

KSA welcome day



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Cassandra Dieudonne celebrates her win in the sumo wrestling ring at the KSA event.

Poker fever at school

KSA poker tournaments hopes to bring Kwantlen College campuses closer together.

KSA staff put on a welcome back event for students.

By Christina Hoyle
Kwantlen Chronicle

Who would have thought you could sumo wrestle at school? The KSA Welcome Days Event gave Kwantlen students that unique opportunity on Sept. 14 at the Richmond campus.

Activities included a sumo wrestling ring, mehndi and caricature artists, a barbeque and

music provided by The Beat 94.5.

"The whole event was really good the people at the booths were really helpful and nice," said Jasdeep Lachar. "Outside was really fun with The Beat there and people do-

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This full-day event was packed with students and teachers stopping by for a hamburger and a lot of fun.



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Emily Lee watches her hand become the canvas of Mehndi art done at the Richmond campus on Sept. 14.

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By Alex Tegart
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The prospect of inter-campus poker championships may bring Kwantlen campuses closer together.

"Last year foosball tournaments organized by the KSA were a real success," Richmond campus director Steve Lee said, "so we decided to try out poker tournaments."

Students started bringing their own chips and cards early last spring and the games would last from 8 am to in the evening. Cash was awarded to the winners during the foosball competitions but the KSA has decided to give out iPods and other prizes.

The KSA decided to purchase cards, poker tables and chips for semester.

This Friday, the Richmond KSA is organizing its first poker tournament open to all students.

There will be an admission fee of \$5 to \$10, which will go towards

\$200 to \$300 in prizes and if there is money left over it will be put towards a student scholarship or other tournaments.

Kulvir Gill, a first-year student at Kwantlen plays poker almost every day with fellow students in the KSA lounge.

"It's something fun to do in between my long breaks," says Gill.

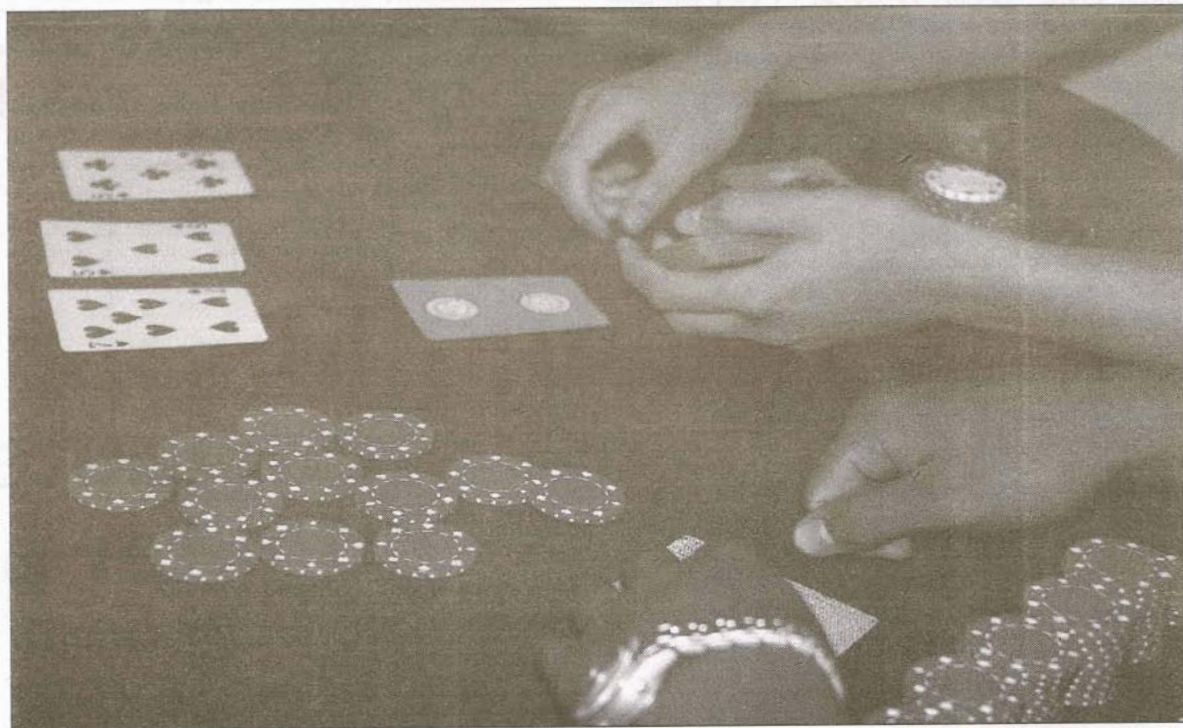
Gill said that with nothing to do in between classes, poker seemed like a good alternative to boredom.

Students play for chips and no money is involved.

The games are still in their early stages and many people who attend Kwantlen are not aware that they exist.

Jack Wang, a Kwantlen student as well as a poker fan, says that it's good way to spend time in between classes and "it seems to be safe because you're not spending any money." "It's everywhere, you can't help it," says Wang. "It's like Coke on TV and in vending machines."

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Students play a friendly game of poker in the Richmond KSA lounge on Sept. 14, preparing themselves for the tournament on Friday.

KSA lounge transformed

Popular video game machines sold to make room for new poker and pool tables.

By Jason Rako
Kwantlen Chronicle

The Richmond campus KSA lounge has undergone a change for the fall as the staff wants to attract more students to their relaxing little alcove.

A key change that took place over the summer was the removal of the vintage arcade games.

"We rented them and were al-

lowed to use them to make money," says Stella Fong, a member of the business office staff. "They were wasting space and kept breaking down or taking people's money."

In trade for the row of arcade games, the KSA purchased a second foosball table from the Surrey campus, along with a pool table from a private seller.

However, the fate of the pool table is still up in the air as the KSA

believes that it would make a better poker table.

"The pool table is too short so that's why they want to change it to a poker table," says Fong.

Fong also said that it's a tough decision to make as she finds that students are equally using the table for pool and for poker.

The KSA purchased the pool table for \$150 and found that it isn't level and needs to be balanced with

two scraps of cardboard supporting one end.

There's also a problem with the pool cues that are too light and covered with gashes.

KSA officials say that the table would be better suited for poker.

If the table ends up being used for poker instead of pool, the velvet pool table covering would be left intact and the pool table's pockets would be used as cup holders.

The decision on what to do with the pool table will be made at the next council meeting as the KSA hopes to hold poker tournaments.

"Many people enjoy it (poker)," says Fong. "The tournaments will be used for fundraising."

If the tournaments do go ahead as planned, Robert Kovacic will be the host.

The KSA meets in room 1260 at 11:00 a.m. this September 23.