



In his work as athletics director, Johnson was highly active in national and state governing bodies. Among others, his extensive administrative experiences included being president of the Kentucky High School Athletics Association Board of Control; chairman of the KHSAA executive committee; member of the National Federation of State High School Associations Board of Control; president of the National Federation of State High School Associations; and member of two NCAA/high school joint committees.

Johnson's classroom work also was recognized when he was a finalist for the National Teacher of the Year in 1996. Prior to his stint at Harrodsburg, Johnson taught and coached football, track, and wrestling for three years at Christian County (Ky.) High School. Johnson holds a bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University and a master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University.

Alvis and his wife, Rosetta, have two sons - Derrick and Dennis, who plays defensive end for the Arizona Cardinals of the NFL.



Micki King

*Assistant Athletics Director/
Senior Women's Administrator*

In her 11th year with the UK Athletics Association, Micki King is an Assistant Athletics Director and the Senior Women's Administrator.

King, who previously held the title of Special Assistant to the A.D., oversees the sports of women's basketball, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's tennis, volleyball, rifle, cheerleaders and pom squad. For the past two years, she also managed all marketing efforts for the women's basketball team while serving as game director for all home contests.

A native of Pontiac, Mich., King served 26 years in the United States Air Force before retiring with the rank of colonel in 1992. During her years of service, King had assignments in Michigan, Arizona, California, Washington, Colorado, Kentucky, and Germany. In 1973, King was the first woman to teach physical education and coach at a military academy when she served at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

An accomplished diver, King attended the University of Michigan and graduated in 1966.

She won the gold medal for springboard diving in the 1972 Olympic Games. Four years earlier, she just missed a gold medal when a freak accident in the finals of the '68 Olympics dropped her from first to fourth in the standings. During her illustrious career, she also competed in two Pan American Games, won 10 U. S. national championships, and won international diving honors in 15 countries. She is an inductee in seven Halls of Fame, including the prestigious United States Olympic Hall of Fame.

After her diving career, King turned to coaching at the Air Force Academy in 1973-77. After assignments in Arizona and Germany, King returned to the Academy in 1983 and was named assistant athletics director and diving coach. During this stint, she was named NCAA Division II Coach of the Year three times. King's divers won 11 All-America honors and two claimed national titles. In 1988, King traveled to the Seoul Games as a staff member of the U. S. Olympic diving team and served in the same capacity in the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta. She attended the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney on behalf of the U.S. Olympic Committee, her eighth appearance at the summer games as either a participant or staff member.

King resides in Lexington with her children, Michelle and Kevin.



Joe Sharpe

*Assistant Athletics Director/
Tickets*

After more than two years as the Director of Ticket Operations at the University of Washington, Joe Sharpe joined the athletics staff at the University of Kentucky in September. For the Wildcats, Sharpe serves as the Assistant Director of Athletics for tickets. He helps manage a department that has 46,000 season football tickets and 16,000 season basketball tickets while overseeing the distribution of Blue-White, season, student and single-game ticketing for a 22-sport varsity program.

Sharpe, 37, has extensive experience in collegiate athletics. At Washington, he was responsible for all aspects of ticketing for Husky sporting events, including the distribution of 65,000 season tickets for Husky football. He was instrumental in the development of Web ticketing for the Huskies, which debuted in late August.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Florida State and began his athletics career at his alma mater. He later served as assistant ticket manager at Fresno State and as the director of ticket operations for Tallahassee of the East Coast Hockey League. Before joining Washington, he worked as director of ticket operations at Oregon State.

Sharpe, a native of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., is married to the former Lisa Hart of Rochester, N.Y.



Rodney Stiles

*Assistant Director of Athletics/
Event Manager*

Rodney Stiles is in his 16th season with the Athletics Association, his third as an Assistant Athletics Director for event management.

Stiles oversees the administrative manage-

ment function for varsity events and selected non-university events. He supervises facility management at Commonwealth Stadium and serves as game manager for all home football games. His duties also include coordinating special events at the Stadium, supervising all concessions and managing Wildcat Village. He serves as the Association's liaison to the lettermen's association, all UK football alumni events, and the Bluegrass State Games.

Previously, as Director of Administrative Services, Stiles supervised the maintenance, scheduling and operations of Memorial Coliseum. He also managed the student ticket distribution for all men's basketball and football games, coordinated football parking and oversaw transportation needs for all Olympic sports programs at UK.

A native of Campbellsville, Ky., Stiles was a walk-on kicker on the UK football team from 1977-80. He earned his undergraduate degree in 1981 and his master's in 1986 after joining Jerry Claiborne's football staff as a graduate assistant coach in 1983.

He was hired full-time by UKAA in 1987 as Athletics Relations Coordinator and he handled student tickets and facility management. Stiles is married to Kelly Higgins Stiles of Richmond, Ky., a former UK varsity cheerleader.



Rena Vicini

*Assistant Director of Athletics/
Publications*

Rena Vicini is in her 22nd year with the University of Kentucky Athletics Association, her second as the Assistant Athletics Director for Publications.

Prior to her current position, Vicini served as the Assistant Athletics Director for Media Relations from 1993 through 2001. She directed the public relations efforts for UK's 22 varsity men's and women's sports. She had also served as the Associate Director for Communications at UK from July 1991 until her promotion in '93.

Through the years, Vicini has won numerous awards in publications contests sponsored by the College Sports Information Directors of America. In 1994, she authored a national-selling true crime book. She also taught a class at UK on sports media relations in the spring semester of 1996.

She worked as a sportswriter and reporter before joining the UK staff in 1981. Vicini, a 1977 graduate of Kentucky, worked as a reporter for the *Harlan Daily Enterprise*, as a sportswriter for the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, and as a sportswriter/columnist for the *Lexington Herald-Leader*.

Vicini, a native of Lynch, came to the UK Athletics Association in 1981 as Assistant Sports Information Director under then-SID Russell Rice. She had worked as Assistant SID until a promotion to Associate SID in 1991.

