

Open letter from Dean of Students

It is difficult to decide what has been the greater thrill, watching the Rebel's play or seeing how this season to remember has united the campus and the city. Last year, when we lived a considerable distance from Nevada, my son and I watched the Rebels on national TV in a game that was televised from the Thomas and Mack. During the game we talked about what it would be like to be there in person. Our circumstances changed so that this year we were in the Thomas and Mack throughout this entire, unforgettable season.

Saying "good bye" to six seniors, each and every one a quality person, was for us but one of the many memorable happenings; 1986-87 was a season of highlights as a special group of young men who, because they demanded so much of

themselves, were able to rise to unbelievable heights and take their fans with them. And, the view from those heights was awesome.

Your success has brought you honor but you did not capture our imaginations just because you played winning basketball. You are admired and respected not because of your record but because of the character of persons who have melded talents and personalities to form a team in the truest sense.

And, the Rebels off the court were as impressive as they were on the court, whether it was meeting with area school kids, taking a stand against drugs or leading the cause to help Valerie. Those are qualities with which every person can identify and thousands of people on this

campus and in this city and throughout Nevada and across the nation have identified with you.

The *Review Journal* was wrong when it pronounced that "The Dream Ends". The joy that you brought the fans, the honor that you brought this University and the pride that as players you surely felt were hardly dreams and that will really never end. Thanks.

Enjoy, as we all have, the things that you have done. May this season be but one among the best of the many good things that will come your way in the years ahead.

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Open letter to the UNLV Runnin' Rebels:

Nobody has ever been prouder than I have been of you men during this long and successful season. You have not only won a lot of basketball games, you've won a lot of hearts as well.

You have served as the best kind of ambassadors from this campus to the wider community, not just here in Las Vegas, but all across Nevada and the rest of the country.

You have consistently conducted yourselves like the gentlemen you are; on behalf of the whole University community, not only do I commend but I also thank you.

I'm proud of your fans, too; it hasn't been an easy season for them, either. They've had the burden of wanting you to win without being able to dribble the ball or shoot it themselves. They've directed all that energy toward you men, however, and I know their support has meant a lot to you. There just aren't any better fans than ours.

Finally, I want to congratulate Coach Jerry Tarkanian and his fine staff. There isn't a finer group of basketball coaches in the country. They were great teachers and you learned well.

You've had a wonderful, exciting season, from the NIT to the NCAA Final Four.

Remember, Rebels never lose. We never get outplayed. We never get out coached. Sometimes we simply run out of time.

You've made it a wonderful, exciting season for all of us. We love each one of you!

Sincerely,

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