

## Sweet Smell of Victory

The Academic Team competed in the Salkehatchie Bowl, March 3, to defend its ten-year first-place title. The Academic Team claimed its eleventh consecutive victory. Although the team was made of mostly rookies, team members were confident about their abilities and very proud of their successes.

"The team has done well this year, although O.J. McDowell and I did not attend every single meet because of DECA activities," said Ian O'Briant. "But, I feel the younger members have had a chance to gain valuable experience."

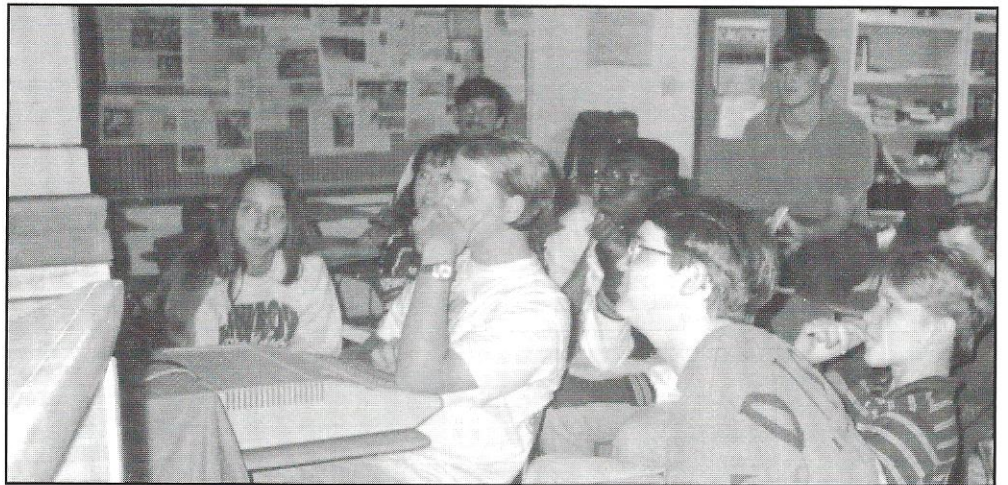
The group competed in the Dorman High School Academic Bowl, January 21, with sixth schools from four different states. The

team won three of its seven matches. The team entered in the nationwide computer-tested Knowledge Master and placed in the top 25% of the 1600 schools competing.

Practices were held Mondays after school. State and regional competitions were held on Saturdays.

Academic Team members were seniors Michelle Bryce, Holly Bottomley, Jeff Shelley, Shane Zaker, and Frank Ulmer. Junior members were Ian O'Briant, O.J. McDowell, and Keivy Lingard. Sophomore members were Mike Turner, Vicki Cunningham, Monica Smoak, Stuart Shelley and freshmen were Sarah Keith and Michael Berry. Mrs. Janis Blocker coached the team.

— Courtney McDonald



**Let's check our knowledge.** Some of Academic Team members, Michelle Bryce, Holly Bottomley, Ian O'Briant, Jeff Shelley, Keivy Lingard, Mike Turner, Frank Ulmer, Morgan Cooper, and O.J. McDowell work in the Knowledge Master in Mrs. Blocker's class. The Academic Team had a successful year, claiming its eleventh consecutive win in the Salkehatchie Bowl.

**Thinking it out.** Sarah Keith and Holly Bottomley compete in an Academic Competition in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Monica was also a varsity cheerleader.