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**Torch route**

Local runners will carry the Olympic torch through Eugene Sunday as it makes its way to Los Angeles for the opening of the Olympic Games.

The relay will come down Highway 99 to Seventh Avenue, then along Broadway and Franklin boulevards to Agate Street and north on Agate Street to Hayward Field, where it will be put up for the night before heading out through Springfield Monday morning.

There is no way to estimate the exact time of the torch's arrival at any particular point along the route, says Sherold Barr of the Eugene Family YMCA, but it will probably pass the Hult Center between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Each runner will carry the torch for one kilometer.

**Food Center to open soon**

**By Julie Shippen  
Of the Emerald**

The small building is obviously vacant, and the colorful "Food-Op" sign still hanging from its front serves only as a reminder of the scandal leading to the operation's forced closure a year ago.

But two people possessing a little student activism and a lot of organizing talent have come up with a healthy remedy for that problem in the form of the "Food Center," a sort of miniature version of the Lane County Food Bank.

The center is scheduled to open about the end of July in the old Food-Op building, located near the Bean-Complex parking lot on 15th Avenue. Bill Snyder, ASUO student events coordinator, and Connie Nelmes, a woman whose initial query resulted in a cheese-and-butter distribution on campus last year, will direct the operation.

Snyder is hesitant to mention the former establishment by name, as "the word Food-Op makes people shudder." Although, it was the fate of the Food-Op that brought about his initial concern, he says.

"When they shut the Food-Op down, I said 'I'm going to open it back up someday,'" he says. After becoming involved with the Lane County Food Bank and gaining their support,

Snyder was able to begin rounding up funds to finally get the center established.

The new center will actually have three agencies operating within its walls, each serving a different non-retail purpose, he says. The Oregon Gleaners and Gatherers, for example, will give people the opportunity to receive produce at little or no cost by going to the fields themselves and collecting it.

port and future participation in the center, because they as a group "need a good supply of cheap food," he says.

Those who do volunteer work at the center will receive an additional discount on the goods they buy, Snyder says. He emphasizes the word volunteer, though, as even he and Nelmes won't be paid employees. "All we'll do is come in four to five hours a month, once it's

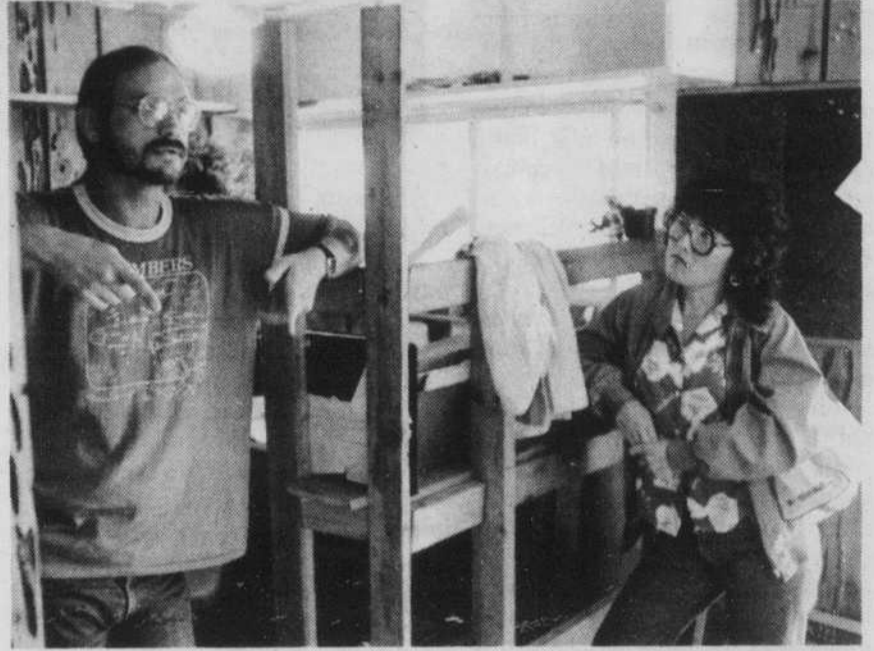


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Bill Snyder and Connie Nelmes survey the interior of the old Food-Op building as they contemplate opening an inexpensive food distribution center there.

Another agency, Unity Foods, deals primarily in bulk foods that the center will sell in a non-profit fashion. And an array of products from the Commodity Food Distributors will be sold at a mere 12 cents per pound.

"Right now they (Commodity Food Distributors) don't want us to sell it, but we run up a lot of expenses just hauling it around," Snyder says. Most of the center's basic expenses will be covered, however, from revenue generated through Unity Foods' distribution at a 10 percent profit that is split with the central office, he says.

Free food baskets will also be available at the center for those who qualify, Snyder says. These include honey and meat, as well as cheese and bread, due to the USDA requirement that food baskets offer a varied diet.

Persons wanting a food basket or products through the Commodity Food Distributors will have to fill out a form at the center showing their proof of eligibility, he adds.

Although the center's main purpose is to serve the needs of the poor, Snyder says anyone, including students, can purchase food there at the discounted prices. In fact, many law school students have already announced their sup-

smoothly operating, and pay the bills," he says.

And by operating under a non-employee situation, the center hopes to avoid the Food-Op's problem, Snyder says. "I'm going to be really cautious because that's (employees) what got the Food-Op in trouble."

Snyder believes the center will be visited by more than just students or members of the immediate neighborhood. "This (Food Bank branch) will be more central. We won't be getting people from just this area. We'll be getting people from all over town," he says.

This could result in the problem of bringing transients into the University area, Snyder admits, but he intends to remain open to helping them, a deed that county and city officials already have asked him not to do.

"Lane County and the City of Eugene didn't want us to feed them," he says. "We can't figure any reason not to feed them. I can't talk myself into saying 'no' to them."

He is quick to recognize a potential conflict in this between himself and the University, however. "The University would shoot me if I encouraged transients to hang around campus," Snyder says.



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