



Sophomore guard Michelle Welch returns for her second season at Ferris State.

### NCAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY

Ferris State reached the NCAA Division II Tournament for the first time in school history during the 1999-2000 campaign. The Bulldogs lost in the first round of the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament to the University of Missouri-St. Louis 90-77 at Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights, Ky. Junior center Tianna Kirkland led Ferris State with 18 points in front of a crowd of 312 people. Senior guard Carrie Roys had 13 rebounds for the Bulldogs.

The tournament was hosted by Northern Kentucky. The other schools participating in the regional tournament included Northern Michigan University, Gannon (Pa.) University and Michigan Tech University. Northern Kentucky won the regional championship and advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight with a 77-70 win over Northern Michigan.

### BULLDOG ACADEMIC INFORMATION

## Bulldogs Achieve Classroom Success

The Ferris State University women's basketball team has achieved success both on-the-court and in-the-classroom under head coach **Tracey Fisk**.

During the 1999-2000 campaign, the Bulldogs finished 22-7 and made their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

In the classroom, the squad was also very successful. The FSU women's basketball program recorded the nation's highest grade point average at the NCAA Division II level during the 1999-2000 campaign as recognized by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA).

The WBCA recognized the nation's highest NCAA Division I, II, III, junior/community colleges and NAIA programs based upon nominations submitted by WBCA-member coaches. Coach **Tracey Fisk** and the Ferris State squad topped the Division II Academic Top-25 Team Honor Roll list with an overall gpa of 3.534. Central Missouri State University finished second with a gpa of 3.50 and the University of Nebraska-Kearney was third at 3.494. Among the top 25 teams, Ferris State was the only Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) school represented on the list.

"I'm ecstatic and very proud of each of the players off of that team," Fisk said. "They set a goal at the beginning of the season to achieve a 3.4 gpa as a team and they exceeded that goal. We had such a variety of majors and they really did an excellent job of getting their work done."

Based out of Georgia, the WBCA has

over 4,500 members and was conceived as a vehicle through which members could be recognized and honored for their efforts and achievements. The WBCA awards program remains a well-known benefit of WBCA membership.

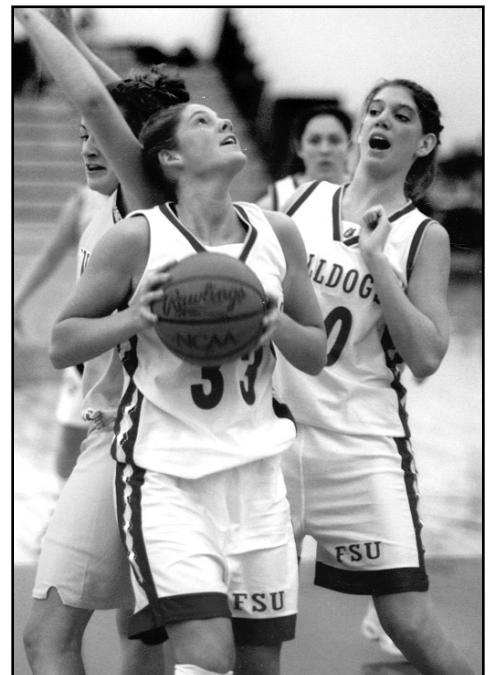
Founded in 1981, the WBCA promotes women's basketball by unifying coaches at all levels to develop a reputable identity for the sport. The organization also fosters and promotes the development of the game as an amateur sport for both women and girls at all levels.

The Ferris State women's basketball program didn't rest on its stellar 1999-2000 success. Several members of the 2000-01 squad were honored individually for their accomplishments in-the-classroom.

Five Bulldog players were recognized as 2000-01 GLIAC All-Academic selections. The list included departed seniors **Kerri Cannata** (Holland/West Ottawa), **Veronica Joseph** (St. John's, Antigua) and **Dana Bull** (Munster, Ind.). Also included on the list were current seniors **Debbie Killips** (Shelby) and **Patti Larson** (Kalkaska).

In addition to being a GLIAC All-Academic pick last season, Killips was also honored as a Verizon All-Academic District IV College Division pick and was named to the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Athletic/Academic Honor Team.

During the Tracey Fisk era, the Bulldog women's basketball team has achieved success in more ways than one.



Sophomores Stephanie Benear (33) and Bridget Horwitz have helped Ferris State achieve success both on-the-court and in-the-classroom.

