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JUNKING JULY: New carpets are being installed in Capitol offices of senators and representatives. It's news because the new, lighter-shade carpets will probably mean a change in the traditional opening-day-at-the-Legislature pupu party — one of my favorite things about Hawaii . . . The old carpets were a darkish brownish-greenish color and could absorb sushi and nori, teri chicken, kalua pig or noodles without looking as if they'd been to a party. Alas, the new carpets are a light beige. **Yen Lew**, administrative aide to Senate President **Dickie Wong**, says the carpeting turned out "a little lighter than expected." But "no directive or policy decision" has yet been made about how to deal with the problem of pupus in the pile . . . So next Jan., it's likely that pupus, if they are served, will be served outside of offices in hallways □ □

HERE AND THERE: **Russ Francis**, the feature of a fine Ch. 9 special last night, is at the San Francisco 49ers



training camp in Rocklin, Calif., and says he's never before been so "stoked" about playing football in July. The Niners must also be pleased with Russ — he's one of only two players with a dorm room to himself . . . How the rich got rich dept.: A Mainland family of four already has reservations on the new budget airline Hawaii Express — \$99 one-way from L.A., starting next month — and will then spend three weeks at the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, where room rates start at about \$220 a day . . . **Emma Veary** writes from Ashland, Ore., where she and husband **Richard Ireland** have been building about five miles of fence on their ranch and repairing another five miles of fence and then rounding up their cattle. As Emma says: "What a change from the stages of the Royal Hawaiian and Halekulani" □ □ □

DIS AND DOT: **Charlie Daniels**, one of the headliners at the Summer Jam on Sun., donates much of his money and



time to the Vietnam Veterans of Hawaii and to the T.J. Martel Memorial Foundation for Leukemia Research . . . **Dr. Donn Moomaw**, commissioner of weight lifting for the '84 Olympics in L.A., was in town on vacation and lunched with a pair of former Olympic weight-lifting gold medal winners, **Dr. Peter George** and **Tommy Kono**. Moomaw, though an All-American football player at UCLA, is not a weight lifter and wants to retain Tommy as a consultant — he's the only man to ever coach Olympic teams for three different nations . . . Moomaw is also noteworthy as the pastor of the Bel Air Presbyterian Church, where **Ronald Reagan** attended services before becoming president, and as the pastor at Reagan's inauguration . . . Where are they now dept.: Former Honolulu **Marge Bowman Redick**, who was the youngest person to win an Olympic gold medal when she won the springboard diving competition at the '36 Games, is back in town for a vacation from California. Peter George and Tommy Kono ran into her while lunching at the Outrigger Club with Dr. Moomaw □ □ □

DOTS ALL, FOLKS: The guess I made earlier this week was right — **Al Elconin** will do the play-by-play of UH Rainbow basketball games on TV this season. Still no word on his "color" sidekick . . . **Johnny Cash** and son took a half-day cruise aboard the Tina Rei on Wed. . . . They wished they had taken the full-day cruise and gone farther out to take advantage of what is being called the "best big ahi run in three years" — more than 70 ahi over 100 lbs. in the past couple of days, says **Electra Anderson** . . . They have a spunky bunch with a sense of humor at the Pohai Nani retirement residence in Kaneohe. **Harold Burr** reports that he and several of the other old boys were playing pool one day and wondering "which will go first — the ancient, termite-riddled pool table or us?" One of them said: "It might be a tie." And his pal responded: "That would be a dead heat!" □ □ □

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Once-beaten Hui Nalu, Loa'a favored at Keehi

Loa'a and Hui Nalu didn't rule the waves this summer, but they are expected to reign this weekend when both of Oahu's canoe racing associations hold their championships on Keehi Lagoon.

Defending champion Loa'a is favored in the Hui Wa'a and Surfing Association event when that association concludes its eight-regatta season today, starting at 9 a.m.

Hui Nalu is expected to unseat Healani as Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association champion tomorrow, also starting at 9.

Loa'a and Hui Nalu each lost only one regatta this season, and both defeats occurred at Waikiki Beach, where the luck of the lane draws is as important as paddling strength.

Outrigger Canoe Club upset Hui Nalu, 77-58, at OCC's Walter Macfarlane Regatta. The Waikiki Beach Boys defeated Loa'a last Sunday.

Balance has been evident in both associations this year. For example, in Hui Wa'a there are only three unbeaten crews — Lokahi's senior men, the Beach Boys' Novice A men and Loa'a's sophomore women — and three once-beaten crews.

The OHCRA is even more balanced, with no unbeaten crews and just two once-beaten crews — Hui Nalu's senior men and the Hawaiian Warriors' 36-over men.

The Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association's state championships will be held next Saturday on Hilo Bay.



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Members of the winning Hui Nalu senior men's team (left) churn to the finish line in winning the event and the overall OHCRA championship yesterday at Keehi Lagoon. They are (from front) Tommy Connor, George Kissner, Bruce Blankenfeld, Kala Kukea, Nainoa Thompson and Myron Thompson. Denise Darval (right) is congratulated by Laura Thompson as the Nalu women also captured their senior race. — Star-Bulletin Photos by Dean Sensui.

In a Word, Hui Nalu Canoe Club Was Awesome!

By Jack Wyatt
Special to the Star-Bulletin

Nothing went right for perennial power Outrigger Canoe Club at yesterday's Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association championships at Keehi Lagoon.

The blustery tradewinds battered its crews on the race course; Outrigger lost several close decisions which its coaches felt could have gone either way, and if that wasn't enough, OCC, which was last season's HCRA state champ, lost the third-place regatta trophy to Lanikai Canoe Club by the luck of a tie-breaking draw.

But Outrigger, Duke Kahanamoku or King Kamehameha—I through IV—was not about to beat Hui Nalu Canoe Club of Hawaii Kai yesterday. As Gary "Sword" Murakami, coach of runnerup

Healani Canoe Club, said of Hui Nalu's big win, "They were simply awesome!"

HUI NALU WON YESTERDAY'S first event—the boys' 12 years "B" crew—and didn't stop paddling until they amassed a whopping 87 points—the season's high. Nalu trounced second-place Healani by 40 points.

"Although we had our problems," conceded Donny Mailer, Outrigger's canoe racing chairman, "you can't take anything away from Hui Nalu. They started off strong and kept getting stronger."

In the 27-event, 17-club championships, Hui Nalu won nine races and placed second in nine others. Healani, the defending Oahu champion, scored 47 points and was followed by Lanikai and OCC canoe clubs, which tied for third place with 45 points apiece.

In OHCRA's small club division, Hui

Lanaila and Koolau canoe clubs tied for first place with 10 points each. Over the season, Hui Nalu won nine regattas and lost only one.

With winds whipping across the race course, dreary rain-laden skies threatening shoreside spectators with showers, and police towing away illegally parked automobiles, drab Keehi Lagoon—the site of Oahu's biggest canoe regatta—was hardly paradise.

"IF YOU'RE MISSING YOUR car it's probably been towed to a service station on Koapaka Street," announced Chris Faria, OHCRA's colorful commentator.

Was paddling in strong winds a factor? "You'd better believe it," said Lanikai's boys' 18 steersman, John Foti. "It felt like a hurricane out there—downwind we'd fly but paddling upwind was the pits."

Outrigger and Lanikai crews battled one another for nearly nine minutes before the Lanikai nipped its rival at the finish by a scant 2/10th of a second.

If the one-sided canoe championship had its turning point it had to be Hui Nalu winning over Outrigger in the women's junior and senior events, plus its come-from-behind victory over Lanikai in the blue-ribbon senior men's race. Considered major events, the three races are scored heavier than the others.

"Lanikai's men had the desire to beat us and they almost did the job," explained Kala Kukea, Hui Nalu's coach and senior men's crew member. "But we out-powered them on the final leg."

LANIKAI LED FOR ALL BUT the last 1/4-mile of the four-mile race when Hui

Nalu's men picked up the stroke. "Any further paddling and my arms would have fallen off," added Nainoa Thompson of Hui Nalu's seven-second victory. In addition to Kukea and Thompson, Hui Nalu's winning senior crew included Nainoa's brother Myron Thompson, Bruce Blankenfeld, Georg Kissner and Tommy Connor.

With the HCRA state championship scheduled at Hilo on Saturday and yesterday's Oahu championship playing an important role in the crew qualification, competition was particularly intense among crews attempting to make the cutoff.

"Sure Hui Nalu won today, but the states are a different regatta. They'll (rival clubs) be waiting for Hui Nalu at Hilo," promised Mel Kalahiki, OHCRA's race director.