

Program allows students to accelerate

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What is Jump Start? It is a program which allows Southern Wayne High School (SWHS) students to begin their college education early, according to Curtis Shivar, Dean of Curriculum at WCC.

Dr. George Seagroves, principal of SWHS, and David Price, guidance counselor, began Jump Start in the winter quarter 1993-94.

The program currently involves 26 students from SWHS.

In the winter quarter, 2 WCC instructors--Liz Meador and Ray Brown--traveled to SWHS to teach English 151 and Psychology 151, respectively.

Requirements for this program include: a senior requiring only twelfth grade English for graduation, a C+ average, a 94% attendance record, and good conduct.

This year's program of Jump Start has been successful enough that Eastern Wayne High School (EWHHS) will join the program next year, Price said.

Jump Start students said they are very glad to be in the program.

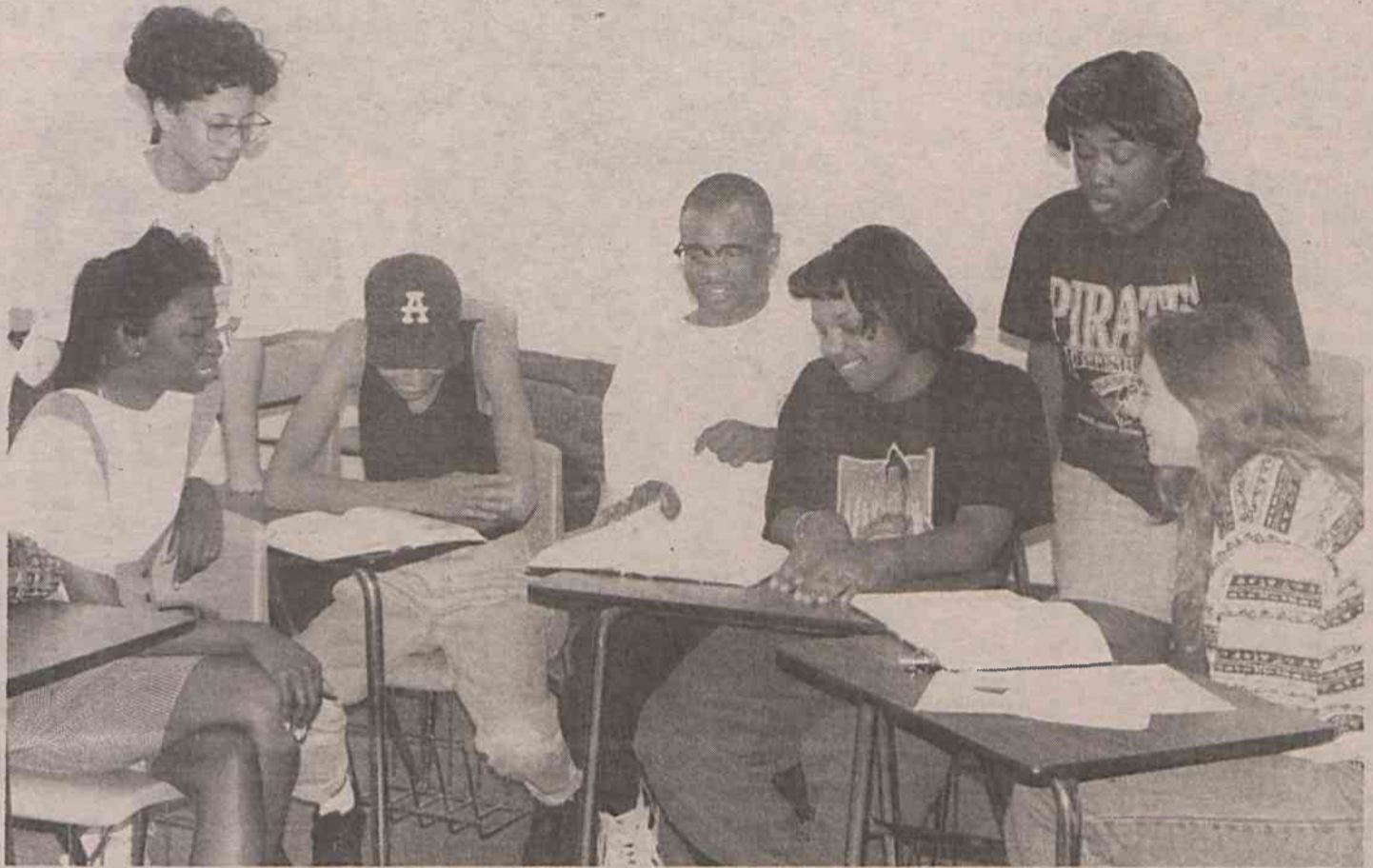
"I like the atmosphere of a college campus," said Jamain Persad.

Catina Thomason, another student said, "I get college credits early."

Jump Start received 130 applications for next year and accepted 74 for the 1994-95 school year, according to Price.

Jump Start student Keith King said to those interested in the program "You have to take it seriously."

Price said he feels "this program is a big step towards the academic future for high school students."



Jump Start students study before an English 152 class. (l to r) Catina Thompson, Shalita Ward, Jamain Persad, Keith King, Jayeteanna Owens, Stephanie Pearsall, Melissa Tilghman. PHOTO: SETH HARRIS

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