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At a testing held in Grafton on October 3 ably cornered by Mr. Drew Dondero and Mr. Mitchel Pals, a total of 29 (!) students participated. Of these, a total of 7 received Decided grades. Mr. Rick Bauman, Mr. Mike Van Pietersom, Mrs. Mary Lubner, Mr. Mr. Gregg Thursten, Mr. Luke Mattias, and Mrs. Erin Graff presided. Drew Dondero was appointed to Deacon rank.

A Black Belt Test will be held in Cadillac MI on November 8 and Mr. VH will conduct a seminar there on November 9.

Results at Master Greg Chay's Tournament on the 28th of September: Josh Noel, 1st place breaking, 3rd place forms; Ryan Luft, 1st place breaking, 2nd place forms; Matthew Walch, 3rd place forms, 4th place breaking; Laura Van DeBoom, 1st place forms, 3rd place breaking; Roc Bauman, 1st place breaking, 3rd place forms; Paul Schneider, 2nd in forms, 3rd in sparring; Tyler Zack, 2nd in forms, 3rd in sparring; Tony Shircel, 2nd in forms, 1st in sparring.

On October 10 Mrs.

Karpinsky and Mr. VH presided at a testing at Mr. Henry Goddard's new school in Green Bay, Wisconsin. This is the very first test in Mr. Goddard's school. A total of six students tested. It is remarkable that these new Gup Nines all did well and will help Mr. Goddard lead the charge for I.T.F. TaeKwon-Do in the home of the Packers. Pilsung!

At the NC State Tournament 120 practitioners competed and all pronounced the competition excellent and the tournament a success.

On November 23 there will be a gup test in Mooresville.

At Mr. Paul Metz's tournament on October 21 in Manitowoc, Tony Shircel placed first in both forms and sparring. Marcia Mueller took third in forms, and Eddie Girdaukas also participated.

Sunday November 10, TOURNAMENT in West Bend sponsored by the A.M.A.-West Bend.

A Black Belt Test will be held for Wisconsin candidates on November 2 in Grafton. Participating will be Second Dan Candidate Luke ("Skywalker") Mattias, Mr. Chris Bauer, Mr. James Pals, Mr. Mitch Pals, Mr. Alec Donlon, and Mr. Ross Gilbert. There will be a test in Mooresville January 18

A Black Belt test is planned for Huntersville February 23.

On March 8 2003 USTF Nationals will be held at Jacksonville FL. Those with questions can inquire of Mr. VH or Mr. Kempka.

Book Review: A PART OF THE RIBBON by Ruth S. Hunter and Debra M. Fritsch

by Ross Gilbert

{Editor's note: Mr. Gilbert did this essay as a part of his First Dan test requirements. Those familiar with Korean history will note errors. I have checked, and these errors are those of the authors Fritsch and Hunter and not Mr. Gilbert's.)

The main characters were Charlotte, Jeffrey, and Sabumnim. Jeffrey and Charlotte were brother and sister and Sabumnim was their Tae-Kwon-Do Instructor.

One day after class Jeffrey and Charlotte went up to Sabumnim and asked him what the history of Korea was.

Sabumnim answered, "I could tell you but it probably wouldn't make much sense. So why don't we go back in time and see for ourselves" said Sabumnim. "How can we do that?" asked Jeffrey. "It's

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easy" said Sabumnim, "all you have to do is touch this ribbon and say where you want to go, and it will take you there."

"Cool" said Charlotte, "Can we try it?" "Sure" said Sabumnim. They all touched the ribbon and said Korea. A mist rose above them. It became foggier and foggier until they couldn't see anything. All of a sudden they landed with a thump. Charlotte looked up and saw Jeffrey but not Sabumnim. Jeffrey heard a bush moving, then out came Sabumnim.

"Phew" Charlotte said. "Where are we anyway?" Sabumnim answered, "we are by the farmers rice fields."

All of a sudden they heard loud screams and dust flew, they heard rumbling and the knights of Hwarangdo came riding past everybody. Jeffrey got stuck in the mob of angry people, but Sabumnim and Charlotte jumped into a bush just in time.

When everyone was gone they came out and looked around for Jeffrey, but didn't see him so they walked down to one of the kingdoms and saw a bunch of boys training for battle. They didn't see him so they asked one of the boys if they knew where Jeffrey was and the boy pointed to a deck by a big fence. so they went over to the fence but didn't see anything.

All of a sudden somebody jumped out in front of them, Charlotte screamed. It was Jeffrey. Charlotte noticed that his belt was getting gray. And she said she could wash it for him when they get home. "Oh no you must never wash your belt, because your belt gets darker the harder you work and when you get a black belt it stands for many years of accomplishment. "My belt is only a little gray" said Charlotte.

They talked a little about how the boys trained in all kinds of weather so they concentrate on what they are doing and not on how they are feeling.

The ribbon started to wrap itself around their ankles. The mist rose again and they were gone.

The ribbon took them to the Pusan Harbor where they saw a bunch of men fishing with sticks and string. From there they went to the Observatory. There they learned how the people planned their calendars by the way the stars were. Because of a storm they stayed at the Observatory and participated in a Korean wedding.

The ribbon wrapped around them once again and took them to the Koryo Dynasty. They walked around and saw these men taking a test. When they wrote down and answer they flipped it over and threw it over the wall. On the other side there was a man

checking their papers, this is how they prevented cheating. During the Koryo Dynasty the Buddhists were very rich so the monks got introduced to an open hand fighting call taek kyun which they used to protect their fortune.

The ribbon wrapped around them and brought them to the year of 1232 A.D. during the Mongol invasion. Mongals were strong fighters that took over land that didn't belong to them. The Koreans escaped by running onto ships and sailed into the ocean because the Mongals had a fear of water. Sabumnim, Charlotte, and Jeffrey kept on getting ran over by the people going onto the ships so they grabbed the ribbon and landed on a ship.

They looked behind them and saw pirates following them. It took time but they finally got away by touching the ribbon.

The ribbon took them next to Kaesong 1338 A.D. . They landed in a classroom. The teacher saw Charlotte and asked her to leave because girls weren't allowed in the same room as boys during the Yi Dynasty. The Koreans invented the cotton gin and spinning wheel so they could make clothes out of cotton instead of hemp.

[Editor's Note: Mr. Gilbert's review of A PART OF THE RIBBON by Ruth S. Hunter and Debra M. Fritsch will be continued in the next TKD.Flash.]