



May 5, 2003

After many weeks of serious thought and deliberation, I have decided to accept a position as an associate vice president for the University of Cincinnati Foundation.

For the past eight years, it has been my privilege to work with Bill Greiner and a talented staff of coaches and athletic administrators in trying to establish the foundation for a successful Division I athletics program. Although the on-court or on-field results have not yet reached the desired level of competitive consistency, I firmly believe the program is on the right track, and I have tremendous confidence in the management team that will now oversee the next phase of the process.

While there have certainly been many memorable games and competitions, for me, it's the personal relationships that stand out the most. From the time I arrived on campus in early 1995 to Saturday's dedication of Nan Harvey Field, I have been continually touched by the compassion and graciousness of this community.

While my family and I are excited by the new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, we will always remember Western New York fondly and cheer for the Bulls in their quest for program supremacy.

As time winds down toward my May 23 departure, I'll look forward to visiting with friends and reminiscing about the last eight years.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the many people who have contributed to what has been a deeply rewarding experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Arkeilpane", written over a light gray rectangular background.

Bob Arkeilpane