

## Dave Donnelly's Hawaii

**T**HIS is not to suggest that Annette Stapleton, wife of real estate tycoon John Stapleton, is a daredevil, but when she met 45 members of the Beehive Rangers rugby team from Dublin on a Honolulu-bound plane from California, she invited them—all of them—to a party at her home. No word yet on the reaction of her husband. The Irish rugger will be playing a number of games in Kapiolani Park beginning tomorrow afternoon. Arriving yesterday for the party marking the 150th anniversary of Lahainaluna School was Frank Ferreira Jr., who'll be the grand marshal at the anniversary festivities. Ferreira, who now lives in San Francisco, was graduated from the school in 1904 and is 95 years old.

AT yesterday's Hawaii tourism promotion luncheon at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, moderator Kim Jacobsen got an appreciative laugh



when he defined a local boy as "someone who can walk through Waikiki without getting hustled for time-sharing." Gene Ronstadt, the former boxer who now runs a security firm, has a famous second cousin named Linda, but he doesn't make a big deal about it. If she wants to date the governor of California, that's her business. New England Patriot tight end Russ Francis has received many honors in his day, not the least of which was being selected all-pro by his peers, but he was extremely moved when students of Kailua High selected him to be keynote speaker at their graduation ceremonies June 6. Francis already has arranged to film a series of TV spots for the United Way, but he insisted the timing be such that he could return to his alma mater to make the address. You may want to catch tomorrow's "Wide World of Sports" on ABC, shown last week on the mainland, because two young men from Hawaii, Peter Ehrman of UCLA, and John Hedlund of USC, can be seen participating in the NCAA volleyball championships, and both were named to the all-tourney team.



Francis

ARCHITECT Des Brooks, a regular on the Trappers dancefloor with wife Pauline, had arranged to take two Trappers waitresses to the Outrigger Canoe

Club for lunch, but they had no idea he'd planned to arrive dressed as an Arab. Brooks showed up in his Rolls-Royce wearing flowing garments and a burnoose, complete with dark sunglasses, and as he was strolling into the Hyatt Regency he saw old friend Sally Goldman coming out. "Good morning, Mrs. Goldman," said Brooks. Sally, who was somewhat astonished at being recognized by what she assumed to be a complete stranger, could only come out with, "Hello." Until she reads this, she won't know who the "Arab" was. Speaking of Rolls-Royces, at the unveiling of the newest Rolls (at a mere \$107,000) at Shelton Motors this week, comic Andy Bumatai was chatting with Rolls salesman Harry Dove and actor Tom Selleck when his manager, Kim McVay, drove up in a Mercedes. Quipped Bumatai, "Here come the trade-ins."

HONOLULU Symphony clarinetist Bill Jackson is back from Prague where he finished fourth among nine finalists in the international clarinet competition. First prize—surprise!—went to a Czech, second to a Russian and third to a Pole, so Bill was tops from this side of the Iron Curtain. He played Aaron Copland's "Concerto for Clarinet," the piece commissioned for Benny Goodman, and he'll be featured in one of the subscription series concerts this year. The downtown Goodwill store on King Street has a hand-written sign stating, "Big Saving, White Alaskan Fox Stole, Valued at \$1,500, Selling for \$500." Sorry, fox fur fans, but it's been sold already—the stole was a steal at \$375. The last day for

the Brothers Cazimero at the Ala Moana Hotel is, May 30, and not June 30 as mentioned here the other day. That means you've only got another week to see the two in action there.

STRANGE goings-on in Lahaina: Somehow an airplane was placed on the pier in front of the Pioneer Inn, and it sat there a week with no one paying any attention to it. Questions: How did it get there? How come nobody seemed to notice it? Who was responsible for it? Lots of questions, but no answers, yet. There was a "Laugh In" reunion of sorts at Chez Paul in Olowalu, Maui, the other night when Arto Johnson and the show's former associate producer, Carolyn Raskin, dined there. Both were on Maui for a TV special being filmed at Kaa-napali, and Johnson found the little restaurant more than "Verrrrrry interesting." In fact, he said he planned to write *Gourmet* magazine with a personal rave. He wasn't the only one impressed with the restaurant. Dining partners Toby Martin (former manager of the Osmonds) and Earl Brown (musical consultant to Andy Williams and Dinah Shore) joined him in raving about the place. Isle surfer Gerry Lopez is appearing in a film called "Conan the Barbarian" with Arnold Schwarzenegger in Spain.



Johnson

show and also celebrate the third birthday of the school. Everyone gathered for a buffet dinner at the I Diamond Head home before taking in the show.

## Ben Wood's Hawaii

**W**HEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE HOT: And the bidding was hot between Alicia Davies and Mary Ann Ferguson for a visit to the set of "Magnum, P.I." and lunch with star Tom Selleck. Alicia came out on top with a bid of \$650. The Magnum lunch was on the block at the benefit auction and dinner-dance for Unity School, held at the Royal Hawaiian last weekend. The auction's No. 1 offering, a 1939 Rolls-Royce with an upset price of \$50,000, was not snapped up.

Former Mayor Frank Fasi, off and running for governor, was auctioneer. He put the crowd in a light mood by asking if anyone wanted to bid on dinner in the near future with "Joyce and me" at Washington Place, the governor's residence. Spotted hobbling out of a Harbor Square elevator with a cast on a broken foot was Kekaulike Kawananakoa. The Hawaiian princess was with Billie Beamer, former Hawaiian Homes chief and unsuccessful lieutenant governor candidate. Billie is now doing consultant work out of her residence. Most airline execs like to be suited up for photos that appear in inflight magazines. But not John J. Higgins, head man at Mid Pacific Air. He's pictured in the airline's first issue, hanging out the cockpit window of one of his planes and washing the windshield.



CLASSY GUY Jim Nabors didn't want a big thing made of it but Maestro Donald Johanos announced at last weekend's Waikiki Shell Starlight Concert that Jim didn't charge the symphony for his services. An entertainer of Nabors' caliber could command a five-figure fee. Nabors said it was the first time he had performed with a symphony orchestra. Jim returns to the Hilton Dome tonight after a quick trip to Alabama where he received the annual National Brotherhood Award for Distinguished Service from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. GOLLLLLLLLL! A no-class award should be equally shared by all who were involved in the fiasco that kept Les Murakami's U. of Hawaii baseball team from competing in the NCAA playoffs. The whole thing stinks. San Francisco's annual 7.63-mile Bay to Breakers Race is a fun-filled affair with runners wearing everything from formal attire to absolutely nothing. Last Sunday's event was marred by tragedy when a runner, who must have had Hawaii ties, collapsed and later died in a hospital. The man was wearing a black and white jogging suit with "Honolulu" on the shirt and "Outrigger Canoe Club" on his pants. He was identified the following day by the *San Francisco Chronicle* as Richard W. Graham, 46, of Marina Del Rey, Calif. 280



Nabors

THE MAKAHA SONS of Ni'ihau are back at

Hank's Place and the Kaimuki watering hole was jumping last weekend. Things got even livelier when Leinaala Kalama Heine and a group including Roland Cazimero came in after the Cazimero Brothers' Ala Moana Hotel show. It was Leinaala's birthday and she and Nani Parrilla, Jade Hind, Kelsey Reeves and Misty Hironaka danced to the Sons' music. Others enjoying themselves were Eleanor Mahiko, Ollie Akau and Alan McKeague. Although it was near midnight, Akau and McKeague were still having their "pau-golf drinks." Ollie was insisting that the Akau clan is the largest in the state. Any arguments? Hula-dancing waitress Shanye Valeho seemed to be enjoying herself, too. Perhaps it was because she was graduating from the U. of Hawaii the following day with a major in Hawaiian studies and with a 3.2 grade-point average. She worked her way through all four years of school at Hank's. Working at Hank's is an education in itself.

POLICE SGT. Francis Bernie was beaming proudly last weekend at the Kahala Hilton. He had watched his son, former Punahou griddler Shawn Bernie, perform on the football field but never in a Polynesian show. Jennie Johnston also expressed pride as her granddaughter, Vaune Feldman, danced. And there were many other parents and grandparents watching the Squires and Ladies of the House of I on their final night at the Hala Terrace. The group was filling in for Danny Kaleikini, who was on vacation. Milton I, his sister Leimomi Maldonado and Bill Dodge, who head the Squire school, thought it would be a nice gesture to have the parents attend the final

show and also celebrate the third birthday of the school. Everyone gathered for a buffet dinner at the I Diamond Head home before taking in the show.

FORMER ISLAND RESIDENT Ann McCormack, who sang in a number of elegant saloons here before moving to L.A., says she has landed a part in a CBS movie, "A Life of Her Own," starring Jean Stapleton.



McCormack

"I have really gotten into acting and I'm quite good," writes Ann, who was never ever known for modesty. "Let's face it, I've been acting all my life. Enclosed is my latest picture, taken about a month ago. No, it's not touched up. That's the real face. Not too bad for an old broad, huh?" Annie hasn't changed a bit. McCormack's son, actor Don Stroud, has been signed for a major role in a film called "Sweet Sixteen." Hollywood agent Lew Sherrell heads a group of 80 people from Los Angeles' Cellar Club arriving tomorrow. Band Leader Del Courtney believes that the show must go on. He had a nonmalignant "growth as big as a grapefruit" removed from his stomach on a Tuesday. The following Friday, his doctor took out the stitches at 2 p.m. and told Del to go to bed. But at 3:30 p.m. he was on stage leading his orchestra at the Royal Hawaiian's tea dance. "I had to lead the band with my left hand because I couldn't move my right side," Courtney groaned.

## That New Kid on the Block Is Catching Up

The Hawaiian Warriors Canoe Club, under the watchful eye of coach Richard "Babe" Bell, goes through its daily training workout off Magic Island in preparation for its second season of paddling in the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association. In their initial season last year, the Warriors finished sixth in the State and figure to be a major force in the OH CRA this year.—Star-Bulletin Photos by Dennis Oda.



# New Challengers Highlight '81 Canoe Season

Quicken your stroke, Outrigger Canoe Club. Don't look back. Hui Nalu. Step up your pace Healani, because the Hawaiian Warriors Canoe Club—that new kid on the block—is closing fast.

"We expect to win some individual heats this season," said Warrior Coach Richard "Babe" Bell, "but don't count on us to win any regattas. This (Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association) is a tough league and most of the clubs have been building for years. Heck, we're only in our second season."

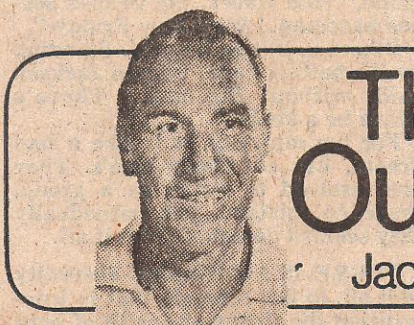
But in the competitive OH CRA, no club can afford to sit back and rest off their paddles, particularly when there are coaches like Bell calling the shots. "In last season's all-state championship—our first in the OH CRA—our Warriors placed sixth overall fielding only three teams," said Bell. "This season, I look for our young crews to carry us through."

THE 15-CLUB OH CRA kicks off its

regatta schedule on June 7 with the King Kamehameha contest at Kailua Beach. The season continues through the Oahu Championships at Keehi Lagoon on July 26. OH CRA's long-distance racing season gets underway on Aug. 23 with the Duke Kahanamoku event off Waikiki and concludes with a Molokai-Oahu race in October.

And if the OH CRA schedule isn't enough, consider the 18-club Hui Wa'a & Surfing Association's regatta season, which begins on June 14 at Waimanalo and carries on to its championship race on Kaneohe Bay on Aug. 1. Hui Wa'a has already held several distance events this season.

With 10 fiberglass canoes and a fast koa racing canoe, the Warriors, as far as equipment, are better off than most clubs. And what about a home? There aren't too many locations better than Ala Moana Park. So what's Bell's problem? "Lack of crew depth among the adult paddlers for starters," he explained.



The Outdoors  
 Jack Wyatt

"WARRIOR PRESIDENT Sam 'Steamboat' Mokuahi Jr. has done a fantastic job hustling up canoes and finding our practice site," Bell said, "and now it's up to my coaches and me to train winning crews. We've got some talented youngsters—strength through the sophomore paddlers. But after that we need help." Bell, who once won four consecutive state championships as Healani

Canoe Club's coach, believes in a youth-oriented club. "Kids grow with you," he said. "A strong youth program provides a club's foundation. And the Warriors have a good one this season."

When it comes to recruiting and instilling interest among paddlers, Bell is a master. "My 12-and-under boys came from a Hui Wa'a club that folded," he smiled, "plus I've signed on joggers, bike riders, and people strolling through the park.

We seldom turn down anyone who asks to try out." Bell claims that he can have a beginning paddler competing successfully on a novice crew in six to eight weeks.

BUT IF YOU BELIEVE that outrigger canoe paddling is all fun and games with very little effort, Bell suggests that you consider another activity. Paddling, he says, is a serious sport and must be treated as such.

"We keep our paddlers busy," he explained, "and not sitting around when not paddling they're busy jogging and doing calisthenics. We don't allow smoking or drinking at practice. This separates the serious paddlers from those who are not."

While Outrigger, Hui Nalu and Healani canoe clubs appear to be the teams to beat in the OH CRA, Hui Wa'a & Surfing Association President Peter Apo says his association's favorites are Kaneohe, Waikiki Beach Boys, Lo'a'a and Kamehameha canoe clubs.

"We're looking toward strengthening the quality of the association by staging coaches workshops and advanced crew training," Apo explained. "The crew strength among Hui Wa'a clubs is more evenly distributed than it is in the OH CRA. This shapes up as a competitive season for us."

BUT EVEN WITH Bell's youth movement, OH CRA's powerhouse clubs and Apo's grass-roots changes, life among Hawaii's outrigger canoe racing is not all smooth water and koa bowl trophies.

Missing this season is the All-State championship, where best of both associations meet in a common regatta. Added this season is OH CRA's own Molokai-Oahu race on Oct. 11, three weeks' later than Aloha Week's cross-channel classic.

A canoe racing season without measurement, scheduling, boycott, and other flaps is rare indeed and this season appears to be no exception.