

EC, PDT lead pack in IM kegler tourney

East Campus and Phi Delta Theta are the reigning powers in IM bowling at the end of four weeks of competition. This year's experiment of divisional play appears to be working smoothly as the race is tight in both divisions.

The divisional idea, conceived by manager Bob Orloff '73, was to promote greater competition in the five-week qualifying rounds by allowing head-to-head bowling only between similar-sized living groups. This year, there are two divisions, the "Greek" for fraternities, and the "Dorm" for larger organizations like dormitories, BSU, departmental teams, etc.

The top eight teams from each division go into a double elimination tournament, after spring break. The plan seems to be quite fair, since as of the third week, the top sixteen

teams are evenly divided, eight in each division, with such close competition that only one team has won all nine of its games.

The undefeated team is Phi Delta Theta 'A', leading the Greek Division with 4948 pins, almost 200 ahead of second place Phi Mu Delta 'A'. The Phi Delt team of Ran Mayer '72, Orloff, and Scott Berdell G has been the leading fraternity team for the past three years.

East Campus 'A', consisting of Jeff Lagarias G, Gary Montress G and Jcn Wolf G leads the Dorm League with 5425 pins. This total surpasses second place BSU by 230. The EC bowlers had their perennial spot as IM champs taken last year by Bexley, and are pushing hard for a return. Lagarias' 634 series is the top set so far, with BSU 'B's Bill Black '74 throwing 252 for high game.

SPORTS

Winks squad England bound

By Fred Shapiro

The MIT tiddlywinks team is going to England. The dream of every American winker since the game was first brought over here a decade ago became a reality this March 6 when Finboard, in a magnificent display of generosity and altruism, appropriated the necessary funds to send eight of MIT's finest potters and squoppers across the ocean to challenge the Southhampton University team for the world championship.

The MIT team, which recently won the North American championship, will consist of captain Tim Schiller '72, J. Christ '73, Bill Renke '73, Jim Marlin '73, Minnesota Moische '72, Pete Copper '75, Craig Schweinhart '73, and Dave Lockwood '74. Southhampton is the holder of both the Marchant Trophy, emblematic of the English championship, and the

Prince Philip Silver Wink Trophy, symbolic of supremacy throughout the British Isles.

The team will leave on the evening of March 24 and will return April 3. They will tour England, Scotland, and Wales, playing such teams as Oxford and Cambridge Universities and the euphoniously-named Aberystwyth College before the climactic match against Southhampton on April 1. A match may also be arranged against an English All-Star team.

The tour should engender huge amounts of publicity for the game, which, albeit more widely played in England than in the States, is still not exactly on the level of soccer, rugby, or cricket. The BBC is expected to provide extensive coverage. Supervising the entire operation will be the legendary Alan Dean ("The Supreme Dean"), head of the English Tiddlywinks Associ-

ation, English singles champion, and captain of the Southhampton team.

There has been little previous contact between the two winking nations, so it is difficult to predict the outcome of the matches. The British have played the game for a longer period of time and have a greater depth of team and players, but the feeling among the Americans is that their best players are better than the best Britons. MIT winker Marlin, while visiting England over IAP, played three games against Dean and won two of them. An additional basis of comparison is furnished by Phil Villar, a former English singles champion who moved to the United States. While Villar is among the best players in North America, there are a half-dozen or so natives who are better. Hopefully the New World will prove to be the master of yet another of our motherland's inventions.

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