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THE WHOLE ecology question has its roots in the 1968 mayoral race, according to **Boyd Worley**, when **Andy Anderson** allowed himself to be chosen to head the GOP ticket in a "smoke-filled room" in Miami . . . Outrigger Canoe Club members are drawing battle lines over President **Tommy Thomas'** unilateral decision to keep people with long hair, unkempt beards or those wearing medallions out of the club. One member, advised by letter not to bring a long-haired friend into the club, sent a reply asking about the bearded weirdo in the red suit who had been there around Christmas time. In answer to the new ruling, some 30 members showed up one day wearing medallions—some costing as much as \$300. Others have publicly burned their membership cards. Really now, aren't those restrictions a bit silly? . . .

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Balding gets 'winged O'

Peter Balding was presented the "Winged O" last night as the Outrigger Canoe Club held its annual awards banquet.

THE COVETED award was first presented to the

late Duke Kahanamoku.

Balding, club captain, was singled out for his all around athletic ability and club activity dedication. Tennis, volleyball and surfing are his favorites.

Special mention was accorded the Outrigger volleyball team, coached by Ron Sorrell, which took runnerup honors in the National tournament at St. Louis.

Joey Cabell, Paul Strauch

Jr. and Keone Downing received special awards for their surfing victories.

DR. Harry Huffaker was presented a plaque for his attempt to become the first man to swim the Alenuihaha channel.

More than 150 individuals, many of them youngsters who paddled during the canoe regatta season, were honored.

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Group Aiding Children to Meet

The Hawaii Association for Children with Learning Disabilities will hold its third annual dinner meeting at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Outrigger

Canoe Club.

Speaker will be Dr. Henry Dupont, University of Hawaii psychology professor. He will speak on "Problems in Program Development."

Deadline for reservations is Feb. 12. Reservations should be mailed to P. O. Box 10187, Honolulu 96816.

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And the Beacon Magazine adds their two cents worth to the Outrigger Canoe Club's banning of hippie dress, calling the announcement from prez **Ernest H. Thomas** "reminiscent of the Aryan race buffs" . . . How-about-that: "Sy" Symonds, the ace criminal lawyer, usually battling the gendarmes in court — defended a policeman recently . . . Better late than never: It was 50 years ago that **Frank Scrivener** (of Baltimore) had orders to report to Pearl Harbor. At the last minute, his orders were changed. Last week, 69-year-old Scrivener, ex-aviation rigger 2nd class, finally made it to Pearl where he visited the Arizona Memorial . . . **Greg Chuck** of Aaliamanu Place suggests a person who tries to sell flowers is a petal pusher . . .



Scrivener

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Outrigger Honors Standouts

Over 150 Outrigger Canoe Club athletes were honored at a banquet last evening. Sports recognized included canoeing, volleyball, surfing, tennis, sailing, swimming, road running, golf and mountain ball.

Club captain Peter Balding was presented the "Winged

O", OCC's top award first given to the late Duke Kahanamoku and Olympic volleyball star Tom Haine.

Balding was singled out for his all-around ability in water sports and tennis and dedication to club athletics.

SENIOR SURFERS toast-

ed were Joey Cabell and Paul Strauch Jr., Duke Classic and International Makaha champs, respectively.

Dr. Harry Huffaker received a plaque for his two attempts to swim the 29.5 mile Alenuihaha Channel and was remembered as the "loneliest man of '69."

Coach Ron Sorrell presented awards to Outrigger's volleyball players who finished second in the AAU tournament at St. Louis.

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Surf Spray



By Ron Haworth

Big Man Can Win, Too

They all laughed at the sight of 205-pound Ben Aipa when he arrived at Haleiwa with a 9-pound potato chip under one muscular arm. What wasn't seen was the sure gleam of determination in his eyes.

Aipa's potato chip was a surfboard he had made just a week prior to the Haleiwa Sea Spree Surfing championships.

"I wanted to prove that a big man could surf well using a 7-foot board in large surf and that it wasn't really necessary to own a board for every occasion."

Aipa, who looks as though he could hold his own with the Los Angeles Rams' "Fearsome Foursome", outclassed his 4A field in winning the Sea Spree.

It was a big win for the ex-Farrington star who excelled in football, swimming and the shotput before graduating in 1960.



Aipa has his eye on the World Surfing Championships due to be held late Spring in Australia's fine surf.

"The surest way for me to get to Australia is to enter all the Hawaii Surfing Association sanctioned contests — and win!"

"Six surfers will probably have their fares paid — three by the WSC and three by local organizations like HSA, Outrigger Canoe Club and Waikiki Surf Club."

Ben Aipa

"Outrigger and Waikiki Surf will take care of their own — that leaves four spots . . ."

(Just what group will have the final say on Hawaii's team has not yet been released, but it will surprise this columnist if much deviation appears from last WSC when Wally Froiseth, George Downing, John McMahon and the HSA president made up the selections.)

Aipa, not wanting to appear over-confident, would not go beyond the first three choices who should be automatic in everyone's ballot.

Defending world champion Fred Hemmings should be joined by Duke winner Joey Cabell and Paul Strauch who grabbed Makaha honors.

And who can say Aipa won't lead the second trio?

If Aipa's bid is successful it will mark his second WSC since he began surfing in 1964 — not a bad track record for a beginner.

Rented Board Started Aipa

A lazy afternoon and a rented board was all it took to shape a former top college swimming prospect into a hot surfer.

"The day I stood up on that gremmie-scarred rental I was all out stocked," he remembers.

Aipa rented that board in 1964 — until then he had only body-surfed — but it took him but a year's practice before he was ready for the contest scene.

He proceeded to win the Kauai Spring championships first time to the post. A better maiden record he couldn't have had.

At the time Aipa had his goal set on being invited to the Duke Kahanamoku Classic the following year. He surfed all 365 days toward that ambition.

And not only did he receive the coveted invitation but he advanced all the way to the finals.

"Only two unknowns got in the Duke that second year," Aipa recalls with pride.

"The other was Eddie Aikau."

Amiable Aipa believes that gambles pay off when the going and competition gets rough.

"I'll take chances that many surfers won't if success can mean extra points on the scorecard. Sure, sometimes it backfires — but I like the odds."

Sees Boom in Pro Surfing

Like so many top surfers Aipa is looking toward a boom in professionalism and he sees the newly created 4A classification as an all important step in that direction.

"Money was available for last week's Sea Spree contest, unfortunately the HSA by-laws prohibit professional overtones."

"I'd like to see this rule changed."

No matter what a youngster wants from the sport, he could do worse than pattern himself after Aipa. Take heed . . .

"Some surfers blow their chances because of dope or they lose heart when the breaks bounce against them."

"Instead they should remember that there is always another wave."

The sport can be proud of Ben Aipa.

The Outrigger Canoe Club will honor 150 athletes Monday at the annual club banquet. Bill Davies' fine Molokai canoe movie "Spectrum IV" will climax an evening of awards.