

Jimmy Smith Trained in Japan

Sqd. 5 Sophomore Holds Top Japanese Judo Belt

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Jimmy Smith, Squadron 5 sophomore, is master of one of the most dangerous hobbies in Japan—Aikido.

Aikido is a type of judo which is taught in Japan primarily for self-defense purposes. It can't be classified as a sport because it has no set rules or ethics to follow. The closest training to it in America are self-defense tactics taught the Marines. The main objective of Aikido is to stop an attacker—for good.

Jimmy holds the first degree black belt. He took instructions two hours a day for two years before qualifying for his belt. During the last six months of practice he made four appearances all over Japan, one in Kodokan, world Judo headquarters.

"The main tactics of Aikido are kicks and blows which are inflicted to any part of the body," Jimmy said. "It doesn't take great strength, but instead concentrated energy in one part of the body. The object is to use the opponent's own momentum to bring him down."

During practice sessions opponents use hunting knives, with minimum blade lengths of six inches, and try to disarm each other. People have been seriously cut and even killed by knife wounds or blows inflicted in practice, but Jimmy's most serious injury was two broken ribs.

Before each match Jimmy goes through an extensive warmup period which consists of practicing falls and stretching arms and legs in all directions.

He said, "One good exercise is to put your foot behind your head, which is very difficult for most people."

In qualifying for a belt the opponents only feint blows. An instructor is present to decide whether the blows are fatal or not.

Jimmy has a program set up in his outfit where he is teaching the freshmen basic techniques of Judo.

Some housekeepers like to add a little rinsing water to help brighten glassware.



—Battalion Staff Photo

Slow On The Swing

Jimmy Smith, judo expert, demonstrates how the Japanese judo professionals defend themselves. Shown holding the hammer in a fashion as to hit Smith is Tommy Hohman, Squadron 4 freshman. It took Smith two years to get his black belt in Japan.

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Fayette and Colorado Counties Hometown Club will meet in the Academic Bldg., Room 105.

Land of the Lakes Hometown Club will meet in Room 207 of the Academic Bldg.

San Jacinto and Bellaire Hometown Club will meet on the second floor of the YMCA. All students who attended Bellaire High School are invited.

7:30 p. m.

Wheeler-Collinsworth Club will meet in the Gay room of the YMCA.

Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club will meet in Room 107 of the Biology Bldg.

Deep East Texas Hometown Club will meet in Room 106 of the Academic Bldg.

Lower Trinity Valley Hometown Club will meet tonight in the Academic Bldg.

El Paso Hometown Club will meet in Room 102 of the Academic

Bldg. All persons living in El Paso or the states of New Mexico and Arizona are urged to attend.

Red River Valley Hometown Club will meet in Room 203 of the Academic Bldg.

Waco-McLennan County Hometown Club will meet in the Cashion Room of the YMCA.

Tyler-Smith County Hometown Club will meet in the YMCA.

Southwest Texas Hometown Club will meet tonight in Room 3 C of the MSC.

Hamlin, Stamford, Haskell Hometown Club will meet in Room 205 in the Academic Bldg.

Galveston County Hometown Club will meet in the Social Room of the MSC.

Runnels-Coleman County Hometown Club will meet in Room 227 of the Academic Building.

Galveston County Hometown Club will meet in the MSC Social Room.

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Marshall Hometown Club will meet in the YMCA.

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