

Academics at its *Finest*

It is Saturday morning, and the alarm clock goes off at 5:00 a.m. The A-Team begins another day.

Most competitions for the A-Team were held on Saturdays and quite a distance from Waltherboro. Thus, the Academic Team had to get up sometimes as early as five in the morning in order to reach the competition on time.

"It was extremely hard having to get up that early in the morning for the first couple of games we played," said Edward Broach. "However it's just like taking bad-tasting medicine. You know you have to do it, and so you block out the bad taste and wait for the experience to pass."

The Knowledge Master Open, a competition that took place in December and April, was held at the high school. The competition included 2500

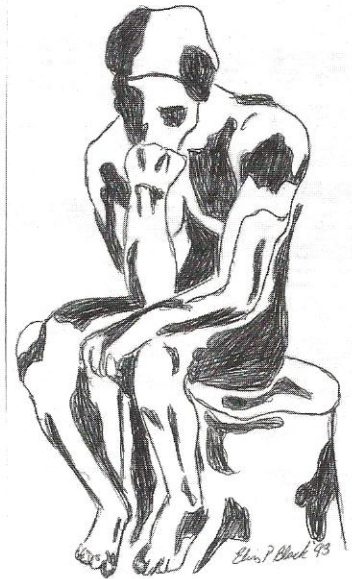
schools the U.S., Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. As in previous years, the Academic Team scored in the top 25 percent of the nation.

The A-Team's claim to fame has always been the Salkehatchie bowl in Allendale. The team traveled to Allendale February 26, hoping to capture the ninth consecutive win. Their expectations were met. Beating the second place team by 905 points and scoring 1400 points, the A-Team won the competition and captured another victory for WHS.

"This was my first time playing in the Salkehatchie Bowl," said Chris Fortner. "We had to stand up to be recognized when we thought we knew the answer. Whoever was the fastest got a chance to answer. I feel confident that we can win our tenth consecutive silver bowl because the pointspread be-

tween us and the second place team makes us realize that we will have to drop really low in order to lose next year."

— Marc Stroble



"I enjoy being on the Academic Team because it allows me to increase my knowledge and have fun competing at the same time."

— Holly Bottomly
Sophomore



Top Row: Wes Adams, Brian Gwin, Sean O'Briant, Shamgar McDowell, Wilmar Stephens. **Middle Row:** Marc Stroble, Chris Fortner, Cheryl Grant, Kevin Crosby, Gail Rearden, Ed Broach. **Bottom Row:** O.J. McDowell, Holly Bottomly, Frank Ulmer.