

BULLDOG COACHING STAFF



TERESA BEECKMAN Assistant Coach ♦ Second Season Saginaw Valley State, 2005

Theresa Beeckman begins her second season as an assistant volleyball coach at Ferris State in 2005 following four years as the head women's volleyball coach at Delta College

Hemlock (Mich.) High School in 2003-04 and 2004-05. A native of Bridgeport, Mich., Beeckman played collegiate softball for four seasons at Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) member Saginaw Valley State where she claimed All-GLIAC kudos as a catcher in 1997 and 1998. She was voted the team's Most Improved Player in 1996.

Prior to her stint at Delta, Beeckman served as the head volleyball coach at Saginaw (Mich.) Nouvel Catholic High School from 1995-2001 following one season as the program's junior varsity coach. Her other coaching experience includes two seasons (1999-00) as the head softball coach at her alma mater, Bridgeport High School, and one year (2000) as a volunteer assistant softball coach at SVSU.

A 1994 Bridgeport graduate, Beeckman competed in volleyball, softball, basketball and football as a prepster. She claimed softball team MVP Award laurels three times and was named to the *Saginaw News* All-Area Team twice along with being an All-Tri Valley Conference honoree.

Beeckman, who is single, is the daughter of Marjorie and Clement Beeckman and resides in Paris, Mich. She earned a bachelor's degree from SVSU in 2005 and is currently working on a master's degree at Ferris State.

in University Center, Mich.

The 30-year old Beeckman assists in all phases of the program including on-floor responsibilities, recruiting duties and administrative functions. She replaced Lee Anderson, who accepted a head coaching post at Glenville State (W.Va.) in July 2005.

Beeckman, who has significant camp coaching experience, guided Delta College to a 73-88 mark during her tenure, including a school-record 27 victories in 2004. Under her tutelage, the Pioneers posted the best three-year stretch in their history from 2002-04.

In addition to her head coaching duties, Beeckman served as DC's assistant athletics director for two years and was an assistant softball coach at the school for two years. She also was the head volleyball coach at



DALE WILHELM Volunteer Assistant Coach ♦ Third Season Ferris State, 1988

Dale Wilhelm is in his third season as a volunteer assistant coach at FSU.

Wilhelm, who's married to FSU head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, teaches electricity and electronics

at the Mecosta-Osceola Career Center. He also coaches prep volleyball at Chippewa Hills (Mich.) High School.

A Minneapolis, Minn., native, Wilhelm has coached high school, club, camps and collegiately for 19 years. In 17 years at the Michigan high school varsity level in Big Rapids, Reed City and Chippewa Hills, his teams

have won over 600 matches, 10 league titles, 10 district titles and two regional crowns. In 2000, his Reed City team was the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Class B State Runner-up.

Wilhelm has also coached junior varsity football along with serving as a mathematics instructor, athletics director and middle school assistant principal. Additionally, he's served as an elected board member of the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association (MIVCA) and as an appointed member of the MHSAA's Volleyball Committee.

A 1974 Minneapolis Southwest High School and a 1988 FSU graduate, Wilhelm served in the U.S. Navy as an electronics technician on board nuclear submarines, was a commissioned U.S. Army infantry officer and a design engineer before entering the education field.



KARLA FAIRBANKS Student Assistant Coach ♦ Second Season

Karla Fairbanks enters her second season as a student assistant coach at Ferris State and is no stranger to the Bulldog program following a stellar four-year playing career from 2001-04.

A 2004 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II All-America Second-Team honoree, Fairbanks concluded her career ranked third on Ferris'

all-time chart with 1,649 career kills. The 5-11 Fairbanks posted 20 or more kills in 15 of her last 23 appearances during the fall 2004 season while totaling a personal career-high 538 kills. She was 53 digs away from becoming only the sixth player in school history to record both 1,000 career kills and 1,000 career digs. In addition, Fairbanks netted 185 career service aces and presently ranks fourth on FSU's all-time list.

A two-time (2003-04) All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) First Team honoree, Fairbanks placed second overall among the league leaders in kills (4.85 kpg) and third in aces (0.59 apg) as a senior. She was named GLIAC North Division Player of the Week four times in 2004 and garnered NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region All-Tournament Team recognition. She previously was chosen as a 2003 AVCA Honorable Mention All-America pick.

The Rogers City native helped guide the Bulldogs to a 25-7 overall record during the 2004 campaign, including a second place 14-4 GLIAC North Division mark and the school's first-ever GLIAC Tournament title.

A 2001 graduate of Rogers City High School, Fairbanks has also served as the varsity head volleyball coach at Big Rapids (Mich.) High School the last two years. She was a two-time first-team all-state pick as a prepster and claimed team MVP Award laurels three consecutive years.

The daughter of Russell and Mary Fairbanks, Karla is currently finishing her degree in elementary education at Ferris State.

PAST ASSISTANT COACHES

LEE ANDERSON	2003-05
AIVARS APSITE	1979
JILL BEHRNS	2000-01
STEVE BELCHER	1989
BOB BOND	1991-93
MONICA FOLSKE	1983-84
TOM HANNA	1994-95
BETH LAUNIERE	1985-87
ANDREA LEONARD	1996-97
DIANE LUBBERTS	1988
J.J. O'CONNELL	1998-99
KIM REEFER	1990
JASON SMITH	2001-02
DOMINIC YODER	2000

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