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FERRIS STATE NAMES CAPTAINS OF 2002-03 HOCKEY TEAM

Senior Defenseman Troy Milam Selected Team Captain For Upcoming Season; Alternate Captains Also Named

Big Rapids, Mich. – Senior defenseman **Troy Milam (Lake Orion)** has been named captain of the Ferris State University men's ice hockey team for the 2002-03 season in an announcement made by 10th-year FSU head coach **Bob Daniels**.

Senior left wing **Chris Kunitz (Regina, Sask.)** and junior right wing **Derrick McIver (Thunder Bay, Ont.)** were chosen as the team's alternate captains. The Ferris State captains were selected upon the recommendation of their teammates.

Milam, who served as an assistant captain on the 2001-02 FSU squad, compiled 17 points on four goals and 13 assists to go with a plus eight plus/minus efficiency rating in 36 contests during the 2001-02 campaign. The three-year Bulldog letterwinner was a co-recipient of the team's Blue Line Competitive Award this season at the annual awards banquet held Saturday, April 13.

A 2002-03 All-America candidate, Kunitz earned All-Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) First-Team recognition as a result of totaling a personal career-high 38 points with 28 goals and 10 assists in 35 outings this season. He captured the CCHA goal-scoring champion title with 25 tallies (0.89 avg.) in 28 league contests this campaign and was twice recognized as the CCHA's Offensive Player of the Week (11/12 and 12/10). The Bulldog forward placed tied for third in league points with 33 total (25-8-33) and was Ferris State's CCHA Perani Cup Points Leader (35 points). Among the 2001-02 national leaders, Kunitz ranked fourth in goals per game (0.80 gpg.), tied for fourth in game-winning goals (six), tied for fifth in short-handed goals (four) and tied for 17th place in power play goals (nine).

McIver was fifth in team scoring this season with a personal career-high 23 points on 10 goals and 13 assists in 36 games. He earned CCHA All-Academic Honorable Mention honors and the Ferris State Scholar-Athlete Award in 2001-02 for his excellence both in the classroom and on the ice.

The Bulldogs concluded the 2001-02 campaign at 15-20-1 overall and finished with a ninth-place 12-15-1 mark (25 league points) in the CCHA.

Ferris State will unofficially start the 2002-03 season Saturday, Oct. 5, with a home exhibition contest against the University of Western Ontario Mustangs. Opening faceoff is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. (EDT) at FSU's R.L. Ewigleben (pronounced A-VAH-glave-in) Ice Arena in Big Rapids.

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