

Food-op will lower costs for all hungry students

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Beginning Jan. 1, University students will be able to save up to 15 per cent on their food bills.

The University Food-op, Inc. which for the past eight weeks has been supplying food at wholesale prices to campus living organizations, is going to expand its services to include all students. The Food-op will open a student store Nov. 1 on a trial basis, with a limited membership to iron out bugs in the program before the general opening in January.

Boyd Wilson, senior in marketing and founder of the Food-op, says the store will help offset the effects of rising food prices and cutbacks in the federal food stamp program.

The store will be located at 1535 E. 15th Ave., just off Agate Street. At present the building is used as the warehouse for the Food-op.

About 1,000 students benefit from the operation now, which buys food at bulk prices and passes the savings on to clients: fraternities, sororities, co-operative houses, and Christian living organizations. After the store opens, any student will be able to place an order at the store. The Food-op will process the orders together and then the order can be picked up at the store.

The Food-op is not actually a co-operative. It is a non-profit corporation run by and for students. According to general manager Wilson, when the store opens it will be the only one of its kind on the West Coast.

The ASUO has allocated funds for the Food-op to cover administrative costs and to pay for a truck which is used to make deliveries to living organizations.

The program has a staff of eight, including six work-study people. It became an ASUO agency over a year and a half ago. Since that time Boyd Wilson and the staff have been conducting marketing studies and talking to students to determine the feasibility of a wholesale food outlet for students.

A meeting for all interested students will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, in a room to be posted in the EMU. At the meeting the Food-op store will be explained and students who want to be in the pilot program can sign up.

Applications for membership in the store for the trial period from Nov. 1 to Jan. 1 are available in Suite 5 in the EMU addition, and should be picked up before the meeting.

Wilson hopes students will use the new service. "...if students don't use it they will lose out — by paying higher food bills," says Wilson.



Photo by Perry Gaskill

Boyd Wilson, a senior in marketing and founder of the Food-op, restocks the shelves while not processing orders.

Stop life support?

Quinlan trial nears decision

MORRISTOWN, N.J. (AP) — Karen Anne Quinlan's fate will be decided in 10 to 14 days, a judge said Monday after final arguments by lawyers who want to keep the comatose woman alive and by a lawyer for her parents, who want to "let her die with dignity."

Citing the complex testimony at the five-day trial, Superior Court Judge Robert Muir Jr. said he needed time to prepare a detailed opinion in the case.

In his summation, Paul Armstrong, the Quinlan's lawyer, urged Muir to allow death to come to "a poor and tragic creature whose life is no more than a pattern of primitive, involuntary reflexes."

"Can anything be more degrading than the concept that death can be cheated if we can only find the right combination of wires, tubes and transistors?" Armstrong asked.

Quinlan, 21, has been in a coma for six months. Her parents want her removed from a life-sustaining respirator and doctors have testified that brain damage has put Quinlan in a "persistent vegetative state" that cannot be reversed by known medical technology.

"In the face of hopeless and irreversible coma, continued treatment serves no valid medical purpose," Armstrong said.

Arrayed against Armstrong

were lawyers for Quinlan's doctors, the state, the Morris County prosecutor, St. Clare's Hospital, and Quinlan's temporary, court-appointed guardian, Daniel Colburn.

The doctor's lawyer, Ralph Porzio, asserted that no one may order someone's death just because the quality of that life is low.

"You open the gates to the deaths of thousands of people in the United States who may have a low quality of life," Porzio said. "It gives judicial sanction to the act of euthanasia," he said.

Porzio acknowledged that Quinlan has been given no chance of survival, but he said doctors often make mistakes in their prognoses.

"If Karen Anne Quinlan has one chance in a thousand, one chance in 10 thousand, one chance in a million, who are we and by what

right to we kill that chance?" he added. "Dare we defy the divine command, 'Thou shalt not kill?'"

Donald Collester, the Morris County prosecutor, argued that although the Quinlans have good motives, they are applying for permission to commit a crime.

The Quinlans and their two other children, Mary Ellen and John, sat impassively in the courtroom as the lawyers expressed sympathy for them.

"We're very glad the first part of this is over," said Quinlan's mother afterward. "We need some rest now. Now we'll await the decision."

Regardless of Muir's ruling, the case is expected to be appealed. A source close to the New Jersey Supreme Court predicted it would have the case within six weeks.

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