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Although Carney's Irish Pub doesn't win any style points, it has personality to spare.

From the rough-hewn interior, the pocketknife monogrammed tabletops and the occasional unfinished remodeling, the casual atmosphere of Carney's is self-evident as its advertisements — "Not a club; come to the Pub."

Manager Rob Worrall said he thinks this adds to the charm of Carney's. "You don't have to be dressed country or dressed up, we let you be yourself — anything goes."

St. Patrick's Day isn't until next semester, but you can't talk about Carney's without mentioning the festivities.

Its St. Patty's celebrations include special Irish corned beef sandwiches, two-week marinated fajitas and a glut of green beer. "We've got green beer a week before St. Patrick's and for a month after the day," laughs Worrall.

Carney's has a great selection of draft beer and with plenty of imports for those with a discriminating palate. Carney's serves typical Texas bar food, with freshly made burgers (ingredients from the Farm Patch across the street) and a cider-marinated chicken breast sandwich.

Carney's Irish Pub is open for lunch at 11 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday and is open until 2 a.m. every night.

Atmosphere: The jukebox has a good mix of alternative, rock and country selections, and it played throughout the evening. There were a number of televisions showing college football, while Golden Tate and other games were popular in the back. The small crowd present was exceptionally noisy, enjoying some impromptu karaoke and singing along with Def Leppard from the jukebox.

What Not to Wear: As Worrall said, "we are laid back — come in how you are." Most people were still dressed in their Maroon and white attire after last Saturday's football game, but some of the later arrivals were dressed up.

Crowd: Tuesdays and Thursdays are the big nights, but Carney's was relatively empty in the evening after the Wyoming game. Around 11 p.m. a number of people were pretty hammered, leading to some drunk jitterbugging around the tables. Carney's was sporting a pretty good ratio of guys to women, with slightly more women. Worrall said the place gets traffic from fraternities and sororities, but that a lot of students come to hang out and meet new people.

Collateral Damage: \$\$\$\$ of \$\$\$\$\$. The \$12 pitcher of Killian was a little pricey, but worth it for the cold draft goodness.

Crowd Appeal: Thursdays have drink specials like \$3 "Big As Beers" and \$1 domestic pints from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. There is live acoustic music on Tuesdays and once a month Carney's hosts "Mer in Black" with live funk music.

Regulars Say: "Carney's is great, 'cause it isn't a large crowd and you can do what you want without a stuck-up atmosphere," said Josh Weaver, a senior animal science major. "Their beer is colder than most, and I think they've got great lunches."

If Carney's Irish Pub were a party, it would be a perennial St. Patty's day celebration.

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