

Expert leads judo club; KSU players fare well

One of the strange aspects of a large university is that many reputable people are present without ever being heard of or noticed.

One such person is Kiel Soon Park, who is regarded as one of the most proficient judo experts in the world.

Park is not a student on campus, but he is associated with the KSU Judo Club as an instructor.

Park, along with Dennis Kimmell, the adviser of the club, is working with the club, and hopes to add more members and teach them as much as possible about this growing and fascinating sport.

The efforts of the Korean instructor seem to be bringing some results.

Several members of the club recently traveled to the National Collegiate Judo Championships, to compete with some of the country's finest judo players.

Jack Lowrie participated in the 205-pound class, and was vic-

torious in his first three rounds.

Jeff Wyant and Jerry Pitz, also of KSU won their first two rounds before being eliminated.

It is an accomplishment for a player to get by his first round, considering the competition.

In Park, KSU's club has one of the very best in the sport. He is a graduate of the Korean Judo College, a physical education school in Korea.

His medals include a bronze and silver award at the World Judo games in Salt Lake City, and in Rio de Janeiro.

He was the National Korean Grand Champion for several years, and participated in the 1964 Olympic games.

Park has his own judo school, and has many private students, including Tom Cullins, of Cuyahoga Community College, who won first place in the 176-pound division at the recent tournament.

Some of the other schools that were entered in the tourney were: The University of California, San Jose State, Colorado State, Arizona, Michigan State, Yale, and Ohio State.

According to Kimmell, the KSU organization hopes to host a tournament soon.

Plans for a tournament on May 17, are currently being considered, and should be approved soon.

If the tournament is approved, Kimmell said Michigan State, Ohio State, Slippery Rock and Clarion State would be some of the schools invited.

