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# No tenting for UNC scholars

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A new policy passed by Duke University's student government last week is a response to wolves in sheep's clothing. Or, rather, Tar Heels in Blue Devils' clothing.

The policy prohibits UNC Robertson Scholars, who take classes at both UNC and Duke, from setting up tents in Duke's traditional "Kryzewskiville" to obtain tickets for Duke's home game against UNC.

Elliott Wolf, Duke's student body president, said the clause was added to the K-ville rules after last year's UNC-Duke game, which was held on Duke's senior night.

"About 20 visiting Robertson Scholars infiltrated the game," Wolf said. "It was really disruptive for the team and the students around them."

As Duke students who were based at UNC, these Robertson scholars were able to set up tents for tickets. Once inside Cameron Indoor Stadium, they shed their Duke apparel for UNC paraphernalia and cheered for the Tar Heels, who ultimately won the game.

Every year, 36 students are selected to receive the Robertson Scholarship. The fund allows students to spend the majority of their time at either Duke or UNC, but all must attend the spring semester of their sophomore year at the other university.

Robertson Scholars are able to take full advantage of the resources and opportunities available at both universities.

Wolf said the rules of K-ville are rewritten every year.

The UNC Robertson Scholars still are welcome to "walk-up" for tickets - to stand in line but not to set up tents.

"The main reason was to stop an incident like last year's from happening," Wolf said. "We have no objection with them getting into the game in the future, as long as they understand that what they did brings consequences."

Clint Gwaltney, associate athletic director for ticket and Smith Center operations, said UNC does not have a specific policy for Robertson Scholars.

"They will be treated just like any other student at UNC, and they would be welcome to enter the distribution," he said.

Wolf said that Duke's Senate, composed of representatives from each class, voted overwhelmingly to approve the policy. The only two members who voted against the policy were Robertson Scholars.

To be eligible for tickets through the tenting process, each group's tent must have a minimum of eight people and no more than 12. One person must be present at all times, and two must stay in the tent

between the hours of 11 p.m. and 8 a.m.

Random tent checks are conducted about every three to four hours, with the frequency increasing as the game approaches.

Junior Alex Snider a UNC Robertson Scholar who camped out for tickets last year, said he had a great time despite some "threats of violence" inside Cameron.

"The tenting process is an integral part of what it means to be a Duke student," he said.

Snider acknowledged that the new policy is in response to last year's incident. "I think if Duke had won, and they had been able to gloat, this policy wouldn't have gone through."

Sophomore Antonia Helbling, a Duke Robertson Scholar, tented with the UNC students last year.

"The actual tenting was very normal," she said. "There wasn't any Tar Heel memorabilia. It was just tenting like normal Duke students."

Once inside Cameron, Helbling said it was a different atmosphere.

"I feel that UNC students should be allowed to tent," she said. "The idea of the program is to experience life at both schools and, honestly, going to basketball games at Duke is a big part of that experience."

Helbling suggested a protocol be established for Robertson Scholars attending Duke games. "It's a privilege offered within the context of being honorary Duke students."

Wolf said he has not heard any feedback or complaints from Robertson Scholars. "But I'm far more interested in hearing from full-time students," he said.

Those full-time students are pleased with the outcome, Wolf said. "I've been high-fived in the quad several times today."

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