

# UNIVERSITY GOING AHEAD WITH PLANS TO HOLD AQUAFEST

Refusal of Hui Makani to Show and Withdrawal of Army Will Not Affect Status, Searle Says—  
Hopes for Success of Indoor Swim Meet

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REGARDLESS of the refusal of the Hui Makani to compete and the inability of the Army to enter a team due to the fact that its men will be occupied with military duties, the annual Hawaiian indoor swimming championship meet will be held next April by the University of Hawaii, Theodore Searle, graduate manager of athletics and aquatic coach, announced yesterday.

## Buck Lai To Present Best Player Medal

Most Valuable Player in  
A. C. A. League to  
Be Rewarded

TO THE most valuable player in the A.C.A. Baseball league, which will get underway February 3, Chinese New Year's Day, William "Buck" Lai Tin will present a gold medal, it was announced yesterday by Herbert "Bunny" Chung, president of the A.C.A.

This award will be made annually by the great Chinese ball player who returned to Honolulu recently after an absence of 18 years to select an all-star team for a tour of the United States.

Lai Tin will also participate in the opening ceremonies at Lanakila Park, where all the league games will be held. Others slated to participate in the ceremonies, are Consul General K. C. Mui of China, Harry Yim, big boss of the champion Chinese team of the Hawaii league, and possibly Mayor Wright.

Chung stated yesterday that he will go to see Chief of Police Gabrielson immediately to secure a permit to burn firecrackers at

Searle stated that current developments have not interrupted his plans for the compet, which will be staged in four nights—April 5, 12, 19, 26. He is optimistic that it will turn out to be a success.

"Even if it is necessary for the University of Hawaii swimmers to compete among themselves, the championships will be put on," Searle said.

### OTHERS ENTERED

That, however, will not be the situation, for at least five other clubs will be represented, they being the up and coming 40 and 8 club which holds sway at the War Memorial Natatorium with Knute Cottrell at the helm, the Citywide A.A., Nuuanu Y, Palama and Outrigger Canoe Club.

Entrants from the last named organization will be solely women, and among them will be Olga Clarke, Mrs. Mildred Slaght Hooper, Gladys Slaght, and Jean Pope. The Citywide A.A. and the University of Hawaii will also flash a few mermaids.

Maneuvers, target practice, and other duties which will prevent its natators from training properly have been advanced as the reasons for the Army not defending its championship in the forthcoming meet. With a well balanced team, the Sectorites nosed out the University natators for the title in the 1934 compet.

### NO REAL REASONS

The Hui Makani has no tangible reasons for remaining aloof. It is a common knowledge, however, that its members harbor some

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