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Ayers said campaign finance reform needs to be looked at more in the future. If campaign spending is limited in the future, Ayers said she doesn’t want it to be loosely regulated.

"Many campaigns have said their limits are not enforced," Ayers said. "I see SPENDING 2, page 7"
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Rocky's to replace Izzy's as Friday night warmup spot

Owners decide to change restaurant's image; students lament loss of cheap beer deals

By Chris Welke

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

Ah, Izzy Ortega's. So many fond memories: Drinking cheap beer with old friends, parking on the side of the hotel, singing egregiously out-of-tune to Def Leppard or just watching people get falling-over drunk before they go downtown.

Friday nights at Izzy’s were memorable for many in the over-21 crowd. But next time you go, it'll be called “Rocky’s” and look nothing like its cantina-themed predecessor. The restaurant and bar is closed for a full remodel re-opens today.

The change

The new restaurant will have a Route 66 theme, with lots of hubcaps, diamond plates and pictures of classic cars.

The eatery will change from a Mexican theme to a Route 66 motif. "Our goal and focus is to broaden our customer base,” said Tony Breault, one of the owners. "We were strictly a Mexican restaurant before. We’re going to do additions of seafood, pasta, steaks and continue a fair amount of Mexican fare.”

The reason the owners said they chose a Route 66 theme is they think people will identify with the historic highway that winds from Santa Monica to Chicago. They plan to incorporate all the different food groups found along the route, including pork chops, ribs, steaks and salad.

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"We're not going to have the 75 cent beer. It was a great place to start spilling beers all over the floor and each other," Considine said.

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The owners said Fridays, and possibly Saturdays, will still have drink specials, but right now they have no idea what they will be. Beer as cheap as 75 cents will be infrequent and could be a thing of the past. Friday specials will alternate between margaritas, beers and well drinks.

Remembering Izzy's

Izzy’s attracted 21-and-over Cal Poly and Cuesta College students on Friday nights for its 50-cent beer specials (that later became 75 cent beers). It was a great place to start the weekend.

"I don't know why they changed it," said architecture senior Robb Davidson. "It was like a keg party at a bar.

Business senior Brendan Considine questioned whether the change would be profitable.

"I think it will hurt their business," Considine said. "It will draw a different crowd. Friday was the only fun night there, because they had cheapass beer. The cheap beer is what gets people in the door. What they need to do is offer more beer specials on more nights.”

Once a cantina where students could get an inexpensive buzz, Izzy Ortega’s is having an identity crisis. Complete with a new Route 66 theme, the restaurant will re-open today as Rocky’s Roadside Bar and Grill.

To the left, a new sign informs passersby of the change. Below, a fireplace will accent the roadhouse theme.

Owners are not sure yet if the new theme will bring the same 75 cent beer specials that Izzy's was famous for.

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Joy Sandoval could do was wait and see if they could pass the test and have their restaurant become a competitor in the downtown restaurant and bar scene.

After nine months of increased clientele, it did. "We wanted to reap all the benefits of our location, so we decided to offer something different," Joy Sandoval said. When opening their first restaurant of their own, the Sandovals decided to give a new face to the typical Mexican restaurant. Taking personal recipes from their family, they created a menu of authentic Mexican food stemming from Guadalajara, Mexico.

"Our food is authentic because we take pride in our recipes," Joy said. "That's why we wanted our restaurant to be family-owned with a different feel to it."

The next task at hand was to find a location that had just proved to be disastrous for another restaurant. A Carls Jr. previously occupied the location, didn't do well and quickly went out of business. Acknowledging the situation, the Sandovals didn't think that Carls Jr.'s fate would hold true for their restaurant. "We knew it did poorly because it was a chain," Joy said. "That's why we wanted our restaurant to be family-owned with a different feel to it."

The next task at hand was to find a way to conquer San Luis Obispo's reputation for bad Mexican food. The Sandovals approached this dilemma by offering patrons distinctive dishes that took original spins on classic Mexican dishes, bartender and server Ryan Gibson said. To separate themselves from average taqueria-style Mexican restaur­ants, the Sandovals worked to create a unique interior that presents a different ambiance than other restaurants, Joy said. "All of our interior decorating was hand-done by the owners, even the unique mosaic tile floor," Gibson said. The restaurant caters to a variety of patrons, from college students to families and couples.

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"We have large booths that offer seclusion," Sandoval said. "A couple can be on a date in one and they wouldn't be bothered by a family that is dining right next to them."

The next effort made to ensure success for Milagros was their appeal to college students. With food and drink specials on "Taco Tuesday" and live bands or DJs on Thursdays, Milagros capitalizes on one of San Luis Obispo's largest resources: College students. "We take the time to take advantage of local college students by bringing in bands and offering coupons on campus," Gibson said. "It's all about going the extra mile."

Milagros does not have a full liquor license, so they are only allowed to serve wine and beer. Sandoval said they are waiting for a hard alcohol license to open in San Luis Obispo, because only a certain number are given out based on population.

Despite its lack of a full bar, Milagros has become a frequent starting point for downtown bar-hoppers. "We get a lot of pre-parties who start here before they hit up the rest of the downtown area," Gibson said.

Black bean quesadillas make a nice post-Cinco de Mayo dish

By Deborah Ting

CINCO DE MAYO CAPTIVATOR

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Guest Commentary

Anderson/Berdial: ASI your way

Cal Poly is fortunate to have this opportunity: Alison Anderson and Olga Berdial are running for Associated Students Inc. president and vice-president. They are the most qualified students to fill these important roles. The incredible campaign and extremely close loss of last year’s election is a fire in Alison, and she is truly ready to serve Cal Poly through ASI. Luckily, this time she has the support of Olga, and John is closely involved with many aspects of campus life and the community.

It would be easy to state the boring and mundane about Alison and Olga: They have experience with ASI Executive Staff, ASI Board of Directors, their colleges, service organizations and community activism. There is a ton of hard work they put into the above organizations, but it sounds just like the other candidates on paper, right? So, instead of rehabilitating their platforms (which can be found at their Web site and from anyone wearing an orange, Kool-Aid T-shirt), our attempt is to get you pumped on the two most qualified people to lead ASI and our campus into the 2003-04 school year.

We always love a good grassroots campaign, and that’s exactly what this is. Have you seen all the posters of Alison and Olga plastered around campus? No? Well, you won’t. There won’t be any $100,000 billboard advertisements because this campaign is almost completely word of mouth.

We’re all born by now that they are running on only $500, and while this isn’t a reason to vote for them, it’s refreshing to see someone try with that amount. And just think about it, if they win this election with only a $500 “war chest,” don’t you think they’re more than qualified to handle ASI’s budget effectively?

Our experience with both candidates began last year. We first met Olga when she helped our fraternity with some community service projects. It was amazing to see all the different programs she was involved in and the connections she made throughout campus. The assistance she gave our fraternity was phenomenal, and we can honestly say her presence at Student Community Services made our organization even better.

We also had the privilege of working with Alison on the Board of Directors last year. Whenever we had a question about a bill, resolution, action, etc., Alison was one of the first people we would seek for advice. She also gained our trust when she helped draft some of the most respected bills and resolutions last year.

Alison and Olga are involved all over campus; they won’t just be concerned with what’s best for ASI as a corporation, but what ASI can do with the rest of campus.

My vote is for vision, tenacity and leaders who will stand up for what is right for us. For the future of ASI, I hope that your vote is with Luke Parnell and John Paasch.

Luke and John embody the required character that our campus needs. Luke demonstrates the willingness to work for every student, every day. He has been involved with almost every aspect of ASI and has the ability to get things done. Luke is a leader who will stand up for what is right for us. He is someone who I would trust to make good decisions and run ASI the way it should be.

John is a well-respected member of the Cal Poly community and is the best candidate for president. He is also a good guy who cares about people. Every time I see Pedro he gives me a hug and always makes a point to ask me how things are going. This is a guy who works hard in school, is involved in student activities and likes nothing more than to hang out with his buddies on the weekends and relax; the epitome of a Cal Poly student.

Kaitlin has been my roommate since we arrived here four years ago and has never ceased to amaze me. She is an only child, born and raised in San Diego, and is the most driven and dedicated person I have ever met. Kaitlin has been involved in ASI for the past four years, is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority, was a WOW leader for two years, landed an internship with Ernst & Young, gets very good grades and still has time to hang out with “the girls” and her boyfriend, Sean. Kaitlin is a textbook definition of an achieving multi-tasker, but you would never guess it by meeting her. Without knowing it, Kaitlin has been prepping to be our president since she arrived at Cal Poly and is the best candidate you could ask for to be your next ASI president.

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Tracy Watte is a legal studies junior and member of the ASI Board of Directors representing the College of Liberal Arts. The commentaries are in alphabetical order.

Guest Commentary

Ayers/Vazquez: Breaking barriers

Each year about this time, Cal Poly students have the opportunity to choose our next Associated Students Inc. representatives. I believe, like many others, there is one clear choice for ASI president and vice president. The team of Luke Parnell and John Paasch clearly has our best interests in mind.

Webster defines leadership as “the ability to guide, direct or influence people.” Luke and John embody this definition and true leadership is what they will provide as our next ASI leaders. I’ve had the opportunity to work with both of them as they serve as chair and vice chair of the ASI board of directors. Their dedication and determination of countless hours to serving students further demonstrates their willingness to work for every student, every day.

We’ve heard them talk to student groups, and if you haven’t had a chance to listen, you’re truly missing out. Parnell and Paasch are talking about the issues that concern us. They understand we are tired of searching for parking on this over-crowded campus and want to do something about it. They realize that we want to get involved and their friendly personality makes them the best candidates for president and vice-president. So, ask me how things are going. This is a guy who works hard in school, is involved in student activities and likes nothing more than to hang out with his buddies on the weekends and relax; the epitome of a Cal Poly student.

I have known Luke as a student and the San Luis Obispo community. They’ve been members of university wide clubs, fought in meetings for our interests and volunteered in our community. John is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho and works with his fraternity brothers to raise money for philanthropic events and community programs. Both have extensive leadership experience and will bring the vast number of ASI interests together and unite them in one clear direction.

You’ve seen their posters around campus, now all you need to do is cast your vote. On May 7 and 8, we as students have the chance to influence the direction that ASI, a corporation, will serve to our students.

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Instead of limiting spending, Ayers suggested that the ways of campaigning should be limited, such as the number of events candidates may host. Luke Parnell, presidential candidate and agribusiness senior, and John Paasch, vice presidential candidate and bioresource and agricultural engineering senior, received donations from friends and family. Parnell said the Don Heffern Memorial Leadership Fund also worked with their campaign manager to contribute trips.

The leadership fund is not a campus club associated with ASI.

Parnell said he would not want something passed here that has loopholes.

"I do not know the actual amount of money we spent on our campaign," he said. "After the election, we will." Parnell said he is not in favor of limiting the amount of money candidates can spend. "I am a firm believer in freedom of speech and I don't think you can tell someone they can't spend money on a campaign," Parnell said.

The issue of campaign finance reform is commonly discussed when campaign season starts. Two years ago, the Leadership Fund was formed to assess the campaign spending system.

In January, students on the Board of Directors voted against reforming campaign spending.

The student candidates have very different feelings about limiting campaign budgets, said Pat Harris, assistant director of Student Life and Leadership. "Some students are very interested in finance reform because it levels the playing field, others believe it is their right to spend as much as they want," Harris said. "This will continue to be a controversial issue on campus."

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Cal Poly's Thompson, Garcia use home course edge to secure victory

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The Cal Poly Triathlon Team earned the prestigious Wildflower title for the second straight year with a combined time of 1:47:32.

The title was decided on the Olympic distance course, with the best combined times of the top three men and women on the team determining the champion.

Finishing behind Cal Poly were second place UC Berkeley and third place UC Santa Barbara.

The men claimed the title when business administration sophomore Nicholas Thompson came in at the highest finisher, followed by USC's third place.


The team started with howling winds and choppy swimming conditions, Thompson said. "It was difficult to gain a rhythm and I ended up about in the middle of the pack."

Fortunately, Thompson found the rhythm he needed as he made his way to the top, even though the conditions were challenging.

"I'm so proud of all the team members because they gave it their all and I'm so glad to be at a high level despite the conditions," Thompson said.

The Mustangs dominated the competition, with the team's home course and positive performance behind Colorado State University at the Collegiate National Triathlon Championships in Lake Pleasant, Ariz., on April 26. The Cal Poly triathlon team is recognized as one of the best in the country after coming off a second-place finish at the Collegiate National Triathlon Championships at Lake Pleasant, Ariz., on April 26. Cal Poly's next major triathlon competition is the San Jose International Triathlon on June 22.

Levi Newlin, a member of the Cal Poly triathlon team, helped lead the Mustangs to their second consecutive victory on the Olympic long course this weekend at the annual Wildflower Triathlon. The Mustangs edged runner-up UC Berkeley, and UC Santa Barbara settled for third place.

Sophomore Nicholas Thompson was the Mustangs' highest finisher, coming in sixth place at two hours, 16 minutes and 40 seconds. Thompson finished fifth last year.

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"Everyone wants to do well here because it is so close to home," Thompson said. "They add such an advantage to my overall performance."

Thompson finished in fifth place last year, but he credits his slower performance to the weather and course change.

"The race started with howling winds and choppy swimming conditions," Thompson said. "I'm so proud of all the team members because they gave it their all and competed at a high level despite the conditions," Thompson said.


Garcia said the team always competes well at Wildflower because it's the team's home course and positive energy that accomplishes the race.

"Wildflower is the primary race for our team during the season," Garcia said.

The Mustangs wrap up the regular season when they host Utah State in a three-game series beginning with a doubleheader on Friday at 5 p.m. on Bob Janssen Field.