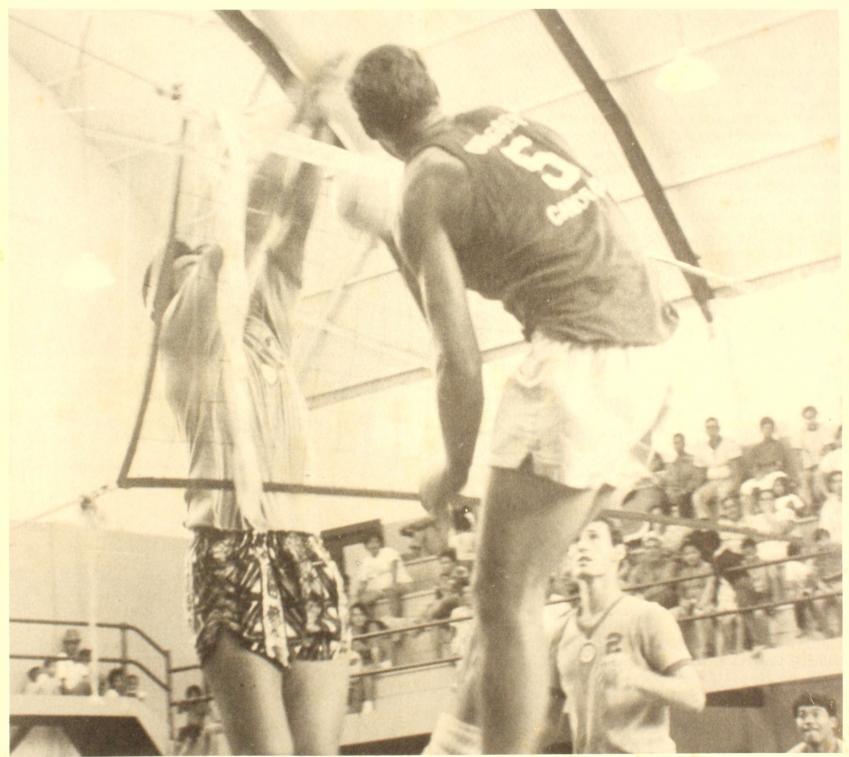
## FORECAST Outrigger Canoe Club



Paul MacLaughlin goes high to put the ball away against Church College of Hawaii.—Photo: Beth Hollinger

VOLLEYBALL TEAM WINS STATE TITLE GOES ON TO AAU & USVBA NATIONALS

## Volleyball

## VOLLEYBALL TEAM HEADS FOR NATIONALS

As this issue of the FORECAST goes to press our volley-ball contingent, headed by coach **Ron Sorrell** and Cocaptains **Tom Haine** and **Colin Chock**, are in St. Louis, Missouri for the two-day National AAU tournament May 3-4. Outrigger is the defending champion in this tournament, having won last year in Seattle, and also at Detroit in 1967.

The team then moves to Knoxville, Tennessee, for the U.S. Volleyball Association championships May 7-10. In the Open division our team has taken runner-up honors three years in a row: at Grand Rapids in '66, Detroit in '67, and Portland, Oregon in '68. Our team in the Masters division (age 35) was also runner-up last year.

We regret that both our Open and Masters teams will be without the services of Co-captain **Tom Haine**. The 1968 Olympic captain suffered a torn knee tendon shortly before the state tournament and has been in a cast ever since. He is on the trip as an assistant coach.

On April 26 in the State double A volleyball championships held at the U. of H. gym, Outrigger defeated its arch rival Church College of Hawaii two games straight in the winners' bracket and by scores of 15-8, 15-10 in the finals, to win the title for the 5th consecutive year. The OCC masters took 4th place in the 8-team contest, while a congregation known as the "Outrigger Spirits," consisting of Mike Holmes, Mike Lemes, Jug Holt, Jon Haneberg, Bob Arnott, Mike Wilson, Tom Conner and Billy Cook captured 5th place.

The state title was actually an anti-climax for our boys who only three days earlier tangled with Church College at Laie in a well publicized exhibition game. Outrigger was hard pressed in that match to win 3 games to 2 over the '68 runner-up in the national collegiate division. The Church College team, now led by **Pete Velasco** former Outrigger star and 1964 Olympic captain completing his education, has been a very formidable foe of the Outrigger during the regular season tournaments.

In the SubPac, Waialua, Haili (Hilo) and State tournaments, OCC captured first with Church College second. The Collegians reversed the order in the Church College and Outrigger tournaments.

In the single A tournament at U. of H., the Outrigger team took 2nd to Central YMCA.

The end of March brought the defending Masters National Champion team, the Pacific Coast Club of Long Beach, to Hawaii for a series of exhibitions and one tournament. Our Masters team gained revenge for its defeat by this same team in last year's nationals by outplaying them in an unofficial match. The Pacific Coast Club climaxed their stay here by playing in the Haili tournament April 3-6 in Hilo. They finished a respectable third behind Church College.

Members of our open team are co-captain Colin Chock, Chris Crabb, Tony Crabb, Fred Hiapo, Paul MacLaughlin, Chris McLachlin, Mike McMahon, Dodge Parker and Jim Pietsch. The masters team consists of Ron Sorrell, Bill Baird, Colin Chock, Roger Clissold, Bill Heilbron, Mark Lawson, Al Lemes and Fred Noa. Wally Young continues his yeomen service as team manager for the sixth year.



OPEN TEAM. L-R, kneeling: McLachlin, C. Crabb, Parker, McMahon. Standing: MacLaughlin, Hiapo, Chock, T. Crabb. Missing: Pietsch.—Photo: Beth Hollinger



MASTERS TEAM. L-R, kneeling: Sorrell, Lawson. Standing: Lemes, Pietsch, Baird, Hendrickson, Heilbron, Clissold, King, Noa. Pietsch, Hendrickson and King bolstered the Masters in the State tournament.