service aces and presently ranks fourth on FSU’s all-time list. Fairbanks career kills and 1,000 career digs. In addition, Fairbanks netted 185 career all-time chart with 1,649 career kills. The 5-11 Fairbanks posted 20 or more kills in 15 of her last 23 appearances during the fall 2004 season while totaling a personal career-high 538 kills. She was 53 digs away from becoming only the sixth player in school history to record both 1,000 career kills and 1,000 career digs. In addition, Fairbanks netted 185 career service aces and presently ranks fourth on FSU’s all-time list.

in University Center, Mich. The 30-year old Beeckman assists in all phases of the program including on-floor responsibilities, recruiting duties and administrative functions. She replaced Lee Anderson, who accepted a head coaching post at Glenville State (W.Va.) in July 2005.

Beeckman, who has significant camp coaching experience, guided Delta College to a 73-88 mark during her tenure, including a school-record 27 victories in 2004. Under her tutelage, the Pioneers posted the best three-year stretch in their history from 2002-04.

In addition to her head coaching duties, Beeckman served as DC’s assistant athletics director for two years and was an assistant softball coach at the school for two years. She also was the head volleyball coach at

DALE WILHELM
Volunteer Assistant Coach ◆ Third Season
Ferris State, 1988

Dale Wilhelm is in his third season as a volunteer assistant coach at FSU. Wilhelm, who’s married to FSU head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, teaches electricity and electronics at the Mecosta-Osceola Career Center. He also coaches prep volleyball at Chippewa Hills (Mich.) High School.

A Minneapolis, Minn., native, Wilhelm has coached high school, club, camps and collegiately for 19 years. In 17 years at the Michigan high school varsity level in Big Rapids, Reed City and Chippewa Hills, his teams have won over 600 matches, 10 league titles, 10 district titles and two regional crowns. In 2000, his Reed City team was the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Class B State Runner-up.

Wilhelm has also coached junior varsity football along with serving as a mathematics instructor, athletics director and middle school assistant principal. Additionally, he’s served as an elected board member of the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association (MIVCA) and as an appointed member of the MHSAA’s Volleyball Committee.

A 1974 Minneapolis Southwest High School graduate, Wilhelm served in the U.S. Navy as an electronics technician on board nuclear submarines, was a commissioned U.S. Army infantry officer and a design engineer before entering the education field.

KARLA FAIRBANKS
Assistant Coach ◆ Second Season
Saginaw Valley State, 2005

A two-time (2003-04) All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) First Team honoree, Fairbanks placed second overall among the league leaders in kills (4.85 kpg) and third in aces (0.59 apg) as a senior. She was named GLIAC North Division Player of the Week four times in 2004 and garnered NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region All-Tournament Team recognition. She previously was chosen as a 2003 AVCA Honorable Mention All-America pick.

The Rogers City native helped guide the Bulldogs to a 25-7 overall record during the 2004 campaign, including a second place 14-4 GLIAC North Division mark and the school’s first-ever GLIAC Tournament title.

A 2001 graduate of Rogers City High School, Fairbanks has also served as the varsity head volleyball coach at Big Rapids (Mich.) High School the last two years. She was a two-time first-team all-state pick as a prepster and claimed team MVP Award laurels three consecutive years.

The daughter of Russell and Mary Fairbanks, Karla is currently finishing her degree in elementary education at Ferris State.