Big Rapids, Mich. – Senior defenseman Troy Milam (Lake Orion) has been named captain of the Ferris State University men’s ice hockey team for the 2002-03 season in an announcement made by 10th-year FSU head coach Bob Daniels.

Senior left wing Chris Kunitz (Regina, Sask.) and junior right wing Derrick McIver (Thunder Bay, Ont.) were chosen as the team’s alternate captains. The Ferris State captains were selected upon the recommendation of their teammates.

Milam, who served as an assistant captain on the 2001-02 FSU squad, compiled 17 points on four goals and 13 assists to go with a plus eight plus/minus efficiency rating in 36 contests during the 2001-02 campaign. The three-year Bulldog letterwinner was a co-recipient of the team’s Blue Line Competitive Award this season at the annual awards banquet held Saturday, April 13.

A 2002-03 All-America candidate, Kunitz earned All-Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) First-Team recognition as a result of totaling a personal career-high 38 points with 28 goals and 10 assists in 35 outings this season. He captured the CCHA goal-scoring champion title with 25 tallies (0.89 avg.) in 28 league contests this campaign and was twice recognized as the CCHA’s Offensive Player of the Week (11/12 and 12/10). The Bulldog forward placed tied for third in league points with 33 total (25-8–33) and was Ferris State’s CCHA Perani Cup Points Leader (35 points). Among the 2001-02 national leaders, Kunitz ranked fourth in goals per game (0.80 gpg.), tied for fourth in game-winning goals (six), tied for fifth in short-handed goals (four) and tied for 17th place in power play goals (nine).

McIver was fifth in team scoring this season with a personal career-high 23 points on 10 goals and 13 assists in 36 games. He earned CCHA All-Academic Honorable Mention honors and the Ferris State Scholar-Athlete Award in 2001-02 for his excellence both in the classroom and on the ice.

The Bulldogs concluded the 2001-02 campaign at 15-20-1 overall and finished with a ninth-place 12-15-1 mark (25 league points) in the CCHA.

Ferris State will unofficially start the 2002-03 season Saturday, Oct. 5, with a home exhibition contest against the University of Western Ontario Mustangs. Opening faceoff is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. (EDT) at FSU’s R.L. Ewigleben (pronounced A-VAH-glave-in) Ice Arena in Big Rapids.

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