

**OKTIBBEHA COUNTY CHAPTER
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Starkville, Mississippi**

March 8, 1963

TELEGRAM TO:

**Honorable E. R. Jobe, Executive Secretary
Board of Trustees, State Institutions of Higher Learning
10th Floor Woolfolk Building
Jackson, Mississippi**

**WE RESPECTFULLY URGE THE EARNEST CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD
IN SUPPORTING THE DECISION OF PRESIDENT COLVARD WITH REGARD TO
PARTICIPATION IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT. WE FEEL THAT REPUDIATION
OF DR COLVARD'S STATEMENT COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS DAMAGE TO
THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OF THE UNIVERSITY AND ALL INSTITUTIONS
OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND SINCERELY
HOPE THAT ANY SUCH ACTION CAN BE AVOIDED.**

**Executive Committee
Oktribbeha County Chapter
Miss. State University Alumni Association**
Thomas F. Bell
Thomas F. Bell, Secretary