



FROM THE DIRECTOR ...

Finals Week! I realize it is a busy time but I hope you will take a short break and enjoy *The Marketplace Messenger*.

As I think of this being the last issue of *The Marketplace Messenger*, it is hard to believe that another year is coming to a close. To reflect, this has been an eventful year in Dining Services besides serving over 560,000 meals. Dining continually worked to enhance menu offerings; responded to student initiatives on smoothie bar, apple slicing and wing bar; added whole wheat pizza dough; introduced the Exhibio video board to replace printed menus; provided promotions with fresh baked cookie bar, chocolate fountain for Valentine's Day, National Chili Day, National Pancake Day, Mardi Gras, Eating Disorder Week; increased local purchases; expanded sustainability and the Go Green at Grinnell project; hired a student intern to build relationships with local producers; extended the Eggs to Order station service time to 10 a.m.; donated over \$2700 to projects through Fog Fast; continued the Healthy Eating chapter with our consulting dietitian; expanded our offerings at the Spencer Grill and experimented with tray-less dining for the Marketplace. I know there are many things missing but this is what I remember off the top of my brain!

Our summer will be spent planning ways to bring you an even better dining experience next year. It is not too late to send us a comment or an idea you have for dining. Now is the time to take a look at all ideas. I can truly tell you that the dining staff is dedicated to serving you and takes this responsibility very seriously.

Check out the information on the dining plan sign up as you will want to make a decision before leaving campus next week. There is a small change in the meal plans for next year with the dropping of Sunday breakfast. The "full plan" is now 20 meals per week. The College made this change to help the overall budget but wanted to have minimum impact on students. This change was taken into consideration in the rates for 2009-2010.

Also, look at the info on the results of the experiment with tray-less dining. Whether we move ahead on tray-less dining or continue with the use of trays will be a decision you will have an opportunity to be involved in when we begin the fall semester.

On behalf of all the dining staff, I want to close by wishing everyone a safe, restful, and fun summer. For those returning we will be waiting for your return in August. For you graduates, we will miss you but wish you the very best as you move on to the next chapter in your life.

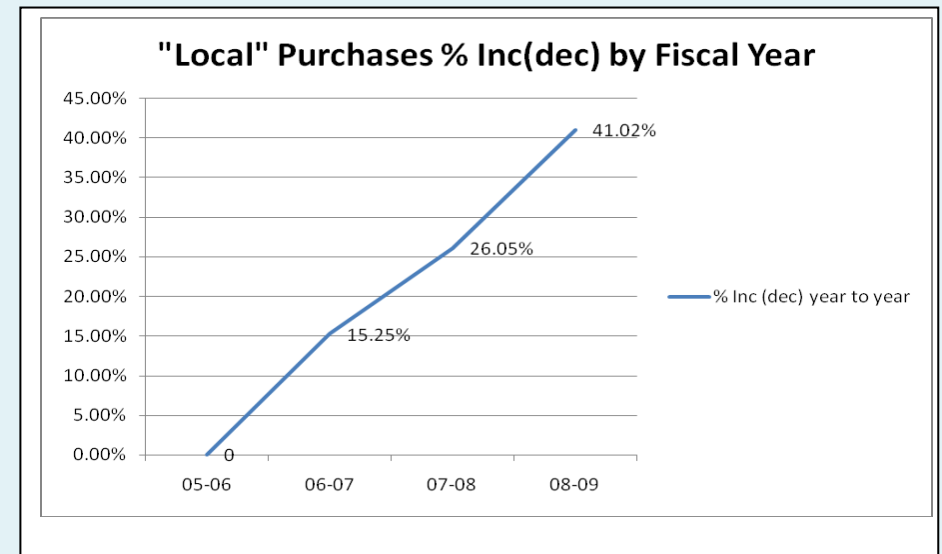
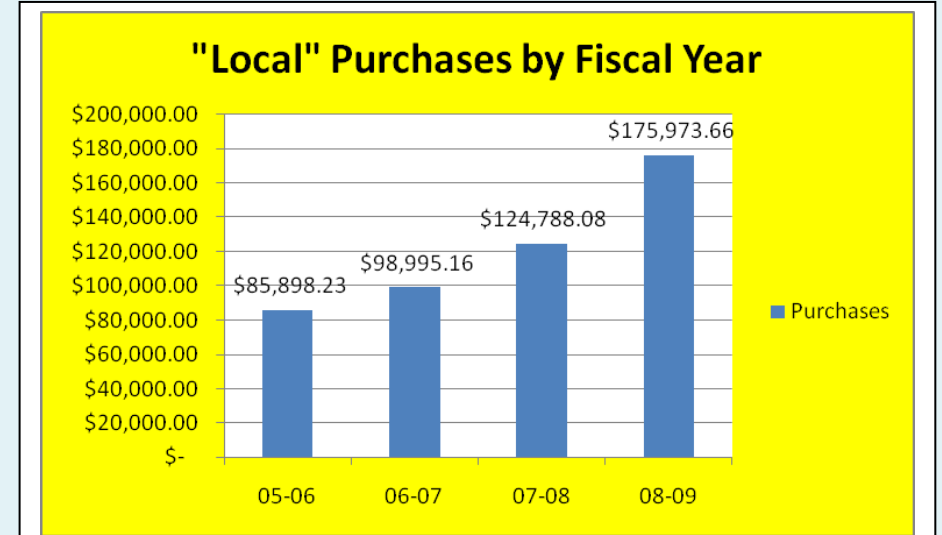
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Local Purchases Soar

Throughout the past four years, your dining services has made a concerted effort to increase our use of locally-grown and locally-produced products. As we near the end of the 2008-09 fiscal year, we are proud to share our results.

The first graph on the right shows the dollar amount of purchases for each year with the 05-06 fiscal year being our base. The lower right graph shows the year-over-year percentage increase in local purchases. As you can see our purchases have grown substantially and it remains our commitment to continue seeking out new sources for locally-grown and produced products.

With the addition of our local foods intern, Neal Wepking, we look forward to this fall when we will begin to reap the benefits of Neal's work with the local farmer-producers in the area.



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Dining Plan Options 2009-2010

PLEASE NOTE: The full plan is now 20 meals. No Sunday breakfast will be offered.

Grinnell Dining is proud of our national award-winning dining program located in the Joe Rosenfield '25 Center! A beautiful state-of-the-art marketplace dining facility is the centralized location for on-campus dining for students and other members and guests of the campus community. A wide variety of choices, food prepared to order, and a beautiful dining environment enhance the dining experience at Grinnell College. Even if you have moved off campus, consider signing up for a meal plan so that you can also be part of the student experience in the Marketplace. *As always, we welcome your input and comments!*

Continuing for 2009-2010, we offer **Breakfast Beverages to Go** allowing students to take a cup of coffee or other beverage from the Marketplace to their first class/activity of the day. Students with busy schedules can redeem a board meal for a meal-to-go from **Out Takes**, conveniently located in The Spencer Grill. **Guest passes**, included with Plans 1-4, make it easy for students' family members and other visitors to enjoy an all-you-can-eat meal on campus. The **Dining Dollars Plus** option is once again available, allowing you to add \$100 in Dining Dollars to any other plan (spendable at The Spencer Grill or Marketplace).

All first-year students are required to participate in the Full Meal Plan (Plan 1) for their first semester. Second semester first-year students may choose between the Full Meal Plan (Plan 1) and the 15 Plus Meal Plan (Plan 2). Returning students have other options, depending on housing status. Students living in Cowles Apartments are required to participate in a minimum of meal plan #6. Please review the options below and indicate your choice.

To submit your dining plan request, click here [Dining Plan Sign Up](#).

The dining plans offered for the 2009-2010 academic year, effective August 26, 2009 are as follows:

Residence Hall Dining Plan Options

All returning students living in the residence halls have the option to select one of the following plans (1-4). Students living in the Cowles apartments, college-owned houses, or off campus may also choose one of these plans. Meals and Dining Dollars are non-transferable.

Plan 1 - Full Meal Plan

\$2284 per semester

With the **Full Meal Plan**, you have the opportunity to eat each meal served during the week in the Marketplace. This plan is worry-free, assures a nutritious meal at each sitting and is the most economical plan available. **5 guest meal passes are included.**

Plan 2 - Any 15 Meals Plus

\$2295 per semester

The **Any 15 Plus** plan allows you to select any 15 of the 20 meals served in the Marketplace each week. This plan also gives you \$200 in [Dining Dollars*](#) to spend at The Spencer Grill or Marketplace. **5 guest meal passes are included.**

Plan 3 - Any 15 Meals

\$2095 per semester

The **Any 15** plan allows you to select any 15 of the 20 meals served in the Marketplace each week. **5 guest meal passes are included.**

Plan 4 - Any 10 Meals Plus

\$2190 per semester

The **Any 10 Plus** plan gives you the option of selecting any 10 of the 20 meals served each week. This plan gives you \$250 worth of [Dining Dollars*](#) to use at The Spencer Grill or Marketplace. **5 guest passes are included.**

Non-Residence Hall Dining Plan Options

All students living in college-owned houses or living off-campus have the option to select any residence hall plan (1-4). We have also designed the following additional options (5-7). Students living in Cowles Apartments are required to sign up for a minimum of Plan 6. Meals and Dining Dollars are non-transferable.

Plan 5 - 80 Meals Plus

\$915 per semester

Students who select the **80 Plus** plan can eat any 80 meals per semester in the Marketplace and receive \$100 worth of [Dining Dollars*](#) for use at The Spencer Grill or Marketplace.

Plan 6 - 65 Meals Plus

\$800 per semester

The **65 Plus** plan allows you to select any 65 meals per semester in the Marketplace. Also included are \$150 worth of [Dining Dollars*](#) to use at The Spencer Grill or Marketplace.

Plan 7 - Lunch Bunch

\$570 per semester

The **Lunch Bunch** Plan offers off-campus students the opportunity and convenience of eating lunch in the Marketplace, Monday through Friday, for the entire semester. A great low-cost option!

Plan 8 - Dining Dollars Plus (Add-on Only)

\$100

Add an additional \$100 in [Dining Dollars*](#) to any other plan. Dining Dollars are a convenient way to make purchases at The Spencer Grill or Marketplace. *This option is only available to students already signing up for Plans 1 through 7.*

***Dining Dollars are not refundable and must be used by the end of each semester.**

Tray-less Yields Results

Results are now in from the recent trial period of going “tray-less” at Grinnell Dining Services. There were savings during the week, but the total of the savings was much less than originally anticipated or widely promoted on the nationwide forums. Since students at Grinnell College are already conscious of what they eat and the waste they produce, our savings were much lower than many of the colleges surveyed. Many of the other colleges cite savings of 25-30 percent week-to-week, however here at Grinnell the week-to-week savings were just short of 8 percent. The actual waste figures were:

Date	Waste	# Meals	Waste/Meal
April 20-24 (tray-less)	2,580 pounds	11,901	3.45 ounces
April 27-May 1 (trays)	2,780 pounds	11,633	3.82 ounces
Savings	200 pounds	Savings/meal	0.37 ounce

Is tray-less the right move for Grinnell College? That is a question which will be debated through the summer months and potentially into the next academic year. There are concerns about visitors, tables with much more clutter left behind, and always the question of how much savings it would take to offset these and other concerns.

Dining Services will not be making this decision on our own or without considerable thought as to how it will impact our services, our employees, and you our diners. Student groups, and individuals will be consulted through one-on-one conversations and potentially through a survey early in the fall semester.

Make your opinion known.



*From all of us in Dining
Have a safe and enjoyable
summer! We hope to see you
again in August.*

Congratulations graduates! You are the last of a very special group from Grinnell College. Your group was the last to regularly dine in Quad and Cowles Dining Halls. We have watched you through the years and have been grateful for your support, your ideas, and yes, even your criticism.

We trust the world will treat you well!

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