



Collegian Stands Firm On Issue

—By John Phillips

In answer to the question as to whether we will continue in our campaign for a post-season basketball game this year between Bowling Green State University and Toledo, the answer is a sad and disheartening no.

In the March 14 issue of the Campus Collegian we carried a form petition asking if the students of the University favored such a contest. The answer to this was unanimously yes. But it was only unanimous as far as 200 students felt. We realize that many of the Collegian readers did not see the petition. That was our fault. It appeared too far down on the page.

However, we do stand firm on our belief that the two schools should resume athletic relations. As yet we have not been given a valid reason for the strained relations which the athletic department say prevent such action.

When we approached the athletic department as to the possibility of a post-season game, whether for charity or as a regular Field House attraction, we were not told about the commitments made by the department. In fact, we were given nothing but what is commonly known as the run-around.

Then, too, the problem of mis-information arose. The athletic department informed the downtown papers that we approached the department a day after the normal deadline of the sports department. The truth is, that news of an unusual nature can be turned in at the printer as late as Wednesday afternoon. We talked with the department on Monday, immediately after contacting Harold Anderson, B-G athletic director.

But we still feel that the resumption of athletic relations with Bowling Green would be a wonderful thing. Some of the schools which are being brought into the Field House are so much inferior to Toledo both in playing ability and drawing ability that it isn't even a laughing matter. A basketball team such as Bowling Green, could produce a guarantee of a full house and we cannot see why the University powers still say no, knowing their affinity for a dollar. As Anderson pointed out, the game is a "natural" from a monetary viewpoint.

So we will continue in our campaign for the resumption of relations, asking the athletic department one question in closing. Could it be that the Toledo board fears that the Rocket record would bear a blemish at the end of a game with the Falcons? We do not think that the Rockets themselves fear such a contest. Or do they have a voice in the matter?

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