

Canucks nights coming from KSA

Hockey and pizza nights in the planning as NHL action returns from year-long lockout

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The Vancouver Canucks and the rest of the NHL returned to the ice last Wednesday night, bringing happiness to millions of fans.

Kwantlen hockey fans, regardless of their income or schedule, have a number of game-watching options available to them.

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All 82 Canucks games this season will be broadcast on TV, whether it be on CBC, Roger's Sportsnet, TSN, or pay-per-view. If you can't afford a game in-person (or don't want to pay the outrageous prices), or can't get a hold of the hottest tickets in town, you're well covered.

Students may also be happy to learn that the Richmond KSA lounge is planning on hosting Canucks nights, although they have yet to decide on any dates.

"We just have to pick a night," said Johnny Woo, a KSA Richmond

Campus Representative.

During the 2003-04 NHL season, the KSA hosted similar events, often presenting the game on the lounge's big-screen TV and bringing in free pizza for students on occasion. They hope to do the same this year, now that hockey is back.

"Students can enjoy the game and free pizza," said Woo.

The games are also often broadcast in the Surrey campus cafeteria and Fishbowl for students wanting to check the score on their breaks. Just don't go back to class yapping about the game, as some students prefer to tape it and watch it later.

"The TV will be left on Canucks games," said Woo of game nights that are not advertised as Canuck party nights. This means students will struggle with the question of whether or not to return to class or sit down and enjoy the game.

For those who don't rank the Canucks at number one in their heart, you have other options. CBC covers anywhere between two and four Canadian teams every Saturday (an eastern team at 4 p.m. and a western team at 7 p.m.), while TSN often covers games south of the border, usually on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Games will also be broadcast on Outdoor Life Network this year.



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The KSA lounge on Wednesday Oct. 5, just hours before the Vancouver Canucks big season opener. The KSA plans on hosting Canucks hockey nights including occasional free pizza.

OLN purchased the U.S. broadcast rights this summer after ESPN decided not to pick up the option they

had with the NHL for this season. OLN will broadcast games primarily on Mondays and Tuesdays.

NBC will also air Saturday afternoon games starting in January, through to the season's finish.