

R.I.P: Mourning our Dear Father

Take the opportunity to inform both, the internal & external readers of Tangaza College that we have lost a son, brother and father with the passing to Eternal Life in recent days of our beloved Father Ambrose Mutinda, C.S.Sp. (March 4th 2009).

Father Mutinda, born in July 16 1967 in Machakos District, attended nursery and primary school in his home village.

He entered the junior seminary (Popé Paul VI, in Machakos) where he did his O-levels. Upon finishing O-levels, he enrolled at Queen of Apostles, Ruaraka, and completed his A-level.

In 1987, he began his vocational journey towards religious life and Priesthood upon entering the Mission-

ary Spiritan College in Njiro, Arusha, Tanzania. In 1991, Father Mutinda first entered Tangaza College and completed his undergraduate studies in 1994. Father Ambrose was ordained a year later (1995) and first missioned among the Massai People in Arusha.

In the year 2002, our son came back to his Alma Mater as a lecturer following his studies in Sacred Scriptures at the Biblicum in Rome where he earned a License in Sacred Scripture.

Since that time, Father Ambrose has been an active member of the College Community as a Lecturer in the School of Theology as well as the Institutes.

He was most appreciated both, in and out of the classroom. In the year 2005, Father Mutinda became the

Dean of Theology, a post he held until his untimely death.

So, you can readily see he was our son as he journeyed through the college as a student. He is a big Brother to several siblings, young priests particularly, Spiritians and to students he has taught over the years and a Father to our current students at the College. He will be sorely missed!

Our heartfelt condolences to Father's mother, his siblings and to the religious family, the Spiritans, upon the death of their son and brother.

May the Angels Lead the soul of Father Ambrose Mutinda into Paradise!

**Bro. Dominic,
The Principal.**

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Beauty for the IDPs

By Stephen Muinde

Brygettes Ngana and Leonard Li- both ISC students are Miss and Mr. Tangaza respectively, in the first ever Tangaza beauty contest.

Irene Kiio (IYM) and Oscar Ojwando (CTIE) came in second with Hellen Kimaru and Antony Mwendwa (both of ISC) coming third.

In a colourful beauty contest held at KCCT club house and characterized by deep cultural expression and

creativity, the above were crowned winners. Lucianno and Joyce Kuria (Mr. and Miss Tangaza Culture) were on hand to crown their fellow beaus.

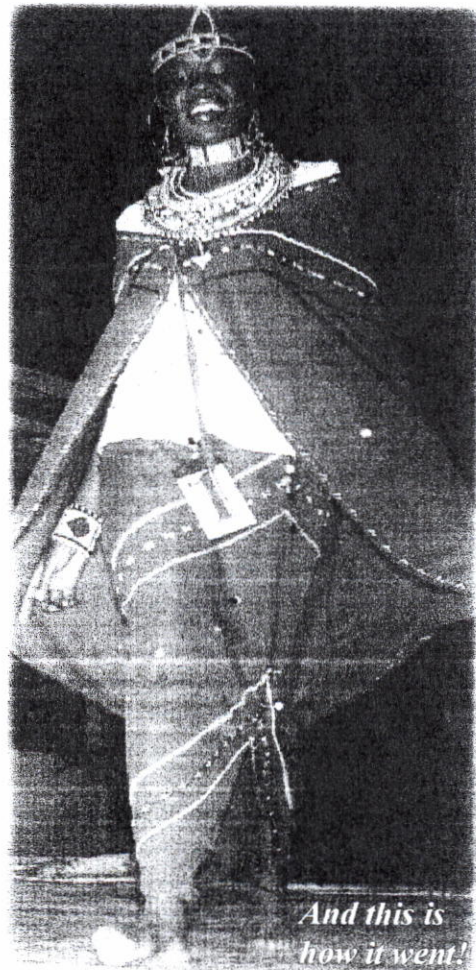
Proceeds from the event are expected to benefit IDPs in Ngarua Camp, Burnt Forest.

The beauty contest was arranged in several categories which included – evening wear, and African look category. It was like no other in the history of Tangaza College.

The results of this contest were arrived at by a panel of experienced judges who included a former Tangaza (ISC) student and now NTV news presenter Mr. Mark Masai.

There was also, Miss Ntalian, a one time model in Germany, currently a choreographer and model trainer at Scarecrow and Kinky modeling agency. Miss Sarah Ochwada (former Miss Catholic University 2007 and 2nd runners up Miss University 2008 and a 3rd year Law student at CUEA).

Jimmy Ndungu, also of Scarecrow completed the panel.



Feb 28: A Night to Remember

By Stephen Muinde

It can clearly be billed as the event of the year for the Tangaza student body. Days ahead, the TANSAs officials worked hard together with many other volunteers and administrators to make the day a success.

And that Saturday, many Tangaza students and their friends arrived at the KCCT club house with great excitement and expectation. They came in their tens, some driving, others walking and many still in their respective community vans.

The event attracted former students, KCCT students and many other members of the public.

Though cold, the sitting space at the lower end of the swimming pool was if anything beautiful with a tinge of the low lighting, bright lights on the distant stage, darkened skies and the lurking darkness.

It took time for the event to kick-off and by minutes to 8 p.m, things started

rolling. The MCs of the day (Emmanuel Turay and Maureen Juma took to the stage to break down the events lining up the whole evening. By then, everyone was settled and expectant of what was about to unfold.

The Tangaza band opened the floor with the tune 'Nataka Kuwa Nawe' and moving on to do the West African song, *My Sweetie*.... Other performers followed up including the Nijja flames, Valerian Atieno (ISC 07'), Machizi, and DNA of *Banjuka* fame.

Apart from a few tunes from local bands like Mike Rua and the King of Ohangla, Tony Nyandundo, (played by the Djs) few other tunes made the crowds stand, until one Jua Cali took to the stage.

Security at the backstage had problems controlling scores of young supporters who wanted to even come onto the stage with the 'King of Genge.'

Jua Cali in his characteristic fashion pulled the crowd of young revelers to the stage front and they all danced their energy out tune after tune. Many insisted on shaking his hand, some almost pulling him off stage. He sang himself dry and by the time he left the stage; the revelers were still baying for more.

As is characteristic with his performances, when he does the song 'Kwaheri' most of his die hard fans know the 'king' is retiring and so he did bringing the event to a close.

The Planet T-experience, social evening cum Beauty Contest (all for the IDPs) event came to a close soon after 12 am. It was a time to go home the crowds were still asking for more, maybe, next time!

For those who have known Tangaza for some time, they will agree, that this was a clear milestone, a break from tradition, the past and possibly a break into new grounds.

The Ups and Downs

Bringing together piece by piece, the Tangaza social evening, (dubbed 'the Planet T-experience) was no joke! Bravo to all those who made this day what it was!

Great efforts, time and money was spent towards the success of this one event that every student in the college was yearning for.

Initially slated for the Carnivore grounds, and later pushed to the not so known KCCT club house (Club on the hill). The venue was beautiful, (despite the obvious hazards of the open swimming pool and excited young people). I must be quick to add at least most were responsible enough and the MCs were careful to remind everyone to be careful with the beautiful waters before them!

However, the event did not miss its anxious moments. Being the first outdoor event for the college, no one knew exactly what to expect! These uncertainties must have been on many a people's mind.

Meant to start at 6 pm, the main events started minutes to 8 pm and ended 2 hours late at 12 am. The stage lighting was not quite favourable for those seated at the far end of the swimming pool as it only concentrated on one end.

The sound system, good enough for our indoor activities proved too little for the open space on a hill side. During DNA's performance, someone had to hold the sound trappers close enough. Jua Cali was also seen on several instances during his performance urging the Djs to do something about his microphone.

And at the end, some frustrated that the event had come to an end and there was no more music intentionally broke beer bottles that had accumulated all over.

However, this day was a success, safe for these few incidences that threatened its obvious beauty. Probably these are some of the things we should watch out for in our next outing (s).

Karate Club wins Medals

Two members of the Tangaza Karate Club emerged victorious in the Annual Catholic University Sports fest.

Benjamin Ngororabanga won in the Kata Mens category and Shawn Givenore won in the Kumite Mens category.

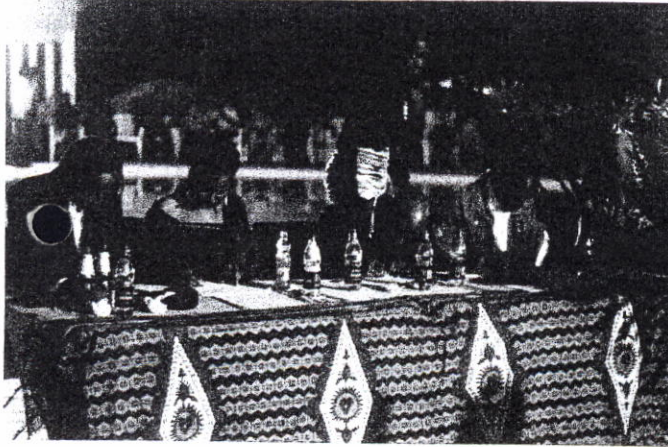
The sports held on the weekend of February 21st featured Strathmore University, Egerton University, Consolata Seminary, Catholic University as the hosts, among others.



Some Karate members

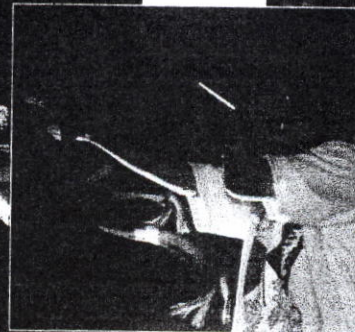
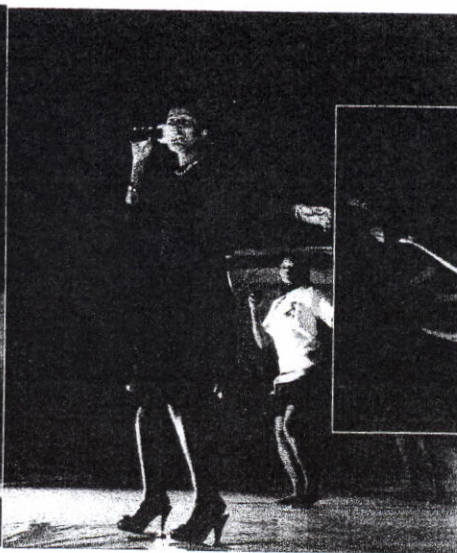


They were there for the great day (above) the MCs , The contest judges hard at work (below) and if you did not see, here are some of the shoes they wore.



Above: models display part of the wear for the day.

Below: The 'King of Genge' Jua Cali belts out his tunes, Valerian Atieno



Above: Getting down to business or so to say!

Inset: DNA of banjuka fame.

Below: Eric makes sure the sound is just right....

Below: The smiles tell it all, Next: The Principal gives his address



In Memory of Fr. Mutinda

The passing on of Fr. Mutinda stirs all of us to the keenest sense of sorrow!!! My prayer: That even as Fr. Ambrose begins a chapter in eternity and leaves us to dwell in time with an understanding so fickle and un-comprehending, we may yet make efforts to raise many Ambroses among us to live and stand for values that he did! UNITED IN PRAYER, - Christopher Oyoo Yaye.

Rest In Peace Fr. Ambrose! The Lord God Almighty picked a beautiful flower! - Accountant.

Fr. was not only a friend but also a brother to all. The vacuum left by him will never be filled. - Auditor.



May Ambrose's soul rest with God in peace! We thank God for the gift that he was to us. We shall truly miss him. RIP - Jacinta ssnd.

May he who touched the hearts of many and made them bloom, be touched by the Creator and bloom in his Presence. Rest in peace Fr. Ambrose. - Fr. Hubert Pinto.

Surely our days on earth are numbered, how we make use of them is what matters, Fr. Ambrose played his part its now up to us who have been left to be the best that we can. Rest in peace Fr. Ambrose Mutinda and courage to all affected! - Ruth, IYM.

Fr. Ambrose taught three courses in ISRF, so we all knew him as an outstanding teaching and a fine man. We will miss him very much, and we pray for his family, friends, and community. But we also know that his spirit will always remain with us at Tangaza, and that we meet him each day in the "communion of saints" at the eucharist. Fraternally, - Steven Payne, OCD Director, ISRF.

May your soul rest in Peace Fr. Ambrose! - Library Department.

We loved him but God loved him more. R.I.P. - Caroline Kambua, ISRF.

Hmm! When a big tree falls everything seems to be at a stand still while others sigh to look and contemplate it. Fr. Ambrose is that kind of tree. His calling makes everyone sigh and contemplate. We the students of TANSA send our condolence to the school of theology and of course the whole administration board of the falling of this great tree, Fr. Ambrose. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE. Tangaza Students Association (TANSA).

Blessed are those who sleep in the lord...they will rest from their labour and their good deeds will follow them(Cf.Rev 14:13). Fr. in God's hands you rest,in our hearts you remain forever.in God's Everlasting Arms rest till we meet again. - Eric Mulei.

Embrace him Lord, for here on Earth he was simply our best. The ones we love are never gone; they live in our hearts forever. Rest in Peace Fr. Ambrose. - Mercy N. Kibe, HR.

Well, it is just the shell that crumbled,
The gem that lived in it shines on.
We shall meet again.
- Mwangi Gachara, CTIE English Dept.

COMING UP

- » Mar 14 - ISC Open Forum on Media and Social Responsibility.
- » Mar 14-15 - Tangaza Justice and Peace Commission (TJPC) visit to Ngarua IDP camp in Burnt Forest to donate the collections from the college and the Social Evening.
- » Mar 18 - Public Talk by PLO Lumumba on Contemporary Political Situation in Kenya (The Kenya We Want, The Kenya We Do Not Want). Courtesy of Tangaza Justice and Peace.
- » Mar 19-22 - TJPC to visit Marsabit for the reconciliation of warring communities.
- » Mar 20 - Inter-Institute Quiz.
- » Mar 25 - Tangaza Day
- » Mar 26-27 - Theology Symposium.
- » Mar 28 - CTIE Sports Day.
- » Mar 31 - Tansa elections.

Tangaza Update would like to express its heartfelt condolences to all members of our college, Spiritan community, family and friends for the great loss we have all suffered by the departure of Fr. Mutinda. May God Rest his soul in Eternal Peace.

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