St. Cloud State - Final Report -1969-70

### FALL SPORTS

#### Volleyball

This was the first-year SCS participated in a full schedule of volleyball competition. Practices were held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday in the West Balcony (Halenbeck Hall), from 5:00 to 6:30, October 6 through December 5, 1969. The season record for the "A" team was 6 wins and 4 losses, the "B" team, 2 wins and 5 losses. A total of 18 girls dressed in the new uniforms for the competition. Twenty-three girls attended practices, the best nine performers each week dressed for "A" games. The "A" team won the Gustavus Adolphus Invitational Tournament (6 teams). At the State Tournament in Minneapolis, the "A" team lost its first two matches and was disqualified. The "B" team went into the consolation finals, lost the third game and the match by 2 points (U.M.D.). Was a successful season in the opinion of the coach, G. Ziemer.

The main gym was used for two home contests. One hundred spectators were in attendance at the first, and two hundred at the second. It would be good if we could use that area more often for games and once in awhile for practice. The balcony is not only a safety hazard with its slippery floors and no side line space, but, also, restricts spectators (averaged 60 spectators at the two "balcony" contests). Expecting a good season next year as most of the regulars are returning.

#### Field Hockey

An attempt was made to organize a Field Hockey team. Practices were held at 4:00 on Tuesday and Thursdays in early October at South Field. Because of a lack of interest on the part of the students, the sport was dropped. Coach J. (Joan) Payne expressed the feeling that she possibly should have continued practices for a few more weeks because more students became interested as they learned more about the game in P.E. 109. Because we are adding Swimming next year and because we will not have a Field Hockey coach, the sport will not be scheduled in 1970-71. Hopefully, it can be attempted again in the future.

### WINTER SPORTS

#### Badminton

Practices were held on Monday evenings, in the balconies, during Winter Quarter. Ten girls were on the team. The team lost a dual meet at the U. of Minn. and beat Southwest Minn. State at SCS. The team also attended the U. of Minn. Invitational where one SCS doubles team placed second. Members of the team wore the physical education major uniform during competition. Coach is D. (Dee) Whitlock. The number of home contests which can be scheduled is limited by the poor are available for competition. The balconies are not good for playing badminton either. (See V.B.) The team was able to use part of the wooden gymnasium floor during W.R.A. once in awhile, but that area has not been available for home competition. It

seems a waste of money to charter a thirty passenger bus to transport 10 players and one coach to out of town competition, so the trips were few (two). We are working on solving this problem. Practices next year will be held two nights a week if the coach doesn't have a night class on Monday or Wednesday.

### Gymnastics

Practices were held on Tuesday and Thursday and some Mondays from 6:00 or 6:30 to 7:30 in the Gymnastics gym. The team, which consisted of sixteen girls, held S.C.S.'s first home gymnastics meet, a triangular with U. Minn. and Bemidji, on Saturday, January 24, 1970. The coach feels that the meet was successful. SCS came in third. Two hundred and fifth spectators observed. Student Pam Shidla worked with the coach in organizing the meet and was responsible for getting all of the student help which was needed. It was hard to find judges, but finally, four were hired, two of them coming up from the South (Fairmont). The team competed in a triangular meet at Bemidji which SCS won, and in the State Meet at the U. of Minn. where SCSU tied for 5th place (with Carleton) in a field of 17. The coach is G. Ziemer.

Some practices were held at the Lab School prior to meets so that the girls could practice on the uneven parallel bars. It will be good to hold that practice at Halenbeck from now on. There is a problem with space for practicing floor exercise. This year the girls were able to do some practicing for this event in the dance studio (which isn't wide enough...but better than nothing), but that area is not always available when needed. We would like to have scheduled two home meets for the 1970-71 season, but are unable to reserve the gym for more than one Saturday. The other dates on which the gym is open are too early in the season for competition. Next year, if possible, practice will start in December so that the girls will be better prepared for the first competition which is usually in mid-January. (a wild variety of colors) and wore P.E. major warm-ups. Many of the gymnasts are not majors so they had to borrow warm-ups (sometimes is a problem). Hopefully, next year the girls will wear school furnished leotards of the same color (Similar to the procedure followed at other colleges) and, hopefully also, warm-ups of a nice bright red color will be available. The W.I.S. funds will pay for emblems for the leotards. If the State of Minnesota ever allows us another coach, the present coach would like to be replaced by a gymnastics expert.

### Basketball

Practices were held on Mondays and Thursday, 6:00 - 8:30 at the Lab School, Wednesdays after W.R.A. (7:30-9:30) at Halenbeck and four or five at 7:00 a.m. at Halenbeck. Twenty-two girls wore the SCS uniforms with P.E. major warm-ups (black

and blue look bad together). The "A" team won 3 games and lost 6 in regular season play. The "B" team was 0-4. Special funds were requested by the coach and members of her team at a S.A.C. hearing and a sum of \$348.00 was granted...Fourteen girls then represented SCS at the 1st Northern Minn. Regional Basketball Tournament at

Moorhead. The team won 2 and lost 1, came in third in a field of four. Coach is J. Payne.

In the opinion of the coach, the season was a success considering the fact that a vast amount of new material had to be covered (first year for the five-player rules). Also, the coach feels that basketball could use an assistant coach for the "B" team, that practices should be held five times per week for 1 hour (as many schools are doing) and that some practice MUST be held in the Halenbeck gymnasium if the teams are going to be ready for out-of town games (the Lab School gym does not have a regulation basketball court). Four home games were held at the Lab School, one at Halenbeck. Attendance ranged from 100 at the first game (HaH) to 30 at the last home game.

### SPRING SPORTS

#### Tennis

Practices were held on the two SCS courts on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 and on Thursdays, 4:00-5:00, starting in mid-April until mid-May. SCS hosted its first home tennis contest on Monday, April 27, 1970. The SCSU courts and a park court across The River were used. SCSU lot to UMD. Seven members of the team competed at the U. of Minn. Invitational and six members went to the two day Carleton College Invitational at Northfield. (for results see coach, D. Whitlock).

The home court situation is not good. Need more courts for practice (team practices in shifts now) and so that home meets will not drag out so long. Another big problem is the mode of transportation for away contests. (i.e., 7 people in a 30 passenger bus). The coach (who, by the way, is hoping for a big star tennis player next year) found it very impractical to take the bus to the Carleton tourney where she had to bum a lot of rides from people with state cars.

#### Softball

Practices were held, when it wasn't raining, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 5:30-8:00, at Wilson Park starting in mid-April. The team consisted of 18 girls, three with experience, the rest "rookies". The coach, of course, feels that this is why the team ended up with a season record of 1 win and 5 losses. The team did happily beat the U. of Minn., 23-10. Team members wore P.E. major uniforms except for the last tournament at Gustavus where they wore the SCS red and black uniforms and the new socks. Coach is G. Ziemer.

Two home games were held at Vet's field, an ideal location. Hopefully we will be able to continue to use that facility for home games since the City Rec. Dept., SCS men's IM and the two high schools have the city diamonds tied up. Wilson Park is a first come-first served situation and presented some practice problems on warm, picnic-type days. Two pre-season batting sessions were held at Eastman Hall and two practices were attempted at Selke Field. Selke was abandoned because of grass being slippery

and girls not owning spikes. There is no skinned softball diamond at Selke. We sure could use one.

### Outlook

We're getting better in some sports and waiting for some talent to enroll for others. Generally, the coaches feel the program is successful. We need more uniforms (some sports have none) and especially need warm-ups (which could be used for all sports except swimming until we can do better). The budget for this year was not adequate (and is possibly "overdrawn"), but will be somewhat more reasonable next year. We expect to cut down on travel expenses somewhat by sending two sports teams to the same school at the same time. Swimming competition will be added next year. If we can get a coach, we would like to get Track and Field into the 1971-72 budget and possibly Field Hockey. We need more practice areas and in some cases, facilities for home contests (as indicated in the preceding pages). Putting into effect, next Fall, the minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 for competitors at SCS should help improve the overall skill of our teams (especially in team sports), since we won't be working with so many girls who won't be in school the following season. We have plans to get our SCS policies for intercollegiate sports into the booklet form for students by Fall, 1971. The W.I.S. Student Advisory Board goes into full swing in Oct., 1970.

Respectfully submitted, G. Ziemer. (SCSU Archives, 1969-70 Extramural Basketball file)

APPDENDIX F

1974 Track and Field Report

### 1974 Track and Field Report

Of the 56 interested prospects who signed up for the first meeting in the history of St. Cloud State College for the track and field team, 18 remained with the team throughout the season. They were an enthusiastic group of girls of which just a little over half had previous track and field experience. By the end of the season most of the girls got the butterflies out of their systems and participated as fairly well experienced participants.

Like in swimming, all members of the team strived for as high a team score as possible and like swimming, even though the team itself did not come out on top, individual victories and losses were quite apparent. One example of this was the sagga (*sic*) of Dee Breibel. Dee has a twin at the University who also runs her event—the mile. In the first meeting of the “twins” Debbie ran a good race and beat Dee by 10 seconds. Since that meet Dee trained hard for their second meeting at the State Meet. Seeded in the same heat, Dee started out fast with members of the team at various spots around the track to cheer her on. Not only did she beat her sister and did it decisively but she also went under 6 minutes. The joy of the team members was unanimous. She didn't even place, but she had personally won as did the team. The team members got so wound up with individual members' goals.

And now the team record. Of the four meets in which we participated we always came out about in the middle of the schools. This was partly due to the large team which we had and our ability to place the maximum number of entries per event. We were all disappointed (*sic*) that the UMD Invitation was canceled.

It is interesting that all the meets in which we participated were invitationals. The other coaches indicated that it is as much trouble to put on a dual or triangular meet as it is an invitational. We'll find out next year.

The publicity received this year in the *Chronicle* for track and field team was quite good, especially the last article.

It would have been nice to have had track uniforms for this year, but things don't always go as you would like. It will be nice when the track is finished next year. It has been extremely hard holding practices in the dance studio, the gymnastics gym, and any other spaces possible. I guess with what we had this year, the team did a fairly good job. In addition, something should be done about Selke Field's women's rest room if we plan to hold meets there next year. It is truly disgusting. In addition, a locker room facility should be provided and planned before next year. To summarize: The season was an interesting one. It was one which required a great deal of learning, but it was well worth it. And next year is another year. Bigger and better things are yet to come. Track and field is an exciting sport. It's nice to be outside in the fresh air with a great bunch of girls (SCSU AMR, Women's Track and Field, 1974).



APPENDIX G

All Sports Standing

### Conference Championships/All-Sports Standings

St. Cloud State University women's athletics has been affiliated with two conferences. In 1979-80, SCSU joined the Northern Sun Conference (NSC) as a charter member. The Huskies remained in the Northern Sun through the 1983-84 season. In 1984-85, St. Cloud State joined the North Central Conference (NCC), an affiliation the Huskies maintain today.

#### **Northern Sun Conference Titles**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Championships</b>
1979-80	Basketball, Tennis
1980-81	Tennis
1981-82	Basketball, Tennis
1982-93	Basketball, Tennis, Volleyball
1983-84	Basketball

#### **North Central Conference All-Sports Standings/Titles**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Championships</b>
1984-85	3rd	Tennis
1985-86	6th	
1986-87	3rd	Tennis
1987-88	3rd	Tennis
1988-89	2nd	Basketball (tie)
1989-90	3rd	Tennis (tie)
1990-91	4th	Tennis
1991-92	1st	
1992-93	5th	
1993-94	2nd	
1994-95	3rd	
1995-96	5th	
1996-97	1st	
1997-98	3rd	Softball
1998-99	4th	
1999-00	5th	
2000-01	6th	
2001-02	8th	
2002-03	7th (tie)	Softball
2003-04	7th	Softball
2004-05	5th	

APPENDIX H

The North Sun Conference and North Central Conference

### The Northern Sun Conference

The 1980-81 Northern Sun Conference Record Book provides a history of the Conference (Northern Sun Conference, 1980-81 Record Book, p. 2-3).

Following is the Northern Sun Conference History excerpt from that publication.

The Northern Sun Conference was formally announced a year ago (1979-80) to promote, conduct and regulate desirable competitive sports programs for women in the belief that such programs, properly motivated and directed, would make a unifying and stimulating contribution to the total educational function of member institutions.

League charter members were Bemidji State University, Mankato State University, Moorhead State University, St. Cloud State University, Southwest State University, University of Minnesota-Duluth, University of Minnesota-Morris, and Winona State University.

The eight schools participated in circuit championships in volleyball, basketball and tennis during the initial year of NSC operation. Minnesota-Duluth claimed the first league title by waltzing through the NSC volleyball schedule with an unbeaten record. Basketball proved a bit more complicated with three schools, Bemidji State, Southwest State and St. Cloud State, eventually emerging from the schedule as co-champions with 5-2 logs. St. Cloud State then marked the completion of the first full year of NSC operation by winning the league tennis tournament.

In addition to these three sports, the NSC has announced that it will be conducting an outdoor track and field tournament next spring to name a conference track champion.

The formation of the Northern Sun Conference was a logical step in the ongoing effort to provide quality women's programs at the eight state-supported universities.

Competitive athletics began among those schools during the 1958-59 school year when Winona State and Moorhead State fielded teams in a number of sports. Within a decade, all the schools had initiated intercollegiate programs.

Bemidji State, Minnesota-Morris and Moorhead State were the first to become involved in league activity when they joined the MinnKota Conference (MKC) which also included colleges in North Dakota.

Recognizing similar goals and interests, the publicly-funded schools began investigating conference possibilities within Minnesota and started holding "State University Tournaments" in a variety of sports to test the viability of the league.

The three MKC members then banded with the five state independents to form the Northern Sun Conference and formal loop play began during the 1979-80 school year.

Last year, a total of 1,082 women participated in collegiate competition at NSC member institutions. They competed on 60 varsity and 17 junior varsity teams encompassing ten sports.

The number of women discovering and excelling in collegiate competition is bound to continue its growth, and the Northern Sun Conference is committed to maintaining its role in supporting this growth.

### The North Central Conference

In the fall of 1921 in Chicago, a meeting was held to lay the groundwork for a new league in the Midwest similar to the Western Conference (Big Ten). (North Central Conference website). Present at the meeting were South Dakota State College, the University of North Dakota, North Dakota Agricultural College, the College of St. Thomas, Creighton University and Michigan A and M. In February 1922 another meeting was held, and the North Central Intercollegiate Conference, commonly known as the "Big Nine" formally became a conference. The members of the new conference were South Dakota State College, College of St. Thomas, Des Moines University, Creighton University, North Dakota Agricultural College, University of North Dakota and Morningside College. By the spring of 1922 the University of South Dakota and Nebraska Wesleyan came on board as charter members of the nine team conference.

In the spring of 1926 Des Moines University withdrew, and this was followed by the departure of St. Thomas and Creighton in the Spring of 1928. On December 6, 1934, Iowa State Teachers College and Omaha University were admitted to membership. By 1942, Augustana College was admitted to membership. On April 13, 1946 Omaha University withdrew. Thirty years later on March 11, 1976 the University of Nebraska, Omaha returned to the Conference (they had been a member previously as Omaha University). In August of 1976 Mankato State dropped football and was forced to withdraw from the conference. Northern Iowa withdrew from the conference at the end of the 1977-78 season to join the Mid-Continent Conference in Division I of NCAA.

In April of 1978, the NCC offered an invitation to the women's programs of member schools to join the conference. Women's athletics would be phased into the NCC over the next 3 years. An invitational conference track meet in the spring of 1979 was the first competition and the first official competition in volleyball was held in the fall of 1979 with a conference tournament. A basketball tournament was held for the league's Division II members during the 1979-80 season.

The University of Northern Colorado was admitted to membership on July 21, 1978. In April of 1981 Mankato State was readmitted to the NCC, followed by St. Cloud State being admitted in June of that same year.

In April of 1982 Augustana, Mankato State, Nebraska-Omaha, North Dakota, North Dakota State, South Dakota, and South Dakota State committed to participate in women's programs in the NCC under proposed guidelines. The St. Cloud State women's program became a conference member in August of 1984. The 10 team league was completed in 1989 with the addition of Morningside College and Northern Colorado.

The conference remained a 10 member league until Morningside College withdrew both its men's and women's programs from the league following the 2001-2002 season. North Dakota State University and South Dakota State University announced their departure from the league following the 2003-2004 season, dropping the conference to seven teams. The University of Minnesota-Duluth joined the conference in the fall of 2004 bringing the league to eight members.

APPENDIX I

Hall of Fame Inductees List

**St. Cloud State University Athletic Hall of Fame Female Inductees**

The SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame inducted its first class in 1982. The first woman to be inducted into the Hall of Fame was Ann Govednik Van Steinburg in 1984.

Inductee (Final Year at SCSU)	Inducted	Sport(s)
Ann Govednik Van Steinburg, 1940	1984	Olympic Swimmer, 1932, 1936
Sue Fischer, 1977	1987	Tennis
Kathy Justin Schultz, 1974	1989	Basketball
Sue Lambert, 1974	1990	Volleyball, Softball, Tennis, Basketball
Deb Allyn, 1977	1991	Basketball, Volleyball, Track
Sue Wahl Storbeck, 1981	1991	Basketball, Volleyball, Track
Jane Baltes Borton, 1980	1992	Swimming
Linda St. John, 1970	1993	Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
Anne Campbell, 1982	1993	Softball
Jeanne Burnett, 1983	1994	Basketball
Diane Scherer Poquette, 1985	1995	Basketball
Marie Sherwood, 1986	1995	Volleyball, Basketball, Track
Kris Carlton, 1979	1996	Volleyball, Softball
Bonnie Henrickson, 1986	1996	Basketball
Carol Bemis, 1977	1997	Basketball, Volleyball, Softball
Rebecca Stream Van Erp, 1986	1997	Volleyball
Ramona Rugloski Hjerpe, 1986	1998	Basketball
Sarah Howard, 1989	1998	Basketball
Linda Nelson, 1986	1999	Basketball, Softball
Sue Marie Patterson, 1984	1999	Gymnastics, Swimming, Softball, Track
Julie Eisenschenk, 1990	2000	Basketball, Track
Jan Niehaus Herke, 1990	2000	Basketball
Patti Decker, 1978	2001	Basketball
Katie Kraft, 1990	2001	Softball
Nola Johnson, 1978	2002	Basketball
Shelly Jensen, 1992	2003	Softball
GiGi DesLauriers-Knop, 1993	2003	Volleyball, Track
Sheila Quinlan, 1983	2003	Swimming
Becky Anderson Enebak, 1992	2005	Track & Field
Rosie Silbaugh Stallman, 1973	2005	Basketball, Volleyball, Softball



APPENDIX J

National Champions List

**St. Cloud State University National Champions**

**Swimming and Diving**

1996-97—Sarah Loquai

1-meter diving

Score of 354.25

NCAA Division II Championships

San Antonio, Texas

Five-time NCAA All-American

Five-time NCC Champion, three 1-meter titles, two 3-meter titles

Three-time NCC Female Diver of the Year

Holder of SCSU 1-meter record, NCC 1-meter record

1997-98—Mary Ahlin

1-meter diving

Score of 425.10

NCAA Division II Championships

Ashland, Ohio

1997-98—Mary Ahlin

3-meter diving

Score of 512.85

NCAA Division II Championships

Buffalo, New York

1998-99—Mary Ahlin

1-meter diving

Score of 406.00

NCAA Division II Championships

Buffalo, New York

1998-99—Mary Ahlin

3-meter diving

Score of 470.80

NCAA Division II Championships

Buffalo, New York

Ahlin named the 1997-98 and 1998-99 NCAA Division II Female Diver of the Year

Ahlin won six NCC titles, four on the 3-meter and two on the 1-meter

Eight time All-American

Two-time NCAA DII Diver of the Year

Three-time NCC Female Diver of the Year

Holder of four SCSU diving records

Holder of NCC 3-meter record.

Sports Illustrated Faces in the Crowd, April 6, 1998

2001 St. Cloud State Female Senior Athlete of the Year

**Track and Field**

1982—Marie Sherwood

Javelin

Throw of 164'3"

AIAW National Championships, Clarksville, Tennessee

One-time AIAW Division II All-American

Two-time NCAA Division II All-American

Member of St. Cloud State University Athletic Hall of Fame

1992—Jennifer (GiGi) DesLauriers

High Jump

Jump of 5'8"

NCAA Division II Indoor Championships, Saginaw Valley, Michigan

NCAA Division II All-American

1992 NCC Outdoor High Jump Champion with record 5'10" jump

1992 NCC Indoor High Jump Champion with jump of 5'6"

APPENDIX K

Results and Coaching History

### Basketball Results/Coaching History

<b>Year</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Coach</b>
2004-05	23-10/6-6 NCC, 3rd place tie 2005 North Central Region Champions 2005 NCAA DII Elite Eight Participants Erika Quigley, WBCA & Daktronics All-American	Dr. Lori Ulferts
2003-04	17-11/7-7 NCC, 5th place Erika Quigley, NCC Freshman of the Year	Dr. Lori Ulferts
2002-03	8-19/3-13 NCC, T8th place	Dr. Lori Ulferts
2001-02	14-13/9-9 NCC, 6th place	Dr. Lori Ulferts
2000-01	21-9/12-6 NCC, 4th place 2nd place NCC Wells Fargo Tournament, Advanced to NCAA North Central Regional Andrea Shogren, NCC Freshman of the Year Tina Schreiner, NCC Scoring Champion	Dr. Lori Ulferts
1999-00	18-9/10-8 NCC, T5th place Jennifer Higgins NCC Defensive Player of the Year	Dr. Lori Ulferts
1998-99	18-9/9-9 NCC, 6th place	Dr. Lori Ulferts
1997-98	13-14/8-10 NCC, T6th place Christine Williamson, NCC Freshman of the Year	Dr. Lori Ulferts
1996-97	8-19/3-15 NCC, T8th place	Dr. Lori Ulferts
1995-96	14-13/8-10 NCC, T5th place Brenda Meyer, NCC MVP & NCC Scoring Champion	Dr. Lori Ulferts
1994-95	8-19/5-13 NCC, T8th place Brenda Meyer, NCC Scoring Champion	Dr. Lori Ulferts
1993-94	2-24/1-17 NCC, 10th place	Tara Kreklau
1992-93	3-23/0-18 NCC, 10th place	Gladys Ziemer
1991-92	6-21/2-16 NCC, 9th place	Gladys Ziemer
1990-91	7-21/4-14 NCC, 8th place	Gladys Ziemer
1989-90	23-5/14-4 NCC, 3rd place Advanced to NCAA DII North Central Regional	Gladys Ziemer
1988-89	21-9/11-3 NCC, NCC Co-Champion NCAA DII North Central Region Champion Lost to Central Missouri State in NCAA DII quarterfinals Jan Niehaus, NCC Scoring Champion	Gladys Ziemer
1987-88	18-10/8-5 NCC, 4th place Advanced to NCAA DII North Central Regional Sarah Howard, NCC Scoring Champion	Gladys Ziemer
1986-87	21-8/10-4 NCC, 3rd place Advanced to NCAA DII North Central Regional	Gladys Ziemer
1985-86	14-13/7-7 NCC, T4th place	Gladys Ziemer
1984-85	24-6/10-4 NCC, 2nd place NCAA DII North Central Region Champion Lost to Cal Poly Pomona in NCAA DII quarterfinals	Gladys Ziemer
1983-84	27-3/12-0 NSC/NSC Champions NCAA DII North Central Region Champion Lost to Dayton in NCAA DII quarterfinals	Gladys Ziemer

	MIAAW Tourn./NCAA DII North Central Region Champion	
	Lost to Central Missouri State, 65-63 in NCAA DII Quarterfinals	
1981-82	15-12/10-4 NSC/NSC Champions	Gladys Ziemer
1980-81	17-14/5-2 NSC/2nd place/2nd MAIAW	Gladys Ziemer
1979-80	15-13/5-2 NSC/NSC Champions/3rd MAIAW	Gladys Ziemer
1978-79	19-10/2nd MAIAW	Gladys Ziemer
1977-78	19-12/2nd MAIAW	Gladys Ziemer
1976-77	18-4/1st MAIAW/7th Region 6 AIAW	Gladys Ziemer
1975-76	15-8/2nd MAIAW/5th Region 6 AIAW	Gladys Ziemer
1974-75	5-10/6th MWIAA	Gladys Ziemer
1973-74	3-6/5th MWIAA	Gladys Ziemer
1972-73	6-7/4th MWIAA	Joyce Gedde
1971-72	6-5	Pat Halvorson
1970-71	4-5	Pat Halvorson
1969-70	5-7/5th Northern Regional Tournament	Joan Payne
1968-69	0-4	Linda Ochs

NCC=North Central Conference

NSC=Northern Sun Conference

NCAA=National Collegiate Athletic Association

MAIAW=Minnesota Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women

AIAW=Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women

### Cross Country Results/Coaching History

<b>Year</b>	<b>Conference Finish</b>	<b>Coach</b>
2004	6th NCC/16th North Central Region	Seth Mischke
2003	7th	Seth Mischke
2002	9th	Seth Mischke
2001	10th	Seth Mischke
2000	10th	Seth Mischke
1999	No place	Seth Mischke
1998	9th	Dave Johnson
1997	9th	Chad Fickbohm
1996	8th	Todd Lane
1995	8th	Dan Hostager
1994	7th	Sue Patterson
1993	4th	Nancy Knop
	Amy Suprenant 4th, Mary Magnell 5th in NCC	
1992	4th	Nancy Knop
1991	4th NCC, 9th NCAA Championships Michelle Nelson 2nd in NCC	Nancy Knop
1990	5th	Nancy Knop
1989	6th	Nancy Knop
1988	4th	Nancy Knop
	Jenni Schultz wins NCC title, 22nd at NCAA Championships	
1987	7th NCC/8th NCAA Central Region Jenni Schultz, 37th at NCAA Championships	Nancy Knop
1986	8th NCC/9th NCAA Central Region	Nancy Knop
1985	7th NCC/8th NCAA Central Region Connie Kampa, 21st at NCAA Championships	Nancy Knop
1984	6th NCC/ 7th NCAA Central Region Connie Kampa, 38th at NCAA Championships	Sue Gabrielson
1983	3rd NSC/11 NCAA Central Region	Karen Thompson
1982	5th NCAA Central Region	Karen Thompson
1981	3rd MAIAW/7th AIAW Region 6	Karen Thompson
1980	3rd MAIAW/5th AIAW Region 6	Karen Thompson
1979	2nd MAIAW/4th AIAW Region 6	Sandy Schleifers
1978	3rd MAIAW/9th AIAW Region 6	Karen Thompson
1977	4th MAIAW/12th AIAW Region 6	Karen Thompson
1976	3rd MAIAW	Karen Thompson
1975	3rd MAIAW	Karen Thompson

NCC=North Central Conference

NSC=Northern Sun Conference

NCAA=National Collegiate Athletic Association

MAIAW=Minnesota Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women

AIAW=Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women

### Golf Results/Coaching History

Year	Result	Coach
2004-05	6th NCC	Judi Larkin
2003-04	4th NCC (Osheim 3rd, All-NCC)	Judi Larkin
2002-03	4th NCC (4th North Central Region, LeClair 6th)	Judi Larkin
2001-02	Sarah LeClair, 42nd at NCAA DII Golf Championships 7th NCC /5th North Central Region Sarah LeClair, 8th NCC, Osheim 19th at Regional	Judi Larkin
2000-01	5th NCC (Kristin Osheim, 9th)	Judi Larkin
1999-2000	4th NCC (Amanda Lindquist 2nd)	Jennifer Tollette
1998-99	4th NCC (Jessica Simonson 2nd) Simonson, All-NCC, 26th at DII/III Championships	Jennifer Tollette
1997-98	4th (Simonson, All-NCC) Simonson ties for 16th at NCAA DII&III Championships	Anne Theis
1996-97	4th	Anne Theis
1995-96	4th NCC (Missy Pickar tied for first in NCC, All NCC)	Anne Theis
1994-95	3rd NCC (Missy Pickar, 5th) Kerry Brodt, All-NCC	Anne Theis
1993-94		Anne Theis
1992-93		Anne Theis
1991-92		Anne Theis
1990-91		Blair Nelson
1989-90		Blair Nelson
1988-89		Rene Kellermann
1987-88		Rene Kellermann
1986-87		John Pearson
1985-86		John Pearson
1984-85		John Pearson
1983-84		John Pearson
1982-83	4th MAIAW DII & III State Meet	
1981-82	3rd MAIAW DII & III State Meet	
1980-81	5th MAIAW DII & III State Meet	Anne Theis
1979-80		Anne Theis
1978-79		Anne Theis
1977-78		Joanne Owens
1976-77		Joanne Owens
1975-76	14th Region 6 AIAW	Joanne Owens

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### Gymnastics Results/Coaching History

Year	Result	Coach
1980-81	2-2 Rest of season canceled due to unavailability of qualified coaches, proper equipment and insurance concerns.	Mike Johnson
1979-80	7-0, 3rd at Region 6 AIAW meet Anne Cleary, junior, 24th all-around, National AIAW II Meet Terese Sager, Fr., 48th all-around, National AIAW II Meet	Becky McClellan
1978-79	2-3, 2nd MAIAW 8th Region 6 AIAW Meet	Becky McClellan
1977-78	1-1, 2nd MAIAW	Joanne Owens
1976-77	0-4, 6th MAIAW	Joanne Owens
1975-76	1-1, 5th MAIAW	Joanne Owens
1974-75		Carol Brink
1973-74		Carol Brink
1972-73		Carol Brink
1971-72		Doris Kelly
1970-71		Gladys Ziemer
1969-70	SCSU Triangular 1. Bemidji State, 44 2. Minnesota, 41 3. SCSC, 30 Bemidji State Triangular 1. SCSC, 56.5 2. Bemidji State, 54.4 3. Minot State, 48.5	Gladys Ziemer
1968-69		Linda Ochs

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**Hockey Results/Coaching History**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Record/WCHA/Finish</b>	<b>Coach</b>
2004-05	9-22-4/7-18-3 WCHA/5th	Jason Lesteberg
2003-04	7-24-1/19-1 WCHA/6th	Jason Lesteberg
2002-03	11-23-0/5-19-0 WCHA/6th	Jason Lesteberg
2001-02	7-26-1/6-17-1 WCHA/6th	Kerry Brodt Wethington
2000-01	17-16-2/12-10-2 WCHA/4th	Kerry Brodt Wethington
1999-00	13-9-3/6-15-3 WCHA/4th	Kerry Brodt Wethington
1998-99	8-12-2/Independent	Kerry Brodt

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**Nordic Ski Results/Coaching History**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Regional Finish</b>	<b>Coach</b>
2004-05	7th	Jeremy Frost
2003-04	8th	Jeremy Frost
2002-03	6th	Jeremy Frost
	Kay Adamson, 36th at NCAA Championships	
2001-02	8th	Jeremy Frost
2000-01	NA	Susan Sandvig Shobe
1999-00	6th	Susan Sandvig Shobe
1998-99	6th	Susan Sandvig Shobe
1997-98	9th	David Johnson

**Soccer Results/ Coaching History**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Record/Conference Finish</b>	<b>Coach</b>
2004	7-8-3/2-2-2 NCC/4th NCC	Stephanie McGuinness
2003	6-9-3/1-3-2 NCC/	Stephanie McGuinness
2002	7-7-2/2-6 NCC/7th NCC	Stephanie McGuinness
2001	6-12/3-6 NCC/8th NCC	Stephanie McGuinness
2000	9-9/4-5 NCC/6th NCC	Stephanie McGuinness
1999	6-10-1/2-4 NCC/5th NCC	Stacey Dundon
1998	4-13-1/0-3 NCC/3rd NCC	Shellee Lamie Copley
1997	6-11-1/1-2 NCC/3rd NCC	Shellee Lamie Copley
1996	7-9-3/10-2 NCC/3rd NCC	Shellee Lamie Copley
1995	13-5-2	Shellee Lamie Copley
1994	6-7-1	Colleen Edwards

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**Softball Results/Coaching History**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Coach</b>
2005	34-25/7-5, 3rd NCC	Paula U'Ren
2004	42-15/9-5, 1st NCC North Central Region Champions Third-place finish at NCAA Division II National Championship	Paula U'Ren
2003	46-16/10-6, 1st NCC	Paula U'Ren
2002	44-13/10-5, 3rd NCC	Paula U'Ren
2001	37-15/7-7, 2nd NCC	Paula U'Ren
2000	41-10/11-3, 3rd NCC	Paula U'Ren
1999	44-14/14-6, 2nd NCC	Paula U'Ren
1998	42-14/5-1, 1st NCC	Paula U'Ren
1997	30-17/4th NCC	Sue Becker
1996	26-22/T7th NCC	Sue Becker
1995	19-24/T7th NCC	Sue Becker
1994	24-29/T5th NCC	Courtney Miller
1993	22-23/T5th NCC	Courtney Miller
1992	25-13/3rd NCC	Courtney Miller
1991	30-15/2nd NCC	Sue Becker
1990	33-11/2nd NCC	Sue Becker
1989	26-14/4th NCC	Sue Becker
1988	31-12/2nd NCC	Sue Becker
1987	21-18/T5th NCC	Sue Becker
1986	10-18/T5th NCC	Sue Becker
1985	15-12/4th NCC	Sue Becker
1984	11-6	Dianne Glowatzke
1983	7-11	Dianne Glowatzke
1982	12-12	Dianne Glowatzke
1981	13-9	Dianne Glowatzke
1980	11-11	Dianne Glowatzke
1979	12-9	Dianne Glowatzke
1978	13-10	Dianne Glowatzke
1977	14-8	Dianne Glowatzke
1976	11-6	Gladys Ziemer
1975	5-7	Gladys Ziemer
1974	No Team	Nancy Olsen
1973	6-2	No Team
1972	6-2	Gladys Ziemer
1971	4-1	Gladys Ziemer
1970	1-5	Gladys Ziemer
1969	5-1	Gladys Ziemer

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Swimming and Diving Results/Coaching History

<b>Year</b>	<b>Dual Record/Conference Finish/NCAA Finish</b>	<b>Coach</b>
2004-05	7-0/3rd NCC/12th NCAA	Jeff Hegle
2003-04	6-0/3rd NCC/	Jeff Hegle
2002-03	5-1/4th NCC/13th NCAA	Jeff Hegle
2001-02	4-4/4th NCC/16th NCAA	Jeff Hegle
2000-01	3-1/4th NCC/15th NCAA	Derek Chaput
1999-00	5-0/3rd NCC/5th NCAA	Diane Heydt
1998-99	6-0/3rd NCC/12th NCAA	Diane Heydt
1997-98	Mary Ahlin, NCAA Champion, One & three meter diving 4th NCC/12th NCAA	Diane Heydt
1996-97	Mary Ahlin, NCAA Champion, One & three meter diving 3rd NCC/14th NCAA	Diane Heydt
1995-96	Sarah Loquai, NCAA Champion, One-meter diving 3rd NCC/14th NCAA	Lori Clark
1994-95	3rd NCC/16th NCAA	Diane Heydt
1993-94	7-1-1/3rd NCC/11th NCAA	Diane Heydt
1992-93	8-0/3rd NCC/16th NCAA	Diane Heydt
1991-92	9-1/2nd NCC/12th NCAA	Diane Heydt
1990-91	7-2/3rd NCC/19th NCAA	Diane Heydt
1989-90	6-4/4th NCC	Diane Heydt
1988-89	6-3/3rd NCC	Diane Heydt
1987-88	4-4/3-1 NCC/2nd NCC	Carol Anklan
1986-87	10-0/4-0 NCC/2nd NCC	Carol Anklan
1985-86	4-7/2-3 NCC/4th NCC	Carol Anklan
1984-85	9-2/4-0 NCC/2nd NCC	Carol Anklan
1983-84	4-5/2-1 NCC/3rd NCC	Carol Anklan
1982-83	3-4	Carol Anklan
1981-82	4-4/4th Region 6 AIAW	Carol Anklan
1980-81	5-2/1st MAIAW	Carol Anklan
1979-80	6-1/1st MAIAW	Carol Anklan
1978-79	10-4/4th MAIAW	Ruth Nearing
1977-78	7-2/2nd MAIAW/7th AIAW Region 6	Ruth Nearing
1976-77	2nd/6th AIAW REgion 6	Ruth Nearing
1975-76	11-1/4th MAIAW	Ruth Nearing
1974-75	8th MAIAW	Ruth Nearing
1973-74	2nd MWIAA	Ruth Nearing
1972-73	2nd MWIAA	Ruth Nearing
1971-72	1st MWIAA, undefeated season	Ruth Nearing
1970-71	5th MWIAA	Ruth Nearing

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### Tennis Results/Coaching History

<b>Year</b>	<b>Dual Record/Conference Record/Finish</b>	<b>Coach</b>
2005	18-9/3rd NCC/NCAA Participant	Larry Sundby
2004	18-7/3rd NCC/NCAA Participant	Larry Sundby
2003	21-6/4-1 NCC/4th NCC	Larry Sundby
2002	21-7/5-2 NCC/4th NCC	Larry Sundby
2001	19-6/3-1 NCC/4th NCC	Larry Sundby
2000	17-10/3-1 NCC/3rd NCC	Larry Sundby
1999	21-5/4-0 NCC/2nd NCC	Larry Sundby
1998	17-10/4-0 NCC/2nd NCC	Larry Sundby
1997	14-12/1-2 NCC/3rd NCC	Larry Sundby
1996	15-10/2-0 NCC/2nd NCC	Larry Sundby
1995	16-9/7-1 NCC/2nd NCC	Larry Sundby
1994	16-4/4-0 NCC/2nd NCC	Larry Sundby
1993	18-5/4-1 NCC/2nd NCC	Larry Sundby
1992	17-7/5-0 NCC/2nd NCC	Larry Sundby
1991	15-5/5-0 NCC/1st NCC	Larry Sundby
1990	20-5/11-0 NCC/1st NCC	Larry Sundby
1989	16-9/8-1 NCC/2nd NCC	Larry Sundby
1988	12-6/5-0 NCC/1st NCC	Larry Sundby
1987	10-3/2-1 NCC/1st NCC	Jeff Black
1986	5-8/3-2 NCC/3rd NCC	Jeff Black
1985	8-2/3-0 NCC/1st NCC	Jeff Black
1984	11-2/6-0 NSC/2nd	Jeff Black
1983	10-3/7-0 NSC/1st NSC/1st MAIAW	Carol Anklan
1982	11-1/7-0 NSC/1st NSC/1st MAIAW/20th AIAW	Carol Anklan
1981	8-3/7-0 NSC/1st NSC/1st MAIAW	Carol Anklan
1980	10-1/7-0 NSC/1st NSC/1st MAIAW	Becky McClellan
1979	6-5	Becky McClellan
1978	8-2/2nd MAIAW	Dee Whitlock
1977	10-2/2nd MAIAW	Dee Whitlock
1976	12-3/3rd MAIAW	Dee Whitlock
1975	2-3/3rd MAIAW	Dee Whitlock
1974	7-0	Dee Whitlock
1973	0-1	Dee Whitlock
1972	2-2	Dee Whitlock
1971	0-2	Dee Whitlock
1970	0-1	Dee Whitlock

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### Track and Field Results/Coaching History

<b>Year</b>	<b>Conference Finish</b>	<b>Coach</b>
2005	*7th Indoor/7th Outdoor	Seth Mischke
2004	*8th indoor/8th Outdoor	Seth Mischke
2003	*8th Indoor/9th Outdoor	Seth Mischke
2002	*9th Indoor/10th Outdoor	Seth Mischke
2001	*7th Indoor/8th Outdoor	Seth Mischke
2000	*8th Indoor/8th Outdoor	Seth Mischke
1999	*8th Indoor/6th Outdoor	Tracy Dill
1998	*5th Indoor/7th Outdoor	Tracy Dill
1997	*5th Indoor/7th Outdoor	Tracy Dill
1996	*7th Indoor/9th Outdoor	Tracy Dill
1995	*5th Indoor/5th Outdoor	Sue Patterson
1994	*6th Indoor/4th Outdoor	Nancy Knop
1993	*10th Indoor/5th Outdoor	Nancy Knop
1992	*3rd Indoor/4th Outdoor	Nancy Knop
	Gigi DesLauriers, NCAA National Champion, Indoor High Jump	
1991	*7th Indoor/7th Outdoor	Nancy Knop
1990	*4th Indoor/7th Outdoor	Nancy Knop
1989	*6th Indoor/7th Outdoor	Nancy Knop
1988	*6th Indoor/4th Outdoor	Nancy Knop
1987	*7th Indoor/5th Outdoor	Nancy Knop
1986	*8th Indoor/6th Outdoor	Nancy Knop
1985	*7th Outdoor	Sue Gabrielson
1984	^3rd Outdoor	Karen Thompson
1983	^4th Outdoor	Karen Thompson
1982	^3rd Outdoor/18th AIAW Nationals Marie Sherwood, AIAW National Champion, Javelin	Karen Thompson
1981	^2nd Outdoor/\$2nd	Karen Thompson
1980	\$3rd Outdoor/7th Region	Karen Thompson
1979	\$5th Outdoor/10th Region	Karen Thompson
1978	\$2nd Outdoor/6th Region	Karen Thompson
1977	NA	Karen Thompson
1976	\$3rd Outdoor/8th Region	Karen Thompson
1975	\$7th Outdoor/20th Region	Ruth Nearing
1974	\$6th Outdoor	Ruth Nearing

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### Volleyball Results/Coaching History

<b>Year</b>	<b>Record/Conf. Record/ Conf. Finish</b>	<b>Coach</b>
2004	19-12/7-5 NCC/3rd tie Team advanced to NCAA DII North Central Regional	Patricia Mickow
2003	11-19/3-11 NCC/6th	Patricia Mickow
2002	4-21/1-15 NCC/9th	Dianne Glowatzke
2001	4-24/1-17 NCC/10th	Dianne Glowatzke
2000	7-21/3-15 NCC/9th	Dianne Glowatzke
1999	12-17/4-14 NCC/9th	Dianne Glowatzke
1998	16-13/9-9 NCC/7th	Dianne Glowatzke
1997	8-25/3-15 NCC/9th	Dianne Glowatzke
1996	20-11/12-6 NCC/4th	Dianne Glowatzke
1995	27-6/14-4 NCC/2nd	Dianne Glowatzke
1994	19-12/9-9 NCC/6th	Dianne Glowatzke
1993	21-11/7-2 NCC/2nd*	Dianne Glowatzke
1992	24-12/5-4 NCC/3rd*	Dianne Glowatzke
1991	9-14/5-4 NCC/5th*	Dianne Glowatzke
1990	8-24/2-7 NCC/5th*	Dianne Glowatzke
1989	18-18/6-3 NCC/7th*	Dianne Glowatzke
1988	22-15/2-5 NCC/3rd*	Dianne Glowatzke
1987	25-20/3-4 NCC/3rd*	Dianne Glowatzke
1986	29-20/4-3 NCC/3rd*	Dianne Glowatzke
1985	38-9/7-0 NCC/3rd*	Dianne Glowatzke
1984	37-13/11-1 NCC/3rd*	Dianne Glowatzke
1983	33-15/10-2 NSC/2nd	Dianne Glowatzke
1982	27-9/7-0 NSC/1st	Dianne Glowatzke
1981	26-19/5-2 NSC/2nd	Dianne Glowatzke
1980	21-18/4-3 NSC/3rd	Dianne Glowatzke
1979	23-16/5-2 NSC/2nd	Dianne Glowatzke
1978	24-16/3rd State MAIAW	Dianne Glowatzke
1977	25-19/2nd State MAIAW	Dianne Glowatzke
1976	26-15/1st State MAIAW	Gladys Ziemer
1975	22-12/3rd State MAIAW	Gladys Ziemer
1974	9-5/5th State MAIAW	Gladys Ziemer
1973	13-8/1st State MWIAA	Gladys Ziemer
1972	17-6/2nd State MWIAA	Gladys Ziemer
1971	5-6	Gladys Ziemer
1970	7-7/3rd State MWIAA	Gladys Ziemer
1969	6-5	Gladys Ziemer

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