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ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY PROMOTES AMY WHITE TO ASSISTANT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech Women's Basketball Head Coach **Todd Schaefer** has announced the promotion of **Amy White** from a graduate assistant to an assistant coach for the upcoming season on Thursday. In addition to her duties as an assistant women's basketball coach, White will also serve as the school's head women's golf coach.

White replaces **Mary Buford**, who left to pursue her doctorate degree in business administration. Buford, a Russellville, Ark., native, played for Schaefer at Christian Brothers and spent two seasons as an assistant at CBU, before joining Schaefer as an assistant coach on his first staff at Tech last season.

"It was important to find someone that was the proper fit and had some familiarity with our program here at Arkansas Tech and someone who was very loyal and understood our philosophy," Schaefer said. "Amy White was that person. She has a desire to become a coach and was a former player at Tech."

Schaefer said that White's duties as an assistant coach will consist of recruiting, on-the-floor coaching, working with the guards and serving as the team's academic liaison, in addition to being the school's women's golf coach.

White, who is a native of Cabot, Ark., is no stranger to Tech athletics, as she played forward for two seasons (1999-01) for the Golden Suns under former Tech coach **Joe Foley** and played three years of women's golf for the Golden Suns. White played on Tech's first-ever women's golf team in 2002.

"I'm excited about the challenge of this position and I'm thankful for Coach Schaefer for having the confidence in me to be able to do the job," White said.

White, who graduated in 2004 from Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, is currently pursuing her master's degree in instructional technology. In high school, White, whose father Johnny is the athletic director at Cabot High School, lettered for three years in basketball, track and golf and was a two-time All-State performer in each sport for the Lady Panthers.

Schaefer said that he is currently in the process of trying to fill his graduate assistant coaching position on his staff due to White's promotion, but has yet to set a timetable for her replacement.

White's first official day on the job in her new position will be July 1.

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Transactions: Arkansas Tech University promotes Amy White from a graduate assistant coach to an assistant coach for the 2006-07 season.