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TCCSTFI INTRODUCES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CRIMINOLOGY PROGRAM UNDER HUMSS STRAND

By Ashley Quilario
Photos by ACEY

Tagum City College of Science and Technology Foundation, Inc. (TCCSTFI) has officially launched its Senior High School Criminology program under the Humanities and Social Sciences (HUMSS) strand, becoming the first and only school in Davao del Norte to offer the specialized track. The initiative aims to

provide senior high school students with early and focused exposure to criminology and law enforcement education. Dr. Deo S. Casintahan shared that the program was introduced to address the absence of a similar offering in the province:

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I was motivated to introduce Senior High School Criminology under the HUMSS strand because no school in Davao del Norte offers this specialized program. It is unique, and it allows students who aspire to become law enforcers to gain hands-on experience early through activities.

Dr. Deo S. Casintahan
School President

PRE-BACCALAUREATE MARITIME STUDENTS EMBARK ON EDUCATIONAL SHIP VISIT

By Ashley Quilario
Photos by Grade 11 Optimistic

February 9, 2025 — Sasa, Davao City – Grade 11 Pre-Baccalaureate Maritime students of School Year 2024–2025 participated in an educational ship visit aboard an Oceanic cargo vessel docked at Sasa Port. The activity aimed to enhance students’ understanding of maritime operations through firsthand exposure beyond classroom instruction.

Upon arrival at the port, students were provided with proper safety gear and escorted by company personnel to the ship, where they were introduced to the vessel’s captain.

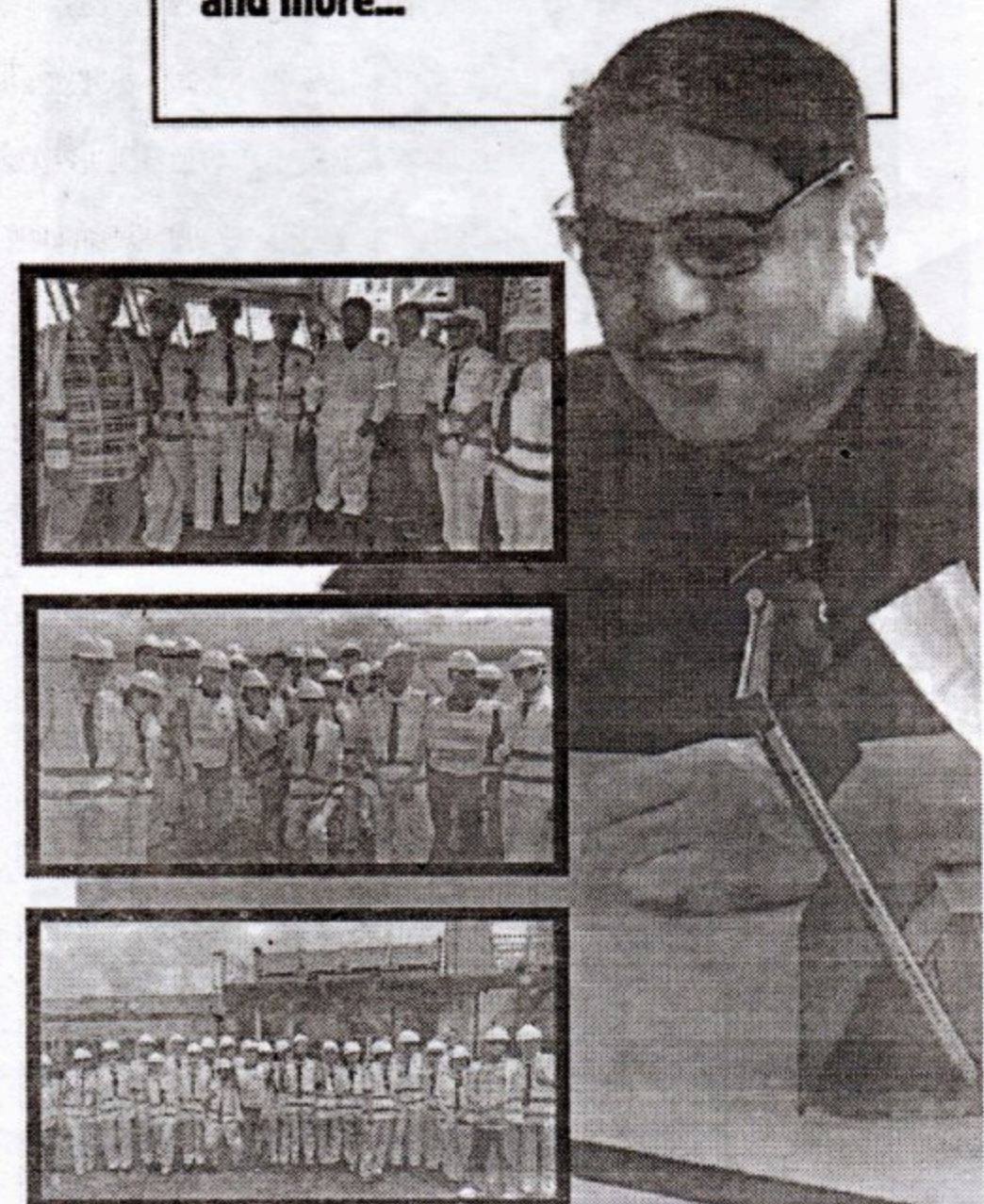
A total of 20 students assembled at the TCCSTFI gymnasium at 6 a.m. and departed at 6:30 a.m., accompanied by Dr. Deo Casintahan, Louie Maguilang, LPT, Cherry Mae Tero, MaEd, and Mr. Diosdado Baba, Sr.

The tour began at the engine room, where the chief engineer explained the ship’s main engine components, followed by visits to the boat deck and bridge. The activity concluded with a photo opportunity with the captain, marking the end of a meaningful learning experience that gave students valuable insight into real-world maritime operations and professional shipboard life.

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TCCSTFI-SSLG MEETING DE AVANCE

SSLG CANDIDATES PRESENT PLATFORMS IN MEETING DE AVANCE

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Kathleen Jane Descartin

The Commission on Elections of Tagum City College of Science and Technology Foundation, Inc. (TCCSTFI) conducted the Meeting de Avance for the Student Supreme Learner Government (SSLG) candidates on March 21, 2025, at the TCCSTFI Gymnasium. The event served as the final campaign rally before the election, giving the candidates the opportunity to present their platforms and gain the support of the student body.

Representatives from the two competing political parties are B.R.A.D.E.R. (Batang handang panagutang ang Responsibilidad sa pamunuan. Aktibo sa kaayohan, Disiplinado sa Edukasyon ug Respeto alang sa tanan.) and B.A.R.O.G. 2.0 (Bagtik, Aktibo, Responsable, Organizado, Ganado), took the stage to outline their proposed programs and advocacies. Each candidate introduced themselves and presented their platforms that can contribute to the school's continued growth.



TCCSTFI IPINAGDIWANG ANG IKA-17 ANIBERSARYO KASABAY NG MAKULAY NA INTRAMURALS 2024

By Ashley Quilaro
Photos by Shooters' Club



Matagumpay na ipinagdiwang ng Tagum City College of Science Technology Foundation Inc. (TCCSTFI) ang ika-17 anibersaryo nito noong Setyembre 23, 2024, kasabay ng pagbubukas ng Intramurals 2024 na may temang "TCCSTFI @17: Fostering the Culture of Unity and Camaraderie through Sports." Isinagawa ang isang linggong intramurals mula Setyembre 23 hanggang 28, 2024, kung saan hinati ang mga mag-aaral sa apat na pangkat: Charging Trojans, Pride Pioneer, Ultimate Team, at Mighty Squad.

Tampok sa mga aktibidad ang iba't ibang isports at paligsahan tulad ng badminton, sepak takraw, basketball, volleyball, athletics, table tennis, chess, modern dance, dance sports, at Mobile Legends tournament. Ang pagdiriwang ay nagsilbing pagkilala sa mga tagumpay ng paaralan mula nang itatag nina Dr. Deo S. Casintahan at Dr. Leodivica B. Casintahan noong 2006, gayundin sa patuloy na ambag ng mga mag-aaral, guro, at kawani sa loob ng 17 taon.



Feb-ibig is on the Air: TCCSTFI's Valentines Celebration

By Kathleen Jane Descartin

Photos by TCCSTFI SSLG

In the spirit of love and togetherness, the Supreme Secondary Learner Government (SSLG) of Tagum City College of Science and Technology Foundation, Inc. (TCCSTFI) brought a wave of kilig and joy through a lively Valentine's celebration filled with fun, laughter, and heartwarming moments.

The Baylehan booth, inspired by Filipino tradition, offered a vibrant dance floor where students joyfully danced and celebrated friendship. Meanwhile, the Love Box booth allowed participants to send anonymous notes and gifts, creating a space for heartfelt expressions of admiration, appreciation, and kindness.

Among the most popular attractions was the Wedding Booth, which brought humor and excitement to the celebration. With its "mock wedding" setup, students had the chance to pose for photos in bridal attire, complete with flowers, veils, and tuxedos, turning the booth into a playful experience for anyone in the mood for fun.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM BUILDING TUNGO SA PAGKAKAISA

Ang programang Undergraduate Team Building ng Tagum City College of Science and Technology Foundation, Inc. (TCCSTFI) ay isang makabuluhang kaganapan na hindi lamang nagbigay saya kundi nagpatibay rin ng samahan at pagtutulungan sa pagitan ng mga mag-aaral. Sa pamamagitan ng iba't ibang laro at aktibidad, natutunan ng mga kalahok ang kahalagahan ng tiwala, pagkakaisa, at pagiging positibo sa kabila ng mga hamon.

Mahigpit na ipinatupad ang mga patakaran at mekaniks ng bawat laro upang mapanatili ang kaayusan at kasiglahan ng kaganapan. Bawat pangkat ay lumahok sa anim na laro, tatlo sa umaga at tatlo pagsapit ng tanghali. Sa bawat laro, nadiskubre ng mga mag-aaral ang kani-kanilang kakayahan at natutunan ang halaga ng kooperasyon, disiplina, at pagiging bukas sa pakikisalamuha.

Ni Kathleen Jane Descartin
Photos by Shooters' Club



TCCSTFI CAMPUS RADIATES CHRISTMAS CHEER THROUGH TWO-DAY CELEBRATION



Tagum City College of Science and Technology Foundation Inc. (TCCSTFI) celebrated its annual Physical Education Day on March 4, 2025, promoting health awareness, physical fitness, and sportsmanship among students. Guided by the theme "Fitness Frenzy: Unleash Your Inner Champion!", the event fostered unity and enthusiasm across the campus. The program officially opened with remarks from School Principal Dr. Fred S. Tarzona and was smoothly facilitated by emcees Joshua E. Cabasag, LPT, and Dainah Grace R. Matunhay.

A major highlight of the celebration was the inter-level dance competition, which showcased the students' creativity and energy. Grade 12 students dominated the Cheerdance category, while Grade 11 and Junior High students energized the crowd through Zumba performances.

The Christmas spirit filled the campus of Tagum City College of Science and Technology Foundation Inc. (TCCSTFI) as students and teachers came together to celebrate the season through schoolwide classroom festivities. Morning sessions held their celebrations on December 17, 2024, followed by the afternoon sessions on December 18, marking two days of joyful and meaningful gatherings across the campus.

FITNESS FRENZY: TCCSTFI CELEBRATES PHYSICAL EDUCATION DAY

First Year College students presented Folk Dance, and Second Year College students impressed with Hip-Hop routines. The performances were evaluated by a panel of Physical Education teachers, ensuring fair and professional judging across all categories.

Aside from dance, students participated in various physical, intellectual, and traditional activities, including basketball shooting, volleyball, Filipino games, board games, and karaoke. The event concluded with closing remarks from Louie D. Maguilang, LPT, and a closing prayer, reinforcing TCCSTFI's commitment to holistic development, teamwork, and an active lifestyle.

By Aira Milky Joyce Bellotes
Photos by Grade 11 Obedient & Helpful

Classrooms were transformed with colorful decorations, lights, and creative holiday designs that reflected the festive mood of the season. Shared meals and gift-giving activities became highlights of the celebration, strengthening bonds and creating lasting memories within the school community. The campus-wide observance concluded with smiles and a renewed sense of togetherness, reminding everyone that the essence of Christmas lies in unity, generosity, and shared joy rather than grand celebrations.

By Ailcharish Rivera
Photos by TCCSTFI Computer Science Club



TCCSTFI HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CELEBRATORY CEREMONY OF HONOR STUDENTS IN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

February 26, 2025, The TCCSTFI hosted an inspiring convocation for Third Quarter. The School Principal Dr. Fred S. Tarzona and teachers from the High School Department were recognizing and celebrating its students' academic excellence. The event was held at TCCSTFI Gymnasium.

The convocation began with the National Anthem, followed by a prayer and TCCSTFI hymn led by Ms. Jeneza Sanchez, LPT. And the welcome address was delivered by the Academic Coordinator, Ms. Marry A. Whil Montederamos, LPT. Then, followed by Jenella Kyla Ruales, grade 11 section friendly for her intermission number.



TAGUM CITY – Grade 12 Senior High School students of Tagum City College of Science & Technology Foundation Inc. (TCCSTFI) strengthened their career readiness during the Mock Interview Session held on February 21, 2025, at the school gymnasium. The whole-day activity, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00

The awarding ceremony served as the highlight of the convocation, recognizing Junior and Senior High School academic honorees, along with students noted for exemplary attendance and proper school uniform. The program, organized by TCCSTFI teachers under the supervision of School Principal Dr. Fred S. Tarzona, was hosted by Ms. Krystal Gayle Pagod and Mr. Joshua Bautista Lima, LPT. It concluded with a closing message from Mr. Lima, who expressed pride in the awardees and encouraged students to continue striving for academic excellence.

By Princess Almerha B. Labrador
Photos by Aileen Gen M. Veloz, LPT



GRADE 12 STUDENTS BOOST CAREER READINESS IN TCCSTFI MOCK INTERVIEW SESSION

p.m., aimed to equip students with essential job interview skills and professional confidence.

During the session, students participated in simulated job interviews, presenting themselves applicants complete with resumes, cover letters, and supporting documents. Fifteen faculty and staff members served as interviewers, assessing students on communication skills, confidence, and proper interview etiquette while providing constructive feedback.

Grade 12 student Marc Lloyd Damasco shared that the activity helped him understand how to prepare for actual interviews, particularly in organizing documents and making a good first impression. Overall, the mock interview proved to be a valuable learning experience, giving students practical skills and confidence as they prepare to enter the professional world."

By Peter John Salvador
Photos by Jeanne Doriquez, RPM

TAGUM CITY STUDENTS DISCOVER THE POWER OF WORDS AT EARTHVEST SUMMER CAMP

*Written and Photos By
Aira Milky Joyce Bellotes*



The “eARTHfest Summer Camp 2025: Creative Writing Workshop” brought together young writers from Tagum City for five days of creativity and collaboration from April 29 to May 3, 2025. Among the participants were Kathleen Descartin, Aira Milky Joyce Bellotes, and Amirah Generosa of Tagum City College of Science and Technology Foundation Inc., guided by workshop facilitator Ms. Zenia Sanchez. The activity aimed to develop students’ storytelling skills while fostering environmental awareness through writing.

The workshop concluded with a celebration of growth and creativity, as students reflected on their progress and strengthened bonds with fellow writers. Five outstanding works were selected for exhibition at the City of Tagum Cultural Center, while all participants received certificates of recognition, marking the workshop as a meaningful platform for nurturing young voices and environmental advocacy through creative writing.

The workshop opened with activities focused on building connections and sharing personal experiences, followed by lessons on character development through interactive writing exercises. Participants also engaged in online drafting sessions, peer critiques, and group drama presentations based on different themes, allowing them to apply storytelling techniques and receive immediate feedback.

TCCSTFI HONORS GRADE 10 AND GRADE 12 GRADUATES IN 2025 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

*By Elleza Mosquisa
Photos by Shooters’ Club*

On April 8, 2025, Tagum City College of Science and Technology Foundation Inc. held the Graduation Ceremony for Grade 12 and Grade 10 students at the Rodolfo P. Del Rosario Gymnasium, Davao del Norte Sports and Tourism Complex, Tagum City.

The graduation celebration was successfully hosted by Christian Caritativo, MaEd, together with Joshua Lima, LPT.

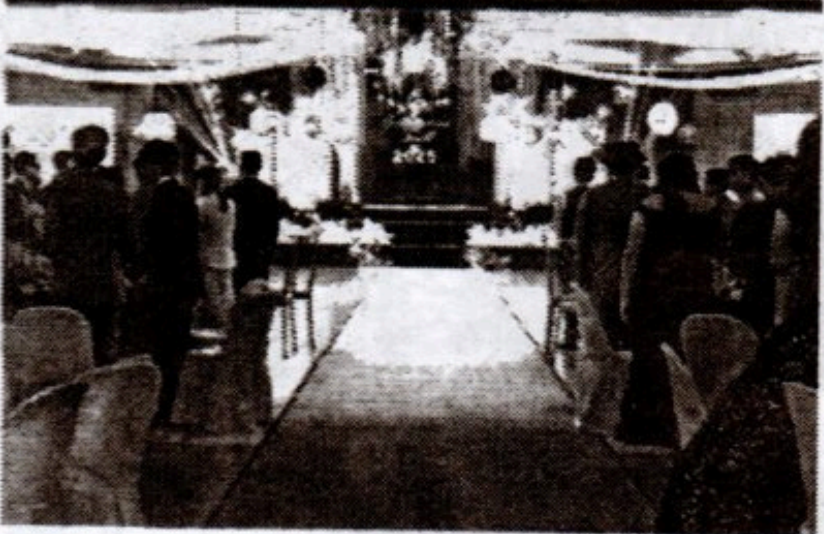
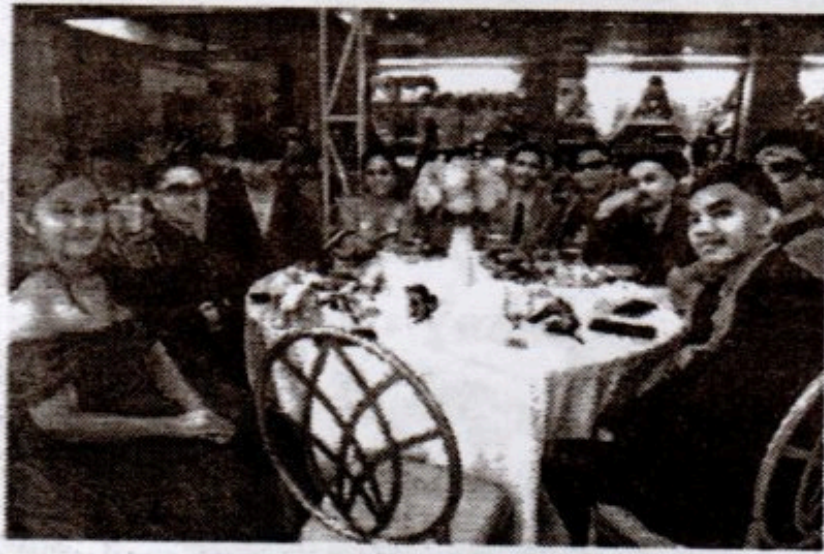


The Batch 2024–2025 wore their togas with proud smiles on their faces.

As they received their diplomas, they carried with them the lessons learned and the friendships formed as they moved forward—marking the start of a new beginning alongside their proud parents, family members, guardians, and loved ones.



The Graduation Ceremony served as a reward for the hard work, sacrifices, and triumphs the students encountered along the way. Although the ceremony did not mark the end of their journey as students, it symbolized a significant step toward future success.



EDITORIAL PAGE

In today's classrooms, students are increasingly relying on gadgets and artificial intelligence for nearly every academic task. Essays are generated in seconds, answers are found instantly, and projects are completed with little personal effort. While technology and AI have made information more accessible, excessive dependence on them has slowly replaced critical thinking, creativity, and genuine understanding. Instead of reading books and analyzing topics, many students settle for quick results, turning learning into a shortcut rather than a process.

This heavy reliance on gadgets and AI weakens essential academic skills. Writing essays independently helps develop discipline, reasoning, and originality, while completing projects on one's own teaches responsibility and problem-solving. When AI takes over these tasks, students miss the opportunity to think deeply, make mistakes, and improve.

MASQUERADE-THEMED GRADUATION BALL CONCLUDES SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

Tagum City College of Science and Technology Foundation, Inc. (TCCSTFI) successfully held its Graduation Ball 2025 for Grade 10 and Grade 12 students on March 27-28, 2025, at the Molave Hotel. The event served as the culminating celebration of School Year 2024-2025 and gathered graduating and completing students, faculty members, and school staff for a memorable evening of recognition and fellowship.

The Graduation Ball was conducted over two days and divided into two batches to accommodate all participants. The first night was hosted by Aileen Gen Veloz, LPT, while the second night was emceed by Angel Grace Pendon, RCrim. Both evenings followed a masquerade party theme, setting a formal and festive atmosphere that highlighted the significance of the occasion and the achievements of the students.



By Nergine Maldo

WHEN SCREENS REPLACE PAGES

By Ashley D. Quilaro

Education is meant to challenge students and shape their minds, not to be accomplished through automated responses and copied outputs.

Technology and AI should not be rejected, but they must be used responsibly. If students continue to rely on screens and AI for everything, they risk losing the very skills that education is meant to build.



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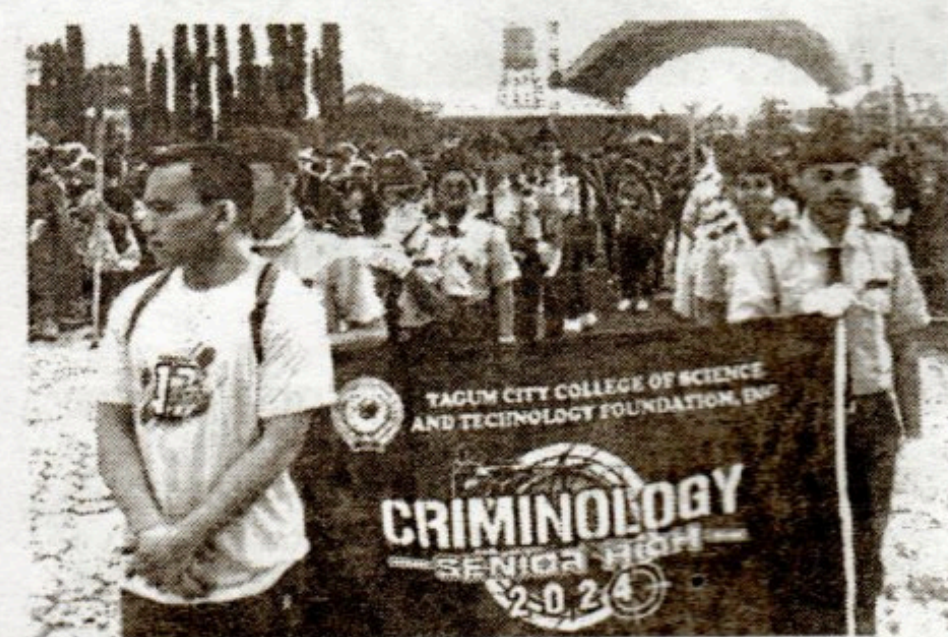
MARITIME AND CRIMINOLOGY STUDENTS SHOWCASE UNITY AND DISCIPLINE IN INTRAMURAL MARCH

Maritime and Criminology students of TCCSTFI energized the gymnasium as they delivered a disciplined and well-coordinated marching performance during the intramural festivities. Led by their instructor, Angel Grace Pendon, RCrim, the students impressed faculty, staff, and visitors with their synchronized formations, polished uniforms, and confident execution, drawing cheers and applause from the audience.

The performance highlighted the students' teamwork, discipline, and dedication to their respective fields. Eye contact and smiles exchanged between performers and spectators created a strong sense of camaraderie, making the march both engaging and meaningful. The event stood as a proud display of unity and commitment, leaving a lasting impression and adding excitement to the school's intramural celebration.

By Ashley Quilaro

Photos by Shooters' Club



FIRING ACTIVITY SHARPENS SKILLS OF SHS CRIMINOLOGY STUDENTS

Grade 11 Criminology students of School Year 2024–2025 successfully conducted their firing activity on January 27, 2025, at the Barrel Twist Tactical Sports and Indoor Shooting Range as part of their practical training in the criminology program.

The activity focused on foundational firearm competencies, including proper handling and marksmanship training. Under close supervision, students were guided through safety protocols and correct shooting techniques to ensure discipline and responsible firearm use throughout the session.

The students were accompanied by their adviser, Angel Grace Pendon, RCrim, who emphasized the importance of hands-on training in preparing students for future careers in law enforcement. The firing activity served as a significant learning experience, reinforcing theoretical lessons through actual field application and strengthening students' readiness for further criminology-related training.

By Ashley Quilaro

Photos by Grade 11 Brave

WHEN THE LIGHT DIES

By Kathleen Jane Descartin

Cassie was walking down the hallway when she saw Yaz—her best friend Sean's girlfriend—cheating with another boy across the school. She froze by the stairs, hands shaking, heart racing. Shocked... but not surprised. Cassie knew how Yaz used Sean, especially to fix her failing grades. When Yaz noticed her, she walked away, leaving Cassie stunned.

Cassie ran to Sean's classroom. He was alone. Pale and out of breath, she told him everything.

"Sean, you have to break up with her. You can't keep letting her hurt you." Sean laughed.

"Haha, good one, Cassie. Yaz would never do that to me."

Cassie snapped. She yelled, telling him how blinded he was, how much of a pushover he had become. The argument escalated until she finally said—

"Fine. Stay with your stupid girlfriend and use my stupid umbrella to shelter her instead of me!"

"Then take it back!"

He shoved the yellow umbrella into her chest—the same one he once held over them both—and walked straight to Yaz. The truth didn't matter. Cassie's heart didn't matter. As Cassie watched Sean's hand rest on Yaz's shoulder, she closed her eyes, holding back tears. The lights suddenly went out. A blackout—terrible timing.

Cassie was a ray of light to everyone—always smiling—but inside, she was breaking.

Her home was falling apart, and Sean was the only person she ever opened up to. What he never knew was that Cassie loved him. Quietly. Deeply. She clung to the childhood promise they once made—to marry someday. It was silly, maybe forgotten by him, but sacred to her.

When Yaz came into his life, Cassie slowly faded into the background. She watched Sean drift away, his laughter no longer beside her. Each smile he gave Yaz felt like another piece of her breaking.

Sean didn't believe her warnings. Every word she spoke was dismissed. Furious, heartbroken, and drowning in guilt, Cassie blamed herself for staying silent for too long.

The next day, Sean's phone buzzed.

Mom.

"Sean, anak... Cassie is gone. She jumped from the fourth floor of your school. No one was there to stop her."

His hands went cold. Their last argument echoed in his mind.



He had walked away, never knowing it would be the last time.

He didn't check on her.

He didn't know she was falling apart. There was no chance to fix it.

Sean opened his messages. Yaz's name glowed at the top. Without hesitation, he typed:

"I'm sorry. I can't do this anymore."
And hit send.

It wasn't about love or blame. It was about realizing—too late—that while he was chasing something new, someone who once meant everything was quietly slipping away.

As Sean stared at the rooftop where it ended, he thought of the words left unsaid, the hands not held, the hearts not heard.

And in that silence, he finally understood—this is what it means when the light dies.

When his light dies.

The Sky at 5am

I woke up with the sky
before the alarm could claim me.

Soft blue stretched across the world,
like a quiet dawn.

Clouds drifted aside,
revealing the first light of day.

Streetlights faded one by one,
giving up their gentle watch.

Soon, voices will fill the morning,
wheels will scrape the dusty lane.

But for now,
the sky belongs to no one—
only mine to adore,
as light returns once again.

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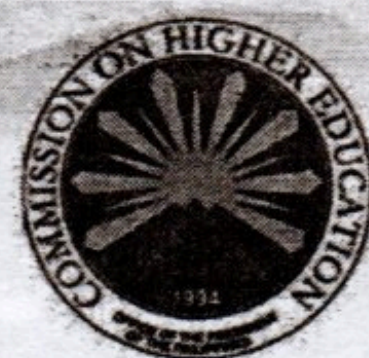


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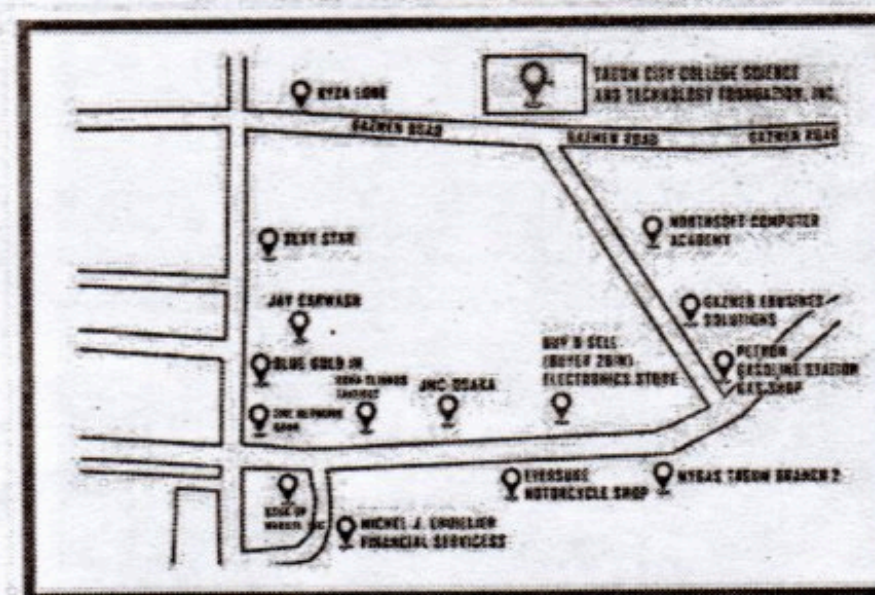
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