

ONUSSS spearheads unity and cooperation, creates awareness of drugs and drug abuse and assist students identify life core values in the College of Biological and Physical Sciences, (CBPS)



Dr. Anne Muohi giving her presentation on peer pressure during the ONUSS forum

Unity of purpose and cooperation is critical in enhancing a sense of togetherness and belonging in oneself and the society as a whole, this was the message of the organization of Nairobi University Science Students (ONUSSS) during their in-house forum held on July 10, 2015 at Millennium Hall 1. The forum brought together students, academic and administrative staffs from different departments in the college of Biological and Physical Sciences (CBPS).



Prof. Weke, Director, School of Mathematics giving his talk during the ONUSS forum, Chiromo Campus

Prof. Weke, Director, School of Mathematics who was a guest speaker noted that students should be steadfast in protecting their friends. He said that although the security in the country is deteriorating each day, working together will make us triumph.

During the opening ceremony, the ONUSS chairman, Mr. Japheth pointed out that students should cultivate the virtue of togetherness and embrace one another as brother and sister. Moreover, he noted that being generous and kind to one another is a sign of unity, this is what all human race is called to practice. Mr. Japheth reiterated that when students nurture and embrace a sense of unity and cooperation, CBPS will set pace for other colleges to emulate. Mr. Kingstone Karemi, deputy chief security officer pointed out that our country is experiencing unprecedented security threat, therefore, students should cooperate with the university security team through reporting suspicious activities and any other activities that can pose a threat to their own individual security and that of the university. On his part, having lost a friend in CBPS Mr. Rono, the College of Biological and Physical representatives of the Students Organization of Nairobi University Students echoed that security should be the responsibility of everyone and

what befell his friend wouldn't have happened if all student's took the initiative of being a friend's keeper. Further, he urged fellow students to work together, respect one another and seek God's guidance in order to achieve the government's goals of vision 2030.



Dr. Derese (Right) with a colleague during the ONUSS forum held at the Millennium Hall 1, Chiromo Campus

While addressing the participants, Dr. Mohi noted students should be careful during their study. She pointed out peer pressure can have adverse effect on a student. Students should assess what is right and wrong and independently make their informed decision. Drugs and substance abuse is a common practice among the students. Dr. Derese highlighted the adverse effects of drug and substance abuse. He further illustrated that over dependence on drugs and substances can lead to addiction thus destroying a student's academic performance. However, he noted that the University has established a health office and partnered with NACADA to assist students who are already addicted to drugs and other substances.



Mr. George Toyya, A second year student in the School of Mathematics after attending the forum

Mr. George Toyya, a second year student in the school of Mathematics was exhilarated about the forum. Now, George has learned how to transform his university life and experience for better. Before the forum, George had scanty information on how drugs and substance abuse, and peer pressure can harm a person, however, during the forum, George has acquired enough information and hopes that the information he has acquired will help him assist others who face drug and substance abuse challenges and provide guidance to his friends who are easily moved by peer pressure.