Excitement builds on the Butler campus

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Jillian Deam with the Butler mascot

When I came to Butler from Illinois in the fall of 2006, it didn’t take long to realize just how big a deal basketball was around here. That year the Bulldogs made it to the Sweet Sixteen, and the campus was full of excitement.

Fast forward four years and that “excitement” pales in comparison to the atmosphere on campus today. As the clock counted down the final seconds of last Saturday’s regional final against Kansas State, students stormed Hampton Drive in celebration. Even days after this historical moment you can’t walk through campus without hearing talk about the team’s magical journey through March Madness and the possibility of Butler winning a national title right here in our own backyard.

In fact, I’ve given up on trying to pass through the bookstore during the day, as it’s continuously packed with Bulldog fans, young and old, buying t-shirts. But I don’t mind. The team’s advancement to the Final Four is what college basketball fans dream of… and it’s certainly the perfect way to wrap-up my four years at Butler!

Many are calling this a “Cinderella Story” – something straight out of the movie “Hoosiers”. However, no matter how this story ends, this team has not only captured the heart of the Butler Nation, but of the entire nation.

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