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## CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

Food consumption has been a highly researched area in recent years except for beverages. Over $60 \%$ of Americans consume some sort of food or beverage between meals (Pao \& Mickle, 1980). Beverages have become a growing market in the United States in the 90's with new products emerging yearly. Some of the newest products introduced to the market are specialty coffee, iced coffee, sports drinks, "New Age" clear beverages (Scarpa, 1993) and bottled water (Green, 1984). Eating habits develop early on in adolescence and are influenced by geography, economic \& technological development, cultural determinants, religious taboos, ethnicity, marketing and peers to name a few (Gordon, 1983). A report published by the Office of Disease Prevention \& Health Promotion, a division of the Department of Health \& Human Services, listed improved nutrition as one of the 21 identified strategies to improve the nation's health (DHHS, 1991). High priority was placed on improving nutrition practices to reflect the dietary guidelines for Americans (USDA, 1990). One of the objectives is to avoid too much sugar, and the other, to drink alcoholic beverages in moderation.

College students represent an important segment of the United States population and their food and beverage consumption should be assessed in as much as students are generally under stress, have limited funds, and limited time to purchase and prepare meals (Khan \& Lipke, 1982). Carbonated and alcoholic beverages are an integral part of the college students food consumption (Khan \& Lipke, 1980; Nelson \& King, 1982;

Hernon, Skinner, Andrews, \& Penfield, 1986; Kidorf, Lang \& Pelham, 1990). This is of particular concern to nutritionists and dietitians because students tend to follow low-
caloric diets, avoid nutritious foods, and skip meals (Hernon et al, 1986). Serious consequences can result from these practices and be further aggravated by emotional problems and physical stress, while attending the University.

As nutrition educators, we need to ascertain the types of beverages preferred by college students. In addition, we need to discern their nutrition knowledge towards the consumption of beverages to more accurately and effectively develop educational tools to enhance knowledge of and compliance of the new dietary recommendations (Axelson \& Brinberg, 1987).

## Purpose and Objectives of the Study

The purpose of this research is to describe the beverage consumption preferences of Oklahoma State University Students who resided in the residence halls during the fall semester of 1994.

Specific objectives were to:

1. Identify the types of beverages preferred by college students.
2. Determine the amount of beverages consumed by college students during a typical day.
3. Determine if nutrition knowledge of college students affects their consumption of beverages.
4. Determine if type and frequency of exercise activities of college students affect their consumption of beverages.
5. To identify the types of beverages preferred by college students through assessing invoices and other purchasing records by Oklahoma State University Food Service.

Hypotheses

The following hypotheses were postulated for the study:
$\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ol}}$ : There will be no significant association between beverage consumption patterns of college students during a typical day and selected demographic variables: age, gender, education level, college, ethnic background, religion, and number of meals per week.
$\mathrm{H}_{02}$ : There will be no significant associations between nutrition knowledge and beverage consumption patterns of college students'.
$\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{o} 3}$ : There will be no significant associations between amount frequency and type of exercise and beverage consumption patterns of college students.

## Assumptions and Limitations

The following assumptions will be recognized in this study:

1. College students will be honest in answering the questionnaire to the best of their ability.
2. Students on a 10 or 15 meal plan, may also be consuming food and beverages off campus, which may differ in types from those available in the residence halls.
3. The percentage of beverages that are purchased by the residence halls and consumed directly by students is constant over time.

The following limitations will be recognized in this study:

1. The population was limited to students living in the resident halls at OSU in the fall semester of 1994.
2. Intake of beverages in the residence halls may be a function of what is purchased and made available to the students.
3. The beverages purchased by the residence halls will not accurately reflect amounts consumed by college students because they are also used in food production and catering. Disappearance data on beverages will be more than what is actually consumed as a beverage.

## Definition of Terms

For the purpose of this study, the following terms are defined so that the researchers intent is understood specifically.

College Students: Individuals who matriculated at Oklahoma State University and reside in the Residence Halls during the Fall of 1994.

Nutrition Knowledge: Nutrition knowledge in this study is limited to number of servings of the different food groups as suggested by the USDA food guide pyramid (Appendix A) and the number of glasses of water needed by adults daily.

Beverages: any of various liquid refreshments, including water.

Academic Year: Defined as the fall and spring semesters.
Snack: Food or beverage consumed between meals.
Serving Size: Except for the Food Guide Pyramid, serving size refers to an 8 oz . portion for all beverages.

## CHAPTER II

## REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Introduction

From the beginning of time, beverages have been an integral part in economies and the lives of people everywhere. It not only holds important economic and functional roles but a social one as well. The Boston Tea Party of 1776 , is a good example historically of how important this beverage was to the colonists and to the economy of both England \& America. Some beverages also hold spiritual value, as in partaking of wine during Communion, while other beverages such as herbal teas played a vital role in medicinal practices. In recent years, beverages have become increasingly more popular with the advent of new and different types of beverages. This chapter will be devoted to a review of the literature pertaining to beverage consumption by different subgroups of the population.

## Water's Role in the Body

Water has a vital function in the body. It helps carry waste products and nutrients throughout the body, it fills the intracellular and extracellular fluid spaces, it helps form the structure of macromolecules and it quenches thirst (Whitney, Hamilton, Rolfes, 1990). Consequently, water makes up a big portion of an individuals body weight. An adult's body weight is approximately $50-60$ percent water (Zeman, 1991). The body needs an amount of water based upon how active an individual is and his or her own
body weight. An average person needs about 8-12 cups of water daily (Whitney, Hamilton, Rolfes, 1990). These needs may be increased due to a variety of reasons.

## Beverage Technology

The primary ingredient of any beverage is water, whether that beverage is milk, $100 \%$ fruit juice or carbonated beverages. Water comprises approximately $85-93 \%$ of the total volume of any beverage (Giese, 1992). Some soft drinks can be comprised of as much as $98 \%$ water.

Advanced technology has enabled a whole new arena of "specialty beverages" to emerge. Manufactures are now fortifying fruit drinks and juices with calcium, vitamins and protein in order to make them seem healthier and appealing to the public. They can also remove the lactose from dairy products to accommodate lactose-intolerant consumers. Premium iced tea's and coffees have also been making a debut in the last several years (Scarpa, 1993). With Americans becoming more health and wellness conscious, sports drinks have also become more popular. Even the soft drink companies are continually improving their line of diet sodas, and coming out with new products such as clear colas. All this technology has come about because of the consumer's demands for healthier beverages.

## Trends in US Beverage Consumption

The emergence of new food and beverages increased over the past eight years with new beverage items increasing from 832 in 1987 to 1,845 in 1993 (Stillings, 1994). These beverages include flavored waters, juice drinks, spring \& natural water, and alcohol.

Over the past 40-50 years, there has been decreases in per capita consumption of dairy products which includes milk (Stillings, 1994). In accordance with dietary recommendations that Americans decrease their consumption of whole milk, trends show
that the per capita consumption of whole milk has decreased by $62 \%$, while the per capita consumption of low-fat milk has increased by $4,000 \%$. Overall, milk consumption has declined. In contrast to this, when food trends were reviewed from 1909 to 1980, Welsh and Marston (1982) concluded that the per capita consumption of dairy products had increased. This was however, due to increases in cheese and low-fat milk. The use of whole milk between 1909-1913 and 1945 had increased by $26 \%$, but between 1945 and 1980, it declined by almost $50 \%$ (Welsh and Marston, 1982). Welsh and Marston also reported that fruit and vegetable consumption more than quadrupled from 17 pounds to 77 pound per capita per year. This was mainly due to the increased use of processed juices.

The consumption of soft drinks in recent years have steadily increased due to new products and artificially sweetened soft drinks. The National Nutrition Monitoring System reports that the consumption of soft drinks has increased, with a greater increase occurring in the intake of low-calorie soft drinks over regular soft drinks. The trend between 1977-1985 was an increase in alcoholic beverages in both men \& women. This may be over reported due to the questionnaire probing for forgotten food items. In retail sales, however, there has been a declining trend of alcoholic beverages over this period of time. The increase in carbonated beverage consumption has also been confirmed by several different authors. In a study reported by Morgan, Stults, and Stampley (1985), more than $50 \%$ of the US population consumed carbonated beverages; of this $45.4 \%$ consumed regular soft drinks, while only $8.2 \%$ consumed diet soft drinks. Men between the ages of 19-24 were the primary consumers of regular soft drinks, while women aged 35-44 primarily consumed diet soft drinks (Morgan et al, 1985).Khan and Lipke (1982) Guenther (1986) and Cook, Eiler and Forker (1975) also found similar results in their studies that the consumption of carbonated beverages have increased, with an increase in diet beverages also occurring. Liebman (1992) reported in an article that tea consumption
and canned/chilled juice consumption has stayed constant from 1968-1988. She also reported that frozen citrus juice has slightly increased.

Consumption Behavior of Different Subgroups of the US

## Geographic location

Throughout different geographic locations, food and beverage consumption varies widely. This is indicated by a study conducted by Cook, Eiler and Forker (1975). Consumers were interviewed in Albany, Syracuse \& New York City. Milk consumption was found to be significantly less in New York than in Syracuse and Albany. New York City respondents reported more fruit juice and fruit drink consumption than did the other two towns in upper New York State. Soft drink consumption was also higher in New York than Syracuse and Albany. Guenther (1986) also did a study of beverages which included intakes by region. He found that Southerners drank less milk, juice and alcoholic beverages and more soft drinks and tea than those who lived in the Northeast, Midwest, and Western regions of the US among teenagers.


#### Abstract

Age

Beverage consumption also changes with age. NHANES I data showed that elderly individuals aged 55 and older had a higher consumption of coffee and tea, vegetable fats, and non-citrus fruits food groups out of the combined 32 food groups (Murphy, Everett \& Dresser 1989). Other beverages, such as orange juice, vitamin C enriched drinks, cola beverages, artificially sweetened beverages, wine and liquor were found not to change much with seasonal adjustments among the elderly. In Guenther's (1986) study of beverages and American teenagers, he reported that teenagers drank more soft drinks and milk than juice, fruit drinks, coffee, tea and alcoholic beverages. In the study conducted by Cook, Eiler and Forker (1975), differences in consumption and types of beverages between the different age groups was found. In adults, consumption of


coffee, tea, liquor, beer and wine were highest where as adolescents were more likely to drink milk and soft drinks. Decreases in the consumption of milk were also found to be lower in the adults and young adult group versus the adolescent groups. NHANES I data also reported a decline of milk consumption of persons aged 1-5 (Morgan et al. 1989).

## Race

NHANES I data reported that between black and whites, black males were more likely to drink whole milk than white males; but white females drank more whole milk than black females (Morgan et. al 1989). More current research, contradicted the NHANES I data. In New York State, young adult black males drank less milk than their white counterparts. (Cook et al., 1975). In the same study, white women also consumed more milk than black women. White males from New York also drank more soft drinks, coffee or tea, and fruit juices, while black males drank more alcoholic beverages and water (Cook et al., 1975). Among the females from New York, whites drank more milk, coffee or tea, fruit juices and liquor, while black females drank more beer or wine, soft drinks and water (Cook et al. 1975). The study by Guenther (1986) indicated that among teenagers, intakes of juice and soft drinks were similar between whites and blacks; but consumption of milk, fruit drinks, coffee, tea and alcoholic beverages differed. Wyant and Meiselman (1984) conducted a study of food preferences among military personnel. The surveyed group was broken into 4 subgroups: black men, black women, white women, and white men. Fruit and vegetable juices, fruit drinks, and iced tea were found to be preferred more by blacks. White respondents indicated a greater preference for milk and tomato juice than did blacks.

## College Students

Khan (1980) conducted a survey of 1200 students at Albright College in Pennsylvania to determine beverage preferences of college students. His results indicated
that the majority of students, selected cola-type beverages. Cola-type beverages were also found to be the most popular type of carbonated beverages. Tea and coffee were the least chosen beverages. He also found that men preferred more chocolate milk and fruit flavored drinks, and women were more likely to prefer non-cola type of drinks. For most other beverages, except tea and coffee, more than one serving was selected. Khan and Lipke (1982) also found that beverages contributed widely to snacking. A majority of college students who snacked, consumed carbonated beverages as a snack. Nelson and King (1982), also had some observations on snaking and beverage preferences of university students. In a poll taken on a university campus, they found that among beverages as snacks, fruit drinks were chosen most frequently followed by milk, iced tea, carbonated drinks, and coffee. This was somewhat contradictory to other research which showed that carbonated beverages were usually chosen first as snacks. In other literature on food consumption of college students, Hernon et al. (1986), concluded that women consumed fewer servings of fluid milk, alcoholic beverages and other beverages compared with men. Another study undertaken by Stasch, Johnson, and Spangler (1970), showed that almost one-third of the 394 students surveyed reported that they drank milk with every meal, and that an additional one-third drank milk at least once a day. As a snack, they also found that soft drinks were the most commonly chosen snack at college and at home.

## Women

The Nationwide Food Consumption Survey reported results collected from the 1986 Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals Women 19-50 years and their children 1-5 years which was conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (NMDHNIS, 1987). Changes were observed from 1977 to 1985 by women from whole milk to low-fat milk consumption. In 1986, the intakes of fruit juices were closer to the intakes reported in 1977 than those reported in 1985. This report also indicated that low-
calorie soft drinks were higher in 1986 than reported in 1985 and 1977. There was also a difference in consumption among different age groups of women. Older women had lesser intakes of soft drinks than did the younger women. Low-calorie soft drinks were most often drunk by approximately one-half of older women compared to one-third drunk by younger women. In a study done by Stasch et al. (1970), researchers found that men consumed more milk than women. A higher percentage of women than men disliked beer was reported by Wyant and Meiselman (1984). They also indicated that men over women were more willing to drink milk, where as women requested fruit or fruit juice.

## Food Guide Pyramid

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans was released in 1980 and has had several revisions since then. Current Guidelines were issued in 1990 (Appendix B) (Welsh, Davis, and Shaw, 1992). They are as follows.

* Eat a variety of foods,
* Maintain healthy weight,
* Choose a diet low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol,
* Choose a diet with plenty of vegetables, fruits, and grain products,
* Use sugars only in moderation,
* Use salt and sodium in moderation, and
* If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation.

The food guide pyramid was developed in 1990 and released in 1992 as a graphic representation of the Dietary Guidelines. The pyramid is broken down into five groups, the breads, pasta rice and starch group, the vegetable group, the fruit group, the meat group and the milk group (Welsh et al, 1992). At the top of the pyramid are oils, sweets, and fats, many of the beverages on the market today are classified under this category except for milk and $100 \%$ fruit juice.

## Summary

Beverages have a significant function in the human body and also in society. Some provide us with nutrients our body needs, such as riboflavin from milk, and
vitamin C from fruit juice and other vitamins and minerals from water. Carbonated beverages as snacks or alcoholic beverages at social gatherings provide social enjoyment. Recommendations have been made concerning two beverages, that of alcohol and that of increasing the consumption of low-fat milk. While percapita data showed that the overall sales of alcohol had decreased consumption among adults is still high. Several studies revealed that carbonated beverages continues to increase in the diet, while milk consumption decreases even though consumption of low-fat milk has increased.

## CHAPTER III

## METHODS

This chapter identified the methods that were followed by the researcher to fulfill the objectives of the study. Research design, population and sample, data collection including instrumentation and procedure, and data analysis were included in this chapter.

## Research Design

The research design was a survey in the form of a mailed questionnaire. Surveys are used in research to describe and quantify characteristics of a defined population (Monsen, 1992). This research survey was designed to identify preferences and consumption patterns of beverages by college students. The dependent variables in this study were the preferences and consumption of beverages. The independent variables were demographic characteristics, nutrition knowledge, and the type and frequency of exercise engaged in by college students.

## Population and Sample

The population selected for this study was drawn from students registered at the Residential Life Offices in the fall semester of 1994. From this population, a computer generated random sample of 1,000 students was chosen to be mailed the research questionnaire. The questionnaires were distributed through campus mail to the selected students residing in six separate residence halls.

## Data Collection

## Development of Instrument

The questionnaire (Appendix C) was developed using beverages provided by inventory records from the Oklahoma State University Food Service, and parts adapted from the questionnaire of Kellie Bryant (1994) to gather information to meet the objectives previously stated in Chapter I. The questions used were mostly multiple choice types. In order to check for validity, clarity, content, formatting and the time necessary to complete the questionnaire, the research instrument was pre-tested by students enrolled in a graduate foodservice management course, and then again by selected nutritional science graduate students. Modifications were made based on recommendations and responses from these students, and the graduate committee.

The instrument was divided into two sections: general information, and nutrition awareness, and beverage consumption questions. Section I included demographic variables, questions about meal plans and snacking, types of beverages and on which occasions they were consumed, health and wellness questions and questions about type and frequency of exercise. Section II consisted of questions designed specifically to measure consumption of a variety of beverages over a typical day and weekend.

## Procedure

A cover letter (Appendix C) was developed and included instructions on how to complete the questionnaire. The cover letter was printed on letterhead from the Department of Nutritional Sciences, and the research questionnaire was printed on yellow bond paper. An incentive was offered to those who completed and turned in the questionnaire. Subjects were assured that all information recorded on the questionnaire would remain confidential and that the data collected would be analyzed as a consolidated result. Dr. Robert Huss, Director of Residential Life at Oklahoma State University,
provided duplication of the cover letter, the questionnaires and the printing of address labels. Questionnaires were distributed through campus mail and the respondents were given two weeks to complete and return the questionnaire to the front desk of each residence hall.

## Data Analysis

Responses to the questionnaire were tabulated and coded for analysis. The data were analyzed using the Statistical Analysis System (SAS) computer program (Helwig \& Council, 1979). ANOVA, t-tests, descriptive statistics, and Duncan's multiple range tests were the statistical procedures used. The level of significance was established at $\mathrm{p} \leq$ .05 unless otherwise specified by the researcher.

All questionnaires received within two weeks of the mailing were included in the data analysis. Except for the incentive offered with the return of the questionnaire, no further effort was made to increase participation. Of the 1,000 surveys mailed to students, 319 were returned, yielding a response rate of $32 \%$.

## The Instrument

The responses which were given for the number of servings consumed were coded "A" for Never consumed and "B" for consumed less than once per day. Number of 8 ounce glasses per day and on a typical weekend were the values provided by the respondents.

Data from demographics, nutrition knowledge, exercise patterns and consumption questions, were collapsed into specific groupings for statistical analysis. Nutrition knowledge on the food guide pyramid in each food group was collapsed into below, recommended, and above the recommended amount of servings per day. Exercise patterns were collapsed into aerobic exercise and intramural sports. Aerobic exercise included: biking, swimming, running, walking, racquetball, stairmaster, and tennis.

Intramural sports included: weight lifting, volleyball, football, soccer, softball, golf, and martial arts.

The beverages in the consumption section were collapsed into different groups. Milk was condensed into 5 groups: whole milk, low-fat milk, skim milk, milkshakes, and other. The fruit juice category was collapsed into 4 categories: orange juice; lemonade; a group that contained apple, cranberry, cranapple, pineapple, grape and grapefruit juices; and other juices. Vegetable juice was condensed into tomato and V-8 juice. Water was categorized into tap or non-tap water, while carbonated beverages were divided into cola-type, diet cola-type, uncola, and other. Miscellaneous beverages included: iced tea, other types of tea, coffee, other types of coffee, hot chocolate, and sports drinks. Alcohol included: beer, wines, and liquor. Each category of beverage groupings were also analyzed such as total milk, total juice, total water, total carbonated beverages, total teas, total coffees, and total alcohol groups. "Other" categories under each category of beverages were thrown out because of insufficient available data. The fruit punch/drink category and consumption of beverages in a typical week-end were not analyzed due to a poor response rate to these questions. The hypotheses were then analyzed for significance at the $\mathrm{p} \leq 0.05$ level.

## CHAPTER IV

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This research is the third in a series of studies conducted at the residence halls of Oklahoma State University between 1993 and 1995. Plato (1993), studied the consumption of fruits and vegetables of college students, while Bryant (1994), studied the nutrition awareness and consumption of meat. The Director of Residential Life, Dr. Robert Huss requested that a study of beverage consumption be conducted to complete the series.

## Characteristics of Respondents

As described in Chapter III, 1000 questionnaires were mailed to students' residing in six residence halls during fall 1994. The response rate was $32 \%(\mathrm{~N}=319)$. Sixty-three percent of the respondents were females while $37 \%$ were males (Table I). Three-fourths of the students were between the ages of 17 to 20 , while one-fifth were between 21 and 25 . Almost $75 \%$ of the respondents were freshmen and sophomores. The remaining $25 \%$ were upper classmen, graduates and special students (Table I). About $40 \%$ of the students were enrolled in the College of Arts \& Sciences. This is as expected since the majority of the students were under classmen. (Fig. 1). In contrast, 45\% were from the Colleges of Engineering, Business and Agriculture.

The majority of the residence hall students during the fall of 1994 were caucasian ( $\mathrm{N}=258,81 \%$ ). Asian /Oriental students was the largest ethnic group comprising 6.3\% of the 319 respondents, while $5.3 \%$ were of Native American Heritage (Fig. 2). These

Table I
DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES OF RESPONDENTS
( $\mathrm{N}=319$ )

| Variables | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $\%$ | Variables | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $\%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Gender |  |  | $\underline{\text { Religion* }}$ |  |  |
| Male | 118 | 37.0 | $\underline{\text { Protestant }}$ | 146 | 46.6 |
| Female | $\underline{201}$ | $\underline{63.0}$ | Catholic | 34 | 10.9 |
|  | 319 | 100.0 | Jewish | 1 | 0.3 |
|  |  |  | Mormon | 2 | 0.6 |
| $\underline{\text { Age Group }}$ |  |  | Muslim | 2 | 0.6 |
| $17-20$ | 62 | 75.9 | Other | $\underline{128}$ | $\underline{40.9}$ |
| $21-25$ | 11 | 3.4 |  | 317 | 99.9 |
| $26-30$ | 4 | $\underline{1.3}$ |  |  |  |
| Over 30 | 319 | 100.0 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

Educational
Level

| Freshman | 183 | 57.4 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Sophomores | 48 | 15.0 |
| Junior | 40 | 12.5 |
| Senior | 33 | 10.3 |
| Graduate | 12 | 3.8 |
| Special | $\underline{3}$ | $\underline{0.9}$ |
|  | 319 | 100.0 |

* Responses total less than 319 because not all respondents answered all questions.


Figure 1. Percentage of students enrolled in each college


Figure 2. Percentage of students by ethnic background
findings are consistent with Plato(1993) and Bryant (1994) for all the afore mentioned variables. Religion was also included as a demographic variable to study its effect on beverage consumption. Of the students surveyed, $47 \%$ responded that they were Protestant, while $41 \%$ classified themselves as "other". Thirty-four students (11\%) claimed to follow the Catholic religion and 1.5 \% claimed they followed the Jewish, Mormon or Muslim religion (Table I).

## Consumption Patterns of College Students

Almost all the students purchased a meal plan ( $\mathrm{N}=289,91 \%$ ). About one-third were on a 10 meals per week plan, while more than half were on a 15 to 16 or 18-20 meal plan (Table II). Plato (1993) and Bryant (1994) reported these same findings. Between $50-60 \%$ of the students consumed breakfast, lunch and dinner 1-5 times per week. Forty-four students (17\%) did not eat breakfast. This was not consistent with findings by research conducted by Khan and Lipke (1982) and Bryant (1994) who indicated that approximately one-third of students surveyed skipped breakfast.

A majority of the students ( $77 \%$ ) consumed $0-2$ snacks per day, while $23 \%$ consumed between 3-15 snacks (Table II). These findings were also consistent with findings from Ridgway (1989) who studied snack consumption behaviors. Table III showed the percentages of beverages used as a snack item. When asked if the choice of beverage in the cafeteria was a factor in beverage selection, $62 \%$ replied in the affirmative (Table II).

## Beverages Consumed During Different Occasions

Types of beverages and when they were most likely to be consumed were reported in Table III. Soft drinks were most likely to be chosen with meals (29\%), between meals (42\%), under stress (37.7\%) and as a snack (34.6\%). Alcoholic beverages were the least likely to be chosen with meals ( $1.1 \%$ ), between meals ( $11.9 \%$ ),

Table II
MEAL PLAN AND SNACK VARIABLES

$$
(\mathrm{N}=319)
$$

| Variables | N* | \% | Variables | N* | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Meal Plan |  |  | $\frac{\text { Snacks Per }}{\underline{\text { Day }}}$ |  |  |
| Yes | 289 | 90.6 | 0-2 | 241 | 77.0 |
| No | 30 | 9.4 | 3-15 | 72 | 23.0 |
|  | 319 | 100.0 |  | 313 | 100.0 |
| Meals Plans |  |  | Choice of |  |  |
| Per Week* |  |  | Beverage* |  |  |
| $<10$ | 4 | 1.7 | Yes | 190 | 61.9 |
| 10 | 94 | 42.2 | No | 117 | 38.1 |
| 12-14 | 7 | 3.1 |  | 307 | 100.0 |
| 15-16 | 60 | 26.9 |  |  |  |
| 18-20 | 58 | 26.0 |  |  |  |
|  | 223 | 99.9 |  |  |  |
| Meals Per |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Breakfast |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 44 | 16.9 |  |  |  |
| 1-5 | 157 | 60.4 |  |  |  |
| 6-7 | 59 | 22.7 |  |  |  |
|  | 260 | 100.0 |  |  |  |
| Lunch |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 3 | 1.0 |  |  |  |
| 1-5 | 157 | 54.8 |  |  |  |
| 6-7 | $\underline{127}$ | 44.2 |  |  |  |
|  | 287 | 100.0 |  |  |  |

Dinner

| 0 | 3 | 1.0 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1-5$ | 146 | 50.4 |
| $6-7$ | $\underline{141}$ | $\underline{48.7}$ |
|  | 290 | 100.1 |

[^0]Table III
CONSUMPTION OF BEVERAGES (MULTIPLE ANSWERS ALLOWED)

| Beverages | With Meals |  | Between Meals |  | Under Stress |  | As A Snack |  | Special Occasions |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | \% | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | \% | N* | \% | N* | \% | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | \% |
| Fruit Juice/Drink | 197 | 61.8 | 165 | 51.7 | 65 | 20.4 | 171 | 53.6 | 70 | 21.9 |
| Milk | 159 | 49.8 | 58 | 18.2 | 24 | 7.5 | 78 | 24.5 | 38 | 11.9 |
| Soft Drinks | 233 | 73.0 | 228 | 71.5 | 157 | 49.2 | 188 | 58.9 | 135 | 42.3 |
| Coffee/Tea | 139 | 43.6 | 74 | 23.2 | 79 | 24.8 | 50 | 15.7 | 89 | 27.9 |
| Alcoholic Beverages | 9 | 2.8 | 24 | 7.5 | 54 | 16.9 | 13 | 4.1 | 178 | 55.8 |
| Other | 66 | 20.7 | 74 | 23.3 | 37 | 11.6 | 42 | 13.2 | 35 | 11.0 |

*Responses total less than 319 because not all respondents answered all questions.
and as a snack (2.4\%) (Fig. 3,4,5, and 6). During special occasions (Fig. 7), alcoholic beverages ( $32.7 \%$ ) were chosen first, followed by soft drinks( $24.8 \%$ ). Fruit juice/drinks were chosen by students after soft drinks to be consumed with meals ( $24.5 \%$ ), between meals, ( $26.5 \%$ ), as a snack ( $31.5 \%$ ) under stress ( $15.6 \%$ ) and during special occasions (12.8\%). Soft drinks and fruit juice/drinks were preferred over milk, with meals, between meals, as a snack, under stress and during special occasions. Similar findings indicating that carbonated beverages were preferred over milk as a snack were reported by Khan and Lipke (1982) and Khan (1980).

Consumption of water ranged from none to more than eight glasses per day (Fig.8). Of the college students surveyed, 43\% drank between 2-3 glasses of water per day. A similar number consumed either one, or four to five glasses of water per day. Even though $72 \%$ of the students knew the recommended amount of water to drink per day (Fig. 9), only 9.4\% (Fig. 8) of the students followed this recommendation.


Figure 3. Percentage of selected beverages students drink with meals


Figure 4. Percentage of students consuming selected beverages between meals


Figure 5. Percentage of students consuming selected beverages under stress


Figure 6. Percent of students consuming selected beverages as a snack


Figure 7. Percentage of students consuming selected beveages during special occasions


Number of 8 oz . glasses of water consumed
Figure 8. Number of glasses of water consumed by students per day


Figure 9. Number of glasses of water consumed in a healthy diet per day

These results were as expected since soft drinks are readily available to students on and off campus via vending machines, gas stations, quick-stops, retail stores and fast food establishments. Students today are perhaps more oriented towards the sweetness of many products including beverages and also the sensory aspects of carbonation.

## Knowledge of Beverage Consumption as Part of Nutrition

Several recommendations have been made to help decrease the mortality rate in the US from cardiovascular disease, stroke, and cancer; and to improve the overall health of the nation. It has been recommended that consumption of fats, sweets and oils, and alcohol be limited in the diet. When students were asked whether or not they limited the consumption of carbonated and alcoholic beverages, $72 \%$ of the respondents said they did (Table IV). To further evaluate knowledge of a healthy diet, students were asked to give the number of servings for the different groups of the food guide pyramid; as well as the number of glasses of water adults should consume per day. The majority of students knew the correct amount of servings per day for all of the food groups except for the bread, cereal, rice and pasta group ( $19 \%$ ); $71 \%$ of students knew that $3-5$ servings of vegetables and 2-3 servings of meat, poultry, dry beans, eggs, and nuts group have been

Table IV
LIMITING OF CARBONATED AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONSUMED

| Variables | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $\%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 223 | 72.4 |
| No | $\underline{85}$ | $\underline{27.6}$ |
|  | 308 | 100.0 |

[^1]recommended. Results also showed that students knew that $2-4$ servings of fruit ( $81 \%$ ) and 2-3 servings of milk, yogurt and cheese group (59\%) were needed to be consumed per day to provide a balanced diet with variety (Table V). As previously mentioned, the majority of students ( $72 \%$ ) knew that eight or more glasses of water should be consumed each day.

Although students knew the correct number of servings from the different food groups, and water; these guidelines were not always being followed. Results showed that water consumption fell below the suggested recommendations while soft drink consumption was higher than milk consumption, suggesting that the recommended number of servings for milk was not met.

## Length and Frequency of Exercise

With the health and wellness movement, the number of people exercising has been increasing. As the level of exercise increases, and depending on the type of exercise performed, beverage consumption can vary widely. For endurance sports, beverages that replace electrolytes may be more important to consume than a beverage chosen by an athlete who participates in a non-endurance sport.

Students were asked questions about the type, duration and frequency of exercise they engaged in. This was to determine whether or not exercise had a bearing on the types of beverages consumed. The majority of the students (45\%) reported that they exercised 2-3 times per week for 30 minutes or more (Table VI). A similar number of students ( $11 \%$ ) exercised either 0 to 1 times or 4-5 times per day. Only $2.8 \%$ of respondents exercised every day of the week (Table VI). The most frequent type of exercise performed by students was running ( $32 \%$ ), followed closely by walking ( $30 \%$ ) (Fig. 10). Only about one-fourth of the students reported that they either lifted weights, biked or participated in aerobic exercise (Fig. 10). For the other sports listed, less than $10 \%$ of the respondents reported that they performed these activities.

## Table V

## SERVING SIZES OF FOOD GROUPS USING FOOD GUIDE PYRAMID

| Variable | N | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bread, Cereal, Rice |  |  |
| \& Pasta Group |  |  |
| 0-2 | 102 | 34.4 |
| 3-5 | 139 | 46.9 |
| 6-11* | 56 | 18.8 |
|  | 297 | 100.0 |
| Vegetable |  |  |
| Group |  |  |
| 1-2 | 78 | 26.2 |
| 3-5* | 211 | 70.8 |
| 6-8 | 9 | 2.9 |
|  | 298 | 99.9 |
| Fruit Group |  |  |
| 1 | 25 | 8.4 |
| 2-4* | 242 | 81.2 |
| 5-8 | 31 | 10.4 |
|  | 298 | 100.0 |
| Milk, Yogurt |  |  |
| \& Cheese Group |  |  |
| 0-1 | 48 | 16.1 |
| 2-3* | 177 | 59.4 |
| 4-8 | 73 | 24,4 |
|  | 298 | 99.9 |
| Meat. Poultry |  |  |
| Dry Beans, Eggs |  |  |
| \& Nuts Group |  |  |
| 1 | 58 | 19.4 |
| 2-3* | 211 | 70.6 |
| 4-6 | 30 | 10.0 |
|  | 299 | 100.0 |

[^2]Table VI
TIMES PER WEEK STUDENTS EXERCISE THIRTY MINUTES OR MORE

| Times Per Week | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $\%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-1$ | 77 | 24.4 |
| $2-3$ | 141 | 44.6 |
| $4-5$ | 70 | 22.1 |
| $6-7$ | 21 | 6.6 |
| $\geq 9$ | -7 | $\underline{2.2}$ |

Responses total less than 319 because not all respondents answered all questions


Figure 10. Activities performed by students

## Beverage Consumption

The research questionnaire contained eight different beverage groups; milk, fruit juice, fruit drink/punch, vegetable juice, water, carbonated beverages, miscellaneous, and alcohol. Beverages included on the questionnaire were those provided by the cafeterias in the residence halls and other selected beverages not provided in the cafeteria. The subjects were asked to indicate the number of 8 ounce servings consumed for each beverage on a typical day and a typical weekend for each beverage. There were four columns provided for responses in this portion of the survey; never consume, consume less than once per day, number of 8 ounce glasses consume on a typical day and number of 8 ounce glasses consumed on a typical weekend. If students never consumed these beverages, and if beverages were consumed less than once per day; they were asked to respond in the appropriate columns. Reported responses for beverages consumed on a typical weekend were so low that analysis of this question was not feasible, hence they will not be reported. Most students (62\%) reported that choice of beverage was a factor in their beverage selection (Table II). This may influence the respondents answers to the section on beverage consumption in the research questionnaire.

## Milk

Table VII provides the report on number of servings and types of milk consumed. Only $17 \%$ of students consumed whole milk, $14 \%$ drank skim milk, while the majority ( $30 \%$ ) consumed $2 \%$ low-fat milk. Students indicated that they generally consumed 1-2 servings per day of milk for all categories; however, a majority of the students (70-95\%) responded that they consumed less than one serving of milk per day. The least likely types of milk to be consumed were the $1 \%$ and $1 / 2 \%$.

## Table VII

## CONSUMPTION OF MILK

| Number of 8 oz. servings | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | \% | Number of 8 oz. servings | N* | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Milk |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whole |  |  | Skim |  |  |
| 0 | 253 | 82.4 | 0 | 261 | 85.9 |
| 1-2 | 44 | 14.3 | 1-2 | 36 | 11.8 |
| 3-5 | 9 | 2.9 | 3-5 | 7 | 2.3 |
|  | 306 | 99.6 |  | 304 | 100.0 |
| Low-fat 2\% |  |  | Milkshakes |  |  |
| 0 | 214 | 70.2 | 0 | 274 | 94.2 |
| 1-2 | 80 | 26.3 | 1-2 | 16 | 5.5 |
| 3-5 | 11 | 3.6 | 3-5 | 1 | 0.3 |
|  | 305 | 100.0 |  | 291 | 100.0 |
| Low-fat 1\% |  |  | Other |  |  |
| 0 | 273 | 90.1 | 0 | 104 | 89.7 |
| 1-2 | 25 | 8.3 | 1-2 | 7 | 6.1 |
| 3-5 | 5 | 1.7 | 4-8 | 5 | 4.4 |
|  | 303 | 100.0 |  | 116 | 100.0 |

Low-fat $1 / 2 \%$
0
$291 \quad 95.1$
1-2
3-5

| 14 | 4.6 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 0.3 |
| 306 | 100.0 |

[^3]
## Fruit and Vegetable Juice

Table VIII provided data on fruit and vegetable consumption. Orange juice (44\%) was the most popular of all the juices consumed. The number of servings consumed for orange juice was 1-2 servings per day (39\%). Almost one-fourth of the students consumed lemonade, of these, $18 \%$ drank 1-2 glasses per day. Apple juice, grape juice and the "other" category were also consumed; $(19 \%, 13 \%$ and $12 \%$ respectively). For all categories of juice, the serving size most often consumed was 1-2 glasses per day.

Vegetable juices were not popular with college students. An overwhelming majority of the students (98\%) surveyed responded that they did not drink any type of vegetable juice. Only 2\% drank 1-2 glasses of tomato juice per day and 1\% drank 1-2 glasses of V-8 juice per day (Table VIII).

## Fruit Drinks/Punch

Types of beverages included in this category consisted of Mystic and Twister brand fruit drinks, lemonade and fruit punch, orange drinks, and Koolaid brand beverages. Fruit Punch (17\%) was the most likely to be consumed followed closely by Koolaide ( $16.3 \%$ ) (Table IX). Only $4 \%$ of the respondents consumed Mystic fruit drinks and the "other" category. Once again, the usual number of servings consumed per day was 1-2 glasses.

## Water

More than three-fourths of the students drank regular tap water where as only one-fourth of the students reported they drank non-carbonated bottled water (Table X). An equal number of students (5\%) consumed carbonated and sparkling water. As many as $92 \%$ of students reported that they did not drink any type of flavored water. Of the regular tap water drunk, $65 \%$ drank between $1-2$ servings per day while only $12 \%$ drank 3-5 servings. This somewhat contradicts the number of servings students reported in

Table VIII
CONSUMPTION OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLE JUICES

| Number of 8 oz. servings | N* | \% | Number of 8 oz. servings | N* | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Orange Juice |  |  | Grapefruit |  |  |
| 0 | 172 | 56.2 | 0 | 300 | 95.8 |
| 1-2 | 119 | 38.9 | 1-2 | 11 | 2.5 |
| 3-4 | 15 | 4.9 | 3 | 2 | 0.6 |
|  | 306 | 100.0 |  | 313 | 98.9 |
| Apple |  |  | Lemonade |  |  |
| 0 | 250 | 81.4 | 0 | 242 | 78.3 |
| 1-2 | 49 | 15.9 | 1-2 | 55 | 17.8 |
| 3-6 | 8 | 2.6 | 3-5 | 12 | 3.8 |
|  | 307 | 99.9 |  | 309 | 99.9 |
| Cranberry |  |  | Other |  |  |
| 0 | 287 | 92.6 | 0 | 109 | 87.2 |
| 1-2 | 21 | 6.7 | 1-2 | 12 | 9.6 |
| 3 | 2 | 0.6 | 3-4 | 4 | 3.2 |
|  | 310 | 99.9 |  | 125 | 100.0 |
| Cranapple |  |  | Tomato |  |  |
| 0 | 284 | 91.9 | 0 | 307 | 98.1 |
| 1-2 | 20 | 6.5 | 1-2 | 6 | 1.9 |
| 3-4 | 5 | 1.6 |  | 313 | 100.0 |
|  | 309 | 100.0 |  |  |  |
| Pineapple |  |  | V8 |  |  |
| 0 | 303 | 97.7 | 0 | 309 | 97.8 |
| 1-3 | 7 | 2.2 | 1-2 | 7 | 1.2 |
|  | 310 | 99.9 |  | 316 | 99.0 |
| Grape |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 267 | 88.1 |  |  |  |
| 1-2 | 34 | 11.2 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 2 | 0.7 |  |  |  |
|  | 303 | 100.0 |  |  |  |

*Responses total less than 319 because not all respondents answered all questions.

Table IX

## CONSUMPTION OF FRUIT DRINKS/PUNCH

| Number of 8 oz. servings | N* | \% | Number of 8 oz. servings | N* | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mystic Fruit/ |  |  | Koolaid |  |  |
| Drinks |  |  | 0 | 259 | 83.8 |
| 0 | 299 | 95.8 | 1-2 | 40 | 13.0 |
| 1-2 | 13 | 4.1 | 3-4 | 10 | 3.3 |
|  | 312 | 99.9 |  | 309 | 100.0 |
| Twister Fruit |  |  | Other |  |  |
| Drinks |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 288 | 91.7 | 0 | 129 | 96.3 |
| 1-2 | 23 | 7.4 | 1-2 | 3 | 2.2 |
| 3-4 | 3 | 0.9 | 6-8 | 2 | 1.4 |
|  | 314 | 100.0 |  | 134 | 99.9 |
| Orange |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drinks |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 279 | 90.0 |  |  |  |
| 1-2 | 29 | 9.4 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 2 | 0.6 |  |  |  |
|  | 310 | 100.0 |  |  |  |
| Lemonade |  |  |  |  |  |
| Punch |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 287 | 92.3 |  |  |  |
| 1-2 | 20 | 6.5 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 4 | 1.3 |  |  |  |
|  | 311 | 100.0 |  |  |  |
| Fruit Punch |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 257 | 83.2 |  |  |  |
| 1-2 | 46 | 14.9 |  |  |  |
| 3-7 | 6 | 1.9 |  |  |  |
|  | 309 | 100.0 |  |  |  |

[^4]Table X
CONSUMPTION OF WATER

| Number of 8 oz. servings | N* | \% | Number of 8 oz. servings | N* | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Water |  |  | Flavored |  |  |
| Tap |  |  | Water |  |  |
| 0 | 69 | 22.5 | 0 | 287 | 92.9 |
| 1-5 | 200 | 65.2 | 1-2 | 22 | 7.1 |
| 6-10 | 35 | 11.5 |  | 309 | 100.0 |
| 12-24 | 2 | 0.6 |  |  |  |
|  | 306 | 99.8 |  |  |  |
| Non- |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carbonated |  |  | Other |  |  |
| Bottled Water |  |  | Water |  |  |
| 0 | 224 | 74.7 | 0 | 116 | 96.7 |
| 1-3 | 63 | 21.0 | 1-2 | 2 | 1.6 |
| 4-12 | 13 | 4.3 | 3-7 | 2 | 1.6 |
|  | 300 | 100.0 |  | 120 | 99.9 |

Carbonated
Bottled Water

| 0 | 295 | 94.9 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1-2$ | 15 | 4.8 |
| 3 | $\frac{1}{311}$ | $\underline{0.3}$ |
|  |  | 100.0 |

Sparkling
Water

| 0 | 296 | 94.9 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1-2$ | 14 | 4.5 |
| $3-8$ | $\underline{2}$ | $\underline{0.6}$ |

[^5]Figure 8 where they reported consuming 2-3 glasses of water per day. Of those students who consumed non-carbonated bottled water, $21 \%$ responded that they drank between 13 servings per day. This higher serving size would be expected since many of the bottled waters come in containers containing more than 8 ounces of beverage.

## Carbonated beverages

Cola type beverages were the most likely to be consumed (79\%). Of this percentage, more than half the students reported that they consumed 1-2 servings per day while one-fifth reported they consumed 3-5 servings per day (Table XI). About onefourth of the respondents ( $24 \%$ ) consumed some type of diet cola; of this, $17 \%$ consumed 1-2 servings per day. Approximately one-fourth of the students consumed Sprite/Fresca or 7-up, while only $5 \%$ reported that they consumed both orange and strawberry soft drinks. Rootbeer was only chosen by $9 \%$ of the students.

## Tea, Coffee, Chocolate and Sports drinks

Table XII provided consumption patterns of tea, coffee and other related items. Of this category, ice tea, was the most likely chosen beverage (35\%). The number of servings per day for iced tea was usually between 1 to 38 ounce glasses per day. Coffee was chosen only by $12 \%$ of the students, while decaffeinated tea and coffee, and flavored tea were chosen by less than $3 \%$ of the students. Although $13 \%$ of the students reported that they drank some type of sports drink $12 \%$ consumed 1-2 glasses per day.


#### Abstract

Alcohol

Between $94-99 \%$ of students responding to this questionnaire, reported that they did not drink any type of alcoholic beverage (Table XIII). Of those students who did consume some type of beverage, $5.8 \%$ of them chose beer, while only $4 \%$ chose liquor. Almost $100 \%$ of the students did not consume champagne. Students who consumed


Table XI

## CONSUMPTION OF CARBONATED BEVERAGES

| Number of 8 oz. servings | N* | \% | Number of 8 oz. servings | N* | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cola Type |  |  | Rootbeer |  |  |
| 0 | 124 | 41.5 | 0 | 282 | 90.7 |
| 1-2 | 103 | 34.0 | 1-2 | 27 | 8.7 |
| 3-5 | 60 | 20.1 | 5 | 2 | 0.6 |
| 6-9 | 12 | 3.9 |  | 311 | 100.0 |
|  | 299 | 99.5 |  |  |  |
| Diet Cola |  |  | Orange |  |  |
| 0 | 223 | 76.1 | 0 | 297 | 95.2 |
| 1-2 | 51 | 17.4 | 1-3 | 15 | 4.9 |
| 3-8 | 19 | 6.5 |  | 312 | 100.0 |
|  | 293 | 100.0 |  |  |  |
| Sprite/Fresca |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7-Up |  |  | Other |  |  |
| 0 | 226 | 73.9 | 0 | 137 | 88.4 |
| 1-3 | 75 | 24.5 | 1-3 | 18 | 11.6 |
| 4-8 | 5 | 1.6 |  | 155 | 100.0 |
|  | 306 | 100.0 |  |  |  |
| Strawberry |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 292 | 95.1 |  |  |  |
| 1-2 | 15 | 4.9 |  |  |  |
|  | 307 | 100.0 |  |  |  |

Responses total less than 319 because not all respondents answered all questions.

Table XII
CONSUMPTION OF TEA, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE AND SPORTS DRINKS

| Number of 8 oz. servings | N* | \% | Number of 8 oz. servings | N* | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Iced Tea |  |  | Decaf Coffee | 308 | 99.0 |
| 0 | 196 | 64.9 | 0 | 3 | 0.9 |
| 1-3 | 94 | 31.1 | 1-2 | 311 | 99.9 |
| 4-8 | 12 | 4.0 |  |  |  |
|  | 302 | 100.0 |  |  |  |
| Hot Tea |  |  | Flavored Coffee |  |  |
| 0 | 298 | 96.8 | 0 | 296 | 95.8 |
| 1-3 | 10 | 3.2 | 1-2 | 12 | 3.9 |
|  | 308 | 100.0 | 5 | 1 | 0.3 |
|  |  |  |  | 309 | 100.0 |
| Flavored Tea |  |  | Hot Chocolate |  |  |
| 0 | 302 | 97.7 | 0 | 266 | 86.9 |
| 1-2 | 7 | 2.2 | 1-2 | 39 | 12.7 |
|  | 309 | 99.9 | 4 | 1 | 0.3 |
|  |  |  |  | 306 | 99.9 |
| Decaffeinated |  |  | Sports Drinks |  |  |
| Tea |  |  | 0 | 261 | 85.3 |
| 0 | 301 | 97.4 | 1-2 | 37 | 12.1 |
| 1-3 | 8 | 2.5 | 3-8 | 8 | 1.3 |
|  | 309 | 99.9 |  | 306 | 98.7 |
| Coffee |  |  | Other |  |  |
| 0 | 271 | 87.7 | 0-1 | 129 | 100.0 |
| 1-2 | 34 | 11.0 |  |  |  |
| 5-10 | 4 | 1.2 |  |  |  |
|  | 309 | 99.9 |  |  |  |

*Responses total less than 319 because not all respondents answered all questions

## Table XIII CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

| Number of 8 oz . servings | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beer |  |  |
| 0 | 265 | 94.3 |
| 1-2 | 14 | 5.0 |
| 3-7 | 2 | 0.8 |
|  | 281 | 100.0 |
| Wine |  |  |
| 0 | 299 | 98.7 |
| 1-2 | 4 | 1.3 |
|  | 303 | 100.0 |
| Wine Coolers |  |  |
| 0 | 287 | 97.6 |
| 1-2 | 7 | 2.4 |
|  | 294 | 100.0 |
| Champagne |  |  |
| 0-1 | 305 | 100.0 |
| Liquor |  |  |
| 0 | 273 | 96.1 |
| 1-3 | 11 | 3.9 |
|  | 284 | 100.0 |

*Responses total less than 319 because not all respondents answered all questions.
alcoholic beverages usually did so in moderation, consuming only 1-2 glasses per day. It is obvious that students consumed more carbonated drinks than any other type of beverage. Fruit juices were usually the second choice of beverage followed by water. Students consumed alcohol, coffee, hot chocolate, sports drinks, and vegetable juices the least. The most common serving size among all beverages was $1-2$ servings per day.

## Beverages Purchased by the University Food Service

The Oklahoma State University Food Service Department purchases food and beverages for each of the six residence halls. The residence hall cafeterias then purchase the food and beverage from the food service department. For this study, a comparison between the amounts of beverages purchased from 1989-1993 were analyzed to detect trends in beverage consumption by students from year to year based on invoices and other records available. The reader is reminded that for this study a year constitutes only the fall and spring semesters since during the summer the residence halls cater to conferences and camps whose clients are all ages and not just college students. The beverages analyzed included: carbonated beverages, milk, tea, coffee, and juice. For some years, purchases may be lower due to carry over of inventory from the previous year.

## Carbonated Beverages

Figure 11 shows the relationship for all carbonated beverages purchased between the years of 1989-1993. Purchases of soft drinks increased between 1989 and 1990, but then fell by approximately 1,000 gallons in 1991 and 1992. This decrease could perhaps be attributed to a change in beverage companies which occured during this period. It may also have reflected the decrease in occupancy rate for freshmen and sophomores in the residence halls during these two years. The reader is reminded that freshmen and sophomores were the predominent residents living in the residence halls. In the year


Figure 11. Amounts of carbonated beverages purchased by University Food Service

1993, carbonated beverages again rose to 9,070 gallons, which was still below the amount purchased in 1989 and 1990 along with the occupancy rate for sophomores, juniors and seniors. This does not conform to studies reported in Chapter II by Khan (1980), which indicates that carbonated beverage consumption was high among college students. Results of soft drink consumption was expected to have increased over these years.

Milk

The amount of milk purchased will be more than that which is consumed by the students because a certain percentage is used by food service workers for food production. The trend for milk was a steady decline between the years of 1989-1993 (Fig. 12). For all five years, whole milk was purchased more than any other type of milk (Fig. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17). This was probably due to its being used in gravies, mashed potatoes, cream soups, and baking. In 1990, skim milk was beginning to be purchased and used by some of the residence halls; consequently, purchase amounts of $2 \%$ milk


Figure 12. Amounts of milk purchased by University Food Service


Figure 13. Amounts of milk purchased in 1989


Figure 14. Amounts of milk purchased in 1990


Figure 15. Amounts of milk purchased in 1991 by University Food Service


Figure 16. Amounts of milk purchased in 1992 by University Food Service


Figure 17. Amounts of milk purchased in 1993 by University Food Service
began to decline. In 1992, skim milk was purchased by almost 2,000 gallons over $2 \%$. Up until this time $2 \%$ purchases were greater than skim milk purchases. In 1993, whole milk purchases were still declining along with $2 \%$ milk, while skim milk purchases increased over that of 1992. For years 1989-1992 (Fig 13-17), chocolate milk purchases declined, but rose again in 1993. The decline of whole milk, and the increase in skim milk was expected because of the recent health and wellness movement with the addition of the Wellness Center to Oklahoma State University and one of the residence halls starting a health club also around 1990.

## Tea and Coffee

For tea, purchases increased from 810 pounds in 1989 to 1087 pounds in 1992 (Fig. 18) They then declined to 924 pounds in 1993. For coffee, purchases decreased by approximately one-half from 768 to 312 pounds between 1990 and 1992 (Fig. 19). They once again rose to approximately 1104 pounds in 1993. Perhaps coffee consumption has increased because of the emergence of flavored coffees. Tea and coffee consumption purchases in the residence halls however, represented only a small portion of total beverages purchased.

## Juice

Juice purchases varied widely during the five years that beverage consumption was analyzed. In 1990 and 1993, purchases increased by almost one-half of that purchased in 1989, 1991, and 1992 (Fig. 20). Juice purchases were expected to be higher than these figures because, in this study, students consumed more carbonated beverages and juices. Obviously, students also purchased juices from other food outlets rather than the residence halls. Students also may have interpreted the questions on juice consumption as asking which ones they consume and not which ones they consume in a typical day.


Figure 18. Amounts of Tea Purchased by University Food Service


Figure 19. Amount of Coffee Purchased by University Food Service


Figure 20. Amount of juice purchased by University Food Service

## Summary

Overall, milk was purchased more than any other type of beverage, however, milk was also used during food preparation and other catering functions, therefore, there is no way to account for the actual consumption of this beverage by students. Soft drink consumption over five years has stayed about the same, as has juice, coffee, and tea (Fig 21). The purchased amounts of these beverages disregarding milk, support results reported by Khan (1980), which indicated that soft drinks were the beverage of choice by college students followed by juice.

Statistical Analysis

Hypothesis One
$\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{O} 1}$ : There will be no significant associations between beverage consumption of college students during a typical day and selected demographic variables: gender, ethnic background, number of meals per week, age, education level, college, and religion. T-


Figure 21. Beverage Purchases over 5 years
tests, analysis of variance, and Duncan's multiple range test were used to determine the relationships between the respondents' characteristics and their beverage consumption patterns.

## Gender

T-tests were used to determine if gender was significantly ( $\mathrm{p} \leq 0.05$ ) associated with the consumption of certain beverages (Table XIV). Males were more than twice as likely to consume whole milk and cola-type beverages, than females. Males also consumed more overall carbonated beverages than females, in contrast females consumed twice as much skim milk than males. This is supported by Morgan et al. (1985); men between the ages of $19-24$ were the primary consumers of regular soft drinks. They also consumed significantly more bottled type waters, hot chocolate, other types of coffee, and tea. Perhaps females consume more skim milk because they perceive this beverage as less fattening and therefore healthier and trendier than their male counterparts.

## Table XIV

## T-TEST DETERMINATIONS ON CONSUMPTION OF BEVERAGES BY GENDER

|  | Female |  | Male |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beverage | N | Mean | N | Mean | T | P-Value |
| Whole Milk | 194 | 0.1649 | 112 | 0.4732 | 3.1628 | 0.0019 |
| Skim Milk | 193 | 0.3005 | 111 | 0.1351 | -2.1928 | 0.0292 |
| Non-Tap | 186 | 1.2043 | 110 | 0.3454 | -4.5687 | 0.0001 |
| Cola-Type | 190 | 1.1842 | 109 | 2.1009 | 4.1806 | 0.0001 |
| Total Soft Drinks | 175 | 2.5200 | 99 | 3.4343 | 2.5486 | 0.0070 |
| Hot Chocolate | 197 | 0.2131 | 109 | 0.0825 | -2.6029 | 0.0097 |
| Other Coffee | 198 | 0.1111 | 110 | 0.0000 | -3.1822 | 0.0017 |
| Other Teas | 196 | 0.1632 | 110 | 0.0545 | -2.1125 | 0.0355 |

## Ethnic background

Ethnic background was significantly ( $\mathrm{p} \leq 0.05$ ) associated with the consumption of certain beverages as shown by t-test determinations (Table XV). Caucasians drank significantly more cola-type soft drinks, beer, wines, and total alcohol than did AfricanAmericans, Native-Americans, Hispanics, and Asians/Oriental groups combined. This may be due to these other ethnic groups preference for tea and coffee products.

## Number of meals per week

T-tests determine a significant ( $\mathrm{p} \leq 0.1$ ) association between the number of meals per week consumed and whole milk and wine type beverages (Table XVI). Those students who consumed more whole milk, had a meal package that included less than 15 meals per week. Perhaps these students prefer drinking whole milk over others because they may have been used to consuming whole milk at home; it provides more calories, making up for meals that they do not eat; or it may help add satiety throughout the day so students do not always feel as hungry. Students who have less than 15 meals per week meal plan, consumed more wine type products. The alcoholic beverages may be taking the place of some meals.


#### Abstract

Age

T-test determinations indicated that age was significantly $(\mathrm{p} \leq 0.05)$ associated with the consumption of diet cola, selected juices, total juices, and total alcoholic ( $\mathrm{p} \leq$ 0.10 ) beverages (Table XVII). Students 17-20 years old consumed significantly more selected juices, and total juices, while those over age 21, consumed more diet cola, and alcoholic beverages. This was as expected, because it is not legal for students under 21 to consume alcohol. Diet cola was also consumed more by the 21 and over group who may be more concerned about calories provided by the regular carbonated beverages.


Table XV
T-TEST DETERMINATION ON CONSUMPTION OF BEVERAGES BY ETHNIC GROUPS

|  | Caucasian |  | Other |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beverage | N | Mean | N | Mean | T | P-Value |
| Cola-type | 246 | 1.6178 | 53 | 1.0566 | 2.1770 | 0.0303 |
| Beer | 228 | 0.1228 | 53 | 0.0000 | 3.1127 | 0.0021 |
| Wines | 237 | 0.0590 | 54 | 0.0000 | 2.2914 | 0.0228 |
| Alcohol | 220 | 0.2222 | 50 | 0.0200 | 3.3043 | 0.0011 |

Table XVI
T-TEST DETERMINATION ON CONSUMPTION OF BEVERAGES BY THE NUMBER OF MEALS PER WEEK CONSUMED

|  | $\leq 15$ |  | $\geq 15$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beverage | N | Mean | N | Mean | T | P-Value |
| Whole Milk | 191 | 0.2251 | 115 | 0.3652 | -1.6569 | 0.0986 |
| Wines | 181 | 0.0718 | 110 | 0.0090 | 1.8188 | 0.0704 |

*Significance level at $\mathrm{p} \leq 0.10$

## Table XVII

T-TEST DETERMINATION ON CONSUMPTION OF BEVERAGES BY AGE

|  | $\frac{17-20}{}$ |  | $\geq 21$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beverage | N | Mean | N | Mean | T | P-Value |
| Diet Cola | 224 | 0.4290 | 69 | 0.8410 | 2.5788 | 0.0104 |
| Selected Juices | 229 | 0.8780 | 64 | 0.3910 | 2.1471 | 0.0327 |
| Total Juice | 224 | 1.9870 | 61 | 1.0980 | 2.4000 | 0.0170 |
| Alcohol | 210 | 0.1430 | 60 | 0.3330 | 1.6673 | 0.0964 |

## Education

Education level was significantly ( $\mathrm{p} \leq 0.05$ ) associated with the consumption of lemonade (Table XVIII). Duncan's multiple range tests (Table XIX) revealed that there were significant associations between graduate level and sophomore-senior education levels and lemonade consumption. Graduate students consumed more lemonade than did sophomore-senior level students. This would not seem likely because as shown in the previous section, undergraduate students drank significantly more juices than the older students. Since graduate students tend to be over 21 the fact that they drink more lemonade was not expected.

## College

ANOVA determinations ( XX and XXII) also showed a significant ( $\mathrm{p} \leq 0.05$ ) association between the consumption of non-tap water, and total water and college. Duncan's multiple range tests (Table XXI) indicated that students in the College of Human Environmental Sciences consumed significantly more than two times the amount of non-tap water than did the students from the Colleges of Business, Arts \& Sciences, Agriculture, Engineering, Special and Graduate. Students from the colleges of Veterinary Medicine and Education also consumed significantly more non-tap water than did the Graduate College students. Table XXIII showed that students in the College of Human Environmental Sciences and Veterinary Medicine consumed more than three times the amount of total water than did students in the Colleges of Business, Engineering, Special and Graduate. The College of education students also consumed significantly more total water than did the Graduate College students.

Table XVIII

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF LEMONADE AND EDUCATION

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Education level | 2 | 2.3357 | 3.71 | 0.0255 |
| Error | 306 | 0.6289 |  |  |
| Total | 308 |  |  |  |

Table XIX
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF LEMONADE AND EDUCATION

| Education Level | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Graduate/Special | 15 | 0.600 | A |
| Sophomore-Senior | 116 | 0.438 | B |
| Freshmen | 178 | 0.207 | AB |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level

Table XX
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF NON-TAP WATER AND COLLEGE

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| College | 8 | 14.5847 | 4.32 | 0.0001 |
| Error | 285 | 3.3786 |  |  |
| Total | 293 |  |  |  |

## Table XXI

## DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR CONSUMPTION

 OF NON-TAP WATER AND COLLEGE| College | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| HES | 13 | 3.000 | A |
| Veterinary Medicine | 4 | 2.250 | AB |
| Education | 19 | 2.105 | AB |
| Business | 44 | 0.841 | BC |
| Arts \& Sciences | 115 | 0.774 | BC |
| Agriculture | 33 | 0.636 | BC |
| Engineering | 58 | 0.362 | BC |
| Special | 6 | 0.333 | CC |
| Graduate | 2 | 0.000 |  |
| * Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level. |  |  |  |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.

Table XXII
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF TOTAL WATER AND COLLEGE

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| College | 8 | 40.9655 | 3.79 | 0.0003 |
| Error | 280 | 10.7989 |  |  |
| Total | 288 |  |  |  |

Table XXIII

## DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR CONSUMPTION OF TOTAL OF WATER AND COLLEGE

| College | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| HES | 13 | 7.154 | A |
| Veterinary Medicine | 4 | 6.500 | A |
| Education | 19 | 4.895 | AB |
| Agriculture | 32 | 3.656 | ABC |
| Arts \& Sciences | 114 | 3.579 | ABC |
| Business | 42 | BC |  |
| Engineering | 57 | BC |  |
| Special | 6 | BC |  |
| Graduate | 8 | 2.857 | C |
| * Means with | 0.500 |  |  |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.


## Religion

Religion was significantly associated with coffee consumption ( $\mathrm{p} \leq 0.05$ ), as determined by ANOVA (Table and XXIV, ). Protestants, drank the least amount of coffee than the other religions (Table XXV). Protestants consuming the least amount of coffee was as expected since most of the respondents were between the ages of 17-20, and coffee is a more popular beverage among older individuals. Because the Catholic, Jewish and Mormon religions were grouped together for analysis, expected results would be higher.

Based on the results reported in Tables XIV-XXV indicating associations between whole and skim milk, lemonade, selected juices, total juices, non-tap and total water, cola-type diet cola-type and total soft drinks, coffee, hot chocolate, other types of coffee and tea, and beer, wines and total alcohol consumption and the personal variable gender,

Table XXIV
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR COFFEE CONSUMPTION AND RELIGION

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Religion | 2 | 2.6816 | 3.37 | 0.0358 |
| Error | 286 | 0.7966 |  |  |
| Total | 288 |  |  |  |

Table XXV
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR COFFEE CONSUMPTION AND RELIGION

| Religion | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Catholic/Jewish <br> Mormon | 36 | 0.556 | A |
| Other | 127 | 0.260 | AB |
| Protestant | 140 | 0.129 | B |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.
ethnic background, meals per week, age, education level, college and religion, the researcher rejected $\mathrm{Ho}_{1}$. If the other beverages, Milkshakes, other types of milk, low-fat milk, and total milk, orange juice, and vegetable juice, tap water, uncola-type soft drinks, sports drinks, total coffee and liquor were considered, then the researcher failed to reject $\mathrm{Ho}_{1}$.


## Hypothesis Two

$\mathrm{Ho}_{2}$ : There will be no significant associations between nutrition knowledge and beverage consumption patterns of college student's. Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) and Duncan's Multiple Range Test were used to determine the relationships between the respondents nutrition knowledge as suggested by the food guide pyramid and water needs and its effects on consumption of beverages. For conveinence, respondents nutrition knowledge about servings for foods was limited to the number of servings as suggested by the food guide pyramid.

## Recommended servings of milk

ANOVA determinations indicated that low-fat milk, total milk, uncola soft drinks, total soft drinks, hot chocolate, and beer consumption were significantly associated with the nutrition knowledge of number of servings of milk suggested by the food guide pyramid (Table XXVI, XXVIII, XXX, XXXII, XXXIV and XXXVI). Duncan multiple range tests showed that for low-fat milk and total milk, those students who thought the recommended servings of milk were 4-8 per day, drank significantly ( $\mathrm{p} \leq$ $0.0115, \mathrm{p} \leq 0.0433$ respectively) more beverages from the milk group than did those students who correctly thought that individuals should consume 2-3 servings of milk per day (Table XXVII, and XXIX). Duncan multiple range test for uncola consumption (Table XXXI) indicated that students who thought they should drink $4-8$ servings per day of milk, were drinking the most uncolas, students who knew to drink 2-3 servings of
milk per day were drinking less uncolas. Hopefully those who were drinking less uncolas, may also be drinking the recommended servings for milk, rather than other carbonated beverages. For total soft drink consumptión (Table XXXIII), students who thought the correct serving was $0-1$, drank significantly more soft drinks than did those who knew the correct servings of milk. Results of the Duncan multiple range tests for hot chocolate consumption and beer consumption (Table XXXV and XXXVII), showed that students who indicated that 4-8 servings of milk were needed per day, were drinking significantly more hot chocolate and more beer than did the other students. Those who knew that 2-3 servings of milk was the appropriate amount for daily intake, consumed significantly less beer (Table XXXVII). These results indicated that students who knew that 2-3 servings of milk per day was correct were drinking less of all the following beverages: beer, hot chocolate, total soft drinks, uncola-type soft drinks, and total milk and low-fat milk. These students may be drinking less total milk and low-fat milk because they know that they do not need more than 2-3 servings per day, where as those students who thought they needed 4-8 servings may be trying to consume that much.

Table XXVI
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR LOW-FAT MILK CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MILK

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Servings | 2 | 6.5662 | 4.54 | 0.0115 |
| Error | 273 | 1.4478 |  |  |
| Total | 275 |  |  |  |

Table XXVII
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION AWARENESS: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MLLK AND LOW-FAT MLLK CONSUMPTION

| Servings of milk | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $4-6$ | 70 | 1.043 | A |
| $0-1$ | 46 | 0.826 | AB |
| $2-3$ | 160 | 0.537 | B |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.

Table XXVIII
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR TOTAL MILK CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MILK

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Servings | 2 | 7.3084 | 3.18 | 0.0433 |
| Error | 253 | 2.2995 |  |  |
| Total | 255 |  |  |  |

Table XXIX
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION AWARENESS:
RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MLLK AND ALL TYPES OF MILK CONSUMPTION

| Servings of milk | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-1$ | 43 | 1.256 | AB |
| $2-3$ | 149 | 1.101 | B |
| $4-6$ | 64 | 1.672 | A |
| * |  |  |  |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.

Table XXX
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR UNCOLA CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MILK

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Servings | 2 | 9.6239 | 4.73 | 0.0096 |
| Error | 279 | 2.0351 |  |  |
| Total | 281 |  |  |  |

Table XXXI
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION AWARENESS:
RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MILK AND
UNCOLA CONSUMPTION

| Servings of Milk | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-1$ | 43 | 0.860 | AB |
| $2-3$ | 169 | 0.533 | B |
| $4-8$ | 70 | 1.143 | A |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.

Table XXXII
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR TOTAL SOFT DRINK CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MILK

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Servings | 2 | 6.5662 | 4.54 | 0.0115 |
| Error | 273 | 1.4478 |  |  |
| Total | 275 |  |  |  |

Table XXXIII
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION AWARENESS: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MILK AND TOTAL SOFT DRINKS CONSUMPTION

| Servings of milk | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-1$ | 43 | 0.860 | AB |
| $2-3$ | 169 | 0.533 | B |
| $4-8$ | 70 | 1.143 | A |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.

Table XXXIV
ANALYISIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR HOT CHOCOLATE CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MILK

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Servings | 2 | 2.0888 | 9.33 | 0.0001 |
| Error | 285 | 0.2239 |  |  |
| Total | 287 |  |  |  |

Table XXXV
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION AWARENESS:
RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MILK AND HOT CHOCOLATE CONSUMPTION

| Servings of milk | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-1$ | 45 | 0.1111 | B |
| $2-3$ | 171 | 0.0936 | B |
| $4-6$ | 72 | 0.3750 | A |

[^6]Table XXXVI
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR BEER CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MILK

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Servings | 2 | 0.9912 | 3.52 | 0.0311 |
| Error | 262 | 0.2818 |  |  |
| Total | 264 |  |  |  |

## Table XXXVII

DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MILK AND BEER CONSUMPTION

| Servings of milk | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-1$ | 40 | 0.0250 | B |
| $2-3$ | 158 | 0.0443 | B |
| $4-6$ | 67 | 0.2388 | A |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.


## Recommended servings of meat

Tables XXXVIII, XL, XLII, XLIV, XLVIand XLVIII, showed the results of the ANOVA determinations for knowledge of the recommended amount of meat consumption and beverages were significant at a p $\leq 0.05$ level. Low-fat milk, total milk, hot chocolate, sports drinks, beer. and total alcoholic consumption were all significantly related to the recommended servings of meat suggested by the food guide pyramid. Duncan's multiple range test for low-fat milk and sports drinks, indicated that for those students who correctly knew that 2-3 servings of meat per day was recommended, drank less low-fat milk and sports drinks than those students who thought you should consume 4-6 servings of meat per day (Table XXXIX and XLV). Table XLI for total milk
consumption indicated that there was a significant ( $p=0.0233$ ) association between students who thought that 4-6 servings of meat per day was recommended and those who thought $0-1$ and 2-3 were recommended. These students who thought $4-6$ servings per day were recommended were drinking twice as much total milk than the other students. For hot chocolate, beer and total alcohol, Duncan's multiple range test (Table XLIII, XLVII, and XLIX) showed that students who knew the correct servings of meat to eat per day drank significantly less of these products. Students who believed that 0-1 servings of meat per day were suggested servings by the food guide pyramid also drank significantly less of these products than did students who thought between 4-6 servings of meat were recommended.

Table XXXVIII
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR LOW-FAT MILK CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MEAT

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Servings | 2 | 6.5803 | 4.56 | 0.0113 |
| Error | 274 | 1.4442 |  |  |
| Total | 276 |  |  |  |

Table XXXIX
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION AWARENESS: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MEAT AND LOW-FAT MILK

| Servings of meat | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-1$ | 50 | 0.900 | AB |
| $2-3$ | 197 | 0.584 | B |
| $4-6$ | 30 | 1.233 | A |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.


## Table XL

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR TOTAL MILK CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MEAT

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Servings | 2 | 8.7219 | 3.82 | 0.0233 |
| Error | 254 | 2.2856 |  |  |
| Total | 256 |  |  |  |

Table XLI
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION AWARENESS: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MEAT AND TOTAL OF MILK CONSUMPTION

| Servings of meat | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-1$ | 48 | 1.354 | B |
| $2-3$ | 183 | 1.137 | B |
| $4-6$ | 26 | 2.000 | A |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.

Table XLII
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR HOT CHOCOLATE CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MEAT

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Servings | 2 | 0.9379 | 4.06 | 0.0183 |
| Error | 286 | 0.2313 |  |  |
| Total | 288 |  |  |  |

Table XLIII
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MEAT AND HOT CHOCOLATE CONSUMPTION

| Servings of meat | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-1$ | 53 | 0.1132 | B |
| $2-3$ | 206 | 0.1456 | B |
| $4-6$ | 30 | 0.4000 | A |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.

Table XLIV
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR SPORTS DRINK CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MEAT

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Servings | 2 | 2.2675 | 3.26 | 0.0400 |
| Error | 285 | 0.6963 |  |  |
| Total | 287 |  |  |  |

Table XLV
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE:
RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MEAT AND SPORTS DRINK CONSUMPTION

| Servings of Meat | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-1$ | 51 | 0.314 | AB |
| $2-3$ | 207 | 0.193 | B |
| $4-6$ | 30 | 0.600 | A |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.

Table XLVI
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR BEER CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MEAT

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Servings | 2 | 2.8949 | 10.87 | 0.0001 |
| Error | 263 | 0.2663 |  |  |
| Total | 265 |  |  |  |

Table XLVII
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION AWARENESS: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MEAT AND BEER CONSUMPTION

| Servings of meat | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-1$ | 50 | 0.040 | B |
| $2-3$ | 190 | 0.042 | B |
| $4-6$ | 26 | 0.538 | A |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level

Table XLVIII
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR TOTAL ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MEAT

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Servings | 2 | 2.6761 | 5.44 | 0.0048 |
| Error | 253 | 0.4916 |  |  |
| Total | 255 |  |  |  |

## Table XLIX

## DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION AWARENESS: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF MEAT AND TOTAL ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

| Servings of meat | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-1$ | 49 | 0.020 | B |
| $2-3$ | 183 | 0.137 | B |
| $4-6$ | 24 | 0.583 | A |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.


## Recommended servings of vegetables

ANOVA determinations (Table L, LII and LIV) for beverages and vegetables indicated that low-fat milk, regular coffee, and total coffee were significantly ( $\mathrm{p} \leq 0.05$ ) related to nutrition knowledge on the suggested servings of vegetables by the food guide pyramid. There was a significant association ( $\mathrm{p}=0.0238,0.0005$ ) between students who thought the recommended servings were between 6-8 per day and those who thought they were 1-2 and 3-5 for low-fat milk and regular coffee consumption (Table LI and LIII). Low-fat milk and coffee consumption were less consumed by students who thought that the correct servings of vegetables were 1-2 and 3-5. There were significant associations between the students who believe that vegetables should be consumed 6-8 servings per day, and those who believed that the number of servings were 3-5 and 1-2 servings per day for total coffee. No significant association were found however, between those who chose 3-5 or 1-2 servings per day as the requirement for consumption and total coffee consumption. Total coffee was consumed in greater amounts by those students who believed that 6-8 servings of vegetables were recommended (Table LV).

## Table L

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR LOW-FAT MILK CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF VEGETABLES

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Serving | 2 | 5.5153 | 3.79 | 0.0238 |
| Error | 273 | 1.4555 |  |  |
| Total | 275 |  |  |  |

Table LI
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION AWARENESS: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF VEGETABLES AND LOW-FAT MILK CONSUMPTION

| Servings of <br> Vegetables | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-2$ | 71 | 0.845 | B |
| $3-5$ | 196 | 0.622 | B |
| $6-8$ | 9 | 1.667 | A |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.

Table LII
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR REGULAR COFFEE CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF VEGETABLES

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Servings | 2 | 5.7097 | 7.81 | 0.0005 |
| Error | 286 | 0.7306 |  |  |
| Total | 288 |  |  |  |

Table LIII
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF VEGETABLE AND REGULAR COFFEE CONSUMPTION

| Servings of <br> Vegetables | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-2$ | 76 | 0.197 | B |
| $3-5$ | 204 | 0.186 | B |
| $6-8$ | 9 | 1.333 | A |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.

Table LIV
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR TOTAL COFFEE CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF VEGETABLES

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Serving | 2 | 5.2642 | 6.01 | 0.0028 |
| Error | 283 | 0.8754 |  |  |
| Total | 285 |  |  |  |

Table LV
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION AWARENESS: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF VEGETABLES AND TOTAL COFFEE CONSUMPTION

| Servings of <br> Vegetables | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-2$ | 75 | 0.227 | B |
| $3-5$ | 202 | 0.238 | B |
| $6-8$ | 9 | 1.333 | A |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.


## Recommended servings of fruit

Suggested servings of fruit were significantly ( $\mathrm{p} \leq 0.05$ ) associated with orange juice consumption, cola-type soft drinks, and total soft drink consumption as shown by ANOVA determinations (Table LVI, LVII, and LX). Duncan's multiple range tests (Table LVII) showed that students who correctly knew that the number of servings for the fruit group was $2-4$, drank significantly more orange juice than did the students who thought the servings for the fruit group were 5-8 and 0-1. This indicated perhaps that students were drinking orange juice to meet the recommended number of servings of fruit per day. There was a significant $(\mathrm{p}=0.0172)$ association between students who thought the number of servings for fruits were between 0-1 and 2-4 (Table LVIII). These students were found to be drinking almost twice as much cola-type products than those who knew the recommended servings (Table LIX). Duncan's multiple range tests (Table LXI) for the consumption of total soft drinks also indicated that students who did not know the recommended servings of fruits were consuming twice as many total soft drinks as those who knew the recommended number of servings. Students who knew the recommended servings of fruit according to the food guide pyramid, consumed significantly less cola-type beverages and total soft drinks, and more fruit juice to comply with the pyramid guidelines.

## Recommended servings of the bread, cereal, rice and pasta

There were no significant associations between any beverages and this food group. This implied that the consumption of breads and cereals did not have any bearing on the type of beverages consumed.

## Table LVI

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR ORANGE JUICE CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF FRUITS

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Serving | 2 | 6.0817 | 3.73 | 0.0253 |
| Error | 284 | 0.8162 |  |  |
| Total | 286 |  |  |  |

Table LVII
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION AWARENESS:
RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF FRUIT AND ORANGE JUICE CONSUMPTION

| Servings of fruit | N | Mean Square | Grouping* |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-1$ | 25 | 0.200 | B |
| $2-4$ | 231 | 0.719 | A |
| $5-8$ | 31 | 0.645 | B |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.

Table LVIII
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR COLA-TYPE SOFT DRINK CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF FRUIT

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Serving | 2 | 11.1567 | 4.12 | 0.0172 |
| Error | 278 | 2.7048 |  |  |
| Total | 280 |  |  |  |

Table LIX
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION AWARENESS: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF FRUIT AND COLA-TYPE CONSUMPTION

| Servings of fruit | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-1$ | 25 | 2.360 | A |
| $2-4$ | 226 | 1.385 | B |
| $5-8$ | 30 | 1.667 | AB |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.

Table LX
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE RESULTS FOR TOTAL SOFT DRINK CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF FRUIT

| Source | df | Mean Square | F | P |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Serving | 2 | 22.5999 | 3.18 | 0.0433 |
| Error | 256 | 7.1119 |  |  |
| Total | 258 |  |  |  |

Table LXI
DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST FOR NUTRITION AWARENESS: RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF FRUIT AND TOTAL SOFT DRINK CONSUMPTION

| Servings of fruit | N | Mean | Grouping* |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-1$ | 22 | 4.182 | A |
| $2-4$ | 210 | 2.686 | B |
| $5-8$ | 27 | 2.667 | B |

* Means with the same letter are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.


## Recommended servings of water

Although the amount of water needed is not included in the food guide pyramid, the body needs a certain amount of water to function. Health professionals generally recommend 8 or more glasses of water per day. There was a significant ( $\mathrm{p} \leq 0.05$ ) association between the consumption of tap, non-tap, and total water as determined by Ttests (Table LXII). For all three categories of water students who drank more tap, nontap and total water knew the recommended servings of water per day. Those who thought the recommended servings for water was less than 8 glasses per day consumed less than those who knew the recommended amount.

Based on the results reported in tables XXVI-LXII indicating association between beverage consumption and knowledge of the recommended servings of all of the food groups except the bread, cereal, rice and pasta group in the food guide pyramid and water the researcher rejected $\mathrm{Ho}_{2}$. If the bread, cereal, rice and pasta food group knowledge question is considered, then the researcher failed to reject $\mathrm{Ho}_{2}$.

## Table LXII

## T-TEST DETERMINATION OF NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE AND RECOMMENDED SERVINGS OF WATER NEEDED BY THE BODY PER DAY

|  | $\geq 8$ |  | $\leq 8$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beverages | N | Mean | N | Mean | T | P-Value |
| Tap water | 219 | 2.9360 | 87 | 2.1610 | 2.2181 | 0.0273 |
| Non-tap water | 210 | 1.0290 | 86 | 0.5350 | 2.0174 | 0.0447 |
| Total water | 206 | 3.9080 | 85 | 2.6710 | 2.8513 | 0.0047 |

## Hypothesis Three

Ho3: There will be no significant association between amount and type of exercise and beverage consumption patterns. T-tests were used to determine the relationship between the respondents exercise patterns and beverage consumption.

## Number of times per week students exercised 30 minutes or more

T-tests were used to determine if the number of times students exercised 30 minutes or more per week was significantly associated with the consumption of beverages. Table LXIII showed that students who exercised 3 or more times per week consumed significantly more ( $\mathrm{p} \leq 0.05$ ) orange juice, lemonade, total juices and non-tap water by almost twice as much over other beverages. Perhaps these drinks were perceived as healthier by student athletes, hence, their consumption was expected to be more than that of non-athletic students.

## Aerobic exercise

Table LXIV showed the results of aerobic exercise and beverage consumption. Beverages which were consumed in great amounts by students who exercised more than 3 times per week versus students who exercised less than 2 times per week were: lemonade, vegetable juices, diet cola, other coffee's especially, non-tap water, fruit juices and alcohol. Students who participated in the sports designated as aerobics for more than 3 times per week, drank significantly ( $\mathrm{p} \leq 0.05$ ) less whole milk, and more skim and low-fat milk than students who exercised less than 3 times per week. Overall, students who participated in aerobic exercise, consumed more beverages than those who exercised infrequently. This is as expected because beverage consumption rises to replenish body fluids lost during aerobic exercise.

## Table LXIII

T-TEST DETERMINATION ON CONSUMPTION OF BEVERAGES BY THE NUMBER OF TIMES PER WEEK STUDENTS EXERCISED 30 MINUTES OR MORE

| Beverages | $\frac{0-2 \text { times per }}{\text { week }}$ |  | $\frac{3-9 \text { times per }}{\text { week }}$ |  | T | P -value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | N | Mean | N | Mean |  |  |
| Orange juice | 128 | 0.4921 | 178 | 0.7696 | -2.8003 | 0.0054 |
| Lemonade | 131 | 0.2137 | 178 | 0.4662 | -2.9910 | 0.0030 |
| Total juices | 121 | 1.2231 | 164 | 2.2195 | -3.4815 | 0.0006 |
| Non-tap | 127 | 0.5669 | 169 | 1.1242 | -2.6969 | 0.0074 |

Table LXIV

## T-TEST DETERMINATIONS ON CONSUMPTION OF BEVERAGES BY AEROBIC EXERCISE

|  | $\geq$ 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\leq \underline{2}$ |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BEVERAGES | N | Mean | N | Mean | T | P-Value |  |  |  |  |
| Whole milk | 238 | 0.2184 | 68 | 0.4852 | 2.1202 | 0.0370 |  |  |  |  |
| Skim milk | 236 | 0.2796 | 68 | 0.1029 | -2.1861 | 0.0305 |  |  |  |  |
| Low-fat milk | 228 | 0.7850 | 65 | 0.4615 | -2.4218 | 0.0166 |  |  |  |  |
| Lemonade | 240 | 0.4000 | 69 | 0.2173 | -1.9874 | 0.0487 |  |  |  |  |
| All juices | 220 | 1.9636 | 65 | 1.2307 | -2.4125 | 0.0171 |  |  |  |  |
| Vegetable juice | 243 | 0.0658 | 70 | 0.0000 | -2.7818 | 0.0058 |  |  |  |  |
| Non-tap water | 233 | 1.0300 | 63 | 0.3492 | -3.8244 | 0.0020 |  |  |  |  |
| Diet cola | 231 | 0.5844 | 62 | 0.3064 | -1.9877 | 0.0490 |  |  |  |  |
| Other coffee | 240 | 0.0875 | 68 | 0.0147 | -2.2589 | 0.0246 |  |  |  |  |
| Alcohol | 212 | 0.2216 | 58 | 0.0517 | -2.4013 | 0.0170 |  |  |  |  |

## Intramural-type sports

T-test determinations indicated a significant association ( $\mathrm{p} \leq 0.05$ ) between total milk consumption and students participating in intramural sports labeled as intramural (Table LXV). Students who participated in these exercises more than 3 times per week drank more milk than those who did not. Based on the results in Tables LXIII-LXV indicating associations between beverage consumption and exercise, the researcher rejected $\mathrm{Ho}_{3}$.

## Discussion/Summary

Most of the respondents in this study were between the ages of 17-20, Caucasian, female, from the College of Arts and Sciences and Protestant. As the researcher expected, that students consumed more carbonated drinks than other types of beverages. Fruit juices were usually the second choice of beverage followed by water. Students consumed alcohol, coffee, hot chocolate, sports drinks, and vegetable juices the least. The most common servings per day among all beverages was 1-2 8 oz glasses. Significant associations were found between beverages and all demographic variables. There were significant associations found between nutrition knowledge and the types of beverages consumed. Also, associations were found between exercise and beverage consumption. Students who included in their schedules a regimen of exercising 3 or more times per week significantly consumed more beverages than those who had limited exercise.

## Table LXV

## T-TEST DETERMINATION ON CONSUMPTION OF BEVERAGES BY INTRAMURAL TYPE SPORTS

|  | $\geq 3$ |  |  | $\leq 2$ |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beverages | N | Mean | N | Mean | T | P-Value |
| Total Milk | 102 | 1.5196 | 171 | 1.1169 | -2.0345 | 0.0433 |

## CHAPTER V

# SUMMARY, RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPLICATIONS 

Summary

Beverages are such an important part of our lives, that research need to be undertaken to determine the impact of beverage consumption on healthy lifestyles or wellness of all individuals. The purpose of this research was to determine the beverage consumption preferences of Oklahoma State University students. Three hypotheses were postulated to determine if college students' consumption of beverages were associated with demographic variables, nutrition knowledge and exercise.

The results of the data collected from the questionnaires completed by students were presented in chapter IV. The sample population was randomly selected from students living in residence halls at Oklahoma State University during the fall semester of 1994. Data obtained from the 317 questionnaires were analyzed using frequencies, percentages, t-test, ANOVA and Duncan's Multiple Range Tests.

The majority of the respondents were freshmen, white females, aged 17-20 and in the College of Arts and Sciences (Table I, Fig.1). Almost $91 \%$ of the students had a meal plan, with most students reporting a 15-20 meals per week plan (Table II). A majority of the students consumed 0-2 snacks per day and expressed that their selection of beverages was dependent on the choice provided in the cafeteria.

Soft drinks were the most likely beverages chosen in almost any social setting except on special occasions when alcohol was chosen first (Table III). Between 2-3 glasses of water per day was consumed by a majority of the students. Usually soft
drinks were chosen by students followed by fruit juice and water. Males consumed more whole milk and cola-type beverages, while females consumed more skim and bottled type water. Students between 17-20 years of age consumed more juices, while older students selected more diet cola and alcoholic beverages. Nutrition knowledge was shown to affect beverage consumption. Students who were concerned about nutrition, health and wellness selected beverages that tended to reflect these concerns. For all students participating in exercise 3 or more times per week, beverages were consumed in greater quantity than by students with limited exercise activities.

## Recommendations

The research questionnaire covered a wide area and included many different types of beverages, as listed in the inventory files of the University Food Service. For future research, the instruments might limit the number of beverages or combine them into broader groups. Many of the respondents indicated all kinds of beverages that they generally consume rather than providing the researcher with the beverages they consumed in a typical day in the residence halls. If students had been allowed to write in beverages they consumed, a more realistic picture might have been drawn, than by providing them with a long list. Also, the question on types of beverages consumed for different occasions should include more specific social situations and the beverage, water. Respondents only answered the question regarding beverage consumption over a typical day and not over the typical weekend as requested. Focusing in on only a typical day or a typical weekend might have produced a better response. Beverage consumption needs to be monitored during the different seasons of the year to ascertain seasonal changes.

A second mailing of the questionnaire or a reminder may have increased the response rate among students. Future researchers might also wish to survey colleges state wide, all the mid-western states, or nation wide to get a broader picture of trends in beverage consumption.

## Implications

Technological advances in the food industry will continue to yield new food products including beverages. The emergence of these new products is accompanied by relentless advertising and marketing campaigns which will entice consumers to purchase these beverages, perhaps replacing consumption of milk and water. These newer beverages are generally carbonated or highly sweetened to please the consumers palate. Many are also expensive and provide no nutrients except some simple sugars. Dietitians and other health educators need to monitor these trends and the impact of these products on health and wellness of all consumers. With a decline in the consumption of milk, incidence of osteoporosis may increase in future years. The increased consumption of sweetened beverages which may accompany a less than nutritionally optimal diet also bring about weight gain, which may then lead to higher incidence of non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus and heart disease.

Results of this study could perhaps enhance the forecasting accuracy of the purchasing agent for Oklahoma State University Food Service in projecting the appropriate types and amounts of beverages to procure. In addition, Oklahoma State University is developing a "Pyramid of Choices" program for selected residence halls in conjunction with the OSU Wellness Center and the Dietetic Internship Program, Nutritional Sciences Department, which will be implemented Spring semester 1996. It will be imperative for the dietitian and dietetic interns developing and teaching this program to emphasize the appropriate teaching choice of beverages (i.e. skim milk, and $100 \%$ fruit/vegetable juices) in conjunction with the proper selection of healthy entrees.

Dietitians and other health care educators need to identify barriers contributing to a low intake of milk and increasing intakes of soft drinks. Programs that promote the benefits of good nutrition need to emphasize that variety, moderation and balance in the diet (including beverages) are the key to healthy living.

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## APPENDIXES

APPENDIX A FOOD GUIDE PYRAMID
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## What is the Food Guide Pyramid?








## APPENDIX B

## DIETARY GUIDELINES



## APPENDIX C

COVER LETTER AND QUESTIONNAIRE


# Oklahoma State University 

September 6, 1994

## Dear OSU Student:

Congratulations! You have been chosen to participate in a study entitled "Beverage Consumption Patterns of Oklahoma State University Residence Hall Students". Carbonated and alcoholic beverages make up a big portion of food consumption among college students, however, data about the types and amounts of beverages consumed are limited. Participation is voluntary and you will not be penalized if you choose not to participate.

We would appreciate it very much, however, if you would take ten minutes of your time to fill out and return this questionnaire. Only composite data will be reported without mention of name or residence hall. A summary of results will be made available to the Department of Residential Life in Ib Hall.

For taking part in this study, there will be something special for you at the front desk. To receive this, turn in a completed questionnaire in the box provided near the Residential Life front desk on or before September 16, 1994. If you have any questions about this study call us at 744-8294. Thank you for you cooperation and participation in this project.

Sincerely,


Audrey L. Dennis
Graduate Student
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Major Advisor

## Beverage Consumption Patterns of College Students

## General Information

Please check or fill in the appropriate information concerning yourself.

1. Gender
$\square$ Male
$\square$ Female
2. Age
$\square$ 17-20

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3. Education Level
$\square$ FreshmanSeniorSophomoreJuniorGraduate
Special
4. CollegeArts \& Sciences
$\square$ Business
Human Environmental SciencesAgricultureEngineering $\square$ Veterinary MedicineEducationGraduateSpecial
5. Ethnic Background
Caucasian
Hispanic
$\square$ African American

- Asian/OrientalNative AmericanOther

6. Religion
Protestant MormonCatholicJewishMusiimOther
7. Do you have a meal plan?
$\square$ Yes $\qquad$
If yes, state the number of meals per week $\qquad$
8. How many times per week do you eat? Breakfast $\qquad$ Lunch $\qquad$ Dinner $\qquad$
9. How many times per day do you snack? $\qquad$
10. Is the choice of beverage in your cafeteria a factor in your beverage selection?
$\square$ Yes
$\square$ No
11. Which of the following do you consume? (check all that apply)

|  | Fruit Juicedorin | Minc | Soft Drinks | Coffeet Te: | Alcoholic: Beverages | Other |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. with meals |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. between meals |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. under stress |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d. as a snack |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| e. during special occasions |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Turn over $\rightarrow$
12. Approximately how many glasses of water do you consume per day
$\square$ none
4-5 glasses
$\square 1$ giass
2-3 glasses
$\square 8$ or more glasses
13. A healthy diet should include how many glasses of water per day.
$\square 1$ glass
2-3 glasses
$\square$ 4-5 glasses
$\square$ 6-7 glasses 8 or more glasses
14. If you consume carbonated and alcoholic beverages, do you try to limit the amounts in your diet?
$\square$ Yes
$\square \mathrm{No}$
15. A healthy diet should include how many servings of the following per day?
Meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs, and nuts group
Milk, yogurt, and cheese group
Vegetable group
Fruit group
Bread, cereal, rice, and pasta group
16. On the average, how many times per week do you exercise thirty minutes or more? $\qquad$
17. If yes, which of the following comprise your exercise activities?AerobicsBicycling
WeightRunningSwimming $\square$ Other (list)
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

## Consumption

For the following beverages, please check in the first two column which ones you never consume, and which ones you consume less than once per day. Please provide the appropriate amounts consumed in a typical day and weekend in columns three and four.

| $\begin{aligned} \text { - } \\ \text { - } \end{aligned}$ | Never Consume (please check all that apply) | Consume less than once per day (please- check all that apphy) | Number of 8 oz glasses. तity consumed in a typical day. | Number of $8 \mathbf{o z}$ dagses consumed in a typical weekend $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Milk - .. - | . | . . . | $\cdots$ |  |
| Whole Milk |  |  |  |  |
| 2\% Milk |  |  |  |  |
| 1\% Milk |  |  |  |  |
| 1/2\% Milk |  |  |  |  |
| Skim Milk |  |  |  |  |
| Milk Shakes |  |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |  |


|  | Never Consume (piease check all that apply) | Consume less than once per day (please cheek all that apply) | Number of 802 glasses consumed in a typieal day | Number of $80 z$ glasses consamed in a typieal weekend - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jnice |  |  |  | : . |
| Orange |  |  |  |  |
| Apple |  |  |  |  |
| Cranberry |  |  |  |  |
| Cranapple |  |  |  |  |
| Pineapple |  |  |  |  |
| Grape |  |  |  |  |
| Grapefruit |  |  |  |  |
| Lemonade |  |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |  |
| $\cdots$ - $\cdot \cdots$. | - - | - $\quad=\cdots$ | \# | - vi= - - - - \% |
| Vegetable Juice | ... | . ${ }^{\text {c-- }}$ |  | $\cdots$ |
| Tomato |  |  |  |  |
| V-8 |  |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\because \quad \because \quad \cdots \quad \cdots \cdots$ |  | - |  |
| Fruit Drinks/Punch | - | - |  | - |
| Mystic fruit drinks |  |  |  |  |
| Twister fruit drinks |  |  |  |  |
| Orange Drink |  |  |  |  |
| Lemonade Punch |  |  |  |  |
| Fruit Punch |  |  |  |  |
| Koolaid |  |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |  |
| \%- . . |  | $\ldots$ |  | $\cdots$ |
| Water . . . .. |  | - |  | - |
| Tap water |  |  |  |  |
| Non-carbonated bottled water |  |  |  |  |
| Carbonated bottled water |  |  |  |  |
| Sparkling water |  |  |  |  |
| Flavored water |  |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | - |  | - |
| Soft Drinks |  |  |  |  |
| Cola type |  |  |  |  |
| Diet cola type |  |  |  |  |


| Soft Drinks Cont'd | Never Consume (please check all that apply) | Consume less than once per day (please check all that apply | Number of 8 oz glasses comsumed in a typical day | Number of 8 oz glesses consamed in a typical weekead |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sprite/Fresca/7-up |  |  |  |  |
| Strawberty |  |  |  |  |
| Rootbeer |  |  |  |  |
| Orange |  |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |  |
| $\ldots$ |  |  |  |  |
| Miscellaneous |  |  |  | - |
| Iced Tea |  |  |  |  |
| Hot Tea |  |  |  |  |
| Flavored Tea |  |  |  |  |
| Decaffeinated Tea |  |  |  |  |
| Coffee |  |  |  |  |
| Decaf coffee |  |  |  |  |
| Flavored Coffee |  |  |  |  |
| Hot Chocolate |  |  |  |  |
| Sport Drinks (Gatorade. etc.) |  |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |  |
| - |  |  |  |  |
| Alcobol - |  |  |  | $\cdots$ |
| Beer |  |  |  |  |
| Wine |  |  |  |  |
| Wine Coolers |  |  |  |  |
| Champagne |  |  |  |  |
| Liquor |  |  |  |  |

Thank you for your cooperation.

Now, turn this into the front desk to receive your special gift!

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