

JTPA grads show off skills with final project

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Excellent examples of what the Job Training Partnership Act can do can be seen tomorrow in the parking lot of the Home Builders Association as 11 graduates of a carpentry apprenticeship class construct their final project.

The pre-apprentices will graduate Friday and will be placed in job-training positions with builder members of HBA of Winston-Salem, said Kep Paylor, HBA program coordinator.

The carpentry class was a joint venture by the HBA, the N.C. Home Builders Association, the Home Builders Institute of the National Association of Home Builders and the U.S. Department of Labor under the JTPA. The local JTPA took the applications of the prospective class members, interviewed them and will pay half the salaries of the individuals during their on-the-job training periods, said Walter W. Farabee, director of the Workforce Development, Department.

"The class is offered to ease the shortage of skilled carpenters in the Forsyth County area," Mr. Paylor said. "It extends men and women who are unskilled and unemployed an opportunity to learn a trade they can use for a lifetime."



Graduates of the pre-carpentry apprenticeship program gather with their instructor to celebrate the course's end, which will officially be Friday.

Nine of the 11 graduates are Afro-Americans. During their five weeks of instruction the students received classroom and hands-on basic carpentry skills. The eight-hour class days began May 29, with Thomas H. Cornell instructing. The students learned safety skills, math, how to use hand power tools, floor layout/framing, wall framing, roof framing, exterior/interior wall finish and other pertinent carpentry skills. The graduates will continue to

learn during their sixteen weeks of on-the-job training as Mr. Paylor monitors their performance. The graduates are: Clem P. Andrews, Wilma Brake, Charles Fletcher, Ray E. Freeman, Pamela W. Fuller, Sandra A. Fuller, Darryl T. Hairston, Mark E. Odell, Kevin L. Robinson, Eugene C. Roddy and Ashley M. Thompson.

The students will culminate their training by constructing a

small project in the HBA at 220 Charlois Blvd. Friday morning.

"This will be an excellent opportunity for member companies to observe, first hand, the skills of these students and consider them for employment," reads the announcement in the June 1989 edition of HBA's local newsletter. "This is your chance to hire trained, qualified apprentice carpenters to fill your entry level carpenter needs. If you snooze, you lose!"

CLEO

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Columbia, S.C., who will be attending Duke University in the fall. Others, like Rodney Ray, have been accepted to one law school but hope to get into one that is closer to home or one that has a better program. Mr. Ray, a native of Camden, N.J., was accepted into Texas Southern University's School of Law but is seeking admission to Rutgers.

Unadmitted potential law students who successfully complete CLEO could be admitted to a good program, Mr. Roberts said.

"If they have not already been admitted and they go through the program and succeed and are certified (have an overall passing grade), and have good recommendations from their teachers, that information will be used by me as persuasive evidence for them to get into a law school," Mr. Roberts said.

Successful students also will be awarded \$2,000 annually for living expenses while attending law school, he said.

"I'm hopeful all the students will make it through because we can only certify those who demonstrate to us their ability to succeed in law school," Mr. Roberts said. "We try to be careful, though, in the administrative process. We only take students who show the ability to make it."

CLEO students took their mid-term exams last week, however, the results were not available for Mr. Roberts to assess their progress. They have been studying contracts, land use, torts and legal writing, concentrating on legal methods, abstract thinking, analysis and synthesis, he said. Afro-American law professors Luellen Curry and W.K. "Joe" Knight, a visiting professor from Iowa, joined the staff of six CLEO instructors.

This is the first year WFU has hosted CLEO, which rotates on the campuses of the 25 law schools in the Mid-Atlantic region. Gilberto de Jesus, national CLEO director, visited WFU's program Monday and Tuesday and said he was very impressed.

"This program is doing very good," Mr. de Jesus said. "An example of this is when I addressed the students last week, at one point they broke into applause praising the way this program is operating. This is a quality pro-

gram with quality teachers and this man (Mr. Roberts) is really doing an excellent job."

The students agreed.

"I think it's, in some respects, a rigorous program that gives you a model of how the first year in law school is," said Mr. Starks, 22. "This has been a meaningful and valuable experience for me."

"(CLEO) would be one of the keys to success in law school for me," Mr. Ray added. "It's what I expected and more. It's been a lot of work, but what has impressed me the most is the camaraderie among law students."

Attorney Larry Little, a graduate of WFU, has helped the students feel at home in Winston-Salem by hosting a picnic in their honor, Mr. Starks said.

"He also gave a very inspirational and motivational speech," he said.

CLEO will end July 14, and a July 13 banquet -- featuring Judge Loretta Biggs as keynote speaker -- will climax the summer institute.

CLEO has sponsored summer institutes at American Bar Association accredited law schools since 1968. In its first 15 years, the Council helped more than 3,000 students to enter 175 accredited law schools. CLEO's five constituent organizations are the American Bar Association, the Association of American Law Schools, the Hispanic National Bar Association, the Law School Admission Council and the National Bar Association.



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