ADDRESS AT MAKERERE COLLEGE SCHOOL OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION-ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER DINNER, MARCH 19,
2005 AT GRAND IMPERIAL HOTEL, KAMPALA

The President and Executive Members of MACOSA
The Headmistress
All Members of MACOSA and Well-wishers
Ladies and Gentlemen

An after dinner speaker who was new to the art of public speaking stood up and, having suitably saluted his audience, stopped dumbfounded. Presently, however, he composed himself sufficiently to begin his speech. “A few hours ago, only the Lord and I knew what I was going to say .... But now, the Lord only knows”.

I am honored to officiate at this reunion of Makerere College School Old Students Association. I recall with fond memories my time at College School- academic excellence, sports, music and the opportunity to launch into University politics.

Yes I had a great time at Makerere College School; and the school motto ”Be Known by Works” has remained a guide in my contribution to keeping the economic ship of state on an even keel and in my life as a Rotarian.3 I
sympathize with some of you who may relate very well with Paul Merton and Emo Philips who had to say:

"My school days were the happiest days of my life; which should give you some indication of the misery I've endured over the past thirty-five years."
Paul Merton.

"You don't appreciate a lot of stuff in school until you get older. Little things like being spanked every day by a middle-aged woman: Stuff you pay good money for in later life."
Emo Philips.

As you know this get-together provides the opportunity to relate with each other. We span various decades. There are many here I can recognize and yet many more whom I did not know were OBs/OGs. This is no different from the story of Harvard Graduates:

THE HARVARD GRADUATES

Two young men who had just graduated from Harvard were all excited and talking effusively as they got into a taxi in downtown Boston. After hearing them for a couple of minutes the cab driver asked, "You men Harvard graduates?"
"Yes Sir! Class of '94!" they answered proudly.
The cab driver extended his hand back to shake their hand, saying, "Class of '58."

For this reason, I welcome and urge all of you to support the MACOSA Executive’s proposal to register and track all OBs and OGs.

I am very pleased to note that the school has maintained excellent performance particularly in academic works; please join me to congratulate the Headmistress and Staff for their diligence.

Though no fool or stupid person ever went through College School, I am confident that if one had tried he/she would have put to shame Desmond Bagley and Will Rogers, who had this to say:

"If a man is a fool, you don't train him out of being a fool by sending him to university. You merely turn him into a trained fool, ten times more dangerous."
Desmond Bagley.

"There's nothing as stupid as an educated man, if you can get him off the thing he was educated in."
Will Rogers.

You will all agree with me that a quick survey reveals that Makerere College School products are playing pivotal roles in shaping the destiny of Uganda. We praise and thank the Almighty God for that gift.
Ladies and gentlemen, the recognition of outstanding former students who have excelled in their field of operation is a welcome measure. Let me therefore congratulate Professor Livingstone Lubobi, on his recent appointment as Vice Chancellor of Makerere University and on being this year’s winner. Keep up the good works!

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, the MOCOSA Executive’s have chosen as the top priority the project for the purchase of Furniture for the New Golden Jubilee Library and the proceeds of this dinner will go towards this project. On my part and on behalf of Bank of Uganda, I am pleased to present to you, Mr. President of MACOSA a cheque of Shs 2,000,000 (Shillings two million only) to support the project. This is in addition to the cheque of Shs 5,000,000 (Shillings five million only) which Bank of Uganda presented to you in September 2004.

Let me conclude by inviting each one of you to “Give back to the College School” by extending a generous hand to support the furnishing of the new Library. And I want all of you to be like Robert Orben who said:

"Every morning I get up and look through the Forbes list of the richest people in America. If I'm not there, I go to work."
An economics professor at school had a strict policy that the hourly examinations were to be completed at the bell and anyone who kept writing on their exam after the bell would take a zero on the exam.

Well, one guy kept writing on his exam for a while after the bell and then confidently strode up to turn it in. The professor looked at him and said, "Don't bother to hand that paper in... you get a zero for continuing after the bell."

The guy looked at him and said, "Professor, do you know who I am!"

The professor replied, "No, and I don't care if your dad is president of the United States...you get a zero on this exam"

The guy, with a enraged look on his face, shouted, "You mean you have no idea who I am?"

The professor responded, "No, I've no idea who you think you are."

With that, the guy said "Good!" plunged his exam into the middle of the stack of other student's exams, and did a hasty retreat from the examination room!

Thank you for listening to me. BE KNOWN BY WORKS.

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