



Among the paddlers attending the kick-off dinner were (l/r): Paul MacLaughlin; Walter Guild; Brant Ackerman; Head Coach Mark Buck; Mike Mason; and Tom Conner. —Photo Scoop

Paddlers kickoff Canoeing Season with Dinner

By Stephany Sofos

On April 25th the Canoe Racing Committee launched its "Paddlers' Kick OFF Dinner" to start the new season. The chicken dinner, which was delicious, was cooked by committee members and served buffet style in the Snack Bar area.

Canoe Racing Chairman Tuck Siegfried explained the importance of becoming actively involved this year, both as a paddler and supporter. He urged that, with 150 seat positions to

fill for the season, everyone consider coming out for training and racing.

Head Coach Mark Buck explained paddling, procedures on equipment, and training. He said last year was a building year, in which we were second in all regattas and won our own Macfarlane Day Regatta. This year with many experienced paddlers back we should have a winning season.

Assistant Coaches Tom Conner and Brant Ackerman announced that paddling training was to start April 28th, with the first race of the season coming June 1st. They both stressed the importance of taking care of the equipment. They also noted that this year there will be the largest number of Wahine long distance races ever.

Thanks for planning and conducting the affair go to Canoe Racing Committee members Tuck Siegfried, Bill Bright, Bill Cook, Barry Hall, Archie Kaaua, Don Mailer, Cline Mann, Marshall Rosa, Mike Mason and Stephany Sofos; and Coaches Mark Buck, Walter Guild, Brant Ackerman, Tom Conner, and Paul MacLaughlin.



Tom Conner working on Kakina.—Sofos photo