

Give the divers a chance!

Christine Smoot and K. Makinney of the Outrigger Canoe Club have been hard at work for two years practising in an effort to make the Hawaiian Olympic team and then they were left off without more than a few moments' discussion by the board of managers of the Hawaiian A. A. U.

That hardly seems fair to these willing youngsters!

The general tone of those who dismissed a consideration of local divers was to the effect that island talent was not in a class with that of the mainland in this branch of sport.

Yet J. L. Foley, an army diver who was trained by Victor Ligda here, recently won the New England championship, and will be entered by the Boston Athletic Club in the Olympic trials at Indianapolis. And K. Makinney is in the same class as Foley.

Miss Smoot is in a class by herself.

George ("Dad") Center, who took charge of the American Olympic girl divers at Antwerp and led them to victory, has often declared that Christine Smoot could out-point any of the women who performed in 1920 in Belgium. Miss Smoot is not a flashy diver, but she had learned to do the "high point" dives, the difficult ones which bring the most points and the first honors. That's what counts in the Olympic games, the points made in difficult dives and not the mere beauty and grace of the simple dives.

The divers deserve a trial and it is to be hoped that enough money will be raised to include them on the team!