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The end of the term for our Athletic Committees is rapidly drawing to a close. Due to the interest of the Committee Chairman, Committee Members and other interested Club members, our athletic programs were carried on for the mutual pleasure of the participants and followers. As in all athletic activities, the efforts of the participants and the activities of the coaches, Committee Members and other interested leaders come to the attention of the members and general public through publication of sporting stories and our own *Forecast*. To Ernie Stenberg we owe a big mahalo for his efforts in handling our newspaper and *Forecast* publicity. However, the success of many of these programs depends to a great extent on the people working behind the scenes to help make the events a success.

Our good friend Sam Poepoe devoted tremendous effort and time towards the promotion of our Canoe activities and encouraging our younger members to participate in the various events. Young men such as Charlie Martin, Jack Cross and Chuck Schrader are to be commended for their personal efforts and interest in developing crews to participate in the races. Ah Kong Pang and Toots Minvielle laid out the courses for canoe races. These leaders were faced with the problem of stimulating interest among the potential paddlers, many of whom have varied interests which made it difficult to keep them coming out regularly night after night to practice and condition themselves for the strenuous effort needed to win the races.

Old timers such as Duke, Charlie Amalu and Willie Whittle lent a great deal of moral and physical support to Dad Center in carrying out the coaching responsibilities and in addition, many times loaned their own equipment to help facilitate the programs. Sally Hale, while actually an employee of the Beach Service, also cooperated a great deal as did Johnny Hollinger in helping maintain the equipment and when possible,

Johnny helped to coach many of the crews. Sam Fuller as President of the Hawaii Paddling and Racing Association devoted a great deal of effort towards coordinating the activities of the various participating groups and also was a leader in the June 11 and Aloha Week program where he coordinated the pageantry.

As in the past, Johnny Gomes pitched in and directed, as well as helped, with the decorations of the stand for our June 11 and Aloha Week program and as always, did an excellent job in making the decorations fit the occasion.

Johnny was again assisted by some of our young ladies like Pat Barker and Ann Ackerman, along with others and it was the many willing hands that helped to make the job run smoother when the chips were down.

Our Canoe Committee, headed by Bill Morris, while faced with many problems during their first year of carrying on this phase of the Club's operations has, we feel, learned a great deal and it is these young leaders who we must depend upon and encourage to carry on the work that the older members must for many reasons pass on to new potential leaders.

Our Volleyball Committee, ably chaired by Doc Beardmore, has done an excellent job of carrying on a program started by Tommy Thomas and through their monthly reports in the *Forecast* have kept all of us well informed on the progress of the various events sponsored by them. Jack Ackerman also is due a great deal of credit for his efforts in developing a girls' team to represent the Outrigger in a city-wide wahine tournament.

I could go on and name many others who have helped to make our past year a successful and enjoyable one but I am sure that a great deal of their reward comes from their personal satisfaction in seeing their effort materialize into successful and enjoyable events. I know that each and everyone who has helped

in carrying out our athletic program would appreciate a pat on the back and a thank you from their fellow members and I do hope that many of you will remember to extend your appreciation to them.

As Club Captain, I personally extend my sincere thanks for the fine coopera-

tion given me by our membership and the Board of Directors and like many others in our Club will continue to do all in my power to keep the Outrigger sports program alive and make the Outrigger a popular and formidable foe in inter-club competition. Mahalo!

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It's winter in Honolulu at Waikiki. Scene taken at Outrigger Canoe Club, December, 1951, by Hawaii Visitors Bureau.