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To the Rutgers University Community:

If it were not enough for the Scarlet Knights to make it to the final four of the NCAA women's basketball tournament, they now have to contend with Don Imus's reprehensible characterization of the African American members of the team. Whom should the team turn to now? Who will serve as their power forward, taking to the basket the ideals of justice and decency that have for so long marked the image of Rutgers? Who will be their point guard, putting up a shot that will shock Mr. Imus into a realization that his words, and similar words over the course of modern history, are hurtful and despicable?

The Scarlet Knights can turn to us, the Rutgers University community writ large, diverse and caring. We salute your collective accomplishment. And we are offended by Don Imus's words, not only because they are crude, but also because his words all but get in the way of this precious moment of the University's great joy over your accomplishments, but they do not diminish your stature as one of the nation's greatest athletic ensembles.

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