

PROPOSED IMPROMPTU REMARKS AT LAW DAY BANQUET

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Greetings ladies and gentlemen, friends and supporters of Texas Southern University School of Law.

I am pleased and surprised to see so many of last year's supporters here again tonight after such a painful exposure to my ad libs and remarks of last year. This proves either you did not hear what I said or it made such a little impression upon you that you have forgotten--perhaps both. The truth of the matter ^{is} you came here to hear President ^Nabrit in spite of me.

After my performance last year, one of our law students, who thinks he is going to graduate this May--he isn't taking any courses from this semester--accosted me in the Law School hall and said, "Mr. Tollett, I have always wondered what you should be doing. Now I know. You should be either a professional toastmaster or a comedian." I am still not sure whether that was a compliment or a complaint. ^{It} The thought of having two university presidents in the audience tonight strikes fear in my heart: should I be professorial, decanal, engaging, stiff, relaxed, or just be myself? should I make metaphorical allusions to law, ~~science~~ science, literature? or should I just simply present the awards, the ~~reason~~ reason for me now talking.

My wife has again warned me against making off-the-cuff remarks or observations. I am afraid the net result of this warning will only mean that my faux pas ad libs will be contrived instead of spontaneous. Tonight we will test whether spontaneous remarks are better received when prepared than when unprepared.

I didn't stand to make a speech. Healthy stomachs can usually

stand only one in the course of an evening. I have some awards for our outstanding students for their excellence in various law courses. Their instructors will make the presentations.

After Pierson receives awards for excellence in Sales from Mr. Carl:

Mr. Pierson is one of our more interesting students: In my constitutional law examination last semester I had one of my special type of questions wherein I wrote a short critical essay on the Supreme Court. Using some choice quotations from various Supreme Court opinions, I charged the Court with indulging in "verbal magic": e. g, the meaning of the constitution never changes but its application does; regulation may be so complete that it is confiscation or a taking, etc.

Students were to comment on this

Well, the opening words of Mr. Pierson's answer to this question were:

"This is fit propaganda for the Community thinking world--it reflects the thoughts of an idiot on a holiday."

Needless to say, Mr. Pierson is not going to get the American Jurisprudence Award for Constitutional Law.

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James Pierson

*5:00 P.M. 12/10/60
R. Butler*

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*Mr. O. King reference
to wife.*

~~xxxx~~ Last year I related some conversation or a colloquy between my wife and me. So many people have rementioned that colloquy to me so much that I thought I might relate some more of our usual kind of conversation. I nver knew youth could be such a handicap in the sights of a "logical" feminine mind until she gave me ~~a~~ Polonius-type words of advice or comment before I went to some University affair.

She said, Ken, you are too young to be seriously considered to be a dean and a dean must be a very serious person. You are too serious to be so young. You dress too youthfully to be a law professor and you are too youthful to dress so old. Being an intellectual, you dance too well; ~~scholars~~ should not have had enough time to learn to dance. You read too much; you should relax more--dance and socialize. You are too stiff to be sociable; your sociability and youth make you appear too undistinguished. You should laugh more; you law too much to yourself. You must be dignified; you should not let your sense of humor show so much. What's ~~happened~~ happened, Ken, to your sense of humor? you used to always be good for a laugh when I am down in the dumps. You talk too much. Why don't you say something? You act like you're deaf and dumb. I don't understand you; you are too ~~smart~~ smart for me.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is now my responsibility to acknowledge some more of our guests. I hope I can fulfill this responsibility without any hitches. My wife says I am a good horseman: I wear a good cowpoke garb, have a nice saddle and sturdy steed, but I am ~~always~~ always ~~riding~~ riding off with an ideological posse without unhitching my charger. She says I literally eat the dust. ~~That reminds me of some more of~~ That reminds me of some more of her Polonius type advice which she frequently gives me:

She says, it is not the earth the meek inherit; it's the dirt.

Mack H. Hannah, Chairman of Board, Standard Savings etc.

The Honorable Woodrow Seals, U. S. D. A. for Southern District of Texas

Attorney Joe S. Moss:

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Five years for a traffic ticket

Prevents larceny by removing the temptation

Hoof-in-Mouth Song

Robert Taylor

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Tony King
Cuba
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Adams*

*Justie McWilliam
Mrs. Williams
Leat & found*

*M. Mrs. Rogers
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