

All This For 'Urp!' Just \$1.02 Per Day?

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Can you imagine how much food you could get if you went downtown with \$1.02?

This is how much it costs for each Chemawa student per day for all three meals.

A lot of the students don't care for the food here at Chemawa, but try to get three balanced meals a day all you can eat, for \$1.02.

During a school year, Chemawa goes through \$165,000.00 on food alone.

Mr. Earl Douglas said that he believes every student on campus is eating better than any school that he has visited, and every cent of that \$165,000.00 will be used for food this school year.

Many, many tons

Chemawa goes through 43¼ tons of fresh fruit, 48½ tons of meats, 70¼ tons of vegetables, 650,400 hot rolls, 194,400 eggs, 44,715 gallons of milk, 13,550 loaves of bread for toast, and 298 gallons of jelly for toast during a school year.

We go through 2,400 hot rolls, and 165 gallons of milk a day.

We also go through 450 dozen eggs a week.

Dollar wise, look at the food you eat at meals and see if you can find

a place that will give you a better meal three times a day for the price of \$1.02. If you can do it, they probably wouldn't give you very much.

If you want more food here, all you have to do is go up for more. Like Mr. Douglas says, "Take what you want, and eat what you take. Please don't waste food."

'Lost' items hurt

From the time school started up until now, the kitchen department had to replace a lot of items for the students. They replaced 481 trays at \$2.25 each, which comes to \$902.25.

The cups that were replaced at 29¢ each totaled \$429.20.

When you see a cup laying around on campus, what you are really seeing is 29¢. Please pick it up and return to the kitchen, where it belongs.

The silverware that was replaced totaled 793 pieces, which came to \$1,160.00. Just on silverware. Can you imagine that? So please don't take pieces of silverware from the kitchen area.

Let's take these three items dollar wise. How much have we wasted this school year? \$2,491.45. This would be enough money to feed everyone on campus for seven days.

Mr. Douglas purchased enough beef at the reduced cost of living to carry

us through this school period, without having to pay the price of meats listed.

These prices were taken from the Federal Supply Catalogue Price List, FSC Group 89, Perishable Subsistence.

Steak	\$3.06 lb.
Swiss Steak	\$2.65 lb.
Oven roast	\$1.62 lb.
Pot Roast	\$1.33 lb.
Ground Beef	\$.80 lb.
Bacon	\$.61 lb.

These prices are not being used at the present time, because of wise purchasing. We must give Mr. Rex Bray of Plant Management credit for the whole thing, because they made our deep freeze available for us by doubling the capacity.

These prices are from the book, General Services Administration, Denver, Colorado. Now let's take a look and see what happened cost wise to our canned goods non-perishables.

Tunafish was \$15.54 per case, now \$35 per case, more than double the price.

Tomatoe-paste was \$9.84 per case, now \$10.14 per case.

Canned salmon was \$37.84 per case now \$51.06 per case.

Canned apples was \$6.72 per case, now \$7.68 per case.

Colored dry beans was \$11.70 per 100 pounds, now \$13.37 per 100 lbs.

White dry beans was \$10.62 per 100 pounds, now \$16.50 per 100 lbs.

Believe it or not, coffee went down. Coffee was \$30.78 per case, now \$29.57 per case. That is the only item that went down in price.

What about next year?

Mr. Douglas questions whether or not he can meet his obligation on account of the high cost of food for next year. He said, "I've sharpened my pencil. The cooks have sharpened their knives to try to stretch the food this school year. So if you see your meat sliced so thin that it only has one side, you will know the reason why. I do believe this year is the hardest year I have had in the last ten in trying to keep our shelves stocked prior to cooking."

If Chemawa was to buy from the open market, it would cost a great deal more than what we are paying now. So if there's any question why Mr. Douglas doesn't have any hair left on his head, it's because this is a tiresome, endless and worrisome job.



Is Mr Douglas thinking about Steaks? Hot rolls and butter? Vegetables? You bet he is. He's figuring out how much food he can get for Chemawa to last all year long on \$1.02 per student per day. (Photo by Al Francis)