

# Put To The Test

On September 4, over 200 students were tested for the 1991 Academic Team. Students answered 100 questions ranging from academic subjects to current events. Students in C.P. and Honors English grades nine through twelve were administered the test. Based on the results of the test, the Academic Team members then were selected.

In fewer than three weeks, the team competed in its first competition, the Winthrop Challenge.

"It was fun, but we had a lot of problems because we had to protest many of the decisions made during the competition," Captain Mary Bass said.

On October 27, the team competed in the James Island Bowl. Here, the Academic Team divided in two and competed against five other schools. The A-Team placed approximately midway in the results.

In December, the Academic

**Junior Varsity team members Wilmar Stephens, Sean O'Briant, Amy Harris, Kevin Mixon, and Shamgar McDowell.**

## FYI

*Mrs. Janis Blocker founded and has coached the A-team for the past seven years. She also teaches many of the team members.*

Team participated in the National Knowledge Master Open. More than 1,500 schools in the United States and Canada competed in the competition. Participates were ranked statewide and nationwide. The A-team earned 1180 points and ranked twenty-eighth out of fifty-four statewide. The team also participated in the Dorman competition on December 8 and later in the Brookwood, Georgia Invitational.

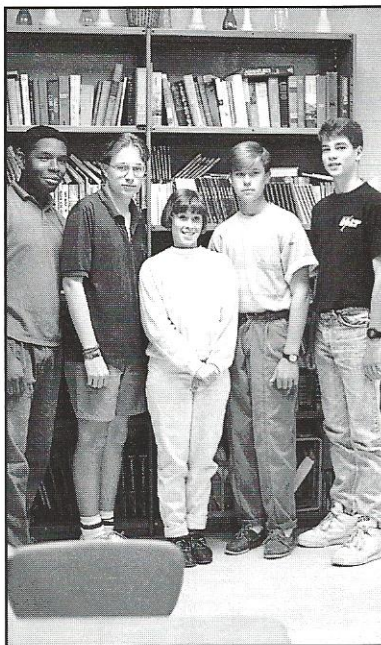
The Academic Team also competed in other competitions during the spring. These included the Presbyterian College, Midland Valley, USC-Coastal, USC-Salkehatchie, Irmo, and Conway Competitions. The team won the Salk Bowl for the seventh consecutive year.

The varsity team consisted of

Captain Mary Bass, Co-Captain Grace McMillian, Stacie Murray, Wendy Schellenger, Augie Nugent, Donald Britt, Marvin Tucker, Scott Walls, Bryan Dowling, Matt McLaine, and Michael Brown. The junior varsity team consisted of Captain Amy Harris, Kevin Mixon, Wilmar Stephens, Sean O'Briant, and Shamgar McDowell. Mrs. Janis Blocker coached both teams.

— Sherri Iriel

**During the National Knowledge Master Open, Augie Nugent, Mary Bass, Scott Walls, Michael Brown, Marvin Tucker, Shamgar McDowell, and Wilmar Stephens wait patiently for the next question to appear. This competition was held during eighth and ninth periods.**



**Listening to the next question, Grace McMillian, Mary Bass, Augie Nugent, and Marvin Tucker participate in the James Island Bowl. They were one of the two Walterboro teams competing.**

