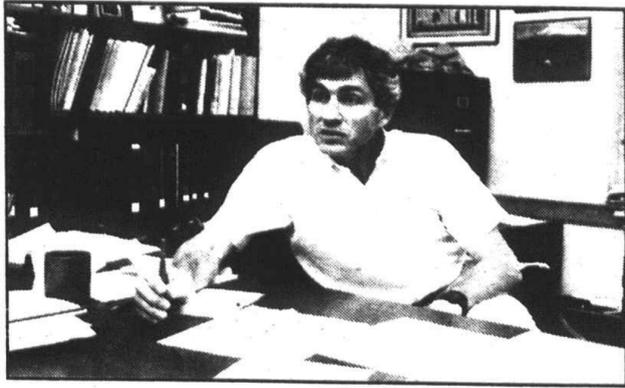


CLEO gives preview of law school

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Aspiring Thurgood Marshalls and Charlotte Rays have converged on the campus of Wake Forest University where they are undergoing a grueling six-week introduction to the rigors of law school.

WFU's Law School is one of only seven sites in the United States where the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) is holding Regional Summer Institutes aimed at evaluating the potential of students to "make it" in law school, said Thomas E. Roberts, a



Tom Roberts, above, is a law professor and regional director of the CLEO program at Wake Forest. Rodney Ray, far left, and Sam Starks, are students in the program.

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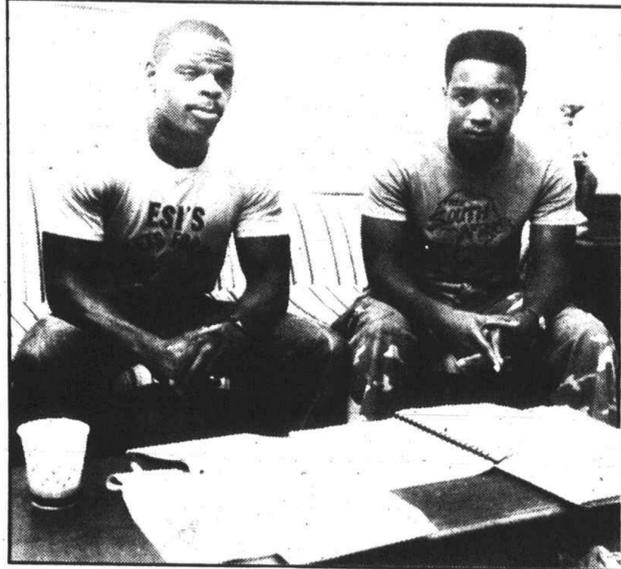
D.C., as they would to a law school. An application, undergraduate transcript and LSAT (Law Scholastic Aptitude Test) are required. In addition, information about the students' and/or their families' income is required. The Washington office examines the information, and if the student meets the financial requirements, his application packet is sent to the closest summer institute site in the area. WFU is in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Mr. Roberts sifted through more than 150 applications before he picked 36 students for the program.

"I tried to pick out those students who I think have demonstrated in some facet in their career that they can be successful," he said. "Some may have had a lower g.p.a. (grade point average) because they didn't adjust to college until later, but their overall g.p.a. is lower and they will suffer for it when it's time to apply to law school."

Some CLEO students have already been accepted by a law school, such as Sam Starks of

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WFU law school professor and a regional director of the CLEO institute.

getting into law school, Mr. Roberts said.

"There's no single stereotype of a CLEO student in terms of background," Mr. Roberts explained. "We're typically interested in getting students who otherwise may not have been admitted to a law school. We're not interested in a student who wouldn't have trouble getting into law school."

Undergraduate students find out about CLEO from their pre-law advisers or from word of mouth, Mr. Roberts said. They apply to the national program in Washington,

Winston-Salem man freed after 8-month jail stint

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The prosecution called it armed robbery. The defense called it an illegal food stamp scheme-turned-scam.

In the end, after eight months in the Forsyth County Jail, Perry Lee Pitts, 39, walked away a free man last week.

Mr. Pitts clenched his fists and raised his arms above his head when the not guilty verdict was read. Still visibly happy after leaving the courtroom, Mr. Pitts expressed bitterness for having to go through the ordeal. "I lost my wife and my job behind this," he said. "I have been sitting in that jail since October for something I didn't do."

Mr. Pitts was charged with robbing Gloria Sanders in her home at 1654 N. Cherry St., on Oct. 14, 1988. He could not post the \$50,000 bail and remained in jail, even after the bond was reduced to \$15,000. Defense attorney Lawrence J. Fine, who successfully argued that no robbery had taken place, said it was a shame that Mr. Pitts had to spend 240 days in jail before he got his day in court. He said it took four months to get the bond reduced.

"I know they (district attorneys) have a backlog of cases, but the system makes it awfully difficult when innocent people have to go through this."

What Ms. Sanders described as an armed robbery, Mr. Pitts described as an illegal food stamp buy gone awry. Ms. Sanders testified that Mr. Pitts, who came to see her at her home, pointed what she thought was a gun at her and demanded all her money. She said, "I had \$60 in my house coat pocket and I gave it to him." She said Mr. Pitts ran, she screamed and her daughter ran outside and got the license plate number of the car in which Mr. Pitts was riding.

Officer C.F. Jones of the Winston-Salem Police Department testified that Ms. Sanders said that she

did not know who the perpetrator was but later identified him from police photographs. Under cross examination, Ms. Sanders admitted that she knew who Mr. Pitts was but said she did not know his name at the time.

She also said that Mr. Pitts and "his girlfriend came to my house one night for me to cash a check." She said that on another occasion Mr. Pitts came with his girlfriend to pick up some furniture Ms. Sanders had sold. Also under cross examination, Ms. Sanders acknowledged that she had been convicted of running a "drinking house."

Mr. Pitts testified that people were there drinking on the night of Oct. 14 when he was acting as a go-between for Ms. Sanders, who wanted to purchase food stamps, and a female acquaintance of Mr. Pitts who was the seller.

Mr. Pitts said, "I told Gloria (Sanders) that I would get her \$120 worth of stamps for \$60. She gave her daughter the money and her daughter gave it to me and followed me outside. When I got in the car and gave it to my lady friend, she cranked the car and took off. I knew I was in hot water but I just said that I would reimburse Gloria (Sanders) later. The next thing I knew I was being arrested for armed robbery."

The jury deliberated for two hours before being summoned back to the courtroom by Judge Thatcher Mills. "I called you back because you sent me a note asking two questions," he told the jury.

"First, 'If money is given willingly with expectation of goods and goods are not delivered, does that constitute robbery?' If money is given willingly, it cannot be robbery," Judge Mills said. "One of the conditions of robbery is that the goods or items must be taken by force."

The other question was similar but moot because of Judge Mills' answer to the first one.

Following two more minutes of deliberation the jury returned with the not guilty verdict.

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