

# Volleyball recruiting bonanza for UH

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JUST like the old woman in the nursery rhyme, University of Hawaii men's volleyball coach Alan Rosehill has so many players, "I don't know what I'm going to do."

But Rosehill has three months before practice starts and before worrying about what to do with nearly 40 players vying for 12 spots. For now, the coach is content to bask in the glow of the best recruiting season in his four years at Manoa.

With the exception of Kansas Ocean (UCLA), Rosehill nabbed at least five of the seven Hawaiian products named to the 1989 NCAA Men's Volleyball Boys' All-American team. Freshmen Leo LeGrand and a sixth-ranked freshman, who competed in the recent Olympic Sports Festival in Oklahoma City — is still undecided between UH and Pepperdine.

Not only did Rosehill and assistant Tony Crabbe convince Hawaii's best to stay home, they talked some of them out of another sport. University's Brad Stewart three-time all-star in basketball, Iolani's Kaneo Winchester (tremendous three-point shooter in basketball) and Kapa'a's Greg Gonsalves recruited for football by Brigham Young, have opted to use their skills for kills instead of dribble or tackles.

All told, there are 14 incoming freshmen and recruits joining the 11 returning players and 10 redshirts from last year. And, planning for the future, there are a few transfer redshirts — like Pepperdine outside hitter Jarrett Elliott — expecting to play in 1991.

All but three of the newcomers are Hawaiians. "I think this turns the tide for us in local recruiting," said Rosehill, who has recruited at the islands' best high mainland schools. "I'm overwhelmed by the response to the program."

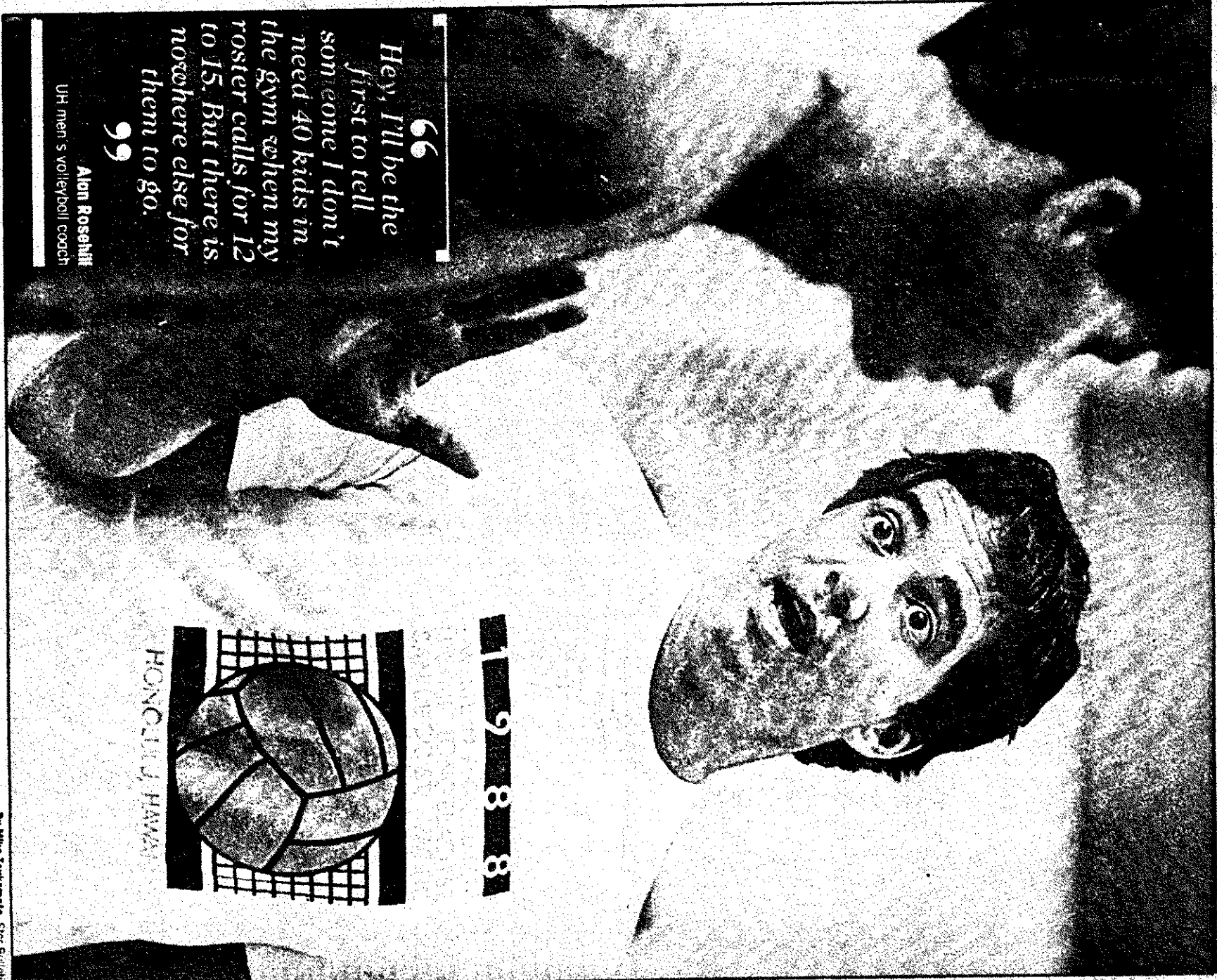
Perhaps even more amazing is that, with the exception of Stewart and Punahou's Steven Corbelli getting partial aid, none of the newcomers will receive an athletic scholarship. Men's volleyball is allowed only five scholarships by the NCAA and the returning Bows will share those tuition waivers.

Last season, the Bows had more than 20 players working out for a team that came within eight points of making the national championship final. This year, there'll be even more talent than garish uniform combinations from which to choose.

Rosehill, who lost just three seniors in 1988, will redshirt a number of the newcomers. However, the Bows will lose nine seniors following this season and a lot of the redshirts will develop into the nucleus of the 1991 team, makes for a good situation for everyone. Even if the players don't make the first or second team, and alongside the talent of a Brian Poppings or a Carlos Brenno.

"What this is showing me is the incredible love of the game these guys have. They're telling me, 'I know I may not make the top 24 but I'm going to do my best to try.'"

Also of note:  
■ The omana connection continued with this recruiting effort. Sean Robbins is a younger brother of UH Wahine player Alan Rosehill.



Alan Rosehill  
UH men's volleyball coach

“Hey, I’ll be the first to tell you, I don’t need 40 kids in the gym when my roster calls for 12 to 15. But there is nowhere else for them to go.”

## ‘Bows have the only college game in town

□ Despite all the male talent here, there’s nowhere else to play

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A quick quiz:  
■ The University of Hawaii men's volleyball program is successful because:  
A) There's an abundance of local talent and coaches Alan Rosehill and Tony Crabbe.

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With five of the state's top seven volleyball players committed to UH, it has been a bonnier recruiting season for Alan Rosehill.

Not since 1984 has there been more than one men's collegiate volleyball game in town.  
■ The correct answer is:  
E) All of the above, either in part or in whole. But put the emphasis on D. "Hey, I'll be the first to tell someone

## UH VOLLEYBALL

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women's side. Hawaii Pacific, growing tired of a sparse diet of UH and Outrigger Canoe Club to make up its schedule, dropped the program in 1988.

The success enjoyed by Hawaii's NAIA women's teams at the nationals (seven championships in the past eight years) has not trickled down enough to cause District 29 to pick up the sport at the men's level. The overriding factor? The NAIA does not sanction volleyball as a men's championship sport.

The district has talked about it, seriously talked about it, said former UH-Hilo athletic director Joe LeGrand. The stumbling block is that NAIA does not sanction it. Hawaii, I would hope, then, would look to see if there's interest and fan support enough to think about adding the sport to the men's program.

Actually, men's volleyball is what got us (BYUH) into the NAIA," said District 29 Commissioner Norman Kaluhokalani, who is also a faculty member at BYUH. "I think we're content for this year not to add another sport. The emphasis this past year has been on women's softball."

"I think soccer could make a strong case to be added to the district. It's already a strong club sport here and it's growing." But any time BYUH women's coach Wilfred Navala goes to the annual Haili Easter Tournament, dozens of young male players ask him about a program, saying they'd come play. UH's Sharon Peck, coach of the seven-time national champion Uolani Wahine, hears the call to Uolani Wahine.

"It's not like someone is asking me every day about us starting a men's program, but I'm sure it would be something that we'd have a lot of interest," she said. "There's a lot of talent here and it's a shame that there's nowhere for it to go."

"I know of one player (at a summer camp) whose goal is to play at Manoa. There's a lot more like him. It's great that he'd have that kind of goal but, at the same time, there's no guarantee he'd even be accepted into school. "What I've like about Hilo is that we are a state school but (at

the NAIA level, we've been able to offer the opportunity to local kids who perhaps wouldn't be accepted to an NCAA program."

The irony is, should another men's program begin in Hawaii, it most likely would be at the NCAA level. The prime candidate is BYUH, whose parent school in Provo, upgraded its men's program from club to collegiate level for the 1990 season.

"I think it's a very feasible proposition for us," said Navala. "The WIVA (UH's conference) still talks to us about coming into the league. I would like to see us have a vision for college athletes, perhaps test the waters for a few years. If it fails, we can always go back to the NAIA. I want our women's program to go Division I. It would help our program in many ways."

Several years ago, District 29 discussed switching, as a group, from NAIA to NCAA status. The NAIA was able to woo Hawaii — with the exception of Chamalee — back into its fold, but there is a proposal within the organization to return to bi- and tri-districts, and go to divisions, such that the NCAA has. Those changes would put a financial burden on the Hawaii schools mostly in terms of travel expenses.

"I know my president won't like to hear this," said Navala, "but my feeling is we should have gone NCAA two years ago. Look at our district, just three women's volleyball teams since Hawaii's Division II. I think it put us in a bind for the future. If Hilo were to go NCAA, it might force us all to go."

"I thought, we were all looking at going NCAA someday," said Kaitiaki, whose programs head during the affiliation until recently. "I think that men's volleyball would be the one sport that we could succeed in immediately and have impact nationally."

The other district schools — Hawaii Pacific and Hawaii Loa — have no plans to add sports this season. HPC tried to start water polo and drowned in the attempt. Loa has struggled to put a women's volleyball team on the court for three seasons. With USVBA all-American Pedro Velas co ready to revive the program

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volleyball player. Mary Robins, Gonsalves is a cousin of former Bows All-Star and Vailoi. San Diego State transfer Tony McInerney is a younger brother of former Wahine standout Diane McInerney. McInerney and Tony Magrooy is a former brother of reserve setter Brad Johnson.

The Western Intercollegiate Volleyball Association has officially been split into two divisions of six teams each. Hawaii is in the North, with Southern Cal, Stanford, Loyola Marymount, Long Beach State and San Diego State. In the South is UCLA, Pepperdine, UC-Irvine, UC-Santa Barbara, Cal

this season, the new coach soon learned there was no gym open for practice time.

"I think Loa and we are in the same position," said HPC athletic director Tony Seidoo. "We have no facilities and you need them not just for games but for practice. We can't afford the extra \$1,000 a week to rent a gym. We need one that's popular here and would not have a following. But we just don't have the facilities."

The crying need for more men's volleyball programs is not unique to Hawaii. The NCAA, which requires that seven percent of its member schools sponsor a sport to be eligible for championship play, would need 60 teams in volleyball with the addition of Brigham Young University this season, the number is only 51 compared to 293 at the women's Division I level.

With boys' high school volleyball growing across the country in the past three years (492 to 640 teams since 1986), the problem is not one of desire. It's one of finance and interest at the administrative level.

The cold facts are that boys don't see volleyball as a viable college sport because of the limited number of colleges competing. Colleges see volleyball as a program easily turned from their backs. There are very few schools outside of UH where volleyball is a money-making sport.

When the United States Volleyball Association (USVBA) put a small notice in the NCAA News a few months back, offering three grants of \$8,000 to start programs in 1990, it received more than 50 responses.

### State-Northridge and newcomer Brigham Young

The Bows will play each inter-divisional opponent twice, an outside opponent once. In the case of an outside opponent, the travels to Hawaii, opponent, the all-games twice. A game that will count in the standings, the other that will be regarded as an exhibition.

Rosehill is looking at using Baisell Arena for the exhibition matches. The University, which will host the NCAA women's championship this December, is also considering hosting the men's nationals in 1991: the 1990 championship is at George Mason in Fairfax, Va.

"The popularity of boys' volleyball is growing all over the country," said U.S. national team member Bob Crevitt during his pro beach volleyball tour stop here last month. "But the success that we've had internationally — two gold medals in the last two Olympics — may backfire."

The U.S. put its efforts into the national team, hoping for an instant youth grand effect, said national director John Kessel. "We looked at bringing the level up by starting there. The thinking was if we did well in the I.A. Games, we would be getting positive exposure and get it snowballing down to the youth levels."

The junior volleyball program has enjoyed tremendous growth in the past two years especially at the boys level, but now after leavers have nowhere to go after leaving high school. There's no training ground or feeder program for the next logical step — the national team.

"For some reason, we seem to be willing to have this very big gap at the collegiate level," said Crevitt. "If that is allowed to die, there will be no reason for junior programs and we will no longer be a power internationally."

"I think Hawaii will continue to have strong junior programs and will continue to get some of the best talent," said Rosehill. "But what I'd like to see are more men's collegiate teams here. More than 40 kids in the gym, and do something place for these great kids to go. They deserve it and so does this state."

### William Capp, 81; retired AF colonel

Retired Air Force Col. William Charles Capp, of Honolulu, died July 19, 1989. He was 81.

He was born in Los Angeles. After Army Air Corps flight school, he was assigned to Hawaii. He worked here with the Civil Aeronautics Administration, forerunner of the Federal Aviation Administration, before and after World War II, then headed the agency's upstate New York office before retiring in 1966.

He retired from the Air Force after 37 years of active and reserve service and, returned to Hawaii, where he flew for Sky Tours Hawaii for three years.

Capp was one of the founders of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association and was on the board of directors of the Outrigger Canoe Club. He was also a Mason of the Scottish Rite and a member of the Order of Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and many other organizations.

Survived by wife, A.B. Capp; son, William II; daughter, Mrs. Susan B. Tokoro; two grandchildren, brothers, Walter P., George H. and Jack C. Service 5:30 p.m. on Monday at the Outrigger Canoe Club. No flowers. Casual attire. Arrangements by Northwick Mortuary. Donations to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.

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