Cory Anderson, brother of current FSU men's basketball player Adam Anderson, begins his third season as a full-time assistant men's basketball coach at Ferris State.

Prior to becoming a full-time assistant under head coach Edgar Wilson, Anderson was a student assistant during the 1998-99 campaign. As an assistant, Anderson is involved with all phases of the basketball program. He assists in the day-to-day operations of the program and is involved with both the coaching and administrative aspects of Bulldog basketball.

Anderson, a two-year (1996-98) letterwinner for the Bulldogs, was one of three team captains for the Bulldogs as a senior. In 1997-98, he helped the squad to its first-ever GLIAC Tournament title, an appearance in the NCAA Tournament and first 20-win season in nine years. He averaged 6.2 points and 4.4 rebounds per game and was one of two players to start every contest.

During his two seasons with the Bulldogs, Anderson started 47-consecutive games. He finished his career with 343 points and 248 rebounds.

Anderson spent two seasons (1994-96) with Calvin College prior to joining FSU. While with the Knights, he averaged 6.8 points and 5.1 rebounds per game.

A 1994 graduate of Kent City High School, Anderson was a two-time all-state selection in basketball and football.

Cory Anderson
Assistant Coach (Ferris State, 1999)

Brian Wood is in his second season as an assistant men’s basketball coach at Ferris State University.

An adjunct professor of teacher education at Ferris State, Wood has a strong coaching background. Prior to his arrival at Ferris State, the Vestaburg, Mich., native taught and coached in several Michigan high school systems.

After playing baseball and graduating from Alma College in 1973 with a degree in History, Wood coached 18 basketball teams on several different levels over an eight-year period at Fairview Area Schools.

In 1980, Wood served as a graduate assistant baseball coach at Michigan State University while working on his masters degree in curriculum and instruction. From 1982 to 1985, Wood was a graduate assistant football coach and worked with the quarterbacks at Michigan State under Muddy Waters and George Perles. He earned a Ph.D. in Curriculum, Teaching and Educational Policy at Michigan State in 1987.

Wood graduated from Kent City High School, competed in football, basketball, baseball and track and field during his high school career. He earned All-Motor Valley Conference recognition twice in both football and basketball.

As an assistant coach, Wood assists with both administrative and on-floor coaching duties.

The 50-year-old Wood is married to the former Kellye Price and has one son, T.J. Wood lists fly fishing as his interest.

Brian Wood
Assistant Coach (Alma, 1973)

A former Bulldog men's basketball player, Dennis Smolinski is in his first season as a student assistant coach at Ferris State University.

A native of Rogers City, Mich., Smolinski scored 155 points and grabbed 116 boards in two seasons with the Bulldogs (1999-01). As a senior during the 2000-01 campaign, the 6-7 forward started 17 games and averaged 4.5 points per game while attaining GLIAC All-Academic accolades. Smolinski also earned the FSU Coaches Award and Bulldog Senior Award last year for his contributions to the men’s basketball program.

In his first season with the Bulldogs (1999-00), Smolinski saw action in 24 contests. He averaged 2.2 points per game and 2.2 rebounds per contest in 286 minutes of action.

Prior to his arrival at Ferris State, Smolinski played two seasons of junior college basketball at Alpena Community College where he received academic all-conference accolades twice and was a 1999 Academic All-America selection.

A 1996 graduate of Rogers City High School, Smolinski averaged 19 points, 13 rebounds and three blocks per game as a senior. He earned third-team Detroit News and fourth-team Detroit Free Press all-state honors in his final campaign. Smolinski also lettered three years in golf.

Smolinski is the son of Jan and Paul Smolinski of Rogers City. He resides in Big Rapids and is completing his degree in computer information systems/management at Ferris State.

Dennis Smolinski
Student Assistant Coach (Ferris State, 1999)