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It's renewal time. Renewals of your subscription to the **T.K.D. Flash** will cost \$5.00 for 2004. Send your check, made out to the A.A.M.A. to 752 Lake Shore Road, Grafton WI 53024.

Don't forget the AAMA Tournament in Waunakee, WI (Madison, WI Area) on March 6th. See your instructors for preregistration forms and tournament information. There will be over 70 divisions at the tournament, which will include, among other events, team patterns and team sparring. Remember that everyone who preregisters by February 20th will be entered into a drawing where three lucky folks will win their entry fee back, COMPETING FREE FOR THE DAY!

And you just thought this is all TaeKwon-Do Department: Jim Sullivan is well known for what Mr. VH considers two of the great films of our era, In the Name of the Father and My Left Foot. See In America if you wish to be exposed to more great cinematic art. Sarah Bolger will tear your heart out.

The first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. to 8:30, Mr. Paul DuKatz will teach a class to Gup Two students and above at the Academy of Martial Arts in West Bend.

USTF maintenance fees are due for 2004. Mr. Kevin McDaniel, Wisconsin State Director, will be sending out the renewal forms with self addressed return envelopes this week. Please check your information on the sheet and send it back to Mr. McDaniel along with any changes and your check, by March 15th.

Attention deficit test results: The Flash is usually published either without a box or with a red box surrounding the masthead. One copy, sent at random in December, had a green box surrounding the masthead, and the person who received that copy would have received a check for \$25.00 according to an announcement in the January Flash. Nobody claimed the prize.

On January 17 a test was held at the Academy of Martial Arts, West Bend, and in the Gup level portion (Mssrs. Kaleb Schad and Ryan Kraemer did Part One of their Black Belt Tests on the same day) a total of 26 students performed. Mr. Dwight Drescher cornered, and Mrs. Ginger Oestreich and Mssrs. Kevin McDaniel, Dan Schwerin, and VH presided.

On January 31 a gup level test was held in Green Bay under the supervision of Mr. Henry Goddard. Mr. VH presided. A total of ten students tested for ranks from Gup Six to Gup Nine. A brief mini-seminar was held on completion of the test.

New Attention Deficit Challenge: The first five persons claiming to have read this issue (#2) of the Flash, if there are five total so reporting by February 15, will receive their subscriptions for 2004 free.

The Association of Academies of Martial Arts hosted a U.S.T.F. Regional Black Belt Test on January 25 at the new John Long Middle School Gymnasium in Grafton WI. Fifth Dan Candidate **Jeremy Kempka** of Charlotte, NC, a Grafton native, Fourth Dan Candidate **John Butitta** of Appleton and Third Dan Candidate **Lily Hunsberger** of Madison led the charge. Second Dan Candidates **Erin Graff, Teresa Brandt, Marc Mikkelson, Mike Love, Dwight Drescher, Cory Pace, Jeremiah Woolwine, Jonathan Woolwine, Kathy Clifford, Debbi Gray, and Valerie Dodds,** and First Dan Candidates **Michael Harper, Sarah Ellis, Gary Pope, Angela Woppman, Aric Broeking, Ryan Kraemer, Kaleb Schad, Danielle Spiessl, Michaela Spiessl, John Auch, Tony Shircel, Matthew Schroeder, Tyler Zack, Adam Doebert, and Drew Dondero** tested as well before a Board headed by Master **Earl Weiss** consisting of Mister **Braxton Miller**, Mr. **Mike Van Pietersom**, Mr. **Kevin McDaniel**, Dr. **Rick Bauman**, Dr. **Steve Osborn**, Mr. **John Firmiss**, and Mr. **Paul Bouchard**. Mr. **Tom Minesal** handled the Corner, assisted by Board Adjutant **Jacqueline Karpinsky**, Safety Director **Paul DuKatz**, Site Manager **Mary Lubner**, Wood Elf **Luke Mattias**, and many other invaluable assistants. A team pattern demonstration organized by Mr. **Jim Pals**, "Some Kind of a Dozen," took place at the half-time break. In all, 29 candidates from five states put on an awesome display of discipline and power. Thanks are in order to their instructors.

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On Sunday night January 25 a TaeKwon-Do Dinner was held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Grafton. Attending were practitioners who had participated in the regional test hosted by the Association of Academies of Martial Arts that day, their families and friends. The following were awarded their Black Belts provisional on completion of school requirements: John Auch, Tony Shircel, Matthew Schroeder, Tyler Zack, Adam Doebert. The following were awarded their First Dans *in absentia*: Ryan Kraemer, Kaleb Schad. The following were awarded their First Dans, a few with provisions: Danielle Spiessl, Michaela Spiessl, Drew Dondero, Michael Harper, Sarah Ellis, Gary Pope, Angela Woppman, Aric Broeking. Awarded their Second Dans were: Erin Graff, Teresa Brandt, Marc Mikkelson, Mike Love, Dwight Drescher, Cory Pace, Jeremiah Woolwine, Jonathan Woolwine, and Valerie Dodds. Awarded Third Dan was Lily Hunsberger. Awarded Fourth Dan was John Butitta. Awarded Fifth Dan was Jeremy Kempka. Kathy Clifford, Debbi Gray had been awarded Second Dan earlier in the day due to travel considerations. In attendance were instructors from the Academy of Martial Arts--Green Bay, Fox Valley TaeKwon-Do, the Academy of Martial Arts--Sheboygan, the Academy of Martial Arts--Charlotte, the Academy of Martial Arts--Grafton, Special Needs Academy of Martial Arts, American Martial Arts Center, Marquette TaeKwon-Do and Lone Wolf TaeKwon-Do. The Head Table consisted of Master Earl Weiss,

Mr. VH, Mr. Mike Van Pietersom, Ms. Kelly Einbeck, Dr. Steve Osborn, Mr. Kevin McDaniel and Mrs. Jacqueline Karpinsky.

Union claims proper procedures not followed

From dispatches of the Associated Press, Wednesday, December 17

DENVER -- The U.S. Olympic Committee should halt decertification proceedings against the U.S. Taekwondo Union because the decision was based on an anti-Korean sentiment and proper procedures were not followed, according to a USTU report obtained by The Associated Press.

The report, sent to the USOC's executive committee last weekend, said the USOC no longer has the jurisdiction to strip USTU of its Olympic charter because it didn't adhere to its own bylaws. It also said anti-Korean bias was the reason the USOC turned down a compromise between lawyers on both sides last month.

The report was in response to a USOC complaint that recommended USTU be dropped as the governing body of taekwondo in the United States and lose the ability to select the U.S. team for the 2004 Athens Games.

Lawyers for the USOC and USTU reached a compromise last month, but the USOC's executive committee turned it down because it allowed for president Sang Lee to remain with the organization in a lesser capacity.

USTU officials have threatened legal action against the USOC if it goes through the decertification process.

"It appears that the USOC lawyers are in conflict with their

executive committee," USTU spokesman Bill Schechter said. "They seem to agree with attorneys on the USTU side that there was a resolution that made sense, but for whatever reasons they've determined that they want to take another route."

The USOC's board of directors recommended in October that USTU be stripped of its membership after an investigation found management and financial irregularities. The USOC's executive committee will vote on the proposal as early as this week, and the matter will be sent back to the board for a final vote.

The USTU report said the USOC lost the right to take away its membership because its complaint did not specifically say how USTU failed to comply with USOC rules. It also said the USOC called a meeting of USTU's executive committee without telling Lee.

"Of course the USOC has jurisdiction to determine matters concerning its membership," USOC general counsel Jeff Benz said. "If it can't determine its own membership, no one can."

The USTU report also said USOC members should be provided federal discrimination protections because the organization receives large amounts of money from the U.S. Government.

The report said the USOC's anti-Korean bias was apparent in an Aug. 4 letter, which said USTU showed "An allegiance to Korea to the detriment of U.S. programs and the interest of U.S. athletes." It also took a passage within the USOC's complaint and substituted African-American basketball players for Korean martial artists to illustrate

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the prejudice.

Taekwondo's international governing body is based in South Korea and many of USTU's members are Korean-American.

"Simply because taekwondo, due to its cultural beginnings and interest in the sport as a largely Asian sport, makes the statements of the USOC no less offensive," the report said. "No matter the cultural or ethnic group that is slurred, statements such as those made by the USOC are offensive not only to the United States constitution, but also to the dignity of sport and the Olympic ideal."

USOC spokesman Darryl Seibel said the complaints were just a smoke screen.

"Pure fiction," Seibel said. "This is just another attempt to try and divert attention from the issue that led to the initiation of the decertification process."

The USOC said it audited USTU eight times in the past 11 years and repeatedly found breaches in internal controls and adopted policies. That includes repayment of over \$244,000 in USOC funding due to unsubstantiated or inappropriate expenditures.

USTU also has gone through four executive directors and five finance directors since 1997, and the USOC said it failed to make scheduled support payments to eligible athletes.

[Ed. note: given what we read last month about the goings on of WTF, what lightning-strike, cleansing remedial action may we look forward to from the "international governing body"

headquartered in South Korea? The bitter truth is Tae Kwon Do as practiced by these pofiteers is an absolute moral disgrace. Of course, this has been siezed upon with joy by those whose motivation is other than the promulgation of the General's Way. For shame.]

Further note on the foregoing: It was noted in AP dispatches at the end of January that the U.S.T.U. has been temporarily reinstated by the U.S.O.C. with the resignation of nearly its entire executive structure. Apparently "playing the race card" didn't work. The U.S.O.C. thus proves, as it has in the past, that, like most international bodies, its primary objective is its own quiet existence rather than problem-solving. So it continues (until the next time).

South Korean official to face bribery charges

[Compiled by International Herald Tribune Staff From Dispatches AP, Reuters] Wednesday, January 28, 2004
SEOUL

Kim Un Yong, a vice president of the International Olympic Committee, was arrested in the hospital early Wednesday pending indictment for embezzlement and bribery.

The Yonhap news agency, quoting unidentified prosecution sources, reported that Kim was accused of embezzling \$3.34 million in funds from the World Taekwondo Federation and the Seoul-based World Taekwondo Headquarters, which issues taekwondo credentials.

Kim also faces accusations he received money in return for

helping two men become members of the Korean Olympic Committee.

A statement from Kim's office said the arrest had taken place without Kim being charged or indicted and that he had been taken immediately to prison. It said Kim had been due to have medical tests later on Wednesday but had been taken away while he was having a meal.

Kim was in the hospital suffering from dizziness and hypertension.

Kim resigned from top posts at the World Taekwondo Federation and the World Taekwondo Headquarters on Jan. 9. He also stepped down as a national legislator.

"I bow my head in deep apology in distressing the nation with my misconduct," Kim said at the time. "I honestly confess during this process I failed to look left and right and made some mistakes."

The IOC's executive board suspended Kim last Friday, pending the investigation. Kim was given a severe warning by the IOC in 1999 after the bribery scandal surrounding Salt Lake City's successful bid for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Emmanuelle Moreau, an IOC spokeswoman, said Kim's membership would remain suspended "until the inquiries in South Korea and by the IOC ethics commission are finalized."

My History in TaeKwon-Do

By Edward Gir daukas

In 1996 I started learning TaeKwon-Do in the month of October. I was nine years old. My parents wanted me to go because it

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would teach me how to defend myself. I was getting teased at school. The instructor told my parents he did not think I could learn TaeKwon-Do. My parents asked him to give me more time. I started to learn things and my classmates started to see me differently. I did my forms in school one day when I was in the fifth grade. My friends thought it was great and my teachers did too. It's fun to be in it. I have always been a polite and respectful person, and people think that my Martial Arts has a lot to do with this, too.

It has been a few years since I began studying and I am so happy that I have reached Gup 2 level. My family is proud of me that I have come this far. I have to do this on my own, without their help. I like structured things, and TaeKwon-Do fits in very well. Even though it takes me a little longer to learn something than most kids, I know I can do it if I keep trying. I always try to do the best that I can in everything. Memorizing comes easy for me. I am able to memorize forms without a lot of difficulty.

Many people, including my friends, don't really know what the Martial Arts are all about. I think they believe it is only learning how to fight and defend yourself and flying kicks and flips always look good to them. I want to let them know that it is much more than that. It has been explained to me that the movements all have meanings. My parents, who are my biggest influence, truly believe in the Tenets of TaeKwon-Do. They want me to grow and be a good human being and to follow those Tenets. I am growing to be

that kind of person, and I know people can see those qualities in me. Who would not be proud of a child who demonstrated the qualities of honesty, integrity, perseverance, indomitable spirit, and self-control? Maybe I could teach other kids someday. I would like to be a good role model for them.

[Editor's Note: Mr. Girdukas tested to Gup One, Decided, on November 1, 2003; at the time of his testing in his remarks, Mr. VH noted that Edward's marked improvement was due to an outstanding work ethic. We are proud of Ed, because he represents the best in TaeKwon-Do tenets of Perseverance and Indomitable Spirit.]

[Editor's Note: The following paper was written by Mr. Tony Shircel, the youngest Black Belt Candidate who tested on January 25 of this year. It is reproduced here, unedited, because it so captures a child's perspective on the subject of situational Courtesy in TaeKwon-Do. Mr. Shircel tested successfully. It is notable that he is a national champion--U.S.T.F. Nationals, 2003, in Florida--and is a student at the Academy of Martial Arts in Sheboygan]

Tony's Paper

by Tony Shircel of Academy of Martial Arts of Sheboygan, WI

If you are wondering what I mean by courtesy in a tournament I can tell you all about it in my report on courtesy in a tournament.

When you are getting started, bow when you get into the gym or school or to the nearest black belt. Or just double bow to the flag.

Once you get dressed into the tournament cloths you must introduce your self to everyone you

meet. Then when you are in groups greet your self to everyone and tell them about you and what school you come from.

When you are doing forms (USTF) watch out for the other competitors also doing their forms. Jump in place if you half to. Say sorry if you did run in to them either way that is nice.

Once your done win/lose shake hands with other competitors. Ask the judges what you need to improve on and what you did good on. "Thank you judges" you say to them.

When sparring touch gloves and start. When he/she is hurt or injured turn around and sit down.

When you are breaking boards bow to the judges after telling them what your breaking with. Be careful of the holders hand, be careful not to kick them.

Congradulate everyone when they are done. Courtesy in the tournament means to me by not palverising people while sparring. We don't want people hurt here now do we?

Courtesy means practice of manners, respect, and consideration towards others. So that you always be kind towards others. Try that and you will do fine. And you will be the courtesy master. When you have done all of that everyone will remember you.

Remember courtesy in the tournament is good not bad. You are always "number one "when you do that.

Make sure nothing went wrong. When something does go wrong, keep your cool, and tell someone. If they say thats the way it is, then thats the way it is. You should then just be polite and thank them.