

## FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

### FSU's GPA Ranks In Top 25 Again

The Ferris State women's basketball team has achieved success in more ways than one under seventh-year head coach **Tracey Fisk**.

The 2003-04 Bulldog squad was honored for having the nation's 17th-highest cumulative grade point average in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Division II Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll list. It marks the fifth consecutive year Ferris has placed among the nation's top 25 academic teams.

The Bulldogs compiled a 3.384 grade point average in 2003-04. Drury (Mo.) posted a 3.820 team gpa en route to receiving first-place accolades. FSU was one of two Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC)-member institutions ranking in the top 25 along with Findlay, which placed second (3.676).

The Bulldogs, who previously compiled the nation's highest gpa (3.534) in 1999-00, also finished 21st (3.313) in 2001-02 and were 20th (3.388) for the 2000-01 academic year. Ferris' 3.604 gpa in 2002-03 placed second and also represented the fifth-best figure among teams from both the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Divisions I, II and III levels along with those representing National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) institutions.

The WBCA Top 25 Team Honor Roll list annually recognizes the nation's highest NCAA Divisions I, II, III, junior/community colleges and NAIA academic team programs based upon nominations submitted by WBCA-member head coaches. The gpa's were calculated by dividing the total number of quality points earned by each student-athlete on an institution's squad list in the given academic term by the total number of hours earned by the team. They were then rounded to the nearest thousandth of a point.

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. Founded in 1981, the WBCA promotes women's basketball by unifying coaches at all levels to develop and promote the development of the game in all of its aspects as a sport.

Seven Bulldog players were honored individually as 2003-04 GLIAC Women's Basketball All-Academic Team selections. They included senior forward Stephanie Benaar, senior guard Lucy DeMartin, junior forward Sarah Duesing, sophomore forward Kelly McLaughlin, sophomore guard Erin Miller, sophomore forward Darcie Philp and senior forward/center Molly Potvin.

## NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship

### FORMER BULLDOG PLAYER FSU'S FIRST HONOREE

Former Bulldog women's basketball player Debbie Killips was awarded the school's first-ever National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Postgraduate Scholarship at the conclusion of the 2001-02 campaign.

A first-team 2001-02 Verizon Women's Basketball College Division Academic All-America selection, Killips received a one-time, non-renewable grant to continue her education in FSU's College of Optometry program. She was one of 11 student-athletes selected to receive the prestigious award.

To qualify for an NCAA postgraduate scholarship, a student-athlete must have an overall grade point average of 3.20 (on a 4.00 scale). Eligibility was restricted to student-athletes at NCAA member institutions, who in their final year of competition, performed with distinction as a member of the varsity team in the sport for which they were nominated. The student-athlete must have behaved, both on and off the field, in a manner that brought credit to the student-athlete, the institution and intercollegiate athletics.

A three-time All-GLIAC pick, Killips received FSU's 2001-02 Most Valuable Player Award. She concluded her career as the school's all-time steals leader (322) and placed third in assists (429). She tallied 1,042 career points in a school-record 110 career outings (9.5 ppg) at FSU.



**The 2004-05 Bulldogs (above) will attempt to live up to the program's lofty expectations in the classroom.**

**NCAA Division II  
Great Lakes Region  
Tournament  
1999-00 & 2003-04**

**NCAA-II's Highest  
Team Grade Point  
Average  
1999-2000**

**GLIAC Tournament  
Quarterfinalists  
2000-2004**

**WBCA Division II  
Team Academic  
Top 25 Honor Roll  
1999-2004**

**GLIAC Tournament  
Runner-Up  
1999-00 & 2003-04**

