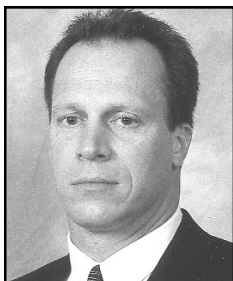


## ASSISTANT COACHES



**DUANE WILSON**  
ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/  
DEFENSIVE  
COORDINATOR/  
LINEBACKERS  
(Western Michigan,  
1983)

Duane Wilson has become an integral part of Ferris State's success ever since his arrival in August 1990.

Wilson was promoted to defensive coordinator in the fall of 1995 and assumed responsibilities of assistant head coach five seasons ago. This campaign will mark his fourth as FSU's linebackers coach.

Wilson, who also serves as the program's strength and conditioning coordinator, has spent the last 12 years

coaching the defensive line. Under his guidance, the Bulldogs have ranked annually among the conference's top defensive units. Last year, FSU was first among the conference leaders in both total defense and pass defense for the second consecutive season.

Wilson has coached a number of standout defensive linemen at FSU, including seven All-Americans. This last season, end Dave Zuiderveen garnered All-America honors and inked a National Football League (NFL) free-agent rookie contract with the Atlanta Falcons. Perhaps the most notable linemen coached by Wilson is tackle Ed Philion (1993), who's currently playing in the Canadian Football League (CFL) following a four-year NFL career. Under Wilson's tutelage, the Bulldogs' four-man front has averaged around 35 sacks a year since 1992.

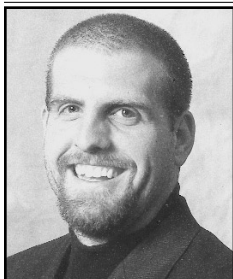
Wilson played three years as a lineman in the U.S. Football League with the Oklahoma and then Arizona Outlaws after concluding an out-

standing playing and coaching career at Western Michigan University. He was the Broncos' "Most Improved Player," a team captain and a first-team Mid-American Conference lineman during his gridiron career. Afterwards, Wilson remained at WMU, serving as a graduate assistant coach for two years and coaching the offensive tackles for WMU's MAC championship team and 1988 California Bowl participant.

He holds a bachelor's degree in physical education/coaching and a master's in athletic administration from Western.

Wilson, 42, coached varsity football at his alma mater, Burton (Mich.) Bentley High School, for three years and guided the Bulldogs to a 9-1 season in 1987. He was an all-league performer in football, basketball, and baseball at Bentley High.

Wilson, an American Football Coaches Association member, has a daughter, Rachael (9) and is engaged to Wendy Hargrove.



**MATT MCCARTHY**  
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/  
QB'S/WR'S/RB'S  
(Ferris State, 1999)

Matt McCarthy returns for his third year at Ferris State and second as offensive coordinator following his promotion in February 2001. He previously instructed the wide receiving corps in the 2000 season.

McCarthy, who will also work with the quarterbacks, wide receivers and running backs, concluded a stellar playing career at Ferris three

seasons ago (1999). The 1999 All-American finished his career as the school's all-time passing leader with 8,669 career yards to go along with 68 career touchdowns on a 57.3 completion percentage (659-1,151). McCarthy, who holds or shares 13 Bulldog passing marks, threw for over 2,700 yards in a single season three times, including a school-record 3,143 yards in 1998.

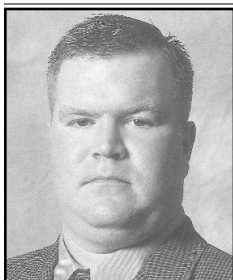
During his tenure as FSU's starting signal-caller, McCarthy helped lead the Bulldogs to two GLIAC Championship titles and a NCAA Division II Playoff appearance in 1996. As a senior in 1999, he was a Northeast Region candidate for the Harlon Hill Trophy, which is presented annually to the nation's top NCAA-II football player. The 1999 GLIAC Player of the Year, McCarthy earned second-team All-America honors by *Dorr*

*Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette* and *Daktronics, Inc.* while attaining first-team all-conference accolades.

A three-time GLIAC All-Academic pick, McCarthy received all-league honorable mention kudos in 1998 and was a second-team all-conference honoree in 1996. He earned his bachelor's degree in english education from FSU in 1999.

A 1993 honorable mention all-stater at Alma (Mich.) High School, McCarthy holds all of the school's career passing records with 4,000 yards and 42 TD's. A three-year team captain, McCarthy was a three-time all-conference selection.

McCarthy, 26, and his wife, Lesley, reside in Big Rapids. He's an American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) member.



**KEN CONLIN**  
OFFENSIVE LINE/  
RECRUITING COORDINATOR  
(South Dakota, 1997)

Ken Conlin begins his third season as a part of the Bulldog staff and will oversee the offensive line while also serving as the program's recruiting coordinator.

Prior to FSU, Conlin spent three seasons (1997-99) as a graduate assistant coach at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D.

The 28-year old Conlin spent three

years coaching USD's offensive linemen. In the 1999 season, the Coyotes registered a 4-7 overall record, including a 3-6 mark in the highly-competitive North Central Conference (NCC).

Conlin began his coaching career at his alma mater in 1997 upon conclusion of his playing career at USD. A four-year letterwinner (1992-96) under former head coach Dennis Creehan, Conlin was a two-year (1995-96) starting offensive center. In 1995, the Coyotes posted an 8-3 overall record (6-3 NCC) which represented their best season performance in more than a decade. A native of Robinsdale, Minn., Conlin attained conference honorable mention all-academic laurels in 1996. He received a bachelor of science degree in physical education from South Dakota in 1997 and earned a master of arts degree in physical

education with an emphasis in athletic administration from USD in 1999.

In high school, Conlin was a two-year starter at offensive tackle for Osseo (Minn.) High School and garnered All-Lake Red Metro Conference accolades as a senior in 1992. He was a three-year (1990-92) participant in both football and basketball while competing two seasons (1990-91) in baseball.

The son of Bernie and Kathy Conlin of Brooklyn Park, Minn., Conlin is a member of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).

Conlin married the former Shawn Williams, daughter of FSU assistant coach Rick Williams, on July 6, 2002. The couple resides in Big Rapids.

## FERRIS STATE FOOTBALL FACILITIES



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