Stills Cancels Out

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Stephen Stills has cancelled his Nov. 3 appearance in the Aquinas fieldhouse, along with the rest of his 1978 concert tour.

According to his agent, the reason is that Still's wife is suing him for divorce.

That is the word from Ananda Productions' President Rod Schaub. Ananda Productions was sponsoring the event along with the Community Senate.

"It's a big loss," said Schaub because of the time and energy they've already spent in promoting this concert.

Schaub called John Nichols, director of student life and activities, early Wednesday afternoon to inform him of the cancellation.

"I'm disappointed we can't do it, but it's just one of those situations that you can't do anything about," said Nichols.

Stills and back-up group Livingston Taylor were to be the first concert at the Aquinas Fieldhouse since Charlie Daniels appeared May 1, 1977.

Full ticket refunds can be obtained from their place of purchase. However, this may present a problem because some unidentified persons sold stolen tickets on campus this week, according Schaub.

He said that 100 tickets were stolen from Believe in Music record shop, 1007 E. Fulton St. These tickets, numbered 1-100, are not refundable.

Ananda Productions is still interested in promoting events in the fieldhouse.

"There's a real good possibility," according to Schaub, that a date in November can be arranged with Steve Martin. That will depend upon the price tag attached to the comedian and scheduling of dates, according to Schaub.

Athletic Director Terry Bocian, also in charge of scheduling fieldhouse activities said, "I'm willing to cooperate," in setting other dates.

The losses incurred by cancelling the nearly 50 concert dates in Still's tour will be covered by Stills, according to Schaub. For the Aquinas appearance alone that amounts to about $2000 already spent by Ananda on advertising and tickets.

If Stills had waited two more days before cancelling, the loss to Ananda would have been nearly $8000 because of a planned promotional push to have begun today. According to Schaub, radio and other advertising has already been cancelled by Ananda.

Total losses to Stills in cancelling his tour will probably amount to $150,000, according to Schaub.

Ananda is contemplating suing Stills for damages "because he ruined our reputation," said Schaub.

The Stephen Stills concert was to be the first event promoted (produced) by Ananda Productions in this area.

Ananda productions is a corporation formed by two promoters from California.