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One of the mose exciting spectator events on the school agenda for this year is rapidly approaching. The long awaited moment will arrive on the 23 and 24 of October when the Intercollegiate Commonwealth Campus tournament will unfold. This year Behrend Campus will be host to the six incoming teams.

The tournament consists of three different activities: chess, bowling, and table tennis. Already here on campus a process of elimination is taking place in preparation for the tournament. Since each team can keep only three chess players, four table tennis players, and five bowlers, the best qualified players will be chosen to represent us. In order to determine who these players will be, some system must be set up. In chess, a "round robin" elimination match is set up with the remaining three players representing the team. Mr. Gordon L. Baker, who is in charge of the chess activities, hopes to come up with a winning combination. The nucleus of the chess team will be captain, Larry Petroff, a holdover from last year's team.

In table tennis, approximately eighteen players vie for four positions on the team by a single elimination method. Since this elimination has already begun, it will soon be known who will represent Behrend in the table tennis phase of the tournament.

As to bowling, it is anybody's guess who will carry the Behrend prestige into the action. Twentyfive bowlers are competing for five positions on the team. Each candidate must bowl five games in the presence of the bowling manager, Bill Harding, or one of his assistants. The five bowlers who have compiled the highest scores will then compose our bowling team. Mr. Roger E. Sweeting, the boys' physical education instructor and coach of the soccer, basketball, and baseball teams, will supervise the table tennis and bowling proceedings.

Besides Behrend, the tournament will feature five teams from thewestern part of the state. The other teams are: Altoona, DuBois, New Kensington, Mont Alto, and McKeesport.

Since six teams will be competing, some sort of system must
again be set up in order to determine the winning team in each sport. Briefly, the winning team in the table tennis match will be the team whose members win the largest number of games. Each win is awarded one point, thus the team with the largest number of wins will also have the largest total points. In bowling, a point system is also employed whereby a team receives points for individual and team performances. Finally, in chess, an intricate system is set up whereby the top players on each team compete against the top players from the other teams and the team that captures the most victories will also collect the most points. In each case, naturally the team with the largest number of compiled points will be declared the winner. The winning teams are then classified separately into the category in which they were superiorbowling, table tennis, or chess. Thus there can be as many as three different campuses coming away with a victory or there may be only one which can garner victories in each of the events.
What are these teams competing for? Why is there such keen competition between the teams? What will the winner's reward be? The first two questions can be answered in one sentence. They are competing for prestige. In other words, the campus that is victorious will gain a great amount of respect from the other campuses, and the keen competition is due to the fact that each campus would like nothing better than o gain this prestige. The reward is a trophy that is presented to the winning team in each event. For the last three years, Behrend has held the trophy for chess and intends to keep it. With a little more effort, it can capture the bowling and table tennis trophies. Behrend could truly be proud of its campus with three handsome trophies to its credit.

## Last year, the faculty and their

 families reserved a recreational night every week. Volleyball, bowling, table tennis, badminton, and many other sports were enjoyed by all who participated. If there are enough faculty members interested in this program this year, they should contact Mr. Sweeting as soon as possible.