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A test was held in West Bend at the Academy of Martial Arts on May 4 at which Mssrs. Paul DuKatz, Roger Barts, Dwight Drescher, and VH presided, ably assisted at the Corner by Mr. Armando Manresa and Mr. Ryan Kraemer. A total of 17 students tested. Remarkably, there was a total of 7 Decided grades and 4 of those testing Decided were White Belts testing for Gup 9, a record, both in numbers and proportion, for the A.A.M.A. Congratulations to the faculty of the West Bend Academy for this outstanding result.

Put aside the week end of August 23 for Camp TKD, sponsored by the Academy of Martial Arts, West Bend!

On June 8 a Black Belt test will be held in Sheboygan at the Academy of Martial Arts.

A One Day Summer Camp will be held in Charlotte on June 14. For information, contact Mr. Jeremy Kempka amatkd@carolina.rr.com.

The Sereff World Camp will be held in CO on July 1-5. If interested, contact Mr. VH.

A Father's Day Baseball outing (Go, Brewers!) will be sponsored by the Grafton school on Sunday June 16. All students and faculty affiliated with the academies are invited to join with us. Contact Mr. Prohuska at aprohuska@mariancollege.edu or TKD7654@us.america.com.

A single student tested at Sheboygan before Mr. VH with the corner assistance of Mr. Mikkelson May 7.

A demonstration will be given by students and faculty of the Academy of Arts--Grafton at Family Fun Night, Concordia College, Mequon, on June 14 starting at 6:00 p.m.. Students and faculty from any of our schools are invited to join in.

At a test held in Grafton on May 22 the following persons presided: Mr. Bauman, Mrs. Lubner, Mr. Thursten, Mr. Hebein, Mr. Prohuska, and Mr. VH. Drew Dondero and Roy Wells ably shared corner duties. A total of 31 students tested if a travel exemption test given earlier is counted and one student who fell over her own feet walking into the dojang and injured herself too badly to test is not counted.

Put aside September 28, 2002 as an opportunity for a continuous freesparring and traditional form format tournament in Elgin IL. More details later.

On May 18, 2002, a Black Belt Test was held in Huntersville NC for students and instructors in the Association's Schools in North Carolina and West Virginia. Testing for Third Dan were Mr. Scott Reynolds, Mr. Stacy Keys, and Mr. Tony Henderson; for II Dan Mr. Randy Repass and Mr. Jimmy Poff; and for I Dan: Derwin Wagoner, Eric Wagner, Jeanne Weeks, Melvin Burns, Kevin McNulty, Dominic Walton, Jnai Adams, J. R. Brooks, Anna Leonard, Nathan Walters, Greg Mauger, R. J. Tester, Sean Hartsell, Billy Wilson, Richard Chakra, Deanna Fowler, and Taylor Johnson,

Mr. Scott Reynolds is a third grade teacher at Winterfield elementary school in Charlotte and trained in Florida.

Mr. Keys is Headmaster of our school in Princeton W.Va. and is a social worker by trade.

Mr. Henderson, who recently completed Ph.D. requirements, heads up the faculty in our Bluefield W.Va. school.

Mr. Poff is a volunteer firefighter and performed one of the niftiest catches of a flying suspension break Mr.

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VH has ever seen.

Mr. Repass studies with Mr. Keys and struck us as a mature and serious martial artist of considerable ability.

Mr. Wagoner, age 43, has two boys and a burning desire to be as good as he can be.

Mr. Wagner, 39, has twin boys who have their Black Belts and a wife, Patricia, active in TaeKwon-Do.

Mrs. Jeanne Weeks is mom to two and took the outstanding test score award.

Deputy Sheriff Melvin Burns, Sr. is 35 and studies TKD with his son.

Mr. McNulty is 32, father to two girls, and Mr. Kempka describes him as a fierce freesparrer.

Mr. Walton is an honor role student, a member of JROTC, and plays football at Independence High.

Ms. Adams, 15, is a solid student and a budding playwright.

Mr. Brooks is 15 and plays the saxophone, and rumor has it he is also talented at TaeKwon-Do.

Ms. Leonard, 13, is a talented student with a record of solid tournament competition. Her forms showed grace and balance.

Mr. Walters, according to his instructors, is a serious and dedicated young man who understands the essence of advancing in TaeKwon-Do.

Mr. Mauger comes to NC from Florida, is an avid

camper, and did some very nice Ho Sin Sool takedowns.

Mr. Tester studies with Mr. Henderson and acquitted the WV delegation well in showing superb preparation.

Mr. Hartsell at age 11 is bilingual and a baseball player.

Mr. Wilson is rated "academically gifted" and is an active Boy Scout.

Richard Chakra, 10, has been a quality practitioner from the beginning, according to Mr. Kempka, and has grown in the Art by consistent training.

Miss Deanna Fowler, 10, studies TaeKwon-Do with her dad and has lived around the U.S. and Europe. Mr. VH suspects she weighs about 60 pounds despite the impressive breaks.

Mr. Taylor Johnson also studies with his dad and is an "A" student in school.

On Saturday, April 27th, fifteen students from the Academy of Martial Arts, Sheboygan, competed at the North American Tae Kwon Do National tournament in Beloit, WI .

There were over 450 competitors at the tournament this spring.

Congratulations to all the students who competed. The following students were awarded trophies in their respective divisions.

Girls:

Ross Gilbert - 1st Place

Alec Donlan - 1st Place

Marsha Mueller - 1st Place

Tyler Zach - 2nd Place

Nathan Karpinsky - 2nd Place

David Price - 2nd Place

Ethan Mikkelson - 3rd Place

Sparring:-

Ross Gilbert - 1st Place

John Auch - 1st Place

Marsha Mueller - 1st Place

Matthew Schroeder - 1st Place

Alec Donlan - 2nd Place

Trevor Mikkelson - 3rd Place

Tyler Zach - 3rd Place

At the KATU National Junior Championships on April 27 and 28, Mr. Jeremy Kempka led a determined group of students from North Carolina and West Virginia who acquitted themselves well against stiff competition. There were over 300 competitors from two national groups, USTF and KATU. Congratulations to all the students that competed. Among prizewinners were:

Gold medals:

Alexandra Buckley, KATU National Pattern champion Black Belts ages 10-11

Ramon Peleaux, KATU National Pattern champion Black Belt Seniors division

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Silver medals:

Christina Hansen, KATU National Patterns, Black Belts Women division

Bronze medals:

David Christie, US Junior Cup Sparring, Light weight division ages 13-17

Jeremy Kempka, KATU National Sparring, Black Belts men's division
Christina Hansen, KATU National Sparring, Black Belts women.



From left: Mr. Tony Henderson, Mr. VH, Mr. R.J. Tester,
Mr. Stacy Keys, Mr. Jimmy Poff, Mr. Randy Repass