OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES

KYOKUSHIN KARATE IN MASSACHUSETTES, U.S.A.



Sensei Larry Giordano





Sensei Larry Giordano, Yodan of Methuen Massachusettes and his students have been keeping very busy with Kyokushin activities. They have been putting on demonstrations and tournaments in Massachusettes and will be going to Canada in April to put on a television demonstration with Sensei Columbo.

An interesting idea is that of exchange students. Sensei Giordano's dojo will be having overseas exchange students from Canada and Sweden. We hope that the idea is catching.

Sensei Giordano is the assistant coach of the U.S. Karate team under A.A.V. and W.K.O.A. There will be a world championship tournament held in China in November and Sensei Giordano will be attending. We hope that he and his wife will be able to stop off in Japan and train in the Honbu.

Karate club

On Jan. 23, the NEAAU presented the first in a series of three Regional Karate Championships at Somerville High School. This AAU sanctioned event was hosted by the Northeast Karate Association — Sensei Sam DiMarco, tournament director.

Among the winners of this competition were the following Greater Lawrence students of Sensei Larry F. Giordano, Methuen Karate Assoc.: Lonnie Giordano: 2nd place, Kata (forms), boys 10-11; first place, Kumite (sparring); Kevin Moore: 2nd place, Kata, boys 14-15; Susan Bergeron: 2nd place, Kumite — women's novice; Guy Lombardi: 2nd place, kata, 3rd place, kumite, boys 10-11; Kevin Warren: 1st place, kata, boys 6-7; Keith Bistany: 2nd place, kumite — boys 6-7.

Also: Susan Rouleau: first place, kumite — women's intermediate; Brian Molten: first place, kumite — men's beginners; Stephen Giordano; 2nd place, kata and kumite — boys 8-9; David Smith: 2nd place, kata — first place, kumite — boys 6-7; Patrick Lahey: 2nd place, kumite — boys 12-13; James Atkinson: 4th place, kumite — boys 16-17; Mary Ellen Moore; 3rd place, kumite — women's intermediate; James Laudani: 3rd place, kumite — boys 12-13; Ann Kenyon; 3rd place, kata — women's beginners; Roseann Filetti: 3rd place, kata — 4th place, kumite. Girls 13-14; Mark Dana;: first place, kumite — men's black belt; Lori Moore: first place, kumite — women's black belt:- Bill Bousley: 4th place, kumite — men's black belt.

The second Regional Championships will be held on March 20 at Methuen High School Field House. The third regional championships will be at Georgetown High School on May 14. Winners of all three will attend the 1982 AAU National Karate Championships at Chicago, Ill., July 24, 25, 26 and 27.