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# Tangaza Update

## Sports Tournament

Oh my.....the beginning of the major work has already begun at last, I said to myself when I entered the TANSA office (2F3 in Imani house) during the week of orientation on seeing two letters waiting for the sports coordinator. Truly, truly, it was the beginning of big things to come. So, the time of the intercommunities football tournament and the inter-institutes athletics showed their heads...they were to begin on the 8th of September and the 11th of September respectively. Though the inter-institutes athletics was to take place after the beginning of the intercommunities football tournament my energy was being consumed by inter institutes athletics since it was the first of its kind in Tangaza and you may or not agree with me but the birth of

anything is not that easy, of which this was no exception. Almost everything was new.

The D-day for the athletics arrived and a new tradition was given birth to in the history of Tangaza.



There were many expectations but given other activities that were happening around Tangaza some of these expectations were not met. However, those that were met made everyone present at the event enjoy the birth of the new born baby. In fact, the 11th of September was really a day of fun and a day of the good and wonderful things that are to happen in the future of Tangaza Sports. Special mention must be made to the massive attendance of members of the CTIE. It is heartwarming to mention the indefatigable contributions of Emmanuel Turay, Benedict Ofosu, Anicetus Taalar, James Mburu, Lousiano, David Opondo and those whose names I have forgotten, these I say ASANTENI SANA!! There is also the need to mention the sterling support of the TANSA Executives, special mention must be made of the General Secretary.

In short, the inter-institutes athletics took off with a lot of enthusiasm and joy, and ended in a fabulous and searching way, hoping for its growth tomorrow.

Apart from inter-institutes athletics there was inter-community

football tournament which had started five days earlier on the 8th of September. The response from various communities was encouraging; many thanks go to sports coordinators of various communities for their special ways of coordinating. The tournament was full of many deep experiences that were worth learning from; it actually did bring out a lot out of the able members of the sports committee. Kudos to you honourables!

It is important to note that the tournament was full of surprises, all those who were the favorites from the start did not make it to the final and the ones considered as "minnows" pulled out the strongest surprises.

The discovery team of the tournament was Millhill/Holycross, while the mover team was Comboni who are now the champions of the 2008/2009 inter-Communities Football Tournament.

Sixty-one goals were scored, six of these were by Gershom Hebile of the Conventuals. The most Disciplined Team was Consolata... showing that they have been back to back champions in the past year. It would be ungrateful not to remember and to thank all communities whose facilities were used in these events, SMA, De Paul and Don Bosco Utume, YOU DID US PROUD. Oops ... my space is up! If you were not mentioned, please, it was not intentional. You are still in the deepest part of our hearts. Shalom to All.

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Sports Coordinator

#### THE CONGRESS? GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

It seems important at this time to highlight the nature and functions of the student Congress and the General Assembly because knowledge, as they say is power. For many, these do not go beyond mere names; but do they?

The Congress consists of a representative from each club/ movement and class, two representatives from each institute and ex-office members, namely the DPSL, the Executive President and Chairpersons of the Standing Committees established for different tasks for the furtherance of Student Life. Is a kind of HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Congress

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The committees are as follows

#### 1. Internal Committee

The most sensitive committee which deals with internal affairs within the college. It calls for high credibility and confidentiality for its members.

#### 2. Communication Committee

This committee works in collaboration with other committees in writing letters and articles in charge of the commission notice boards and markets the commission.

## Charity Committee.

This deals with identifying and responding to needs of our colleagues in and outside Tangaza college. It fundraises for the same.

## 4. Networking Committee.

The committee networks the commission with outside world and organizing for public talks, it networks with other Justice and Peace organizations, colleges and universities.

## This Semester

- We are planning for a pedagogical visit to peace Museum at Kikuyu on 1st of November.
- Working on a visit to Lamu or Malindi in mid December in response to invitation by Justice and Peace of Mombasa Archdiocese.

Tangaza Justice and Peace Commission

## Pro-Life (HLI) Tangaza

We thank you all for being pro-lifers by nature. Pro-life Tangaza welcomes you to defend, protect and promote human life from the moment of conception to natural death. You are most welcome for pro-life on going training at Tangaza college.

This semester pro-life Tangaza held a one day seminar training despite the major events that took place on the same day, ie Inter-Institute Athletics day at DonBosco Utume and the Diaconate ordination of Spiritans at St. Johns

Evangelist Parish.

Pro-life Tangaza seminar was all about:

- Maputo protocol in relation to family heath given by lecture George Kegode of Moi University.
- 2. Family health in relation to human health.
- Legal awareness of Abortion bill 2008 in relation to family health.

Pro-Life Training

Club meeting Tuesdays 10.30-11am in B15- Nuru House.

Every Thursday at 12 noon -1pm in room B15 Nuru House.

Every Friday 2pm-3pm in room B15 Nuru House.

Alumni trained from Pro-Life Tangaza

Pro-Life Co operative College Wednesday 4.30pm-5.15pm.

Pro-Life KMTC Karen Thursday 4.30-5.15

## More about basic Pro-Life training

- 1. History of pro-life (HLI)
- 2. Aim, objective, purpose of Pro-Life
- 3. Basic working skill
  - (i) prayer
  - (ii) Guidance and Counseling
  - (iii) Education, rally and Seminar
  - (iv) Personal life witness
- 4. Pro-Life and the church
- Strategies\_ Jericho model, operating principle & basic foundation.
- 6. Devotions-
  - (i) Blessed Virgin Mary
  - (ii) St. Michael the Arch Angel
  - (iii) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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Is the legislative organ of TANSA. It debates and approves proposals, policies, decisions and budgets as tabled by the Executive. The Congress, in simple terms, gives you the opportunity to take your destiny into your hands as a Tangaza student.

The General Assembly (GA) is a meeting of ALL the students that holds once every three months. Here, students' basic rights to student-related information and of self-expression are explored most fully. You have a right to know, It is our sincere wish that this reflection inspire our eminent students to become actively involved in their own affairs. You are the reason Tangaza exists! No hands off attitude please!

Fidelis Ifeanyi Speaker

## HOW MUCH CAN I/YOU GIVE?

I Once asked a student to do the college a favor by becoming a member of a standing committee of TANSA. She replied how much would you give me? I replied "my support and prayers for you, apart from that, nothing else, for money, I do not have", the student smiled and said "Martin its not money but its your support I need; so how much support can you give me?" and surprisingly responded "all that I have".

My dear colleagues, the question of "how much can I give?" is a question for all to answer. How much can I give as a member of Tangaza family.

Many have started answering the question. The congress men and women, the members of standing committees of TANSA; the sportsmen and women, the heads clubs, movements, the SRC executives is time for you to answer the same question. "How much can I give"

Let us create and make the opportunities, for a wise person I think will make more opportunities than he or she finds.

Nonetheless the question is also to the administration and whoever has Tangaza at heart. I would challenge the administration from all the departments to answer the question—" How much can you in your capacity, give to facilitate students activities?" what good and opportunities can you make and create?

In the words of Richter, do not wait for extra ordinary circumstance to do good for Tangaza, try to use ordinary situations seize the golden moment in your life to make that opportunities,

how much can you give, whoever gets a copy of this update? Take the opportunity I beseech you, besiege the chance I urge you, conquer it I encourage you, answer the question of how much...?" I pray.

Martin De-pores
President Tansa

#### JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION WHO ARE WE?

Tangaza Justice and Peace Commission established in 1989 when Tangaza was purely theological college. At that time it targeted atleast one representative from every community (religious present). It was established to answer the call of pope in line with establishment of pontificate council on Justice and Peace.

When Tangaza was opened for lay students, it was necessary to liberalize the commission to include lay students.

Today the commission has grown in magnitude and has been able to reach many people within and outside Tangaza.

Briefly since 2006/2007 academic year the commission internally has responded to many issues dealing with students, workers, faculty and field assistants. We have reached many students in need of food, clothing and other basic needs.

After skirmishes in collaboration with administration we raised funds and responded to students and staff who were affected in one way or another. Apart from that we have reached many people out-side Tangaza like Ukweli childrens home in Kasarani, Nyumba ya Wazee, Makonde people in Mombasa (Ukunda), children invested by jiggers in Murang'a and Mombasa (Kilifi), IDP Camp in Limuru (2008) and we organized public talks in the College and formation workshops for Justice and Peace Commission Members.

For the Commission to work both effectively and efficiently we work under four formal committees which all the members of the commission are supposed to join at least one.

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## THE GREAT DAY-HIKE TO AGONG HILLS



3rd of October was a great day for all of us some went to graduation at CUEA and some went for a hike at Ngong Hills.

The day started in rather a confused note due to transport

challenges as all Matatus had a harvest day on our busy Langata road due to the graduation, however we managed to reach the foot of the hills at 11.00am

The hike was full of fun as people sung, joked, run after each other as the going got tough squaring the tough hills.

After the second hill everyone was tired and guys didn't have the energy and we needed to do justice to our stomachs and stretch abit.

The journey re-started an hour later after we had lunch and managed to get to the foot of the 4th hill (out of seven hills), and this is where we had total fun. We played games like tug of war, ball games, marathon, drama inspirational songs and dances.

At 4.00pm we said a prayer for God's protection and energy in preparation to go down the hill but Alas!! Heavy rain drops started hitting our emaciated and exhausted bodies. Within less than 5 minutes it was a heavy down pour with no where to take shelter.

I km a head of us we saw a small bush scarcely thick and about 3metres high and we all run there to hide from the heavy showers.

Due to heavy down pour many of us developed complications (call it sickness). With no doctor around we were giving first aid from one person to the other.

After a while the rain stopped again we had new problems of carrying our fellow friends who got sick on our shoulders, mind you we were also carrying crates of sodas and a 15kg tug of war rope.

By the time we got to Ngong town it was 5.00pm and the sight of us by the residents was unbelievable since we were all wet and muddy. It was uneasy for us to enter the vehicles.

By 6.00pm many of us were dropped at our various destinations

The hike was organized by Campus Ministry . Our thanks go to the organizers and Special thanks to

Br. Dennis Lee who facilitated the success of the day The day was great and unforgettable

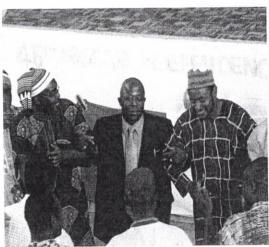
## 48th Nigeria 's Independence Day Celebration

There is a Nigerian proverb which says that a tiger does not have to proclaim its tigritude. Nigerians do not need to stand on a roof top to announce their existence within the school arena. Every 1st October is a public holiday in Nigeria. It is a day to remind each Nigerian of their liberation from colonial rule. Nigeria's Independence Day is marked by the sons and daughter of Nigeria all over the world. All Nigerian friends join them in this celebration Nigerian students in Tangaza college were not left out of the celebration. The celebration was anticipated by the students so it was on the 30th of September instead of the 1st of October.

The day started with Eucharistic celebration. The mass was animated by the Nigerians presided over by Fr. James Ekanem assisted by Fr. Anthony Oche. A thought rendering sermon was given by Rev Gabriel SPS to remind Nigerians of their duty of praying for our great nation, which needs the continuous protection and guidance of God.

From North to South, East to West, together we celebrated the independence in style.

Nigerian attires worn by the Nigerians and their friends on the day spoke about the beauty and the rich cultural heritage



of the Nigerian people. Later in the eafternoon we had the party to celebrate the beauty of our great country.

The Nigerian ambassador Dr. Chijioke Wigwe was there to grace the occasion. He was full of joy for the students and encouraged them to be good ambassadors of Nigeria.

Nigerian entertainment put all present on their feet. Nigerian dishes spiced up the occasion. Those present for the occasion enjoyed the dishes which were prepared with love.

Nicholas Musyoki, ISMM

Tony Ekezie, S.D.B