

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

JOHN A. HANNAH, PRESIDENT

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Dear President Colvard:

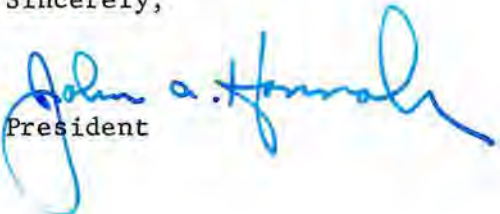
I write to commend the Mississippi State University basketball team and coaches on their exemplary conduct during the Mid-East NCAA tournament at Michigan State University on March 15 and 16. They were representatives of whom your University and your State can well be proud.

You might like to know that the decision of your governing board, administrative officers, and students that your basketball team should have the opportunity to compete in this tournament of champions was looked upon as a courageous and fair-minded decision, and was warmly and unanimously applauded by all in this area.

Personally, I welcomed it with great enthusiasm as a demonstration of the values with which athletic competition can and must be identified if it is to continue to have a place in American colleges and universities.

These young men and their coaches gained more from their experience than mere prestige, and they taught a lesson many of us need to learn. They could return home with heads held high, and all of us hope sincerely they never have reason to regret coming to East Lansing.

Sincerely,


President

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