

An old Japanese art

Ags show interest in judo

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Special to the Batt
Every Tuesday and Thursday about 6 p.m. a small group of people appear in baggy, heavy white outfits on the second floor of G. Rollie White Coliseum. They gather to learn how to send people flying through the air and onto the floor. They call it judo.

Judo is a modern adaptation of traditional Jujitsu, one of the old martial arts of Japan. Jujitsu may be defined as an art of weaponless attack and defense.

Jigoro Kano, a student of jujitsu, redesigned the art as an exercise for martial purposes. He began teaching what he called "Kodokan Judo" as an art and sport in 1882.

Neal Schuleman, a second degree black belt, has been teaching judo at TAMU for two years. He has been in judo for 15 years.

Schuleman described judo as having "a contact sport where you take advantage of, or create, an opportunity to off-balance your opponent. You then use a throw, hold-down, and/or choke to defeat the opponent."

"Judo and karate are both martial arts which involve the discipline of both mind and body. But, the similarities end about there," he said.

Persons practicing judo hold onto their opponents in a particular manner. They use the grip to help control and throw the opponent, said Schuleman.

The first thing a beginner learns is how to fall without being injured. Schuleman then teaches the basic throws and hold-downs.

"One of the most important concepts in judo is to learn how to off-balance an opponent and therefore use his weight against him," Schuleman said as he demonstrated how to off-balance a person.

The club is a mixture of men and women. It became apparent that each of the members had similar, yet different reasons for practicing

judo. "Judo to me is a sport, art, challenge and it's a form of discipline, both mental and physical, that you can carry on not only on the mat, but in every day life," said Schuleman, a junior biology major.

Lars Stanley, a senior environmental design major, has been practicing judo for two years. He spoke of it as being "a good way to get rid of energy. You learn something about other people and how the human body operates. It's just fun."

"First of all, judo is a lot of fun, that's for sure," said Paul Nettell, a sophomore pre-medical major. After practicing judo for over a year, Nettell says that "it's a good outlet for emotions. Judo gets your mind off of studying for a couple of hours."

Nettell continued and said, "It develops pride and strength. I guess I do it for a lot of reasons. The biggest thing is that it is a lot of fun."

Bonnie Campbell, a freshman in liberal arts, started practicing with the club in early October. "It makes me more confident of myself and my abilities. I like to come here after a bad day and get rid of my frustrations," she said.

Schuleman said that beginners are welcome to join the club any time during a semester.

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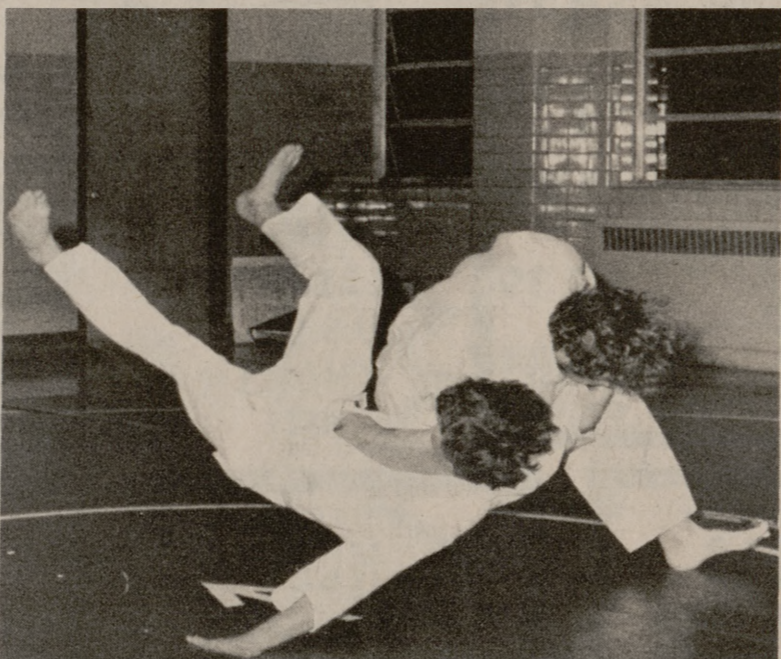
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Roy McClain and Stephen Poe demonstrate judo throws. (Photo by David Kimmel)

Playboys hit Ag-Eco 18-6 for All-U title

In the intramural football playoffs Monday, Puryear defeated the Ag-Eco team 18-6.

On the third play of the game Puryear scored on a 20-yard pass by quarterback Jerry Woodard to Michael O'Neil on a sideline pattern. O'Neil raced the remaining 40 yards down the sidelines for the touchdown. The extra point attempt failed when Woodard's pass fell incomplete.

When Ag-Eco got the ball they didn't show any offense. On the first

play they were penalized for illegal blocking. On the second the pass was incomplete. And on third down Danny Fisher intercepted Mike Adams' pass.

Puryear then drove to within 10 yards of Ag-Eco's goal line. However, Ag-Eco's defense stiffened and aided by penalties were able to prevent Puryear from scoring.

Puryear's overpowering defense held Ag-Eco on three quick plays. The punt was returned 20 yards. Despite several penalties Puryear quickly drove down to the goal line. However, Ag-Eco's defense stiffened again only to be thwarted when Woodard passed over the middle to Don McCallum on fourth down. At half-time the score stood 12-0 as Puryear's second extra point attempt failed.

With less than four minutes left in the game Ag-Eco scored, aided by penalties and a long pass completion from Adams to Carl Wilmann. Bobby Byars caught the touchdown pass on third down. The try for the extra point failed.

The frustration of losing began to show when the Ag-Eco players started tackling. With the personal foul penalties Puryear only had to gain 10 yards for their final touchdown. Woodard passed to McCallum for the score.

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