

White Student Quits as FSU Drum Major Because of Race

FAYETTEVILLE (AP) — A white student who resigned as drum major of the marching band at a predominantly black school said he did it for the good of the band.

"I don't want this to cause any more trouble than it has," said Billy Foster, 22.

Foster stepped down Aug. 31 after being selected as the first white

person chosen to lead Fayetteville State University's marching band last month.

Students, band members and administrators who spoke about Foster's resignation — which came four days before the band's season debut — agreed that racial pressure was behind it. Some said that much of the pressure came from students who were not band members, the

Fayetteville Observer-Times reported.

An FSU student who asked not to be identified said the resignation "was definitely a black-white thing. I think a lot of it came not from within the band, but from students outside the band who watched the practices."

She said some students believe that although a third of the students at the historically black

university are white, key positions on the campus should go to blacks. Some black students see the white students as commuters who don't participate in extracurricular activities.

"Billy wasn't like that," said Mallonee Clay, one of last year's drum majors. "He is a dedicated member of the band. He loves and supports the band. He's a member

of (the band fraternity) Kappa Kappa Psi and goes to all the musical events. I think students on the outside didn't understand."

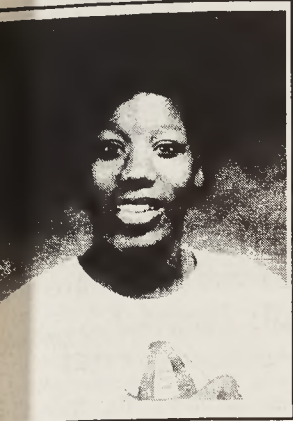
FSU Chancellor Lloyd "Vic" Hackley said Foster should not have resigned.

"I wish he had talked to me. I would have encouraged him to stand tall and keep going. This is unfortu-

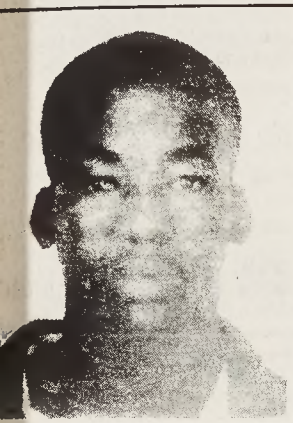
nate for him and the school," Hackley said.

Band director William Woods stood behind his decision to make Foster one of his two drum majors. But he said the band "would move on" and the controversy would not disrupt the band's season.

Foster said he will remain in the band to play the mellophone, an instrument similar to a French horn.



Renee Glenn



Shontain Peterson

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...fired the gun or it discharged when Glenn pushed the gun away from her face.

Willette "Tutu" Spease, Glenn's roommate and longtime friend, they — and another friend, Fred Crump — had just left Club 25 on North Liberty Street and were sitting inside a car outside the apartment.

She said she had just gone inside the apartment when she heard a gunshot. When she came back outside, she said, Glenn's face was pressed against the driver side car window.

"I went to the driver side and opened the door and she fell in my arms," Spease said. "For a while, I sat there holding her."

Before they left the club, she said pleaded with Peterson to put the gun away, but she assured him that he would be careful.

Peterson, who was arrested after he arrived at the hospital to check on Glenn the morning of the shooting, is being held in the Forsyth County Jail without bail.

CORRECTION

In last week's Chronicle, an ArtsReach headline misidentified the sponsors of the "Arts of the Ethics: Coming Together for a Change" Workshop. The conference is sponsored by the Sawtooth Center for Visual Arts.

The Chronicle regrets this error.



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