

Chester Byrd
... goes to high school

1st Black Administrator Resigns

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Chester Byrd, UM's first black administrator, has announced his resignation as associate director of the Student Union, effective July 30.

Byrd, who came to UM two years ago, was on leave from the Broward County Board of Public Instruction and will return to South Broward High School to become assistant principal.

Byrd said his two years here have been gratifying, though he's had to face many

problems — the most recent of which is the disciplinary hearings now before the University Discipline Committee.

During the boycott Byrd urged UBS President Glen Fubler to keep outsiders from interfering with the "real purpose" of the demonstration.

Byrd said he feels that he was able to act as a buffer between students and the administration during the UBS crisis.

In dealing with black students' problems on campus, Byrd said the administra-

tion should "give some and not hold a hard line."

"This would eliminate some of the friction and it has been my job to create an atmosphere where friction was minimized," he said.

As UM's first black administrator, Byrd admitted that there were many times that he was under pressure, but he hopes his presence on campus has helped persuade administrators to hire more blacks.

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UM Cadet Refuses Commission

ROTC Drop-Out's Case To Be Examined Monday

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argues against a UM cadet who refused to accept ROTC Army commission June 5, will be taken up again Monday by the Board of Officers.

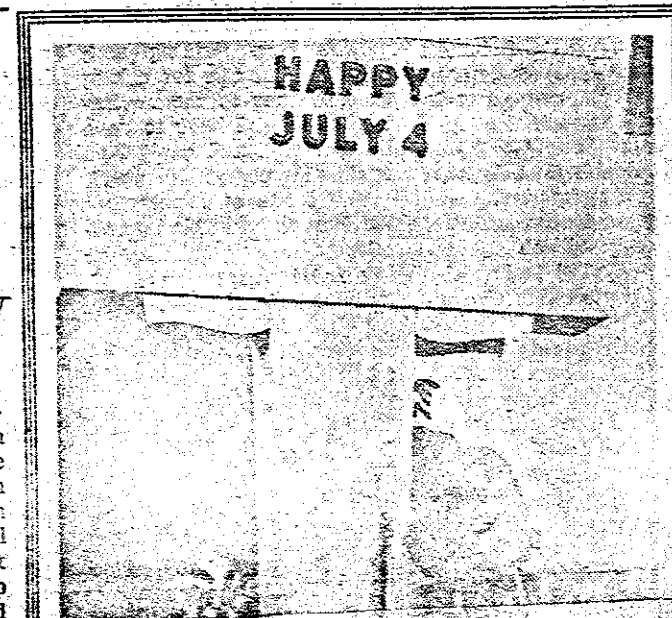
Ardell Faul, who attended college on a four year Army scholarship said he won't serve in the Army under any condition.

Faul's scholarship commitment with the Army, which he signed in 1965, upon en-

tering the University of North Dakota, requires him to serve for four years and to be commissioned a second lieutenant after graduation.

Faul originally requested a non-combat assignment last month as a conscientious ob-

jector, but was refused. Combat duty is in conflict with the creed of the Menonite Brethren Church, of which Faul was a member from 1954 to 1969. When Faul moved here he could not maintain church membership because the Miami area did



not have an articulate church.

During the commissioning exercises at UMI on June 5 Paul, his wife and 2-year-old daughter picketed the ceremonies. Paul carried a placard reading, "I refused my commission."

It's not unusual for a ROTC cadet to think about refusing his commission, according to Paul. "Presently there are a number of ROTC cadets who are contemplating refusal of their commissions," he said.

"The majority of the people in ROTC are there to avoid being drafted," he said, "but as the time gets closer the more they think about it."

Paul first met with an Army Board of Officers from Ft. McPhearson, Georgia, June 16 at UM ROTC headquarters. After reviewing the evidence against Paul, the Board decided to continue the case on June 29, at which time Paul and his attorney Richard Altshuler can present their defense.

Paul said there are three possible alternatives for the Army to choose in his case:

- To find him fit to receive his appointment;
- To find that he has willfully evaded his contract and assign him to four years of active duty in an enlisted grade; or
- To eliminate him from ROTC.

Paul said he would be willing to pay back the scholarship if he was given that option.

He said the reason he

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