

# Tangaza Update

September 2005

## College Administration opts to Continue Sharing Meetings of the Administration

Members of the Tangaza College Administration met at Dimesse Sisters Centre (Karen) on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2005 in the afternoon, determined to look at the tradition of Sharing Days of the Administration which have become a character of the College Calendar once every semester. The incumbents have decided to continue with the tradition with some modifications. Greatly appreciated was the presence among them of Fr. Maurice Scheppers, O. P. the chairman of the BOG, and Fr. Vincent Wiseman, O. P. chairman of the Information Council. The lovely lunch provided in the centre, together with the able facilitation of Sr. Mary Kerber all served to lead to the peaceful deliberations and wise decisions reached.

## Remembering & Celebrating the Lives of our Departed

The Institute of Youth Ministry joined the Tangaza Morning Mass in a celebration of the lives of the departed relatives of the members of the Institute, on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005.

The College community joins itself with all those who are mourning their loved ones in these days, especially parents, siblings and other close relations.

## The Tangaza Women's Hostel Progress

The empty space that was to be the ground for the Hostel has already been transformed into a beehive of activity, with a quickly growing structure. The foundations of the Hostel and the wall-shells of the first two floors are already up; another two floors are expected. But experts explain that this is only the simpler part of the construction, and the more time consuming stages are yet to come.

In the meantime, some women students have already started making booking of the Hostel for themselves, and parameters of occupation of the 50 to 70 places that will be available have to be made public, sooner than later.

## 2005-6 Welcoming Party

The SRC is in high gear planning a beautiful welcoming party for all the first years. There are rumours that there will be a traditional African ritual to initiate the newly born members of the community in. The Maryknoll Institute of African Studies, a *guru* of African religion and culture, has been providing consultation services to the SRC on how best to carry out the initiation rite.

Is there a proper costume for the occasion? Yes, certainly! You are well advised to purchase for yourself a Tangaza T-shirt for the occasion. The polo is going for a mere Ksh. 400, and the simpler ones for Ksh. 250. Come one, come all!!

## College Counsellors set to have a *meet-the-students* tour

Mrs. Phyllis Muraya and Br. John Olsen, CFX are planning a *meet-the-students* tour of the college through the classes. During the tour, they intend both to introduce themselves to the students as well as to hear the advice of the students on the latter's needs. They are counting on the generosity and openness of the students to help develop the counselling services in the College to meet the real needs of students.

## Institutes Highlights

Theology program has started off on a note of newness with the New Director. Fr. Mutinda is the First Director of Theology from the Alumni of Tangaza College. That Fr. Mutinda was once the



SRC President of Tangaza College, not too long ago suggests that the concerns of the Theology Students and by extension, of the whole student body are likely to enjoy greater empathy in the coming years.

Theology takes special pride in having groomed for the College a new Principal, and to underscore its growing strength, this year, for the first time ever, the First year students have crossed the 150 mark in numbers – “we have 156 strong enthusiastic first years”, rejoices the Director.

ISC is at the helm of the formation of the Media Education Forum named META(Media Educators & Trainers Association), the launching of which took place in the College on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

ISC has, for the first time, a full three year cycle. The present third year class is made up of the regular third years and the former transition group.

ISRF is exuding great new hope in the very likely sponsorship of the Institute by the OCDs. A lengthy process of discussions and deliberations has culminated in the commitment of the Carmelites to sponsor the Institute, and, as a first step in the process, they have already missioned Fr. Steven Payne, OCD to work in ISRF. A big welcome to Fr. Steve, and all other new and returning members of staff of ISRF.

Do you know that 50% of IYM students learn on a campus outside Nairobi and are post graduate diploma students? The IYM post graduate diploma program leading to an MA in Youth Guidance and Counselling has just completed one year. The class of 35 who assemble in Maragua in Murang'a diocese during the School holidays are mainly graduate secondary school teachers. This school-based program allows for hands-on practice of skills learnt and the possibility of refinement, based on experience.

IYM is also experiencing the first time of full cycle of students in first, second and third years. The diploma graduates are almost all continuing to the degree. Those that have gone off to the work world

found a job market waiting for their precious skills. *Hongera IYM!*

ISMM had a most successful meeting of the Alumni of the Institute just a few days before the start of the new academic year. The Alumni members (45 in number) were grateful for the opportunity to reflect together and share their experiences as Social Ministers. Discussed future opportunities for accompaniment and for staying connected with each other, with SOMIRENEC and with ISM.. The Institute Administration is grateful for the input of the alumni in their programs and glad that here comes a most promising alumni association.

CTIE held its First Years' Welcoming Party on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August, a departure from the practice of the Institute to hold the event on a Saturday. The change was said to have been worth it as it yielded a much better attendance. No doubt the CTIE First year students feel much more at home now in the college after that momentous party. With the College Welcoming party coming up, no one would blame CTIE first years for thinking of Fridays as Party Day.

#### **Do you know?**

- ✓ That you can learn driving in Tangaza College? Yes! Come and hear more about it from *Rocky Driving School* on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September in B1 at 2.30 p.m. Registrations can be done afternoons in B1.
- ✓ That there will be a Video show about the Life of Br. Roger - founder of Taizé community, murdered last month - in D10 on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m.?
- ✓ That there is talk of the up-coming start of an Environmental club? Wouldn't it do you a lot of good to be more environmentally conscious? Look out for the epiphany of this club, from the initiative of CTIE Geography students.

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