

Perimeter Run

By Don Eovino

The OCC running team completed the 134-mile perimeter relay race around the island of Oahu, including Kaena Point on February 11.

The team, composed of seven runners, gathered for a 10 p.m. start on a Saturday night.

Starting off the brisk night was Dustin Sellers. Paula Jenkins ran fast legs especially around Waiahole/Waikane. Mike Stirling ran the fastest of the legs but at the price of injuring his hip. To avoid disqualification of the team, he needed to complete

three more legs. He valiantly accomplished this by alternately running sideways, backwards and even skipping.

Tommy Damon and Billy Balding were in great shape and ran six legs each, doubling up legs for others. Christie Bengston ran three legs back to back including picturesque Kaena Point and ran back to her North shore retreat after completing her legs, almost 20 miles.

Katy Bourne provided humor, enthusiasm and ability as she captained the team. Her husband Peter provided support by escorting each runner on his bicycle for almost the entire 134 miles. Don Eovino and

Dawn Isa were the escort drivers.

The race was full of camaraderie and a bonding experience for all involved. The total running elapsed time for the 134 miles was 16 hours, 10 minutes which is a blistering 7:14 per mile average. Everyone is looking forward to next year. Ø