OCC Women's Volleyball

By Genie Kincaid

For player-coach Diana McKibbin, expectations will run a little higher this season with good reason. This year's women's team has many returnees from last year's squad, including McKibbin, Marcie Wurts, Wendy Crabb and Paula Jenkins, who helped to take OCC to 5th place in the Haili Tournament. But joining them this year are seasoned players Tyler Dacey and Keri Fernandez whose talents add more dimension to the OCC game plan.

"In the past, we've always had fun and really enthusiastic players on the team. And though it's a little early to tell, this year's team seems a bit stronger, has better conditioning and more depth," says McKibbin.

"Depth" this year means the team can concentrate on knocking out opponents instead of themselves. The team competes in tournaments which means match play goes on all day long. McKibbin can now go to the bench and give the starters time to rest which is something the team couldn't do before.

Punahou star Diana Clifford, Mary Shoji, Nina Williams and Genie Kincaid have joined the team giving it some relief in the stretch.

The season runs from January to May with most of the tournaments sponsored by the USVBA. The tourneys put on by colleges, like Chaminade, BYU and UH, are sanctioned by the USVBA and give the schools an opportunity to raise money through entry fees. The OCC team will participate in 6-8 tourneys and hopes to reach the regionals which will be in Hawaii this spring.

Competition in the league will be fierce and exciting. Among the teams OCC will face, the UH Rainbow Wahines, former UH players, and the various NAIA colleges are top bill and will be tough to beat. But McKibbin is confident of the team's chances.

"Last year in Haili, we were 5th out of about 15 teams. This year we have Tyler back who's always strong in the middle and outside. And now we have extra bodies who are also real good players."

"Our short term goal is to go for the top three," says McKibbin without hesitation. And the long term? "To build a program at OCC. We've always had the attitude that we're gonna have fun. Well, we'll still have that but we're also going to be more competitive and more successful."

OCC Sponsors Kayak Race

By Bill Danford

Outrigger will again sponsor a 9-mile kayak race from Hawaii Kai to the Club on Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m. Check-in time in Hawaii Kai will be at 9 a.m.

Kayak Committee Chairman Bill Bright invites all members to participate in one of the many classes regardless of how you think you'll finish. The success of the race is meas-