

Head Coach **Charlie Coles**



The Coles File

Personal Data

Born Charles Leroy Coles on Feb. 6, 1942 in Springfield, Ohio ... wife Delores ... son Chris (33) and daughter Mary (28).

Education

Yellow Springs (Ohio) Bryan H.S., 1959 ... B.A. in physical education from Miami University, 1965.

Playing Experience/Honors

Led the state of Ohio with a 42.1 scoring average as a senior at Yellow Springs Bryan High School ... three-year letterwinner at Miami, 1963-65 seasons ... earned second-team all-MAC honors as a junior and senior ... led team with .503 field goal mark as a junior ... scored 1,096 career points, averaging 15.4 points per game ... had high school jersey number retired.

Coaching Experience/Honors

Assistant coach, Sycamore (Ohio) High School, 1967-68 seasons ... assistant coach, Springfield (Ohio) Shawnee High School, 1968-69 seasons ... head coach, Yellow Springs (Ohio) High School, 1970-72 seasons ... head coach, Saginaw (Mich.) High School, 1973-82 seasons ... three-time Michigan High School Coach of the Year ... assistant coach, University of Detroit, 1983-85 seasons ... head coach, Central Michigan University, 1986-91 seasons ... 1987 MAC Coach of the Year ... head coach, Toledo Central Catholic High School, 1993-94 seasons ... assistant coach, Miami University, 1995-96 seasons .. head coach, Miami University, 1997 season-present.

Truly the Bill Cosby of college basketball, you would be hard pressed to find anybody who more embodies the spirit of the sport than Miami University head coach Charlie Coles. The seventh-year RedHawk mentor has a unique flare for combining his fiercely competitive nature with father-figure attributes and his always-effervescent personality, which makes him one of the most popular sideline generals around the Mid-American Conference.

Never without a fitting anecdote, which neatly interweaves an explanation to a situation or answer to a question with an entertaining tale, Coles' zest for life and for basketball have kept him in the game, despite the odds.

Following the near loss of his life in March of 1998 due to a cardiac arrest, some people said Coles should retire and take care of his health. Obviously, those individuals have not had the fortune of meeting the witty and charismatic Miami mentor.

Coles, who turns 61-years old in February, has a burning passion and love for the game, which is centered around helping and developing young men, both on and off the basketball court. Once physicians told Coles he was physically prepared to handle the rigors of college coaching, there was no doubt in his mind he would be back on the sidelines.

Fortunately for Coles and Miami, he came back to guide the RedHawks through a magical season (1998-99), which culminated with an NCAA Sweet 16 berth. One year after his near-death experience, Miami won two NCAA tournament games for the first time in school history and reached the third round before falling to defending national champion Kentucky in front of 42,000-plus spectators at St. Louis' Trans World Dome. The RedHawks' earlier NCAA wins over Washington and Utah catapulted Miami onto sports pages and publications across the country, including the cover of *Sports Illustrated*.

Along the way, Miami won its 20th Mid-American Conference regular-season championship en route to a school-record-tying 24 season victories (24-8). Miami also earned its highest national ranking in 20 years, finishing the season with the No. 20 spot in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches' poll.

While the RedHawks have been unable to duplicate their championship success of 1999 the past three seasons, Coles continues to work his "March Magic." Under Coles, Miami recorded a league-best five straight MAC Championship game appearances (1997-2001), despite respective No. 9 and No. 8 seedings in 2000 and 2001. Coles is the only coach in the history of the MAC Tournament to lead his school to the championship game five consecutive years.

Because of his continued successes at Miami, former director of athletics Joel Maturi twice rewarded Coles with contract extensions. In the spring of 1999, Coles signed a five-year deal taking him through 2003-04. The recent extension signed in the spring of 2002 lengthened his existing contract through the 2005-06 season, which is Miami's 100th year of men's basketball.

"Charlie is the type of quality person every institution wants guiding their program, and I'm



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thrilled he will continue to lead Miami's," said Maturi. "Although the 2001-02 season may not have turned out the way we wanted it to, I know that Charlie's competitive drive and love for his alma mater and his student-athletes will get Miami's men's basketball program back to the tradition of excellence for which it is noted and that Charlie has been so much a part of."

Coles owns a 107-78 record over six years as the RedHawks' mentor and ranks third at Miami in wins and sixth for winning percentage (.578). During his Miami stint, Coles—who is noted for annually putting together one of the nation's top non-conference schedules—owns six of the program's 26 triumphs over ranked opponents, equaled only by long-time head coach Darrell Hedric. He also has won two MAC regular-season crowns (1997 and 1999), while making appearances in the championship game of the MAC Tournament his first five years. The RedHawks won the league's tourney title in 1997.

Coles directed his first Miami squad to a 21-9 record and the 1997 NCAA Tournament. He became just the second coach in Miami history to lead his team to the MAC title, 20 or more wins and the NCAA Tournament in his first season (Hedric is the other). The 21 victories were the most in school history by a first-year coach.

In 1997-98, despite fielding an inexperienced squad that was decimated with injuries and other assorted setbacks, Coles guided the RedHawks to the championship game of the MAC Tournament. Miami entered the league tournament as the seventh seed. The next two years, Miami produced 15-15 and 17-16 records, respectively. Although the RedHawks fell short of their sixth consecutive MAC title game appearance in 2002, falling in the quarterfinal round, Miami produced some highlights along the way. The RedHawks, who finished the season 13-18, upended No. 10 Boston College in the first round of the Hawai'i Rainbow Classic, and faced 11 teams who advanced to postseason competition.

Coles, who was a star guard at Miami from 1963-65, returned to his alma mater in 1994 as an assistant under Herb Sendek. When Sendek was named head coach at North Carolina State following the 1995-96 season, Miami turned to one of its own and tabbed Coles as the school's 22nd head coach.

He is in his second stint as a collegiate head coach, having served at Central Michigan from 1986-1991. He compiled a 92-84 mark in his six seasons with the Chippewas, including a 22-8 mark in the 1986-87 campaign. Coles was named MAC Coach of the Year that season after leading CMU to the MAC regular-season and tournament championships and a berth in the NCAA Tournament. That squad was led by Dan Majerle, a three-time all-MAC selection and three-time NBA All-Star who is now with the Miami Heat. Coles led Central Michigan to a 19-13 record and a second-place MAC finish in the 1987-88 season.

With a career record of 199-162 over a combined 12 years at Miami and Central Michigan

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University, Coles leads all active Mid-American Conference Coaches in career wins at a MAC school and conference only wins (116). He also owns a 19-10 record in MAC Tournament play, posting three times as many wins as any active MAC coach. In 12 years as a head coach at a MAC school, Coles' squads have never missed a conference tournament and have at least advanced to the quarterfinals since the league expanded to the 13-team tournament format in 1999-00. His 199 wins rank fifth on the all-time MAC coaching list behind long-time Miami coach Darrell Hedric's 204.

After his stint at Central Michigan, Coles spent one season as the general manager of the Saginaw, Mich., entry in the Global Basketball Association, then spent two years as head coach at Toledo Central Catholic High School, where he posted a 32-16 record. He returned to Miami when Sendek hired him as his top aide prior to the 1994-95 season. In Coles' two years as an assistant, Miami posted a 44-15 record, won a MAC regular-season title (1995) and advanced to two postseason tournaments (NCAA in 1995, NIT in 1996). Coles was highly involved in Miami's successful recruiting efforts, playing a key role in the signing of former Indiana "Mr. Basketball" Damon Frierson.

A native of Yellow Springs, Ohio, Coles was the leading high school scorer in the state as a senior at Bryan High School, averaging 42.1 points per game, which is thought to be the second-highest single-season average in Ohio boys' basketball history. He scored 40 points or more 15 times his senior year, including a school-record 55 points against Shawnee. His lowest output of the season was a 23-point performance. In the fall of 2000, Yellow Springs retired his jersey.

Coles then went on to earn three letters at Miami under coach Dick Shrider from 1963-65. He earned second-team all-MAC honors as a junior and senior and was a member of Miami's MAC co-championship team in 1964-65. Coles averaged double figures in scoring all three seasons, including an 18.5 ppg average as a junior. He led Miami with a .503 field goal percentage that season (167-of-332).

Coles, who was inducted into Miami's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990, ranks 24th on Miami's career scoring list with 1,096 points.

He and his wife, Delores, have a 33-year-old son, Chris, and a 28-year-old daughter, Mary.

Coles as a Head Coach

Season	School	— Overall —			— MAC —			Place	Postseason
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
1985-86	C. Michigan	11	17	.393	7	11	.389	6th-t	—
1986-87	C. Michigan	22	8	.733	14	2	.875	1st	NCAA
1987-88	C. Michigan	19	13	.594	10	6	.625	2nd	—
1988-89	C. Michigan	13	15	.464	7	9	.438	5th-t	—
1989-90	C. Michigan	13	17	.433	6	10	.375	7th	—
1990-91	C. Michigan	14	14	.500	8	8	.500	6th	—
1996-97	Miami	21	9	.700	13	5	.722	T-1st	NCAA
1997-98	Miami	17	12	.586	9	9	.500	T-2nd*	—
1998-99	Miami	24	8	.750	15	3	.833	1st*	NCAA
1999-00	Miami	15	15	.500	8	10	.444	6th*	—
2000-01	Miami	17	16	.515	10	8	.556	t-4th*	—
2001-02	Miami	13	18	.419	9	9	.500	4th*	—
Totals		199	162	.551	116	90	.563		

* East Division standing

Coles' Records vs. Opponents

Akron	7-6	UNC Wilmington	0-2
Alabama	0-1	Northeast Louisiana	1-0
Appalachian State	1-0	Northern Illinois	3-4
Ball State	10-17	Notre Dame	3-2
Boston College	1-0	Oakland (MI)	3-0
Bowling Green	14-12	Ohio	15-11
Buffalo	7-1	Ohio Dominican	0-0
Butler	0-0	Ohio Northern	1-0
California	0-1	Ohio State	0-1
Capital	1-0	Old Dominion	1-0
Central Michigan	7-1	Oregon	0-1
Chicago State	5-0	Purdue	0-0
Cincinnati	0-1	Rhode Island	0-1
Clemson	0-1	St. Mary's (Calif.)	0-1
Cleveland State	1-1	San Diego	1-0
Dayton	3-3	Siena	0-2
Defiance	1-0	Southern California	0-1
Delaware	0-1	Southern Methodist	0-1
Detroit	3-2	Syracuse	0-1
Eastern Kentucky	1-0	Temple	1-1
Eastern Michigan	15-10	Tennessee	1-2
Evansville	0-1	Texas A&M	0-1
Ferris State	1-0	Texas Southern	0-1
Fresno State	0-1	Toledo	13-9
George Mason	1-1	Tri-State	2-0
Georgia	0-1	UCLA	0-1
Grand Valley	2-0	Utah	1-0
Hawaii-Pacific	1-0	Virginia Commonwealth	2-0
IUPUI-Indianapolis	2-0	Washington	1-0
Indiana State	0-1	Western Kentucky	1-2
Iona	0-1	Western Michigan	13-9
Kent State	15-14	Wichita State	1-1
Kentucky	0-1	Wisconsin	1-0
La Salle	1-0	Wisconsin-Green Bay	3-5
Marshall	8-3	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1-0
Maryland	0-0	Wright State	6-2
Memphis	0-1	Xavier	2-4
Miami (OH)	8-5	Youngstown State	4-0
Michigan	0-6	Totals	199-162
Michigan State	0-2		
New Mexico State	1-0		

2002-03 opponents in bold

COLES AS A PLAYER

Season	G	FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	PTS	AVG
1962-63	24	123	298	.413	37	49	.755	283	11.8
1963-64	23	167	332	.503	91	111	.820	425	18.5
1964-65	24	169	373	.457	50	62	.806	388	16.2
Totals	71	459	1003	.458	178	222	.802	1096	15.4

Assistant Coach **James Whitford**



When head coach Charlie Coles needed to hire a top assistant coach four years ago, he made the decision to appoint someone who had shown great loyalty and dedication to the program and turned to an up and comer already on his staff—James Whitford.

Now in his seventh season as a Miami assistant and the senior member of the RedHawk assistant coaching staff, Whitford is considered to be well beyond his years in coaching ability according to Coles.

"It's hard for me to think of anybody who has been better to his program than James has these past eight years," Coles says. "Since joining our program, he has done a remarkable job with all phases of our program. His hard work and outstanding dedication is paying great dividends for him and our program. James is a great all-around coach and recruiter."

After spending two years as an administrative assistant on the Miami staff (the 1995 and 1996 seasons), Whitford moved from a part-time to a full-time assistant coach in 1997 (replacing Thad Matta). In June of 1998, he succeeded Ray Martin, who was named the Long Island University head coach, as Miami's top assistant.

Whitford, 31, is in his ninth year overall with the Miami basketball staff. During this stint, he has been a part of three NCAA Tournament appearances, one NIT appearance and three Mid-American Conference regular-season championships. Over his eight-year span, Miami has produced a 151-93 (.619) overall mark and a 92-52 (.639) MAC record.

The Whitford File

- Earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin in 1994.
- Received a master's degree in sports studies from Miami University in 1996.
- Promoted to top assistant on the Miami staff in June of 1998.
- Hired as a full-time assistant coach at Miami the spring of 1996.
- Spent two seasons (1995 and 1996) as an administrative assistant at Miami while attaining a master's degree.
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Prior to assuming his assistant coaching duties six years ago, Whitford assisted the Miami coaching staff in areas such as academics, office management, team travel, summer camps and film exchange. He also earned a master's degree in sports studies from Miami during that time. He now coordinates much of the RedHawks' recruiting and scouting efforts.

"James has a true understanding for all facets of our program after serving in various capacities on the Miami staff over the past eight years. He works diligently to enhance our program and continues to be an invaluable member of our staff."

Before coming to Miami, Whitford was a student at the University of Wisconsin. The Madison, Wis., native served as a student manager for the Badger basketball team for three seasons, including head manager during the 1993-94 campaign. He received a bachelor's degree in political science from Wisconsin in 1994.



Assistant Coach **Jermaine Henderson**



Dedication, passion and drive are just three of the attributes fifth-year assistant coach Jermaine Henderson brings to his alma mater. After a four-year playing career with the Red and White and one year as a volunteer-assistant, Henderson stepped into his current position as an assistant coach and has enjoyed a nine-year tenure at Miami as a player and coach.

"Jermaine has a great love for this school, which he shares with our players on a daily basis," says head

coach Charlie Coles. "He was a part of a great string of success as a player here at Miami and knows how to win. Because he has been a part of the tradition of success at Miami, he strives to motivate our players to reach that level and build on what those before them have accomplished."

Over the past five seasons, Henderson has evolved into a solid recruiter and all-around coach.

"Jermaine is a natural as a coach. He communicates very well with the players and is a great teacher of the game," says Coles. "While he's a young man, he is trusted on our staff, and I treat him like a veteran. He, like James (Whitford), is well beyond his years in terms of coaching ability."

A 1997 graduate, Henderson was a senior on Charlie Coles' first Miami squad in 1996-97, which advanced to the NCAA Tournament after seizing the Mid-American Conference Tournament title. Henderson, who celebrates his 28th birthday on Dec. 19, joined Coles' staff after serving as a volunteer assistant in 1997-98. The Columbus, Ohio, native earned his bachelor's degree in physical education in December of 1997.

The Henderson File

- Earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Miami University in December of 1997.
- Served as a volunteer assistant coach with the RedHawks during the 1997-98 season.
- Hired as an assistant coach at Miami in June of 1998.
- One of just seven players in Miami basketball history to participate in four postseason tournaments.
- Boasts an 84-35 (.706) overall record as a player and a 53-19 (.736) MAC mark.
- Finished career ranked eighth on Miami's all-time three-point field goal list.
- Over his nine-year stint as a player and coach, has been a part of five teams which advanced to postseason play.
- As a player and coach, has compiled a 170-104 (.620) overall record and 104-58 (.642) MAC mark.

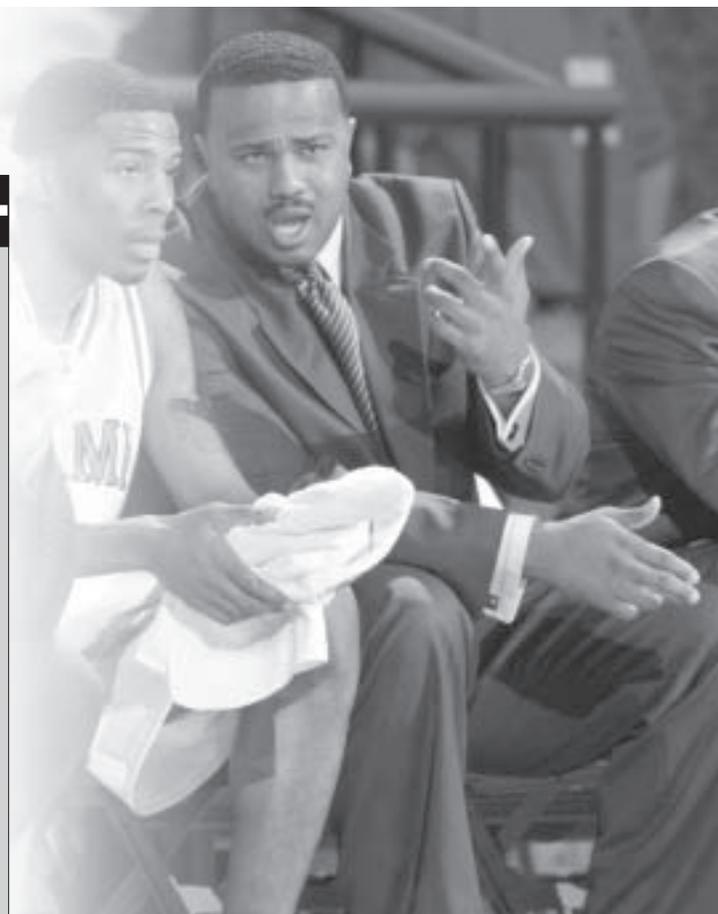
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A four-year letterwinner at Miami, Henderson concluded his career ranked eighth on the school's all-time three-point field goal list (86). As team co-captain his senior year, he averaged 8.3 points and 3.4 rebounds per game. He is one of only seven players in Miami history to participate in four postseason tournaments (1995 and 1997 NCAA, and 1994 and 1996 NIT tourneys) and was a member of the Mid-American Conference regular-season and MAC Tournament championship teams in 1994-95 and 1996-97. He concluded his career as a two-time recipient of one of Miami's most meaningful postseason awards—the Jamie Mercurio Award. The honor is given for courage and perseverance.

Henderson prepped at Columbus East High School, where he averaged 22.4 points, 9.6 rebounds and 8.1 assists per game as a senior and earned *Street & Smith* All-America recognition over his final two seasons. He was a third-team all-Ohio and honorable mention all-Ohio selection as a senior and junior, respectively, and was a two-time first-team all-city, all-conference and all-district pick.



Assistant Coach **Frankie Smith**



Following an impressive coaching stint at the high school level, fourth-year assistant coach Frankie Smith joined the collegiate ranks to help further develop the skills of young athletes at a higher level.

A successful West Virginia high school basketball coach, Smith was hired by head coach Charlie Coles to replace Don Mooremeier, who retired from coaching in April 1999. Smith quickly blended with the existing staff, and the result of this chemistry, according to Coles, has

been the key to the program's total development.

"Frankie brings a great deal of experience and success to our program," says Coles. "He is a great all-around coach, who can effectively teach the game. A coaching staff is only as good as its cohesiveness, and Frankie's ability to quickly and effectively blend with the staff has been critical."

Smith, who posted a 125-35 (.781) career record during his six-year stint as the head coach at Tug Valley High School in Naugatuck, W.Va., guided the 1998-99 Panthers to West Virginia's Class AA state championship. It was the school's first state crown. Tug Valley finished with a school-record 24 wins (24-2) in '98-99.

For his efforts, Smith was named the West Virginia Class AA Coach of the Year, as well as the *Williamson Daily News* Coach of the Year. He also was selected as the coach of the state's Class A-AA all-star team.

In 1996-97, Tug Valley reached the semifinals of the West Virginia State Tournament. That was the first year the school had advanced past the quarterfinals.

The Smith File

- Earned a bachelor's degree in physical education, a minor in history and a teaching certification for secondary education from Eastern Kentucky University in 1988.
- Has been on the RedHawk staff for the past three seasons.
- Spent six years as a head coach and five years as an assistant coach at Tug Valley High School.
- Produced a 125-35 (.781) mark while head coach at Tug Valley High School.
- Led Tug Valley High School to its first State title in 1999, posting a school-record 24 wins. Two years prior, mentored the Panthers to the school's first state semifinal appearance.
- Named West Virginia Class AA Coach of the Year and the *Williamson Daily News* Coach of the Year.

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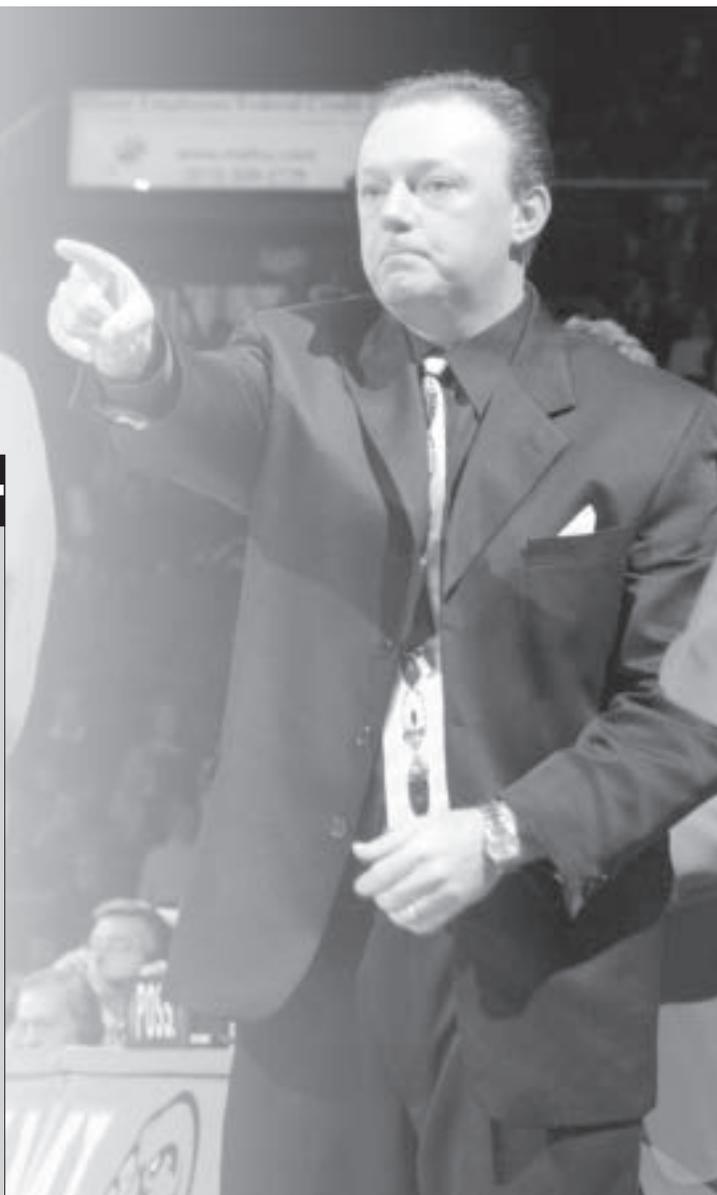
—Head Coach Charlie Coles

In addition to his daily coaching duties, Smith coordinates team travel for the RedHawks and oversees various other aspects of the program.

"Frankie has been a great addition to our staff," says Coles. "He continues to add to the personality of our program and his dedication to Miami University and our basketball players is exceptional. Frankie is certainly a valuable asset to us."

Smith, 38, graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in the fall of 1988 with a bachelor of science degree in physical education, a minor in history and a teaching certification for secondary education.

Smith and his wife, Jill, have a daughter, Madison (11).



Support Staff



Ryan Himes
First-Year
Administrative
Assistant

In his first year with the RedHawk staff is Ryan Himes, who will serve as Miami's administrative assistant. No stranger to Miami basketball, Himes spent the past two seasons as a manager for the RedHawks, serving as head manager last season.

Over the past two seasons, Himes has been instrumental in organizing Miami's Midnight Mania and assisting the coaching staff with various day-to-day and game-day duties. As an administrative assistant, Himes handles the day-to-day administrative duties, assists with team travel and meals, and coordinates the film exchange with opponents.

Since 1995 Himes has worked several summer camps. For four years he has worked the Xavier University camps and has worked two years at the Miami University camps. Himes also spent three weeks during the summer of 2001 at Mike Montgomery's Stanford University camps. In 1995 and 1996, he aided Pat Kreke at the Fenwick High School day camp and also assisted with the Edgewood High School camp in 1999.

In addition to his summer camp work, Himes helped organize the 2000 and 2001 Southwest Ohio Summer League and has spent two stints as a head coach of local youth traveling basketball teams.

A 1996 graduate of Fenwick High School, Himes served as a captain of the basketball team as a senior. Fenwick was ranked No. 4 in Ohio in the *Associated Press* Poll for Division IV that season. He is currently completing his bachelor's degree from Miami in physical education.



Ben Huffman
First-Year
Administrative
Assistant

Ben Huffman enters his first year as an administrative assistant with the Miami University men's basketball program.

Huffman, who earned his bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in May of 2001, returns to his alma mater to earn his master's degree in Secondary Math Education.

During his undergraduate stint, Huffman served as a manager for the RedHawks. From 1998-00. He previously was an assistant manager with the team, moving up to head manager during the 2000-01 season.

Upon graduation in 2001, Huffman was hired as low-level math teacher at

Greenon High School in Springfield, Ohio. At Greenon, he was the girls' junior varsity coach and head boys' track coach. He also worked the Miami University, Xavier University and Stanford University camps during the Summer of 2001.

In addition to his work with the Miami men's basketball program, Huffman is working as a graduate assistant in the Miami University Alumni Relations Department.

RedHawk Statistics



Scott Young (middle) and Mike Ranieri (right) are the crux of Miami's statistics crew. Ranieri is a graduate of Miami and has been the chief of the Miami Stat Crew since 1990. Young is the son of long-time sports information director and Miami Hall of Famer Dave Young and has been working on Miami's statistics crew for 28 years, since he was seven.

Administrators and **Support Staff**



Joe Cobbs
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Team Physician



Dan Dalrymple
Strength and Conditioning



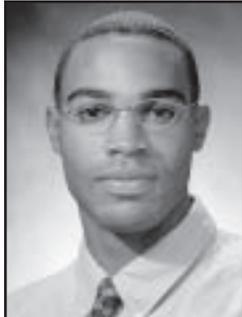
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Athletic Trainer



Carol Flee
Basketball Secretary



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Team Orthopedic Surgeon



Steve Neil
Assistant Gameday Operations



Mary O'Leary
Equipment Manager



Corrine Osterberger
Basketball Secretary



Dr. Doug Ross
Team Physician

2002-03 Men's Basketball Team Managers



John Walker
Special Events Mgr.



Mike Watson
Gameday Operations



From left to right: Chris Theado, Brent Haven, Matt Sonkin, Carl Seiley, Ryan Crawford, Jeremy Abraham.

Miami Spirit



2002-03 Cheerleaders

Back row (from left): Rebekkah Bennett, Tracey Metcalf, Brandy Birkle, Jackie Beaudoin, Erin Holmes, Becki Boggess. Front row (from left): Drew Erdelack, Craig Gundler, Scott Roach, Nick Ollberding, Kyle Bright, Jeremy Baldwin.



2002-03 Dance Team

Back row (from left): Erin Thomasson, Natalie Kuhlman, Jen Blackburn, Jennifer Govostis, Catherine Graham. Middle row (from left): Katie Seitz, Kristin Hammelrath, Jessica Reichwein, Lisa Hanasono. Front row (from left): Kylie Sorden, Erin Treptow, Lauren Hileman.