

"AMATEURS"

In the olden Hawaiian days it was the custom for winners of outrigger canoe races to receive cash-prizes. After the Outrigger Canoe Club was created on May 1, 1908 its members were among the first, if not the first, to refuse cash in favor of medals, cups or other non-monetary prizes. The OCC supported such an "amateur" advance. The Club has a duty to protect the amateur standing of its young members and no person should be allowed to represent the Club in any contest where cash is involved. No profes-

sional should be allowed to represent the Club. And there is a question as to whether a Club team should be allowed to enter a contest competing against professionals. Many of the Club members enter colleges and universities on the Mainland and their amateur status could be jeopardized by accepting money as a prize after contesting in an outrigger-canoe race in Hawaii. Similarly one of our outstanding athletes might be barred from Olympic games. The line between professionals and amateurs should be more closely drawn in Hawaii.