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the study of human rights, and it has not begun any formal planning work.

One of the students heavily involved during the protests was Chad Sullivan. Graduating with a double major in history and music, Sullivan said as he leaves the University, he is a little discouraged at how the issue ended, but he added that he does not expect it to die completely.

“What I concluded after the study of this issue is... we need to embed our concern about human rights into our curriculum.”

David Frank
director,
Honors College

If students can't change the policy, Sullivan suggested they should look to creating a statewide code of conduct that the seven universities of the Oregon University System can apply to merchandise contracts.

“That's really not much too ask, it's really not that controversial, and it's the best we can do,” he said.

Following his graduation, Sullivan said he will be traveling to Indonesia to see firsthand the conditions that factory workers deal with. He said he hopes this will bring back more information for activists here in Eugene.

“I know in the past some of us activists have acted like we know everything, and I know that's not the case,” he said.

University Merchandising Director Matt Dyste said that even without being able to be a member of labor monitoring organizations, the University will still be able to be active in ensuring that companies contracted to produce its merchandise follow working-condition standards.

He said the University will continue to monitor information provided by the WRC and FLA, and it will work continually with licensees to ensure they understand what the University expects.

“Our hope is both of those organizations will begin their monitoring within the year,” he said.

While the University will no longer be a member of the monitoring organizations, Dyste said it will continue to strive for a “cooperative” effort with its licensees to ensure that basic rights are not abused.

“I'm not really optimistic about anything happening at all,” he said. “Students need to change or modify that state policy.”

Sullivan said students need to work on getting the state board to include the language that universities can add human rights and environmental conditions to their business contracts.

He said he is encouraged by the recent no-sweat rally that showed there is still some student interest and enthusiasm for bringing about change.

“What has been happening with the no-sweat zone is really promising,” he said.

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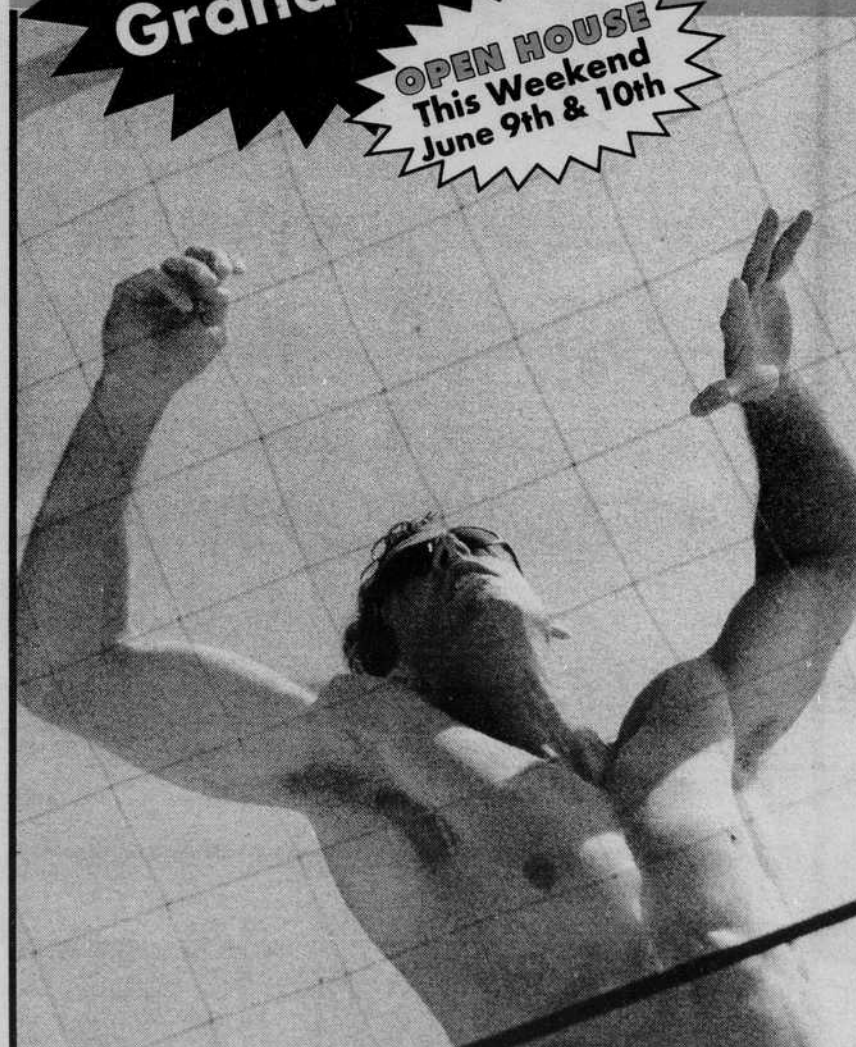
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