

Guido's bouncer a 'big' surprise

Cary Woodle has seen thousands of University students walk through the doors of Guido's Restaurant and More during his more than one year as one of the club's security personnel.

The 230-pound, 6-foot-1 ("A little taller with the combat boots," he says) bouncer would surprise some people if they knew of his extensive education at the University and his love for teaching.

The Emerald sat down with the 29-year-old Cary for a few minutes over drinks (Cary had a Diet Pepsi, and Jake had a Henry's) and discussed topics from bouncing to teaching to lifting weights, and from AC/DC to Lawrence Welk.

ODE: Guido's always has the reputation of being the toughest bar to get into; do you think that's well-deserved?

Cary: I haven't been to other bars, but I think we try to keep minors out.

People get by sometimes ... if the ID is a pretty good match between the borrowed ID and the actual possessor. Fake IDs like manufactured IDs usually don't get by, or altered IDs especially. We usually catch them.

We look at them, and you can see the problem. The year has been altered, or someone used cut-and-paste to put a picture in there, or the lamination's been lifted.

ODE: Do you think other bars are easier, or is it that you guys are way tough?

Cary: I don't know how the other bars are. I can tell you that I'm paid to do a job, and I do the job to the best of my ability. If people get by, that's their problem. I catch quite a few of the IDs, I believe, and I've heard the reputation that we are really tough.

ODE: What do you do when you catch somebody who has a simulated ID?

Cary: Well, if I'm not sure, then I give it back and ask them to leave.

Usually, though, I'm sure, and I take it. And I say, "Hey, this is being confiscated. If you have a problem with that, call the Eugene police department, and they'll take care of it when they arrive."

And I have not been called on any of my snagging of IDs.

ODE: What do people do when you say, "Hey, this is no good, you're going to have to leave"?

Cary: One of two things. One, they either walk out meekly, or two, they argue.

ODE: What do they usually say when they argue?

Cary: "That's me! That's me, man! What's the problem?" And then their friends join in, "What's the problem?" And then what they try to do is put multiple people in front of you and try to put pressure on you. It doesn't work; it just makes me a little defensive.

I know I'm right when I'm taking it. I know I'm right. It's kind of fun because I do play games with them, like, "You have any more ID?" Because if you have any more ID, I'll snag that, too.

All of the IDs we confiscate eventually go to OLCC, and a few of them, they'll try to go through, make a case with it and prosecute. Obviously, if you have someone else's ID, and it's borrowed ID, then your name's not attached in any way, shape or form. It make it rather difficult for them to track the borrower down.

ODE: Do you meet a lot of

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CARY WOODLE
Guido's bouncer

By Jake Berg

people here — the legit ones that you let in — that come up and are friendly with you, and you know them by name when they come in?

Cary: Yeah, quite a few people, actually.

ODE: Do you check everybody's ID, even if you know them?

Cary: They walk by and flash it so I know they have it on them, but I still check. There's no reason to scrutinize and check the birthdate — that's not going to change.

ODE: A lot of the people that I talk to that have been coming here for a few years have told me a lot of stories about you, like you want to be a teacher, you're married and you have a kid, you lift weights a lot. Tell me your life story, Cary.

Cary: My life story? I am a substitute teacher, so I don't have a real job.

I am married; I have no children.

I was a community college instructor down in Roseburg at UCC (Umpqua), but I gave that up to get my master's in secondary education.

The job market just isn't there for teachers, so I'm willing away my time waiting for a good teaching position. You know in teaching, once you find a good school that you want to be at, you pretty much know you're set for the rest of your life, as long as you don't screw up.

ODE: Where do you substitute at, usually?

Cary: Up here, Bethel School District — Willamette High School and Cascade Middle School, and down at Oakland High School.

ODE: Do you get to do that very often?

Cary: During the school year ... last year I was bouncing, too, so the frequency is down a little because bouncing ... bouncing, subbing, bouncing ... you get real tired. I substitute on average twice a week, and sometimes three or four, but it's really hard when you're bouncing quite a bit.

ODE: So what's your lifetime goal? Do you ultimately want to become a teacher or are you going to keep bouncing?

Cary: No, I don't want to keep bouncing, but I do have bills to pay and I pay them thanks to Guido's. Bouncing ... in a way is kind of embarrassing to me. I went to college for almost nine years at the University of Oregon, so I feel like this isn't what I educated myself for — to become a bouncer. I'm waiting for a teaching job to come along.

ODE: What do you want to teach?

Cary: I'm a social studies teacher — U.S. history. Or west-ern civ, one of the two.

ODE: When did you graduate from the UO?

Cary: In '86, I got my bachelor's in history. In '88, I got my

teaching certificate, and in '92, I got my master's in secondary education, all from UO.

I went to Army ROTC here at the UO, and they're the ones who helped to put me through my first four years, and I got back out. (Points at feet.) The boots are military issue.

I went to junior high and high school in Roseburg, and grade school in Eugene.

ODE: Do you work out quite a bit, or did the Army give you your muscles, too?

Cary: (Laughs.) Right when I was graduating from high school, I was trying to decide what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. An Army officer, that's great, and on top of that, I thought I might want to be a teacher, too.

I was tired of being small, because I was 135 pounds in high school at my present

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