

Extra Innings

Jim McAluney was voted 1998 Most Valuable Player (MVP) by his fellow softball team mates.

The selection was announced on December 5th at the 2nd Annual OCC Softball BBQ by Head Coach Jim Gaddis. Gaddis announced that Mike Miranda was a close second to McAluney in the vote.

McAluney has been a veteran member of the OCC softball team for a number of years. He has always been a solid hitter, batting in either the lead off, second or fifth slot in the lineup. 'Mac' is best known for his versatility on the field. He plays excellent third base and shortstop when the team needs him, but his true strength is in the outfield.

Aside from being fleet-footed and having a great glove, it's McAluney's arm strength and accuracy that amazed his team mates.

He threw out three opposing players at the plate in one playoff game last year.

When the entire team shows up it's difficult to top the defensive play of OCC's outfield of Clay Chee, Chris Siegfried, Bill Kilcoyne and McAluney. They all possess strong and accurate arms. The Leahi Softball League presented the OCC team a plaque commemorating its three consecutive championships. With OCC Board approval, the plaque will be placed for your viewing in the trophy case in the Lobby. On it are the names of all the players who contributed to OCC Softball's incredible feat. With the league so talented and competitive, repeating titles will be nearly impossible.

Coaches Gaddis, Kilcoyne and Henry Ayau have done a tremendous job rebuilding OCC Softball

these past 10 years. The team's achievements are well noted. Hopes are high the team will continue to grow and succeed.

The BBQ proved to be a huge success with a large turnout at the home of Bill and Maureen Kilcoyne. Pitcher/Chef Keith Letman did a superb job on the steaks, chicken and salmon. The food was great. The family atmosphere was even better.

Unfortunately, all of the group pictures taken failed to develop well. A quality shot may have put us on the cover of *THE OUTRIGGER*.

Those attending included Mr/Mrs Chris Siegfried and family, Mr/Mrs Jon Kiner and their grandson, Jim Cavanah, Clay Chee, Traci Phillips, Aaron Eberhardt, Mr/Mrs Bryan Hoernig and family, Mike Miranda and his girlfriend, Ralph

DeWitt, Rick Piper, Mr/Mrs McAluney and son Deek, Henry Ayau, Bill and Maureen Kilcoyne, Courtney, Kainoa and Jim Gaddis.

Everyone enjoyed playing pool, throwing darts, watching UH Wahine volleyball and chatting with friends. The team had time to discuss budget item priorities for 1999 as well as plans to compete in the famed Molokai Softball Tournament. Fund raising was discussed as well.

The MVP trophy featuring stars from 1988 to the present will be designed and completed in 1999.

Interest has grown in OCC Softball so new names and faces are expected and welcome. Leahi Spring League action returns in March. Check the Bulletin Board in the Locker Room for further information.

Jim McAluney Is MVP