

**ASSISTANT COACHES**



**DUANE WILSON**  
 ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/  
 DEFENSIVE  
 COORDINATOR/  
 LINEBACKERS  
 (Western Michigan,  
 1983)

**D**uane Wilson has become an integral part of Ferris State's success ever since his arrival in August 1990.

Wilson was promoted to defensive coordinator in the fall of 1995 and assumed responsibilities of assistant head coach eight seasons ago. The 2005 campaign represents his seventh as FSU's linebackers coach.

Wilson, who also serves as the program's strength and conditioning coordinator, spent his first nine years at

Ferris coaching the defensive line. Under his guidance, the Bulldogs have ranked annually among the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's top defensive units while also being recognized on the national level. Last season, FSU ranked among the national leaders in rushing defense, scoring defense and total defense.

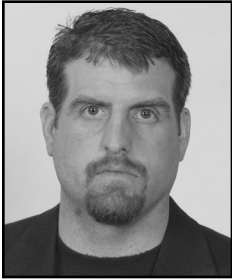
Wilson has coached a number of standout defensive linemen at FSU, including eight All-Americans. Ed Phillion (1993), who's currently playing in the Canadian Football League (CFL) with the Montreal Alouettes following a four-year NFL career, is among the most notable Bulldog linemen. Under Wilson's tutelage, Ferris has averaged around 35 sacks a year since 1992.

Wilson played three years as a lineman in the U.S. Football League (USFL) with the Oklahoma and then Arizona Outlaws and started the last seven games of his rookie season before suffering an injury. Prior to the USFL, Wilson had a

both a productive playing and coaching career at Western Michigan University. The team captain was the Broncos' Most Improved Player and attained first-team All-Mid-American Conference (MAC) honors at offensive tackle as a senior. Following his playing career, Wilson remained at WMU where he served as a graduate assistant coach for two years and coached the offensive tackles for WMU's MAC championship team and 1988 California Bowl participant.

He received a bachelor's degree in physical education/coaching from WMU in 1983 and earned a Master's Degree in athletic administration at Western in 1990.

Wilson coached varsity football at his alma mater, Burton (Mich.) Bentley High School, for three years and guided the Bulldogs to a 9-1 season in 1987. He was an all-league performer in football, basketball, and baseball at Bentley High. An American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) member, has a daughter, Rachael (12).



**MATT MCCARTHY**  
 OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/  
 QB'S/WR'S/TE'S  
 (Ferris State, 1999)

**M**att McCarthy returns for his sixth year at Ferris State and fifth as the Bulldogs' offensive coordinator following his promotion in February 2001. He previously instructed the wide receiving corps for the 2000 season.

McCarthy, who also works with the quarterbacks, wide receivers and receiving tight ends, concluded a stellar playing career at

Ferris five seasons ago (1999). The 1999 All-American finished his career as the school's all-time passing leader with 8,669 career yards to go along with 68 career touchdowns on a 57.3 completion percentage (659-1,151). McCarthy, who holds or shares 12 Bulldog passing marks, threw for over 2,700 yards in a single season three times, including a school-record 3,143 yards in 1998.

During his tenure as FSU's starting signal-caller, McCarthy helped lead the Bulldogs to two GLIAC Championship titles and a NCAA Division II Playoff appearance in 1996. As a senior in 1999, he was a Northeast Region candidate for the Harlon Hill Trophy, which is presented annually to the nation's top NCAA-II football player. The 1999 GLIAC Player of the Year, McCarthy

earned second-team All-America honors by *Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette* and *Daktronics, Inc.* while attaining first-team all-conference accolades.

A three-time GLIAC All-Academic pick, McCarthy received all-league honorable mention kudos in 1998 and was a second-team all-conference honoree in 1996. He earned his bachelor's degree in english education from FSU in 1999.

A 1993 honorable mention all-stater at Alma (Mich.) High School, McCarthy holds all of the school's career passing records with 4,000 yards and 42 TD's. A three-year team captain, McCarthy was a three-time all-conference selection. McCarthy and his wife, Lesley, have been married for five years. He's an American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) member.



**KEN CONLIN**  
 OFFENSIVE LINE/TE'S &  
 RECRUITING  
 COORDINATOR  
 (South Dakota, 1997)

**K**en Conlin embarks on his sixth season as a part of the Ferris State staff and will continue to oversee the offensive line and blocking tight ends. Conlin also has resumed the program's recruiting coordinator duties.

Under his guidance, Ferris has produced a 1,000-yard rusher in four of the last five years. He also has coached a pair of all-conference

tackles in Justin Giordano (2002) and Matt McCoy (2003), who's currently with the NFL's Detroit Lions.

Prior to FSU, Conlin spent three seasons (1997-99) as a graduate assistant coach at the University of South Dakota. He spent three years coaching the Coyotes' offensive linemen.

Conlin began coaching at his alma mater in 1997. A four-year letterwinner (1992-96) under former head coach Dennis Creehan, Conlin was a two-year (1995-96) starting offensive center. In 1995, the Coyotes posted an 8-3 overall record (6-3 NCC) which represented their best season performance in more than a decade. A native of Robinsdale, Minn., Conlin attained conference honorable mention all-academic laurels in 1996. He received a bachelor of science degree in

physical education from South Dakota in 1997 and earned a master of arts degree in physical education with an emphasis in athletic administration from USD in 1999.

In high school, Conlin was a two-year starter at offensive tackle for Osseo (Minn.) High School and garnered All-Lake Red Metro Conference accolades as a senior in 1992. He was a three-year (1990-92) participant in football and basketball.

The son of Bernie and Kathy Conlin of Brooklyn Park, Minn., Conlin is a member of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).

Conlin is married to the former Shawn Williams, daughter of FSU assistant coach Rick Williams. They have two children, a two-year old daughter (Riley) and a 10-month old son (Kyle).

**FERRIS STATE FOOTBALL FACILITIES**



**M**uscular strength, power and endurance are important to the success of any athletics team. The FSU varsity weight room plays a key role in the acquisition of these important qualities.

Located in the Ewigleben Sports Complex's lower level, the weight room is approximately 2,200 square feet in size and is open for use to all 15 varsity athletics teams. The varsity weight room houses over 20 pieces of weight lifting benches, racks and machines.

The FSU athletics department is committed to providing a safe and modern environment for its student-athletes to weight train in. The varsity weight room is organized to meet the standards of the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Over the last five years, nine pieces of equipment have been purchased along with a new set of quality dumbbells which top out at 140 pounds.

