

Quixote's adds food to the mix

Now you don't even have to leave the bar to get some good food. Known for their popular drink specials, Quixote's had a trial run this past weekend and tried adding some food to the mix.

Starting out with small appetizers such as chips, homemade queso, salsa, and even burritos, Quixote's wanted to get feedback from their customers before they made a permanent change. "However, it was just as much a test for us," Jon Hyink, owner of Quixote's, explains. Quixote's experimented with how much they can handle and how fast their kitchen staff can work.

Also well liked for their live music, Quixote's is located in downtown Auburn on North College Street. Beginning on October 1<sup>st</sup> they will be established as a full service restaurant, a change that came about from a zoning issue with the city.

To avoid establishments, such as the bars in downtown Auburn, serving under the wrong license, they had until October to proclaim if they would be known as a restaurant or a lounge. This meant they could may either renew their current license and remain the same or make a change. Last Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Auburn City Council meeting, Quixote's was approved their restaurant license.

As a full service restaurant they will actually begin opening up from 5 pm to 9 pm with a full tex-mex inspired menu. Everything from appetizers to entrees will be served during this time. Then, from 9 pm to 1 am a limited menu will still be available.

Discussing the idea of an open menu on the evenings, senior Jenna Copp says, "Yeah I would definitely go, chips, queso, and, beer, what a good combination."

However, food isn't the only thing that comes from this change from bar to restaurant. With the title of a restaurant establishment, you no longer have to be 21 or older to enter. It is actually up to Quixote's as to whether or not they want to continue enforcing an age limit. Good news to the underclassmen, they have decided not to insist on an age requirement, so now you only have to be 19 or older to enter.

You can expect to see a sample of the menu again this upcoming weekend before the debut of their full menu on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. When I met with Hyink and Chris Godbold, both owners, they were speaking with the other managers of Quixote's about the upcoming changes. It seems as though they want to be sure that they keep their customers happy and coming back for more.

I think that they will do just that based on the majority of students that I spoke with. They seemed please to hear about the new additions to Quixote's and were anxious to try it out for themselves.

Quixote's is taking a risk and changing its mode of operation in order to appeal to a larger group of patrons, mostly auburn students. Already identified as a laid back and comfortable atmosphere, Quixote's, the home of the \$3, 32 ounce wells drinks, now has even more to offer.