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The Judo Club at FIU started in late 1972 with a membership of five men and one woman. Our workouts were conducted at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

The attendance was good although we had only four or five additions through the school year. We participated as a team in two tournaments held at Miami Dade North and the results were very good considering the talent in the club. We had four people place - two seconds, two thirds - and the experience was well worth the participation.

While our initial year was somewhat average in interest, just the fact that we had a Judo program made the people at the two Community Colleges (North and South) very happy. They feel that they can now continue learning Judo at our University, where as before this they had to forego any additional instruction because of the great cost at nearby private clubs.

In talking to the two coaches at North and South and seeing the outstanding Judo players that have planned to continue their education here at FIU; because of this program I was encouraged.

I might add that the budget for the Judo Club should be increased to meet the needs of these outstanding players. I really feel that these outstanding players would start our program on its way to becoming a varsity sport here and the

NCAA championships in the future. I say this because of the strong possibility of the sport being added to the NCAA in the near future.

In conclusion, we have had a good start toward a program that is needed at our school, because it satisfies the needs of our feeder system, namely the community colleges. Additional information, budget, facilities, tournaments, etc. will be provided at your request.