



The Physics class finally get to test their rockets. The rockets were assigned as a quarter project in the first semester.

Jon Hartsel and Edward Auyang get excited after answering a question correctly in Academic team practice.



Janet Hume, a starter for the Academic team, prepares for a meet.

## The Academic Team

## Succeeds

"Who wrote *Of Mice And Men*?"  
Buzz. "Steinbeck".

"Which amendment gave Americans income tax?"

Buzz. "The sixteenth."

This is only a sample of questions that are asked at an Academic team meet.

The Academic team has been competing for three years with teams in the Greater Miami Conference, much like a sport. At each meet, four team members started the competition and during the time outs, substitutions could be made. There were three periods per game with 70 questions during a period. The school with the most correct answers won the match. During the 1990-91 season the starters consisted of senior co-captains Jon Hartsel, Eric Zied, junior Berena Silverman, and sophomore Janet Hume.

The teams most important meet was the

final tournament in Middletown, which was against eight other schools, including their arch rival, Milford. When the day arrived, the team knew that they must beat Milford twice in order to go to state tournament, and after the first game and first win, the chances looked favorable. However, after the second match came around Milford took the lead and won, leaving Sycamore in second place.

Captain Hartsel commented on the win and loss, "The pain was unbearable! It felt like I was standing on a fine Persian carpet and all of a sudden someone comes and yanks it out beneath me. And Bam! I was on the dirt floor."

Although the team did not make it to state, they were still proud of their accomplishments, considering the team had only been formed a few years ago. Hartsel said, "I was pleased with what we accomplished, even if we didn't go to state."

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