



Theresa Beeckman Assistant Coach ♦ First Season Saginaw Valley State, 2005

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

in University Center, Mich. volleyball coach at Hemlock (Mich.) High School in the 2003-04 and 2004-05 athletics seasons.

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 Beeckman and resides in Paris, Mich. She earned a bachelor's degree from SVSU in 2005.

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

in University Center, Mich.

The 29-year old Beeckman will assist in all phases of the program including on-floor responsibilities, recruiting duties and administrative functions. She replaces 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 during the 2001 and 2003 seasons. She also was the head vol-

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Dale Wilhelm Volunteer Assistant Coach ♦ Second Season Ferris State, 1988

Dale Wilhelm is in his second 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 served as Reed City's head varsity volleyball coach from 1989-2003, guiding the Coyotes to eight district and league championships during his 13 seasons at the helm. In

2000, the Coyotes were the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Class B State Runner-up. His 493 victories at RCHS rank among the top 15 on the MHSAA's all-time list. In addition, Wilhelm coached the Coyotes' junior varsity football team from 1991-94 and was the school's athletics director for two years. He has extensive camp coaching experience and has worked FSU's summer camps since 1992.

A 1988 graduate of Ferris State, Wilhelm served in the U.S. Navy aboard a nuclear submarine for five years. He also was commissioned as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army. During his military days, Wilhelm competed for the U.S. Navy as a racquetball player and cross country runner in interservices competition.

Wilhelm graduated from Minneapolis Southwest High School in 1974.

Karla Fairbanks

Student Assistant Coach ♦ First Season

Karla Fairbanks enters her first season as a student assistant coach at Ferris State, but 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 also served as the varsity head volleyball coach at Big Rapids (Mich.) High School during the 2004-05 season. 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.