

Coach George Quiett Sizes Up Eagles

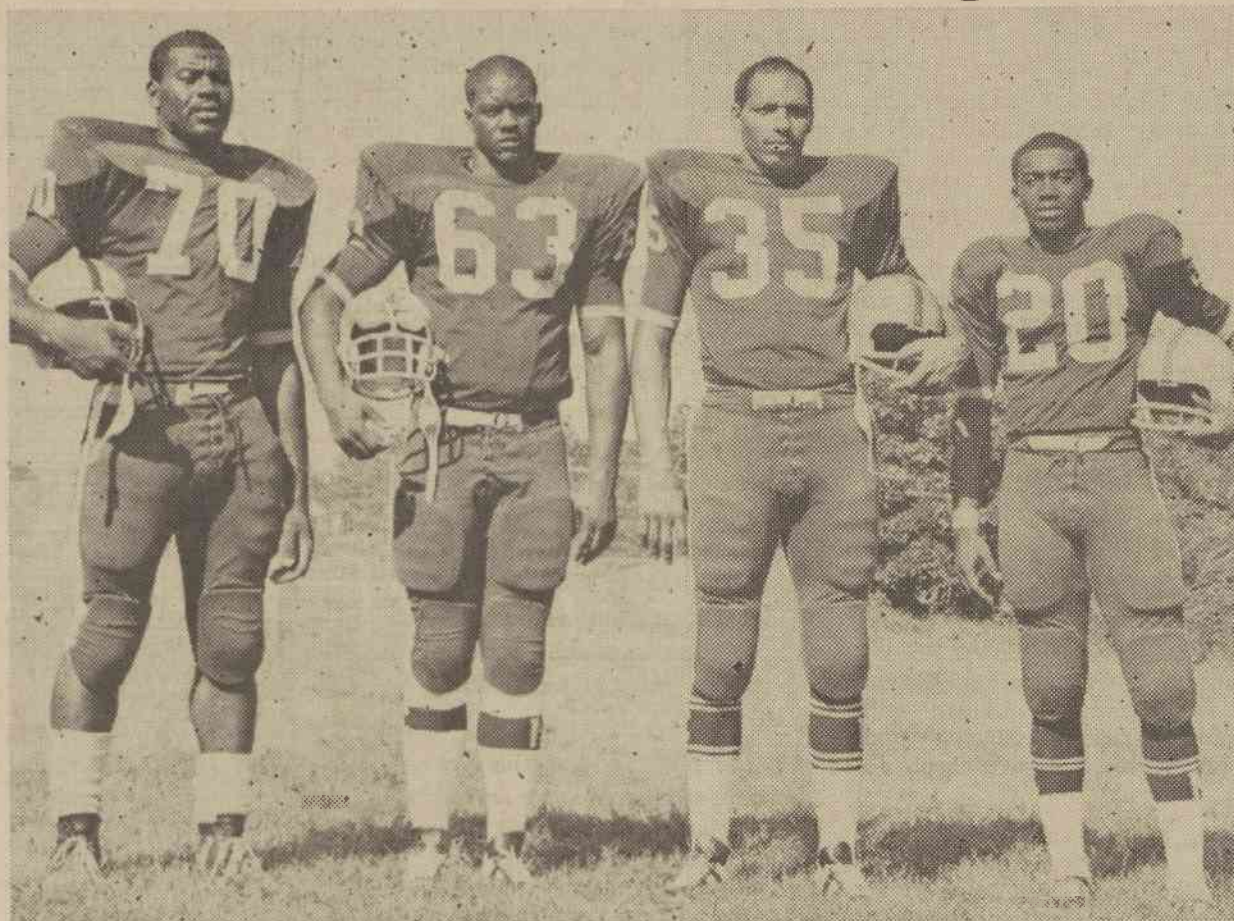
By PAUL JERVAY, JR.

In an interview with Coach George Quiett, much insight was gained on this year's edition of the NCCU Eagle football team. Coach Quiett does not anticipate the team's being as strong as it was last season in all areas. Among the areas is the offensive running game. Six men who were not starters at the key position last year are figuring in this year's running attack. Coach Quiett feels that experience is the key to making this new unit function efficiently. This is essential since last year's offensive on-slot was based on the running game.

In order to make the running attack go, Coach Quiett feels that the guards are the key. Unfortunately both of last year's starting guards are lost for the season. A new look of some sort will be necessary for the Eagle team. Fans will see the ball in the air a lot more this season.

Defensively, an outstanding tackle, Lonnie Page, was lost; Russell Price will fill this vacancy. The secondary also lost key members, Ronnie Upperman and Frank Simmons, to graduation, and injury respectively. Charles Bellinger, the only freshman to make the starting team the first ball game in '68, has a foot injury that has not responded adequately to treatment. This is a definite problem which may be solved only with the emergence of freshmen.

Coach Quiett cited the Hampton scrimmage as being a valuable experience for his freshman players. It gave them an opportunity to see the difference between college football and high school football in regard to contact and movement. The scrimmage also gave the coaching staff a chance to evaluate



THE BIG FOUR CAPTAINS — Left to right: Sam Singletary, Doug Wilkerson, Ben Bullock and Herman Matthews, captain and quarterback.

freshmen who would be able to provide some help in the early part of the season.

Livingstone, our first opponent, has at least 30 members of its line-up returning, and Morgan brings in at least 60 more freshmen besides a strong returning club. Virginia State, a team that finished fourth in the conference, is our third opponent. We play Winston-Salem State and Maryland State in our fourth and fifth games, respectively. As the team faces competition from three of the top seven clubs in the CIAA, Coach Quiett hopes that his freshman players will find themselves as quickly as possible.

The Livingstone game will be

a supreme test in regard to our players' ability to adjust and launch a successful season. Livingstone played a ball game last week against Fisk University and won an impressive 21 to 6 victory. Livingstone, however, was not too revealing according to scouting reports. Coach Quiett emphasizes that we are meeting a team that is one of the strongest ball clubs in the conference. Although they are expected to win no conference championship, they are a solid team club which lost only one game after they played NCC last season.

This year a "new thing" is being done concerning captains. The coaching staff has decided to spread the responsibility around with squad captains who are Herman Matthews, Frank Bullock, Samuel Singletary, and Douglas Wilkinson. It is the staff's feeling that they are going to give impressive leadership in showing the large number of freshmen on the team how they should function to obtain academic and athletic success at NCCU.

The kicking game, which will be handled exclusively by freshmen, poses a question. Last season a great measure of our success was a result of a strong kicking game. Thurman Jones gave some outstanding kicking

the entire season. George Williams, a freshman, has the potentiality to become a fine punter but has not been tested under fire. NCCU's placekicker Mr. Eggleston, who had some success in the service as a field goal kicker, is like our punter untested under fire.

Coach Quiett feels there are some freshmen who will give a great deal in their performances in the future. There are 10 to 15 of these men who are going to have to mature and play this season. Later, if these men are successful in making the team, they will constitute the nucleus of the NCCU ball club, since 15 seniors will be lost again this season. Out of the 41-man squad of 1968, 21 of them did not return. So it is imperative that these freshmen fill in and perform satisfactorily. Coach Quiett hopes for a respectable season that will see the team break 5.00. He prefers not to be so optimistic as to expect a repeat of last season's record. He does not believe it farfetched at this date to point out that in two years we should have a very competitive ball club, if we are successful in recruiting well next season.

INTRAMURALS OPEN SEASON

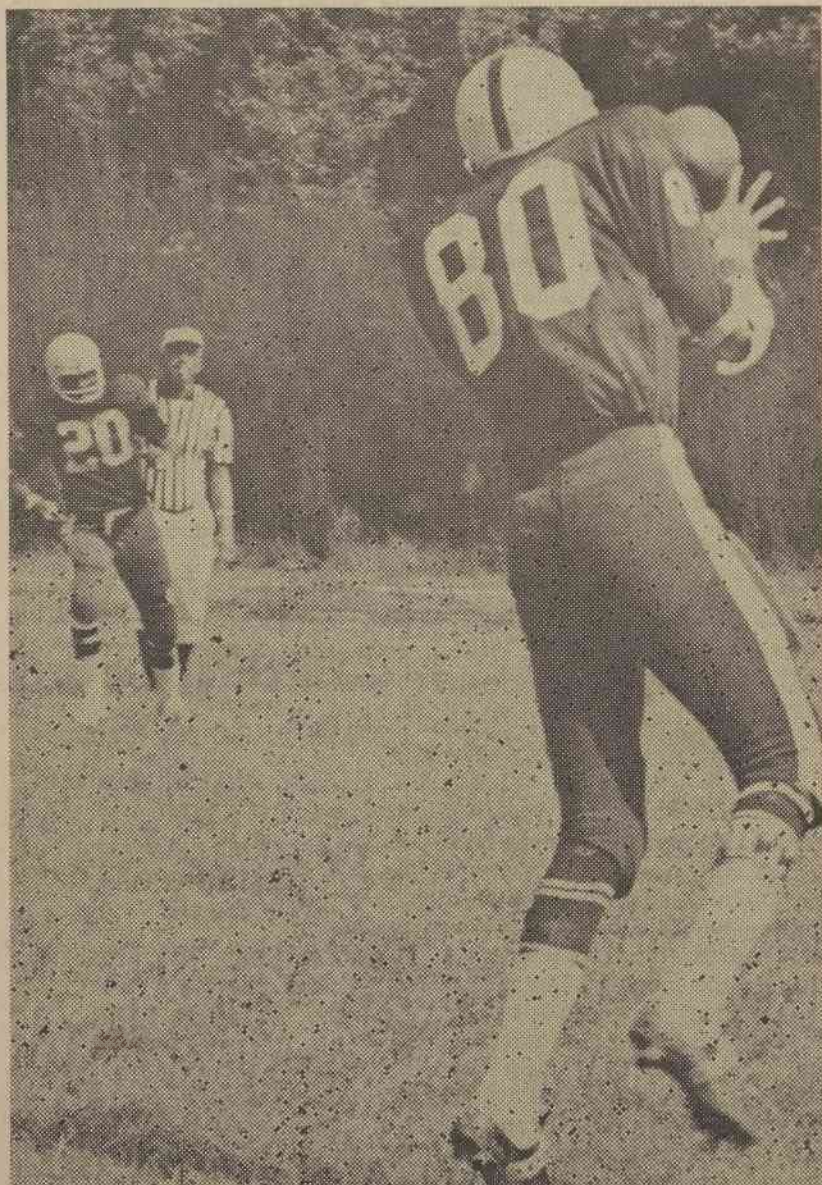
By ROBERT BOWLES

Welcome to the Intramural Program, or welcome back to the programs, as the case may be. The Department of Physical Education has planned a complete program made up of carefully selected activities designed to play an integral role in making your daily experience complete. A wide range of activities and opportunities for leadership is made available for your selection. Team, individual and dual sports are planned purposefully to provide you with opportunities to learn skills, make friends, improve your health, develop your personality, increase your ability to meet effectively mental and emotional stresses and to acquire lifelong leisure-time interests.

Thus the objectives of intramural sports may be summarized in terms of their educational values: (1) To promote leisure education, (2) To enrich social competence, (3) To develop group loyalties, (4) To provide healthful exercise.

The program does not require the intensified training and high degree of skill associated with varsity athletics. Members of intramural teams enjoy the thrill of success which crowns achievement and learn to take defeat intelligently and graciously.

If you are a returning student, we hope that you will take an early opportunity to introduce yourself to us. We hope that you will take an active part in an even larger Intramural Sports Program this school year.



FAKED 'EM OF THE FIELD — Julian Martin (80) appears all alone as he catches a pass from Quarterback Herman Matthews in Saturday's NCCU-Livingstone College game. The play, which came on an elaborate pass pattern by North Carolina Central University's Martin, went for 58 yards for the first score in the game, won by NCCU 31-20. — (NCCU Photo)

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