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## UH Sports

Seven All-American volleyball players will be in suit when University of Hawaii hosts the Hawaii State Six-man "AA" Championships at Klum Gymnasium Friday and Saturday.

The two-day tourney tops an agenda of baseball, track, tennis and spring football which will unfold this week for UH athletes.

Outrigger Canoe Club will rank as the volleyball favorite

with Church College in close pursuit. Outrigger is the team, which upset a favored Russian team during the past year, and Church College was the second place finisher in the NCAA College Division championships last year.

Others entered in the double elimination tourney include University of Hawaii, Young Buddhist Association, Central YMCA, Nuuanu YMCA, Wailua YMCA, Wahiawa YMCA, Sub-Pac, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii Marines, Army, Haili of Hilo and the Kauai All-Stars.

The tournament will unfold at 6:30 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday.

Also on the week's schedule is one baseball game, sending the Rainbows against SubPac at 7 p.m. Friday at Millican Field. UH won three Hawaii Baseball League games this past week—3-0 over SubPac, 10-6 over Hawaii Marines and 13-9 over Hickam.

In track, UH will host another All-comers meet at Cooke Field Friday at 7:30 p.m., and in tennis the 'Bow men's team will be tangling with Honolulu Community College on Friday and with Church College and Leeward Community College on Saturday. The women netters meet Leeward CC Saturday.

In football, the Rainbows will run through regular drills Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, then stage their full-scale scrimmage at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Last week's action found the UH golfers stopping Leeward CC, 14-4, and Chaminade, 12-6; the men's tennis team stopping Leeward, 5-0, and the women tipping the Leeward women, 2-1; and the soccer team dropping a 2-0 decision to Soccer Club Hawaii. The win gave SCH the Hawaii Soccer Football Association championship, thanks to 5-1 and 2-0 victories. UH was 7-0-1 in the first half race, 5-2-2 in the second and 0-2 in the play-off for a 12-4-3 record overall.

Tom Longino, a 6-foot-6 senior from Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas, has announced his intention to enroll at the University of Hawaii, head basketball coach Red Rocha reported.

Longino led his team in rebounding this past season and scored close to double figures.

Rolf Olsen, a Thomas Jefferson teacher and ex-University of Hawaii athlete, introduced the lad to the UH program, which prompted Longino to make a visit to the Honolulu campus during his Easter vacation.

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## Surf Spray



by Ron Haworth

### Publicity was lacking

So you missed the Puerto Rican World Surfing Championships that were shown on television last Saturday. You who did are not alone.

Very little, if any, publicity preceded this long-awaited program. A shame, because Hawaii was a most interested audience.

And we expect that pride in champion Fred Hemmings was widespread.

Those who caught the Saturday tube watched Hawaii's surfers do themselves proud. Shining, if only slightly dimmer, with Hemmings were Reno Abellira, Sharon Weber and Martha Sunn.

The film didn't drag, a complaint heard, and rightfully so, of some surfing footage. Winners were announced after each semifinal heat, giving the non-surfing public someone to cheer for in the finals.

But what most struck us was the genuine glee Ben Aipa heaped onto Hemmings and his triumph.

Aipa's happiness left no doubt that it was a team victory. For a brief few seconds Aloha touched the Caribbean.

### Suspenseful film

ABC-TV didn't lose any of the suspense that hung in the crowd when it was announced Hemmings and Australian Midget Farrelly had tied after the best of five waves were scored.

The tension straining the face of Hemmings until it was known he had won with the sixth wave was a new experience for television surfing.

Hemmings knew it was a fine victory, possibly his biggest. And surfing titles will mean more as the International Professional Surfers Association begins to flex its contract muscles.

The most costly single trophy in surfing is the prize for winning the WSC. It was donated by Eduardo Arena, president of the International Surfing Federation, the organization which sponsors the world contest.

The trophy, a personal gift of Arena's, was hammered from Peruvian silver into the shape of a curling wave, a riderless board beneath its crest.

World contest winners—Farrelly, Pomar, Young, Hemmings — are etched in silver on a polished wood base.

The \$1,200 trophy is on display in the Outrigger Canoe Club's trophy case until 1970 when Hemmings will be asked to defend it.

### Windansea travels

The latest surf film is the story of the Windansea Surf Club and its travels into the South Pacific.

"The Fantastic Plastic Machine" is the product of Eric and Lowell Blum, both non-surfers. Release is by Crown International.

Variety writes:

"The camera work of John Stephen and George Greenough is stunning and brilliant. Greenough's capture of the 'tube' is both terrifying and beautiful.

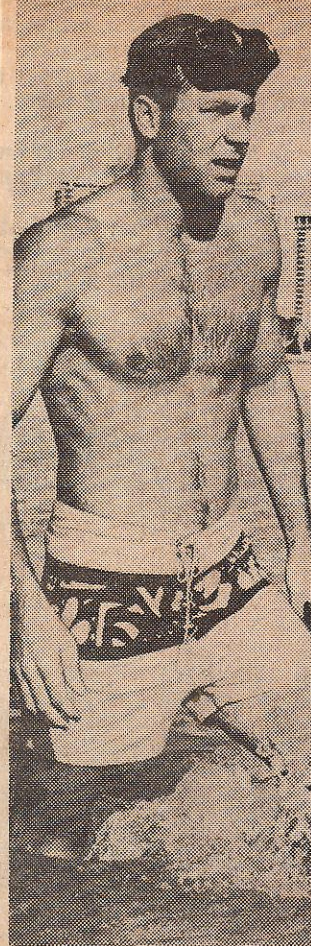
"Despite its no-name cast, the picture has good boxoffice potential."

Local surfers who made the trip nearly two years ago included Ed Farwell and Ken Morrow.

The Blums produced the 93-minute film on a \$180,000 budget.

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Harry Huffaker

## Dentist to try 32-mile channel swim tonight

Swimming dentist Harry Huffaker will try tonight to make history's first conquest of the 32-mile Alenuihaha Channel between the Big Island and Maui if weather conditions remain favorable.

He said he will start out from Upolu Point, the northern tip of the Big Island, at about midnight. He will aim for Maui's "nearest reachable point," and expects to complete the swim by 5 or 6 p.m. tomorrow.

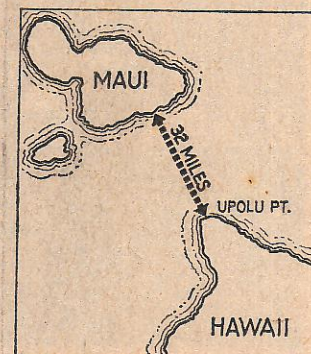
The 30-year-old Honolulu dentist was the second person ever to swim the choppy 27-mile Molokai channel in 1967.

He has been training and preparing for the swim from the Big Island for the past year but has had to postpone a number of starts because of unfavorable weather and water conditions.

the big concerns of Huffaker and a team of swimmers and friends who will accompany him.

Different chemicals will be used to discourage the sharks along with a special underwater gun that will go off on impact against a shark.

A native of Michigan, Huffaker has been long-distance swimming since he was nine.



HE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL in two attempts to master the English Channel. He made it to within two miles of the English shore in 1964 before being pulled from the water unconscious.

After coming to Hawaii in 1966, Huffaker began swimming daily at Ala Moana to prepare himself to swim the Molokai channel.

Before Huffaker's feat in August, 1967, only Keo Nakama — now a member of the Hawaii State Legislature — had been successful in mastering the treacherous currents of the Molokai channel.

Greta Andersen, Danish-born conquerer of the English channel failed twice in attempts to swim the Molokai channel in 1961.

Huffaker says Hawaiian waters have the advantage of being warmer to swim in.

He says the big dangers are the currents and sharks.

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## Swimmer 'strong' in 32-mile ordeal

By Ron Haworth  
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Harry Huffaker, Honolulu's swimming dentist, was reported swimming strong and past the halfway point at mid-morning today in his attempt to be the first person to conquer the 32-mile Alenuihaha Channel.

Huffaker stepped into the water at Upolu Point on Hawaii Island at 1:17 a.m. today.

The Honolulu accepted the challenge despite strengthening trade winds, which could ruin his hopes of reaching Mokulani, Maui, by nightfall.

The weather bureau said trades were about 10 knots (12 miles an hour) today in the channel.

This meant that Huffaker had to swim against the wind, instead of being helped by "Kona winds."

Trades of 10 knots usually produce small waves, and numerous whitecaps.

The night hours—when he was most vulnerable to shark attack—were said to be the most crucial part of Huffaker's attempted long-distance swim.

To discourage sharks, he swam between two escort boats, keeping within close sight of the men aboard at all times.

