

Miner passes baton to Wortman

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Student Activities Reporter

Bill Miner cleaned out his desk Friday.

He finished writing the budget, wrapped up some paperwork and packed his belongings into a wooden box.

He came to campus Tuesday as a student, not a president.

Miner's term as ASUO president officially ended Monday. He returned to campus from Memorial Day Weekend as just another student.

"It's just this weight lifted off my shoulder," he said. "I'm breathing easier, had a great weekend."

Miner passed a golden baton to President Geneva Wortman on Tuesday night. The baton tradition started last year, when Miner accepted it. He had kept it in his

bottom desk drawer ever since.

Wortman and Vice President Morgan Cowling officially took office Monday.

Miner said he was confident in Wortman's presidential ability.

"I've given her the best transition I can give her," he said. "She's heading in the right direction."

Miner became president last May and pushed the ASUO through some major changes during his administration.

The creation of a new position in the ASUO—the campus organizer—was his biggest accomplishment, he said. The campus organizer job is designed to help students coordinate programs and campaigns.

The controversy that initially surrounded that change led to his "lowest point," he said: the way he sometimes dealt with his staff. He moved

to a "top-down" leadership style during some major controversies.

That became especially true as Miner worked on the ASUO budget that redesigned the ASUO and brought in the campus organizer.

"We really thought that was a controversial budget," he said. "We had to do everything we could to push it through."

Campus administrators will probably remember Miner and Vice President Ben Unger as "agitators," Miner said.

They talked fall term about redefining student activism and pressing the ASUO into a more progressive role.

"That was goal No. 1," Miner said. "We changed student activism on this campus and in this state."

"This is a beginning of a new era of college activism."

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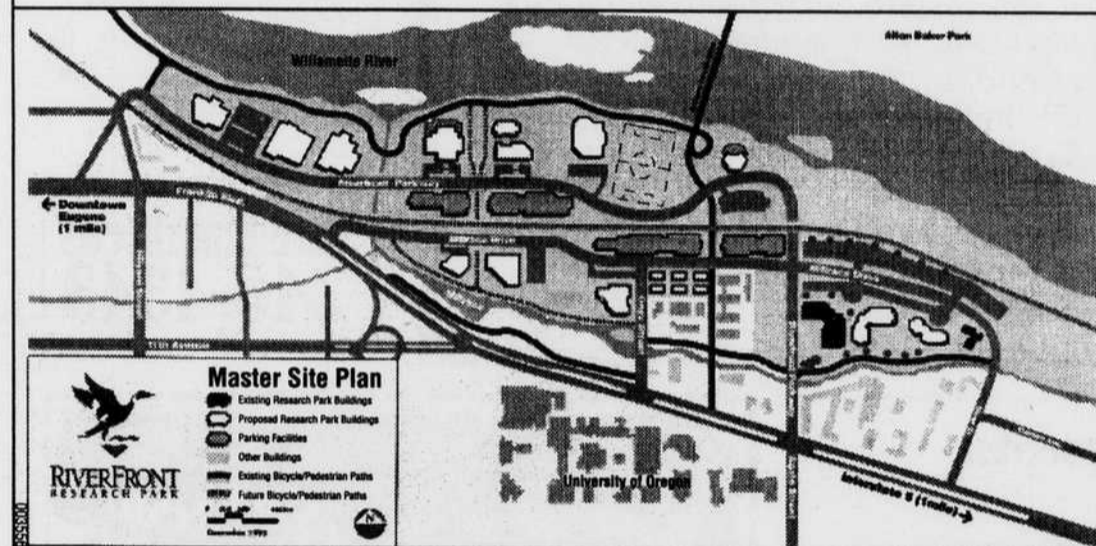
The UO plans to build commercial buildings and parking structures along the Willamette River south of the Autzen footbridge, and call it the Riverfront Research Park. Students, faculty and the greater Eugene community now use this natural area for athletics, recreating, bird-watching, biking & skateboarding. (<http://www.efn.org/~cpaeug/rfp.html> - for more info)

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