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# Proposed K-ville policy hits the mark

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Krzyzewskiville tenters will be packing up early this year, and the University groundskeepers can plan on having that patch of grass in front of Cameron Indoor Stadium up to touring standards earlier than usual.

That's right, according to the Duke Student Government draft of the 2006-2007 tenting policy, this year students will only be allowed to tent for the Duke vs. UNC-Chapel Hill men's basketball home game Feb. 7.

In years past, tenters have waited in the weeks-long process for two games. Although traditionally the second game was the contest against the University of Maryland, for the last two years, it was the men's home game versus Wake Forest University. Now, the number is down to one.

Although on the surface the policy change may seem like the beginning of the end for the beloved tenting tradition, it is far from it. In fact, the one-game policy is a smart, reasoned decision.

As DSG officials and basketball fans alike will point out, there is no second game for which it is worth tenting. The tradition grew up around big rivalries with worthy foes. And though competition in the ACC this year is far from null, it is not overly intense; there just is not a team, save UNC, worth waiting in the cold for seven to eight weeks to see play against the Blue Devils.

Thus, forcing students to wait in line for a late February or early March game against a mediocre team that they usually would have waited only 48 hours to see is illogical. Designating a second game simply for the sake of designating one in the name of "what we usually do" would result in unnecessarily dragging out the process.

DSG officials, namely the line monitors, were smart to recognize this reality and move to a one-game tenting policy. It was a keen logistical decision that will save hundreds of students extra weeks in the cold for no sound reason while simultaneously preserving the tenting tradition. Not to mention the fact that it will make the aforementioned groundskeepers and a great many professors happy; tenters will return to being "normal" students sooner, leaving behind the trampling of Cameron grass in mid-February and missing fewer classes for tenting-acquired illnesses.

But what of the tenting spirit? Will it be lost in the wake of the absent second game? Will the Cameron Crazies lose some of their reputation as the most formidable fan base in the NCAA?

Definitely not.

The hallowed K-ville idea emerged from the Duke-UNC Tobacco Road rivalry. It is the heart and soul of why students are willing to bond in the cold for weeks, miss some classes and even let their spring GPAs slide a bit. That all-important rivalry, and the game at which it comes to a head, will remain the core of why students tent.

No spirit is lost as a result of the one-game policy. The only casualties are a few weeks spent making do in the cold. Thus, the Crazies will have their tradition-and likely, better health and grades as well.

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