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This chap got his feet wet at parachute demonstration at Water Carnival

last day for K-Bay fun

More than 70,000 persons already have attended the 11th annual K-Bay Water Carnival at Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station, and there's still today to go.

The carnival continues from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. today with a fireworks finale

by the world-famous Zam-belli Fireworks Co.

THERE ARE animals to pet, tanks and armored personnel carriers to inspect, food to eat, 30 games to play, and competition to watch.

And, of course, there are

the pretty girls in their bikinis — including the eight contestants for K-Bay Beauty Queen. The winner will be crowned by Mayor Frank F. Fasi at 2 p.m. today.

Yesterday's activities were highlighted by a pair of

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jumps by a Marine combat parachute company, acrobatics by the Oahu Water Ski Club, demonstrations by the K-Bay Skydiving Club and a performance by Debbie Porter, past national junior baton twirling champion.

THE HAWAII Canoe Racing Association Men's and Women's Outrigger Club conducted a high-speed paddling competition around Coconut Island.

The best of Hawaii's radio-controlled model aircraft

did aerobatics and aircraft racing.

Rock groups blared, using the biggest sound system in the State.

Admission to the carnival is free. Plenty of parking is provided around the hangar area of the air station.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE of events:

10 a.m.: Continuation of the radio-controlled model aircraft competition.
10:20 a.m.: Power boat races.
1:45 p.m.: Marine parachute jumps.
2 p.m.: Crowning of Miss K-Bay.
2:15 p.m.: Yacht races.
3 p.m.: Water ski show.
3:30 p.m.: Skydiving demonstration.
6 p.m.: Band concert and baton-twirling show.
7 p.m.: Awarding of queen prizes.
9:30 p.m.: Fireworks display.

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how to win a championship

Max Baer drank his way into (and out of) the world heavyweight boxing championship.

The owners of Canonero II lucked their way into the Kennedy Derby and Preakness championship by buying a colt for the cheap price of \$1200.

There are some championships, the claim is, that are purchased with hard cash.

And then there's the other way: hard work.

That's the way Church College of Hawaii won the NAIA volleyball championship of the United States this year.

There are some who believe that Hawaii doesn't produce championship swimmers any more because the younger generation is reluctant to give up the pleasures of life. That we don't produce golf champions because the young players won't spend long hours on the tee.

"There's the common belief," says volleyball coach John Lowell of Church College, "that Polynesian athletes won't train. But I'm here to say they are wrong."

Maybe at Church College, 'way out in Laie, they haven't been listening to those ill-founded rumors of refusing to train. Because Lowell put his lads through a course of conditioning that would make the Marines turn pale.

they were all too short

In case you haven't been keeping up with the wonderful world of volleyball, the Church College team has just returned from the Mainland where it beat the best volleyball teams that could be produced by the 600 member schools in the NAIA. Six of the Church College players, Pete Velasco, Rick Olmstead, Dennis Largey, Ed Kalima, Hide Aida and Jay Akoi were named to the first NAIA all-American team. Another, Greg Jensen, made the second.

To get to the top, it took a lot of doing. First Lowell knew he had the nucleus of a great team because he had Velasco—probably the greatest individual volleyball player in America. From there, he just had to recruit a batch of boys who liked to play volleyball.

"The main problem," Lowell recalls, "is that most of them were under six feet in height—which is a midget as volleyball players go."

Then he set up a training schedule that would weed out most except the strong, the aggressive and the talented.

"In the fall each player lifted weights, jumped steps and did heavy squats up to 400 pounds," says Lowell.

"In February the team lost nearly every match played. However, the team members continued with daily three-hour practices which regularly called for 200 serve receptions plus other extremely rugged training.

"By mid-March Church College defeated the Outrigger Canoe Club in an exhibition and the 'team work' was on the way. We lost in the finals of the Haile tournament in Hilo to Outrigger and again in the State meet. But I knew we were ready."

brown blur of volleyball

What the club did was to ramble through all the opposition in the NAIA tournament. An All-Star NAIA team, made up mostly of the Hawaii boys, but under a strange coach, did well in the Nationals before losing.

Most powerhouse volleyball teams these days are made up of men from six to seven feet tall. Usually there are at least two or three men over six-six. But look at the lineup of the Hawaii team:

Kaalani, 5-10; Velasco, 6 ft.; Olmstead, 6-1; Kalima, 5-10, Akoi, 5-8, Aida 5-9, Dennis Largey 6-2, and Greg Jensen 6-2.

"I'm sure our team looked like a brown blur to the other teams and selectors alike," says Lowell. "They never were sure how our offense worked and regularly blocked our back court men on a fake spike."

As a result of the showing, Velasco was picked for the Pan American team but turned down the bid in order to go to Brigham Young University for his graduate degree in September.

But the NAIA championship will be long-remembered in Hawaii sports circles—a crown won, not by luck, not by cash, but by hard Polynesian work.