



TIM FARRELL, JR.,
COACH MIKE ANDERSON,
TIM FARRELL, SR.

“ WE KNEW IT WAS TIME TO COME BACK. IT WASN'T LIGHTNING STRIKING; IT WAS JUST A FEELING OF PEACE. ”

- MARCHEITA ANDERSON, WIFE

Anderson + Arkansas = Hog Heaven

"What a great day for the U of A," Gearhart said



COACH MIKE ANDERSON WITH HIS WIFE, MARCHEITA

EVENT HELD BY RAZORBACK SPORTS PROPERTIES

“ HE'S SO MUCH BIGGER THAN 'THE COACH.' THAT'S JUST A SMALL PART OF HIM ACTUALLY. ”

- MARCHEITA ANDERSON, WIFE

rather emphatically as he opened that raucous ceremony to reveal Anderson would be the 12th head men's basketball coach in the history of the program. Last spring, the University of Arkansas Athletics Department gathered anxious and speculating fans in Bud Walton Arena on March 26 to make an announcement that everyone had been waiting for. "When a Razorback wants to come home and the University wants him to come home, it is a match made in heaven."

There's no doubt that Anderson really does feel right at home in the University's Bud Walton Arena. "A lot of things have lined up," Anderson explained during a media session late in the summer. "My kids were raised here, I have a lot of friends here and my wife is from Tulsa, so it gives her a chance to be closer to home. When you make a decision like this, there are pros and cons. In the end, the pros outweighed the cons."

At the welcome home press conference, Arkansas Vice Chancellor and Director of Athletics Jeff Long elaborated in more detail on the 'pros' that made this the best choice. "Certainly we want to attain NCAA Tournament bids," Long assured. "We also want a leader who understands what our young men get out of our program and the importance of not just winning basketball games, but where they can succeed academically and grow as individuals."

"Mike Anderson fits that bill," Long continued. "Mike has had his own success, and certainly we pay a tribute to the past, but Mike Anderson is about the future of Razorback basketball."

Without a doubt, it is Anderson's past successes on a number of different levels that have



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