

Cassatton, Miss  
March 3, 1963

Mr. Colvard.

Please read the below clipping from  
Saturday March 3, 1963 Jackson Daily News.

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### Letting Integration Destroy Basketball

Editor, Daily News—It is a shame that certain sports writers and sports fans insist on creating a controversy about whether or not our state institutions should participate in integrated athletics. All of this when our state is being besieged from without.

These people ask that our state authorities representing the taxpayers of Mississippi prostitute our principles just because there may be a chance for material gain such as an athletic championship.

Integrated athletics have done more to foster intergration on this country than have court orders or actions by the federal government.

We have the finest basketball and football in the nation right here in Mississippi. Why let integration destroy our athletic program as it has boxing and is destroying other major sports?

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I agree with Mr. Powell 100% and about all I have to say is that I hope State loses all the rest of the games they play. Further more, I will never spend another dollar for a ticket to a State Ball game.

My the Lord have  
mercy on your soul.

J. K. Gibbs