

# Professor wins speech ruling



NEW YORK (AP) — A professor's right to free speech was violated when City College of New York dismissed him from a chairmanship because he made a speech that was widely criticized as racist, a judge ruled Tuesday.

But the decision does not necessarily mean that Leonard Jeffries will get the job back.

Jeffries, 56, lost his chairmanship of black studies, a position he had nearly 20 years, less than a year after delivering the July 1991 speech in Albany. He has remained on the school's faculty.

In the speech, Jeffries said that Jews and the Mafia had conspired to belittle blacks in the movies, and that Jews had helped finance the slave trade.

The jury was shown a video of the 75-minute speech in which Jeffries also said school books fail to accurately describe Africa's place in world history.

Jeffries recalled as a youngster watching movies "where the African people were completely denigrated."

In accordance with U.S. Supreme Court guidelines, U.S. District Judge Kenneth Conboy decided the free speech issue himself, and the jury decided that Jeffries' constitutional right to due process was violated.

Jeffries' lawsuit sought \$25 million and reinstatement as chairman of black studies. The jury will now decide who specifically violated Jeffries' rights and consider damages. The judge will decide later if Jeffries gets his chairmanship back.

Outside of the court, Jeffries thanked his supporters.

"All we wanted was our day in court," he said. "The issue has for us always been a constitutional one."

Attorney General Robert Abrams, whose office handled the case for the state school, said the ruling "puts handcuffs on the ability of CUNY administrators to properly manage their campuses."

City University spokesman Jay Hershenson promised an appeal.

The judge said he decided the free speech issue after weighing Jeffries' right to speak freely on matters of public concern compared with the rights of a school to "promote the efficiency of the public services it performs through its employees."

The judge noted that the subject of the speech — reform of the nation's educational curriculum — "was part of a debate that has broad and extremely significant implications for American society."

"While it is quite understandable that some may consider certain statements in Professor Jeffries' speech to be offensive, these statements do not dilute the high degree of public concern that is at the core of the speech," he said.

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— Professor Leonard Jeffries, free speech was violated

## ET ALS

### MEETINGS

**Baha'i Study Group** will meet tonight at 7:30 in EMU Century Room D. For more information, call 344-8619.

**Feminist Theory Discussion Group** will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room B. For more information, call 346-4099.

**Alpha Phi Omega Membership Committee** will meet tonight from 7 to 9 in EMU Century Room B. For more information, call 346-9794.

**Students for United Nations** will have a general meeting tonight from 5 to 6 in EMU Century Room F. For more information, call 346-9794.

**Asian-Pacific-American Student Union** executives will meet at 4 p.m., and members will meet today at 5 p.m. in Room 29 EMU. For more information, call 346-9315.

**Vietnamese Student Association** will have an officers' meeting tonight at 7 in the Smith Hall lounge. For more information, call 344-8897.

**Women in Religion Reading Group** will meet today from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 650 PLC.

**ASUO Executive** will have an organizational meeting in support of the race, gender and non-European requirement today at 11 a.m. in EMU Cedar rooms C and D. For more information, call 346-3724.

**Rho Omega Tau Chi** will have an organizational meeting for all ROTC veterans and military personnel today from 5 to 6

p.m. in Room 2 Agate. For more information, call 346-8005.

**Japanese Student Organization** will have an organizational meeting today at 4:30 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room F. For more information, call 687-1682.

**Incidental Fee Committee** will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. For more information, call 346-3749.

### RELIGION

**Wesley Night Fellowship** will offer training and insight on being a worship leader tonight from 7 to 8:30 at the Wesley Foundation, 1236 Kincaid St. For more information, call 346-4694.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Asian Studies Program** will sponsor John Gillis' presentation "Chasing the Dragon" today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in EMU Century Room A. For more information, call 346-1521.

**Philosophy Club/Jewish Student Union** will have a panel discussion on the consequences of the Holocaust tonight at 7:30 in the Faculty Club at the Collier House. For more information, call 346-4366.

**Spirituality and the Arts Workshop** will be today from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Wesley Foundation Art Studio, 1236 Kincaid St. For more information, call 346-4694.

**Muslim Student Association** will sponsor Betty Turulja's presentation about the pattern of genocide in Bosnia today from noon to 1 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder

Room. For more information, call 346-3798.

**Office of Academic Advising and Student Services** will have advising for freshmen who are undeclared majors today at 2:30 p.m. in Room 180 PLC. For more information, call 346-3211.

**Museum of Natural History** will have a new exhibit called "Clouds of Hina" Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. in the Museum of Natural History. For more information, call 346-3024.

**Muslim Student Association** will show the film *Muslims in India* today from 1 to 3 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room A. For more information, call 346-3798.

**Peace Corps** will have a reception for RPCVs, nominees and all interested people tonight at 7 in the Gerlinger Lounge. For more information, call 346-6026.

**Oregon Humanities Center** will sponsor Alexander Murphy's presentation "The Prospects of an Integrated Europe: Rethinking the Role of Regions" today at 4 p.m. in Room 128 Chiles. For more information, call 346-3934.

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