MIT food co-op to start operations

By Bob Wasserman

The MIT Food Co-op is seeking to increase the options for students as efforts to organize and gain experience are nearly completed.

Phil Veatch '79 is in charge of the startup of the food co-op. Veatch said that he is well prepared, as well as a need to have the "size of a small classroom" to be used for weekly food drop-offs and distributing.

Wayne Christia '77 explained the MIT Food Co-op's interest in joint activity with other local food co-ops. These local organizations include the Cambridge Food Co-op, Union Square Food Co-op, and New England Food Cooperative Network (NEFCO). The MIT Co-op would join NEFCO, which baux food from the Chelsea market and distributes it to smaller cooperatives throughout New England.

Members of the MIT Co-op would initially work with the Union Square and Cambridge Co-ops for a few weeks gain experience for later work at MIT. The Union Square Co-op is a neighborhood organization which has a format similar to the one the MIT Food Co-op is planning. Each week a different block of houses in the Co-op does the work, using pre-order forms and distributing food in a per-item basis.

The Cambridge Co-op has a larger, more consumer distribution system, and offers more items than the Union Square Co-op. The MIT Co-op plans to offer all the items available at the Co-op.

by Mark James

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