

Ready, . . . Remember!

Athletes were not the only students who engaged in competition during the school year. Members of the Academic Team, the Distributive Education Club of America, and Chess Club were well-acquainted with the adrenaline rush. They competed in a battle of wit — where knowledge, quick recall, and strategy superior to their opponents were necessary to win.

The Academic Team, coached by Mrs. Janis Blocker, was selected on the basis of a test administered at the beginning of the school year. The selected students were expected to increase their knowledge throughout the year with practice sessions and independent study. They then traveled to various schools to compete, usually very early on Saturday mornings. For the tenth consecutive year, the team placed first in the Salkehatchie Bowl. The teams also placed second out of 64 schools from five states in the Aiken Invitational.

In spring and fall the team competed in the Knowledge Master, a nationwide

“Preparation for competition requires much practice.” — Theresa Fredrickson.

computer competition. For many years the team has scored in the top 25 percent of the nation, a compliment to the educational system at Walterboro High School.

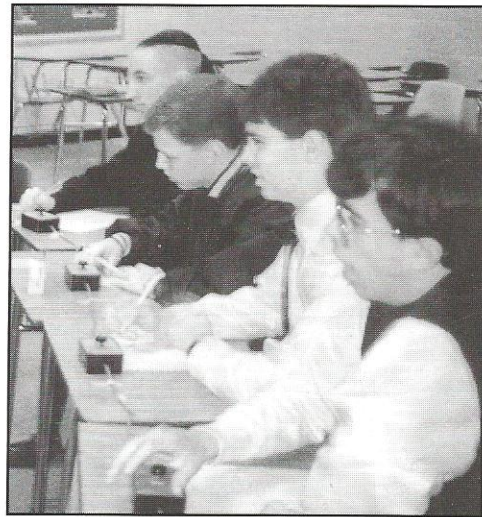
The DECA Club, organized by Coach Jim Craven, competes among other DECA members in various districts. The competition consists of written tests and in-

terviews on marketing and business principles. The club fared remarkably well this year — almost all members qualified for state. Chris Fortner placed first in Retail

Merchandising; Ricky Hunt, second in Food Marketing; Shamgar McDowell, second in Finance and Credit; Eric Timmons, second in Vehicles; Ron Martin, third in General Marketing; and O.J. McDowell, fourth in Food Marketing.

“Competition at Nationals was really tough, so I’m glad that I did well. I appreciate the school district’s support,” Chris remarked.

— Holly Bottomley



AND THE ANSWER IS . . . “ARISTOTLE!” Marc Stroble answers correctly in response to a question during the academic team competition. Mark volunteered his time to contribute to the production of the yearbook.

“AND THE WINNER IS . . .” Ron Martin is awarded a third-place trophy for General Marketing in the DECA State Competition. Ron was a member of the sophomore class.