

Paddling Kick-Off Party

By Lisa Siggers

It's paddling season again, with the Kick-Off Party on April 4th starting the summer-long paddling events. Canoe Racing Chairperson Darcy Ames and her committee members did a great job, with "Michael Jackson's Other Glove" as the party theme.

Registration began at 5 p.m. with many new paddlers signing up as well as lots of old-timer's—those who have been through the action-packed season at least once before.

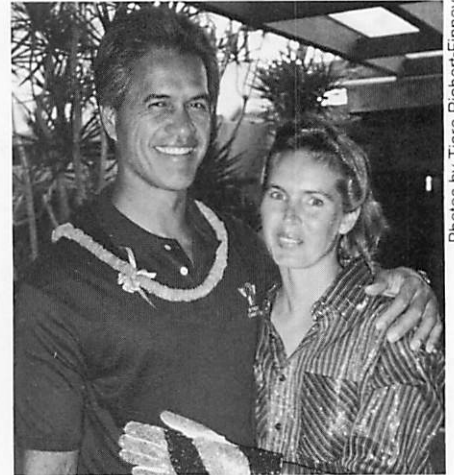
An ono spaghetti dinner kept the opus full, and hours of music kept everyone dancing. This year's paddling theme song, "The Heat Is On," had the dance floor packed with prospective paddlers. Many door prizes were given away in the "Michael Jackson's Glove" contest, including a new paddle, generously donated by Walter Guild and Hank Lass of the Fiberglass Shop and won by Ian Moore. Future paddler Aaron Ackerman collected many of the gloves discarded from the door prizes, thinking they were the niftiest prize of all.

The night, enjoyed by paddlers, supporters and spectators, was a great success. Let's all keep up the good work and good fun throughout the paddling season!

Right: Darcy Ames and Henry Ayau.

Below: paddlers sign up. From left: Steven Quinn, Darcy Ames, Mark Buck, John Finney, Henry Ayau (Head Coach).

Bottom: from left: Mark Buck, Tiare Richert-Finney, Colleen Quinn, Karen Jones.



Photos by Tiare Richert-Finney

Tragic Event

Our sympathy goes to Paige Vitousek, whose beautiful home high on Tantalus Mountain was recently destroyed by fire. Paige had just left the Club on her way to teach her real estate class when she looked up and saw the smoke. Her friend Jeff Tilley and Gordon Hess raced up the mountain to ascertain if it was in fact her house. Alas, they reported back, it was. In the meantime Gerri and Jack Pedesky and Di Guild went to the site to see if they could find Paige and assist. Grady Bintliff was also there to help, and since he is her next-door neighbor he was equally concerned about his own home. Had there been a breath of wind that evening, it would have taken his house, too.

Talk about fast communications, Paige's nephew, Karl Heyer IV, was watching the event on the TV News, and immediately called his mom, Arden Moore, in Washington D.C., to tell her "Auntie's house is burning, I'm watching it now." All of this before Paige knew it was her house.

