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Letter Approving of Colvard's decision to send the Basketball team to the NCAA Tournament.

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The Mississippi State University
"M" Club Alumni Association

Box 688
Jackson, Mississippi
March 5, 1963

Dr. D. W. Colvard, President
Mississippi State University
State College, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Colvard:

The Alumni "M" Club congratulates you on the recent decision authorizing the Basketball Team to participate in the NCAA Tournament. These fine young men deserved this type of recognition. They have displayed true sportsmanship, competitive spirit, discipline, and the best of training during their college careers. They have obtained for the University national recognition as being a responsible member of the Southeastern Conference. Your decision has made further recognition possible. For this, thousands of Mississippi State University Alumni are profoundly grateful. We, as many others, know it was a very difficult decision to make under the most trying conditions.

We are proud to have a person as President of Mississippi State University who has unquestionable integrity and has the fortitude to take a stand. The University under your guidance has made tremendous progress.

In your continued success the Alumni "M" Club supports you. We wish to further emphasize we support your decision regarding the Basketball Team and all future ones that are in the best interests of Mississippi State University.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Thames

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President