Mark Kaufman will be embarking on his second stint with the Bulldogs after being named assistant coach at Ferris in July 2006. Kaufman, who was an assistant at Ferris State from 1992-94 under Daniels, will be involved in all facets of the program with specific emphasis on coaching the defensemen, recruiting, and player strength and conditioning.

"I'm extremely excited to get a coach with Mark's experience and knowledge," said Daniels. "We, as a program, are fortunate in that Mark has worked both at the college and professional levels. His experience at the NHL (National Hockey League) level with the San Jose Sharks will pay dividends with our players. Kaufman has spent the last two seasons (2003-05) as head coach and general manager of the United States Hockey League's (USHL) Sioux Falls (Iowa) Stampede after serving as the director of hockey operations and head coach of the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Wings in 2000.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Kaufman spent 1998-02 with the Richmond (Va.) Renegades of the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL) as the organization's head coach/director of hockey operations. He was chosen as co-coach of the 1999-00 Northern Conference All-Star Team. In the 1998-99 season, Richmond was Kelley Cup Playoff finalists and playoff champions of the Northern Conference.

Following his two seasons (1992-94) at Ferris State, Kaufman served as an assistant coach for the International Hockey League's (IHL) Kansas City (Mo.) Blades in the 1994-95 campaign. He helped the Blades become a Turner Cup Playoff finalist and win an Eastern Conference Playoff title. The following season (1995-96), Kaufman moved up to the NHL ranks with the San Jose Sharks in an assistant coaching capacity. He then spent two seasons (1996-98) as an assistant with the Kentucky Thoroughblades of the American Hockey League (AHL).

Kaufman arrived at Ferris State in Bob Daniels' first season (1992-93) as head coach and the Bulldogs went on to register a 21-16-4 overall record and compete in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) Championships. He then was promoted as the top assistant on Daniels' staff for the 1993-94 campaign.

Prior to Ferris, Kaufman was the general manager and head coach of the USHL's Rochester (Minn.) Mustangs where he compiled a 116-95-7 record and coached the 1989-90 team to its third Junior A national championship. He coordinated all of the scheduling, budgeting, recruiting, game staging, off-ice training, housing, fund raising and public relations at Rochester.

From 1986-88, Kaufman served as an assistant coach for U.S. International University, a former NCAA Division I independent located in San Diego, Calif. His responsibilities included monitoring the academic progress of the student-athletes, admissions, housing and the administration of financial aid.

Kaufman was head coach of the Redford (Mich.) Junior B team in 1984-85 and guided the Royals to both league and playoff championship titles. He was also an assistant coach for the USA Hockey Junior Olympic Festival in Lake Placid, N.Y. in 1992.

As a collegian, Kaufman earned a bachelor's degree in urban planning from Michigan State University in 1984. He skated for the Spartan hockey team from 1979-82 and was a teammate of Daniels. In 1987, Kaufman received his master's degree in physical education at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He was a graduate assistant coach for the RedHawks during the 1985-86 season.

A 1979 graduate of Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, Kaufman competed in ice hockey as a prepost. The son of Eugene and Jean Kaufman of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mark is married to the former Catherine Peacock and the couple has a 12-year old son (Brett). The family resides in Portage, Mich. Kaufman is a member of the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHA).

Dave Cencer embarks on his second full season with the Ferris State University men's ice hockey in 2006-07 and will serve as both the program's director of hockey operations and video coordinator.

Cencer served as a volunteer/administrative assistant within the Bulldogs' program for the 2005-06 season.

"We are thrilled to have Dave Cencer on our staff full time," said Bob Daniels. "We're fortunate in that Dave brings many talents to this job such as video coordinator and strength coach. Moreover, Dave is extremely organized and hard working which serves him well in the capacity of Director of Hockey Operations ."

Cencer, a native of Big Rapids, Mich., will continue to be responsible for all video breakdown using the new state-of-the-art digital video computer-editing system which includes live breakdown during all games. He will coordinate the Bulldogs' off-ice strength and conditioning programs in addition to involvement in game preparation, scouting, and assisting with administrative duties.

Cencer is certainly no stranger to the Ferris State Hockey program having spent two seasons (2003-04 and 2004-05) doing video work for the Bulldogs on a voluntary basis. He served as an instructor at the Ferris State Hockey Skills Center during the last two summers (2005 and 2006) and is active as a goaltending coach in the Big Rapids Area Junior Hockey Association (BRAJHA).

Cencer received a degree in Communications Arts from Franciscan University (Ohio) in 2003 and also studied at Northern Michigan from 1999-01.

He is a 1999 graduate of Big Rapids (Mich.) High School and a resident of Big Rapids.

Cencer enjoys running, weightlifting and reading. One of his greatest athletic accomplishments was besting former Ferris State assistant coach Derek Lalonde in a triathlon.

Ferris State Hockey's 2006-07 Television Schedule

Ferris State will continue to receive exposure as the Bulldogs are scheduled to appear at least seven times on television during the 2006-07 regular season.

Ferris will be appearing three times on FSN Detroit as the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's (CCHA) "Game of the Week" during the regular season. A highlight will be FSN Detroit's appearance to FSU's Ewigleben Ice Arena in mid-February for the second straight year following a 20-year absence. FSN Detroit will also televise both the league tournament's semifinal-round games and the Mason Cup championship contest from Detroit's Joe Louis Arena. FSN Detroit's coverage of the CCHA also includes the new "CCHA All-Access," a 30-minute weekly show debuting in January 2007 and providing in-depth coverage of the CCHA. FSN North will air the University of Minnesota's second-round contest at the Dodge Holiday Classic College Sports Television (CSTV) and Comcast Local will feature the Bulldogs in 2007. Ferris Television will showcase two Bulldog home outings in November on a tape-delay basis. The 2006-07 schedule is as follows:

- Nov. 10 – Michigan State (Ferris Television)
- Nov. 17 – Michigan (Ferris Television)
- Dec. 30 – @Dodge Holiday Classic (FSN North)
- Jan. 26 – @Michigan (CSTV)
- Jan. 27 – @Michigan (FSN Detroit)