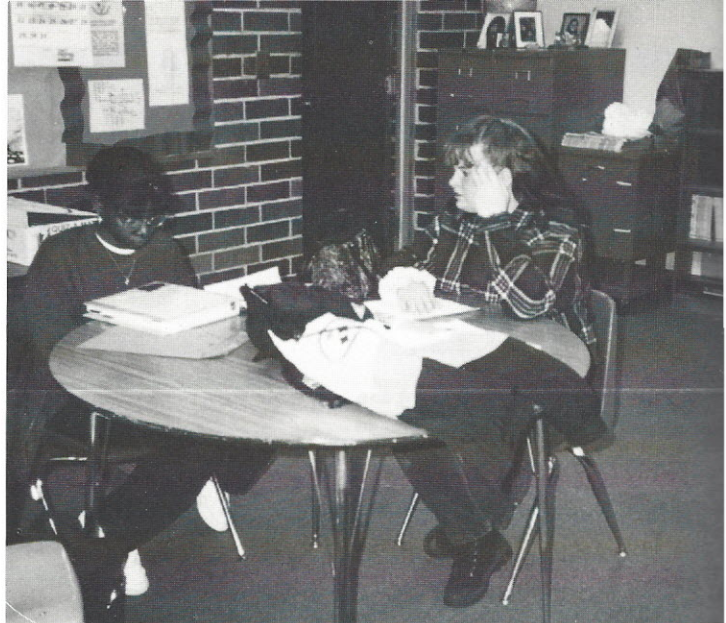




Row 1: Liza Tucker, Melva Rodgers, Tommie Grier, Kutina Williams; Row 2: Muneerah Shabazz, Montoro Simpson, Melissa Irby, Nikki Delly, Stephanie Stone, Mrs. Terry; Row 3: Rapheal Jenkins, Nadirah Shabazz, Natasha Pauling, Lashawnda Hare, Brad Causley, Michael Clayton, Collin Hinrichs



Preparation is the Key  
Melissa Irby and Stephanie Stone get ready for their next game.

# Academic Challenge: Knowledge Masters

This year's Academic Challenge team has been a building session for the upcoming years. The team has acquired many new freshmen and sophomores this year. Last year's team members are the veterans for the new team. Mrs. Luanne Terry is coach for the improving team.

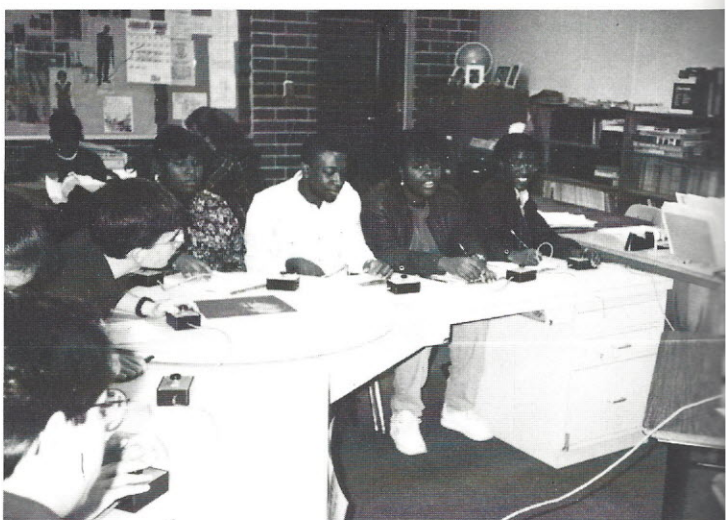
Due to an overwhelming number of qualified participants the team was broken into varsity and junior varsity divisions.

The new year may not have brought tournament victories, but it has brought more experience and more match wins instead. The Academic Challenge has more of a challenge this season because they have a busier schedule than ever before. Among the schools we have

beaten are Mauldin, James Island (JV), Lower Richland, Cambridge Academy, Union, Edisto, Keenan, Greer and Brookwood (JV). Matthew Costenbader, 3rd year player, commented, "We are pretty good this year. We have a lot of young players, so we should have a great team next year."

Academic Challenge Schedule:

- November 5 AC Flora
- December 3 USC
- December 7 Knowledge Master Open-Fall (KMO)
- January 13, 14 Maverick Academy Varsity Showdown
- March 11 SC Quizarama
- April 19 KMO — Spring



Liza Tucker, Montoro Simpson, Kutina Williams, and Nadirah Shabazz listen their next question.



Nadirah Shabazz, Kutina Williams, Lashawnda Hare, and Liza Tucker go over schedule for the meet.