



SEMSTER

NEWSLETTER

“Self empowerment through chemistry”

WORD FROM THE CHIEF EDITOR

“Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has got courage to lose sight of the shore.” A certain writer says. The shore, being a piece of land near an ocean, there are greater chances of survival than on the ocean itself. This is due to the presence of fresh water, and some food on the shore. Unless one is willing to get out of that comfortable zone, they will never discover anything new.

What is MUCs

This is Makerere University Chemical Society. It was formed in 1971 as Makerere Chemical Society and the name was later changed to Makerere Students' Chemical Society in 1994. In 2007, it was given its current name Makerere University Chemical Society which we still use today. The following are its vision, mission and motto;

Vision:

To be the reliable source of competent chemists and chemical Engineers.

Mission:

To promote an interest in chemistry and chemical engineering through Research and Development.

Inside this issue

On behalf of MUCS, I am privileged to introduce to you the first edition of our first news letter ever. It is a sign of the courage taken to lose sight of the shore. Sail with me through this news letter and you will discover things you knew nothing about.

Have you ever wondered what MUCS is all about? How about what it does! Talk of who is eligible to be its member, all is here just for you. To crown it all, an interview with our president awaits you. Miss if you must. God bless you as we build for the future

Motto:

Chemistry for sustainable development.

Aims and objectives:

- To promote awareness and interest in chemistry and chemical engineering to the members,
- To act as a unifying factor and promote academic interests of its members and deal with the university and any other authority in such matters.

- To establish friendly relations and work in solidarity with other relevant associations/societies, organizations and individuals, manufacturing industries both at national and international levels.
- To contribute positively to the development, pride and progress of

Makerere University academically, socially, economically and technically through research and research projects done by members, mobilization and awareness campaigns.

- To provide a forum for training science (chemistry) students in all scientific and leadership skills.

Who is eligible to be a member

Any student who has chemistry as one of their course units, ranging from those from school of education to those at the college of natural sciences.

Subscribe for membership now and enjoy the benefits that come along with it!

Benefits of being a MUCS member

A lot comes with being a MUCS member in addition to a few that are given here;

- A free identity card. This helps one to borrow books at the departmental and college book bank in case one does not have a university identity card. In addition, it can be used at the entrance of some hostels that require before proceeding to any room.
- Free entry and participation in all activities organized by MUCS, forexample, the liquid soap presentation any other seminar, or exhibition.
- Discounts on the products sold.
- Recommendations for internships placements.
- Academic trips.

The location

The registered office of the society is room 009A/B at the chemistry department of Makerere University

Semester one major activites

Orientation of freshmen and women
Processing passports
Liquid Soap making presentation
Career guidance seminar
An industrial trip to BIDCO (U) LTD
General assembly

Items on sale

Get yourself a MUCS goodie and look sophisticated as you support the society. Together we shall see chemists and chemical engineers for sustainable development being made. Grab any of the following goodies now;

- T-shirts
- Liquid soap
- Lab coats
- Key holders
- Stickers.

TRIPS AT MUCS



- “Which industries are they going to?” You always hear students ask. “How about the beach, where are they crowning it up from ,this time?”It is always an exciting moment at the department. One ought to be around to witness the whole scenario. It is simply an amazing moment.
- Mucs, having the chemists ’future at heart, realized that the industrial study trips organized by the department were

not sufficient for the exposure of a sustainable chemist. This was due to a great increase in the number of students of chemistry which became a challenge for most industries handle.

- An idea cropped up in the minds of these determined intellectuals to organize and schedule more industrial trips in addition to those organized by the department. This has given students various opportunities to visit different industries they would otherwise not have gone to some of these places visited include; sadolin paints, national water and sewerage co-operation, century bottling company, Rwenzori and so many others.
- Finally, the trips are usually crowned up at the beach which has helped in creating unity and promoting team work.

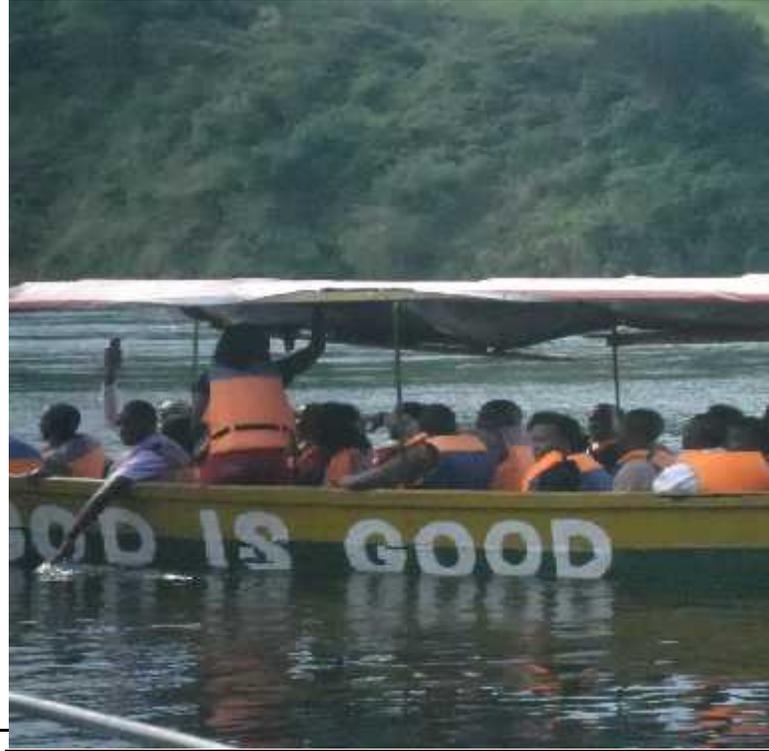


After training some of the students take a group photo

Students Having lunch



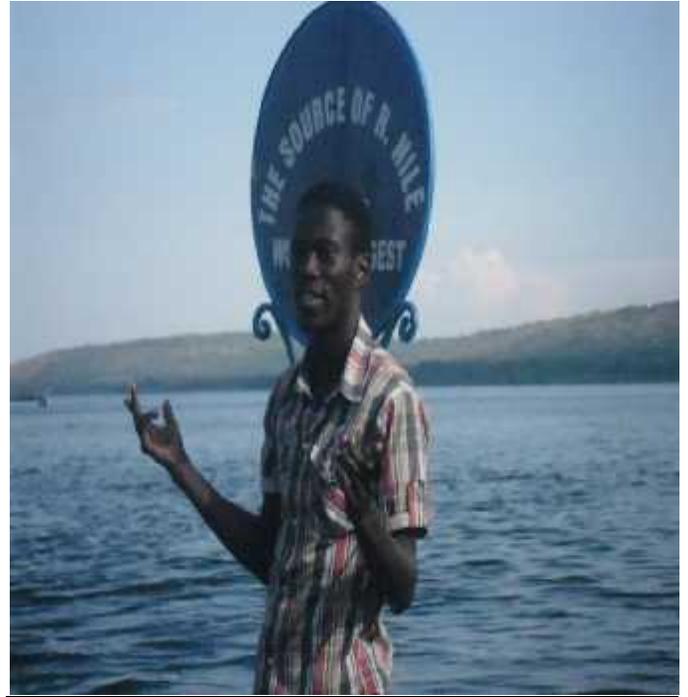
Travelling to the source



Fun is the order of the day , students go crazy



Students sharing a cake



**Students of different years and courses
interract!**





AN UP CLOSE WITH THE MUCS PRESIDENT 2013/2014

When looking at this young gentleman, one wonders what prompted him to take up such a huge responsibility as the president. It's not until you have talked to him that you discover another gold mine passionate about the future of the chemists and chemical engineers in our country.

Q: DO you mind telling us more about yourself other than being the current MUCS president?

A: Not at all! First of all, my name is Patric Andrey Muyanja. I am pursuing a bachelor's degree of science in industrial chemistry and am a third year student. In general, am a leader and not a politician, Non partisan, chemist, junior researcher and an investor. That's what I AM!

Q: Patric! What a great name! it reminds of the likes of Patrice Lumumba and the other great

men that led Africa to its independence. wow! why did you choose to become the president of MUCS really? Hoping it's not independence issue.

A: (laughs shyly) surely, it was not an independence issue though something similar to that was about to happen. In fact, there was need for someone to stand in the gap which I took up because I knew I was the kind best suited to redeem the interests of MUCS which seemed to fade away with time. I was confident that I could do it better and you also believed in me and handed over the power and authority over MUCS to me which I believe was predestined by God.

Personally, I noticed that there was lack of cooperation, transparency and accountability not only in MUCS but everywhere in our country. As the saying goes, "charity begins at home", I chose to start from where am currently as I spread out to the rest of the world..

Q: Oh my God! This beautiful, your vision is really exciting. If I may ask, have you yet met some road blocks yet as you run with this great vision?

A: Yeah, (smiling) .Quite a lot of them and I believe its only the dead that don't experience challenges. (Folding his forehead he points out a few of them).

- 1) We organized an A-level seminar which was a success although the turn up wasn't satisfactory, ending up incurring losses.
- 2) The students' bias towards the society was just beyond my expectation and this actually affects the activities of the society. If it doesn't change, we shall not achieve much because we need them so much as the society belongs to them.
- 3) Financial challenges. Lack of finance has slowed the progress of our projects forexample,the magazine publication, liquid soap production as well as the news letter our newsletter.

Q : (with sympathy),I know the lord who appointed you as a leader will bring to accomplishment the great work He started in

you. well, what would you want changed in MUCS ?

A: The attitude students and lecturers have towards the society.(with so much emphasis).More to that,the whole leadership structure of MUCS as well as the attitude of the leaders forexample, their tendency to dodge meetings, neglect of responsibility and the wait of certificates for no work done. This won't happen again as long as am on the steering wheel.

Q: Finally, what do you say to all the chemistry students out there?

A:The only thing I can say for now is that strive to increase your knowledge base and not to pass exams though it is very important that you excel .in addition , be in position to differentiate between things that matter in life today and those that don't for you are old enough to make decisions for your selves. Always remember that failure to decide is a decision too.

Q: Wow! You are a great man as I had anticipated earlier. Thank you very much for your time and I wish you the best in your regime.

A: You are welcome, thank you too for this opportunity. It's been one of its own kind.







The eye opener seminar attended in big numero "carrier guidance"







The patron DR. NTALE MUHAMMAD giving closing remarks



Upcoming events February –April.

Liquid detergent & shampoo demonstration

Passport processing

Nominations

Elections

Handover dinner & launch of catalyst magazine

Make sure you are not left behind!