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### News Briefs

#### Black Studies Professor Reinstated

By College Press Service  
NEW YORK-Leonard Jeffries, the black studies professor who was ousted as department chairman at City College of New York for making racist comments, must be reinstated to his position, a federal judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge Kenneth Conboy ruled that Jeffries' statements were protected free speech.

In a 1991 speech, Jeffries created an uproar when he said that Jews promoted the slave trade, and that Jews and the Mafia were responsible for negative media images of the black race.

In early August, Conboy called Jeffries' 1991 comments "reprehensible and racist." However, he ruled that the college must reinstate Jeffries for the last two years of a three-year contract.

Earlier this year, a federal judge ruled that Jeffries was improperly removed from his position as chair of the Black Studies Department. It has not been decided if Jeffries will be awarded damages.

The college will not comment on the case because it is on appeal, said a City College spokesman.

## Freshmen Take NCCU By Storm

By Kipchoge Ryan  
Staff Reporter

This year's freshman class is the largest group to ever populate the university campus. At 950 strong, these new Eagles are eager to take over. The Campus Echo approached several freshmen-Courtney Blake and Traci Brown, both Durham natives; Kristi Williamson of Kannapolis; and Etienne Hollingsworth of Long Island, N.Y.- and asked them their sentiments about NCCU.

They expressed the usual comments about the cafeteria food, but they did say the staff was pleasant.

As for security, they all felt very safe as long as they are on campus.

Blake, a member of the Flag Squad and a pre-chemical engineering major, says, "I'm enjoying the people, but as far as activities...it's disappointing because there haven't been too many. I wish the campus were as lively as EOP was."

Brown, a computer engineering major, adds, "The campus is beautiful; the people are nice and I've



#### Freshmen moving In

really enjoyed myself thus far."

Williamson, an accounting major, claims that she speaks for "K-Town" when she says, "I'm enjoying myself." She's most proud of the friends that she's made.

She does, however, express a concern for campus activity. "I've found things to do, but it would be better if we didn't have to leave campus to have fun." Etienne, a double major in political science

and sociology, has expressed an interest in the Student Government Association by announcing her candidacy for freshman class president. She says she likes being away from home because of the freedom but, notes that college demands "a level of maturity" that she has had to incorporate in her everyday routine.

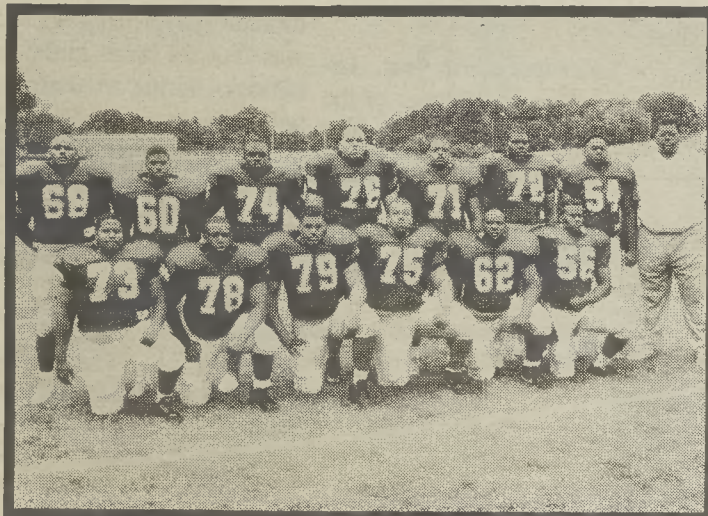
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-Kristi Williamson

Each of the freshmen expressed concerns for the Eagles whose lives were lost recently.

They agreed that the sudden tragedies have affected their Eagle spirit, and they sent their deepest condolences to the mourning families of their classmates.

## NCCU Loses Students to Tragedy



Derrick Boone with his teammates

By Greg Lewis and Ronda Robinson  
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The beginning of a new school year is usually a time of renewed friendships and fresh starts, but for the Eagle family, this fall has also been a time to say farewell to two of its athletes.

Derrick Boone, a sophomore tackle from Ahoskie, was shot and killed Aug. 27 at an off-campus party.

Jacquelyn D. Bell, a fresh-

man member of the Marching Band Flag Corps, died in a Sept. 5 automobile accident.

Students and faculty have been deeply affected by the deaths. Roger Bryant, vice chancellor for student affairs, who had to notify both students' parents of their children's deaths, says, "I do not want to have to call anymore parents anytime soon — that is definitely not something I want to do."

Boone, an all-conference player in high school, was expected to be a starter this season. NCCU Head Coach

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