Winning Paddlers Move On

Now that the canoe regatta season is over, the six members of OCC's state champion men's 18-and-under crew have hung up their paddles and gone their respective ways.

John Kolivas, a former Punahou athlete in football and wrestling, is now an offensive line coach at Kaiser High, a musician with the UH symphony orchestra, and a demonstrator of fitness machines at a health studio.

Bill Eggers IV, steersman on the winning crew and a graduate last summer from Kalani High, has opted to work for a year at, or near, his grandfather's ranch in California before starting college. Waipa Parker, all-star linebacker at Kamehameha School, has enrolled at Honolulu Community College and plans to transfer later to UH to play football. Also college-bound is

Lance Cross, former Punahou volleyball star, who has enrolled at Santa Barbara City College in California.

David and Bruce Ayau, twin sons of canoe coach Henry Ayau, will be playing volleyball for Punahou this season. The elder Ayau also was a Punahou athlete some 20 years ago, has coached canoe and surfing events for years, and has paddled in 15 consecutive Molokai-to-Oahu races.

"This is one of the best group of paddlers I've coached," Ayau said when interviewed by a Honolulu Star-Bulletin reporter. "They went from just an average crew of young paddlers last spring to seasoned state champions in August. They practiced hard, they raced hard and they played hard. They're a great bunch of young men."