MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY Thursday, January 5, 1989

Following the invocation by William T. Turner and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Sam H. Traughber. The roll call revealed thirty-one members present.

Requests for excused absences were presented by Sam H. Traughber, Bobby H. Freeman, Hal King, Peter C. Macdonald, Marvin D. Denison, Franklin A. Nash, Jr., and James G. Adams, Jr. These requests were approved although there was one dissenting vote.

Minutes of the December 1, 1988 meeting were read and approved with the notation of a need for one minor correction in a date quoted.

In response to the request made at last month's meeting that the members consider the possibilities of a change in meeting place, President Traughber pointed out that there is insufficient factual information available at this time concerning possible alternatives to make such a decision. He therefore appointed a committee chaired by Thomas W. Westerfield and including Robert C. Baker and Richard C. Brasher, to explore possible options for a meeting place for next year.

President Traughber then called for the stated program.

George M. Draper presented a paper entitled "Heat From An Oriental Sunrise - Secure the Doors, the Ronin Are Coming!" author focused on the relative economic, industrial educational growth of Japan and the threat that this is presenting to America as a world leader. As the statistics and trends were unfolded, it became obvious that Japan's desire for at least a share in world dominance did not end with World War II. war tactics were replaced with an emphasis on industrial growth and development that is proving to be successful to an alarming Some current and possible effects on our country, along with some of the problems with our efforts, were discussed, after which a few possible remedies were briefly presented. The paper was well researched, well presented, and was at the same time both frightening and challenging.

David Cavanah presented his first paper to the Society entitled "Where Have You Gone Opie Taylor?" With a view that was nostalgic yet contemporary in its intent, the author focused on the advantages of being raised and living in a small town, or better yet, a very small town. The focus of the paper was on

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real people and real events in the nearby community of Crofton, Kentucky, but mental images were formed in the minds of many of the listeners that took them back to their own hometowns and years gone by. Once again we were challenged to consider the price of growth in the name of progress and the concept of "bigger is better." The paper was well written and delightfully presented.

After a five minute break, seventeen of the members made extensive comments regarding the papers, demonstrating their appreciation and their interest in both topics. The comments were then followed by rebuttals from each of the authors.

The secretary announced the program for the February 2nd meeting:

Mike G. Herndon Paul D Guffey

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin A. Nash, Jr.

Secretary/Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY Thursday, February 2, 1989

Dinner was served at the Log House Restaurant beginning at 6:30~p.m., after which the meeting was called to order at 7:28~p.m. by President Sam H. Traughber. The roll call revealed thirty members present.

Requests for excused absences were presented by Robert B. Sivley, George W. Engler, and George H. Byars, with these requests being approved.

Minutes of the January 5, 1989 meeting were read and approved. The Secretary then read a letter of resignation sent by Austin B. Carroll, indicating his regrets that business conflicts made this necessary. This now leaves the membership roster with one opening.

President Traughber then called for the stated program.

For his paper of the evening, Mike G. Herndon presented an original short story entitled "Romance Recalled, Memory Relived." The story focused on high school romance and friendships and later love triangles and was spiced with a little unanswered mystery. This brief story was well written and well presented and to the knowledge of the undersigned represents a new approach to Athenaeum papers. There have been many biographies, research papers, controversial opinion papers, travelogues with videos, and now an original short story.

Paul D. Guffey presented a history research paper entitled The Political and Philosophical Relationship of Thomas Jefferson and James Madison." This well researched and documented paper discussed the political and personal philosophies of these two great presidents, their influences on each other and their contributions to the development of our nation. Their philosophies of mankind in general and their political views on many facets were highlighted. The paper closed with the notation that Jefferson and Madison gave us probably our most cherished statements of purpose - the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution - a faith and a hope.

Following a five minute break, nine of the members present commented on some of their views about these papers which were then followed by rebuttals from each of the authors.

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The secretary announced the program for the March 2nd meeting:

> James G. Adams, Jr. George W. Engler

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin A. Nash, Jr.

Secretary/Treasurer

Thursday, March 2, 1989

Following the invocation by Edward H. Higgins, dinner was served at the Log House Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Sam Traughber at 7:31 p.m. The roll call revealed 25 members present.

Requests for excused absences were presented by Marshall Butler, Tom Westerfield, and David Riley. A motion to accept these excuses was passed unanimously except for several groans.

Minutes of the February meeting were read by Robert Sivley, in the absence of Secretary Frank Nash, who was reported to be ill this evening.

President Traughber called on Mike Herndon, Chairman of the Membership Committee, who stated that the committee had conferred concerning the one vacancy now in the Society, had reviewed the various persons whose names had been submitted for consideration, and were recommending one name to the Society. Charles Tilley spoke on behalf of the nominee urging his favorable approval. The vote will be taken at the April meeting.

President Traughber next called on Tom Westerfield, chairman of a committee to consider a new meeting place for the Society. Mr. Westerfield stated that the committee, consisting of Curtis Brashear, Bob Baker, and the chairman had agreed on several criteria for any new meeting place to be considered. These were that the meeting place not require that the members have to ascend stairs, and that it must be able to seat all members in one private room. The committee is reviewing the various eating places that might meet these criteria and will report next month.

President Traughber then called for the stated program.

Jim Adams presented a paper called "Git-tar Lessons or Lessons in the Key of Life" in which he recalled his junior and senior years at the University of Kentucky, in Lexington, as a member of Kapa-Alfa Fraternity, with particular attention to fond memories of Robert Francis Underwood, a black houseman known affectionately to all the KA members as "Git-tar." The description of happy memories of carefree college life were in contrast to the paper's sad ending with the death of the beloved black man. The writer observed that he had learned some very important lessons from Git-tar, namely, that one should judge people by their lives and words rather than their appearance and those who have graduated from the college of hard knocks can many times teach those who have higher educations about life itself.

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George W. Engler presented a paper called "Trust Bandits," in which he discussed the importance of the attachment process that should occur during the first and second year of life. He pointed out that some infants are at high risk for not forming such attachments, because of divorce, daycare, child abuse, or other neglectful family setting.

The writer reasoned that when these bonding needs are not met, that the result can be development of a psychopathic or antisocial personality, and went on to name some of the "trust bandits" such as serial murderer Theodore Bundy, the Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi, and other well known anti-social persons. Expressing his belief that there is a rising tide of such unattached children, the speaker attributed this growing problem to the lack of bonding and failure of many people to develop effective parenting skills.

Various therapy approaches, such as one known as "rage reduction therapy" and "wilderness therapy," were described.

Following a brief intermission 12 members made comments, presenting varying degrees of positive support for the ideas presented, as well as some desperate attempts to find a basic similarity between the two papers.

The two presentors then ably defended their positions with able though relatively non-aggressive rebuttle.

The April 6 program was announced; Marshall Butler and J. Dudley Galloway.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. Sivley, Ph.D.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY Thursday, April 6, 1989

Dinner was served at the Log House Restaurant beginning at 6:30 p.m., after which the meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m. by President Sam H. Traughber. The roll call revealed 26 members present.

Requests for excused absences were presented by Martin Standard, Franklin A. Nash, Jr., Prewitt Owen, Marvin D. Denison, W. Gladstone Major, and Bobby H. Freeman. All requests were approved.

Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved after one correction. The Membership Committee presented for vote the name of one person nominated last month with this vote being unfavorable. The Nominating Committee then placed before the members nominations for officers for the 1989-90 year which included Thomas W. Westerfield for President, Charles L. Tilley, Jr. for Vice-President, and Franklin A. Nash, Jr. for Secretary-Treasurer. A motion was made by Robert C. Baker that these nominations be accepted by acclamation, with the motion being seconded by Charles L. Tilley, Jr. and with favorable acceptance.

President Traughber then called for the stated program.

Marshall Butler presented a paper entitled "The Exhilarating Effect of Classical Music Upon Various People." The paper was filled with events from the author's career as a musician which demonstrated various persons' appreciation, or lack thereof, of classical music. The events which ranged from classes in the Hopkinsville Community College to numerous individual encounters from Hopkinsville to New York and London were pleasantly humorous but obviously at times mingled with frustration for the author.

In a paper entitled "The Natchez Trace," J. Dudley Galloway presented accounts of the interesting background through the present state of the Natchez Trace Parkway which is one of the units of the National Park System. Many events from its beginning as a crude trail through the forest to the now almost completed 450-mile paved parkway illustrated the fascinating history of this very important stretch of road leading from Natchez, Mississippi to Nashville, Tennessee.

Following a five minute break comments about the papers were presented by seven of the members present which were then followed by rebuttals from each of the authors.

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The secretary then announced the program for the May Open Meeting:

J. Brooks Major Thomas W. Westerfield

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin A. Nash, Jr.

Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL OPEN MEETING OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY Thursday, May 4, 1989

The Annual Open Meeting was held at the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club with thirty-one members and fifty-seven guests present.

Following the invocation by J. Brooks Major an excellent meal was served which was enjoyed along with pleasant fellowship.

As per usual custom, business matters were postponed and following a few introductory comments by President Sam H. Traughber the members present were asked to introduce their guests.

President Traughber then called for the stated program.

The first paper of the evening was presented by J. Brooks Major and was entitled "In Defense of the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States." At first the author had everyone rather concerned when it appeared that he was going to attempt to present a serious and profound paper about history and politics regarding the right to bear arms. However, the paper quickly evolved into a most delightful humorous, tongue-in-cheek account of many reasons why citizens should have the right to own a gun. The author's wit and literary skill proved to be a delight for those present.

Thomas W. Westerfield continued the delightful evening by presenting a paper entitled "How Would You Feel Being Led Around By The Nose?" This author's presentation was a well-balanced mixture of facts and pleasant humor about this all-important appendage to the upper part of the anatomy. A number of fascinating facts about and uses of the sense of smell were illustrated and even demonstrated to those present. The author should certainly be commended for his resourcefulness in this case since it isn't everyone as see an object as simple as a bull ring and from that develop an Athenaeum paper!

All in all, these two papers resulted in a delightful evening -- a good shot right on the nose! Following the presentation of the papers comments were made by eleven members and guests, after which each of the authors gave a brief rebuttal. President Traughber then introduced the officers for the 1989-90 year, after which the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Franklin A. Nash, Jr. 45
Secretary-Treasurer

Thursday, September 7, 1989

Following dinner served at the Log House Restaurant the meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Thomas W. Westerfield. The role call revealed twenty-five members present. A request for excused absence was presented by James G. Adams, Jr. and was approved.

Minutes of both the April regular meeting and the May Open Meeting were read and both were approved. The secretary then read a letter from Prewitt Owen indicating his resignation from the Society. It was then moved by Franklin Nash and seconded by Charles Tilley that the Society regretfully accept this resignation and also that Mr. Owen be offered the status of honorary membership. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion and the secretary was instructed to send a letter regarding this offer to Prewitt Owen. The secretary then noted two changes in the program line-up as originally printed for the coming year. Frank A. Yost then introduced his guest, Mr. Neil Harper, who was welcomed by the membership.

President Westerfield called for a report from the Membership Committee chaired by Mike Herndon. It was noted that there are two vacancies in the membership at this time and the committee placed before the members the names of two persons for consideration with the indication that these would be voted on during the October meeting.

President Westerfield then called for the stated program.

In an untitled paper, Frank A. Yost presented a nostalgic walk down East Seventh Street of Hopkinsville during which he shared with listeners fascinating and historical facets of information about this street and some surrounding areas. The presentation focused primarily on the period from 1903 through 1969 and not only painted a picture of the development of many homes and other buildings and businesses during this period but also introduced many personalities and experiences of the residents of this fascinating street.

George H. Byars presented his first paper entitled "Do-Dah, Do-Dah." At first the author led the members to believe that the paper was to deal with an important research project in which the author participated while at the University of Louisville and which was to be related to the topic of compulsive gambling. However, the paper quickly deteriorated into a treatise on the

fine points of caring for and preparing the participants in the sport of chicken racing and it was noted that the subjects were specifically Southern Kentucky chickens. It is supposed that these particular chickens were chosen because of their noted superior running abilities, especially since Colonel Sanders came on the scene. The author's experience with the trials and tribulations of training the birds to run in the right direction and at the right time were shared in great detail. Relative to the question of whether or not this study yielded any useful information beyond providing the background for a delightful Athenaeum paper, the author's original research report surely must have ended with the traditional comment of "This project needs further study."

Following a five minute break comments on the papers were given by twelve of the members after which each author presented his rebuttal.

The secretary then announced the program for the October meeting:

Thomas L. Riley Marvin D. Denison

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin A. Nash, Jr.'
Secretary/Treasurer

Thursday, October 5, 1989

Dinner was served at the Log House Restaurant beginning at 6:30 p.m., after which the meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Thomas W. Westerfield. The roll call revealed 24 regular members and one honorary member present.

Requests for excused absences were presented by Richard C. Brasher, Wendell H. Rorie, Thomas L. Riley, Bobby H. Freeman, Paul D. Guffey, and Kenneth O. Cayce, Jr. After brief discussion these requests were approved.

A question was raised by several members about the current policies on attendance, and the possibility of a requirement of minimum attendance within a year. Another point raised by the secretary was that there is no written provision in the Bylaws for the status of honorary membership. With these two questions in mind, President Westerfield appointed a committee consisting of Robert B. Sivley, chairman, and William T. Turner to study these matters and make recommendations of possible additions to the Bylaws.

Minutes of the September meeting were read and were approved. The secretary then read a letter from Prewitt Owen in which he graciously accepted the Society's offer of honorary membership. A letter was then read from Sam H. Traughber in which he expressed his praise for the Society and his regrets that he is having to resign his membership as of this time. A motion was made by J. Brooks Major and seconded by Thomas L. Riley that this resignation be regretfully accepted.

The Membership Committee then placed before the members the names of two prospects to be voted on with the result that one prospect received an unfavorable vote and with E. Ben Self receiving a favorable vote. The secretary will send a letter to Mr. Self informing him of the Society's offer for him to rejoin the membership.

President Westerfield then called for the stated program:

Thomas L. Riley presented his paper for the evening entitled "The Legend of the Yellow Rose of Texas." In colorful detail a picture of the most important period in the history of the Republic of Texas was painted, focusing on the Battle of San Jacinto April 21, 1836. The paper revealed much of the personality and the personal and military exploits of Mexico's leader,

Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana. Then at a time when it appeared that Santa Ana would continue to crush the Texans out of existence, the tide turned with the Battle of San Jacinto, partly because of the role played by a mulatto slave girl by the name of Emily Morgan. While relatively few would know her name today, legend and song have certainly provided this heroine of the Texas Revolution a place in history as "The Yellow Rose of Texas."

Marvin D. Denison also presented a detailed history paper entitled "Senator William E. Borah and the Campaign to Recognize Soviet Russia." This paper focused on the Republican Senator from Idaho who for sixteen years prior to November 1933, waged an unrelenting battle to establish formal diplomatic relations between the United States and the Soviet Union. surrounding Senator Borah's many efforts in this campaign of his were outlined and questions were raised about his relentless efforts toward this one goal. Although he surely had political reasons for his positions regarding the recognition of the Soviets, his personality obviously played a most important role in his unwillingness to give up the fight. He saw himself as a man of principle who prided himself on never compromising or backing down on any political position and was described by others as among other things inflexible and eccentric. In a legislative body that was described as functioning largely on compromise, Senator Borah's rigidity was often less than welcomed by his fellow politicians.

Following a five minute break comments on each of the papers were presented by eight of the members which were then followed by rebuttals from each of the authors.

The Secretary then announced the program for the November meeting:

Richard C. Brasher James H. Love

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin A. Nash, Jr. Secretary/Treasurer

Thursday, November 2, 1989

Following the invocation by Duard N. Thurman dinner was served at the Log House Restaurant beginning at 6:30 p.m., with part of the business being conducted during mealtime and the regular business meeting beginning at 7:42 p.m. The roll call revealed thirty-three (33) members present.

Requests for excused absences were presented by Edward H. Higgins, III, Martin Standard, Peter C. Macdonald for the last two meetings, George W. Engler for the last two meetings, Duard N. Thurman, James G. Adams, Jr., Edwin Morton White for the last two meetings, and James H. Love. After brief discussion these requests were approved.

Minutes of the October 5 meeting were read and approved, after which the secretary read a letter from E. Ben Self indicating that he would not accept the Society's offer for membership. A report was then received from the By-laws Committee, chaired by Robert B. Sivley, during which suggestions for two changes and additions to the by-laws were made. The first recommendation dealt with a requirement for minimum attendance and after some discussion the members present voted to not consider that recommendation. The second recommendation dealt with provision honorary membership and a motion was made by Kenneth O. Jr. and seconded by James G. Adams, Jr. recommendation be voted on during the next meeting. secretary was then instructed to mail a copy of this recommendation to each of the members as soon as possible prior to the vote during the December meeting. A copy of the recommendation will be filed with these minutes.

The Membership Committee, chaired by Mike G. Herndon, placed before the membership the names of two prospects to be voted on during the December meeting.

President Westerfield then called for the stated program:

Richard C. Brasher presented a paper entitled "King Arthur." Legends based on fact and certainly mixed with fiction about this famous leader were presented with possible explanations of some being discussed. Included were descriptions of the life and times as well as history of the period in which he lived as well as the years that followed. Reference was made to the influence of the Arthur legends on politicians throughout the years, even to our own time, as well as the influence on the dreams of most of us. It was then suggested that the long-lived enthusiasm about King Arthur is based on the ideas of a long-lost glory or

promise that is not truly lost and of the golden age which only exists for a brief, shining hour. These two ideas are coupled with the hope that he who made the golden age can restore it.

James H. Love presented a paper entitled "Urban Legends" or "No, There Are Not Any Giant Catfish At The Bottom of Kentucky Lake." This paper dealt with so-called urban legends or folklore with various folklore legends and local humor being given as examples. It was pointed out that such folklore legends include various general topics as well as classic victim groups such as animals, injured persons or college groups. It was pointed out that for a story to be called an "urban legend" it has to crop up in different places and become localized to fit the setting. It was further suggested that urban legends fill a need that people have to tell each other stories and to know the latest that is going on.

Following a five minute break comments on each of the papers were made by eleven members after which rebuttals were presented by each of the authors.

The secretary announced the program for the December meeting:

Kenneth O. Cayce, Jr. Wynn L. Radford, III

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin A. Nash, Jr. Secretary/Treasurer

November 3, 1989

To all members of the Athenaeum Society:

The following proposed addition to the By-Laws was discussed at the November meeting, and will be voted on during the December, 1989, meeting.

It is proposed that a new section be entered between paragraphs now numbered as Sections 6 and 7, under "MEMBERSHIP" to read as follows:

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. The position of Honorary Member may be granted to any regular member, who has been a member of the Society for at least ten years, by a majority vote of the members present at any regular Society meeting. An honorary member shall be excused from regular attendance, from presentation of papers, and from any dues except payment for meals for meetings attended.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENT

(A new paragraph to be added to Section 7, ATTENDANCE):

Any member who fails to attend at least 50% of the meetings during a Society year (September through May) shall receive a letter from the Secretary informing him that his failure to attend is regarded as equivalent to a resignation from the Society, subject to consideration by the Executive Committee if the member chooses to appeal. In the absence of any written appeal by the member, which must be sent within 30 days, the Executive Committee shall consider the resignation to be final, and shall exclude that member's name from the membership list for the following year. If the member submits a written appeal, the Executive Committee shall consider that appeal on the basis of its merits, and shall decide whether the person may be granted an excuse for that year and continue as a member in good standing.

Submitted by: Robert B. Sivley William Turner

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Thursday, December 7, 1989

Following the invocation by Duard N. Thurman and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting was called to order by President Westerfield at 7:25 p.m. The roll call revealed twenty-four regular members present plus one honorary member. There were no requests for excused absences from previous meetings but the Secretary had received notification from Peter C. Macdonald, Hal King, Robert B. Sivley, Richard C. Brasher and Martin Standard regarding their absence from this meeting.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The proposed by-laws amendment regarding honorary membership was then read, after which it received a negative vote. A motion was then made by Edwin Morton White and seconded by James G. Adams, Jr. that the proposed amendment be placed before the membership for another vote at the January meeting but this motion received a negative vote. President Westerfield then appointed another by-laws committee consisting of J. Brooks Major, Chairman, and Thomas L. Riley and this committee was instructed to draft another proposal regarding honorary membership. The Membership Committee then placed before the members present the names of Robert C. Cayce and William A. Bell as candidates for membership with both of these receiving a favorable vote. A letter of invitation to each of them will be sent by the Secretary.

President Westerfield then called for the stated program:

Kenneth O. Cayce, Jr. presented a paper entitled "Twentieth Century Main Street." In a well researched and well presented paper the author first referred to the fact that every town has a street which identifies with the business and professional history of that community. He then presented a detailed and interesting history of Main Street, Hopkinsville, with many references to businesses that have played an important role in the life and development of this community and with a review of many of the changes that have taken place on Main Street during the last eighty-nine years. Many factors including natural disasters and economic changes have resulted in the loss of many Main Street establishments but the author ended his paper with an optimistic hope for the Twenty-First Century that through such things as a revival of small specialty shops and service establishments life on Main Street, Hopkinsville, might flourish again.

Wynn L. Radford, III presented his paper entitled "A Review Of Utopian Thought: An Attempt to Find "The Good Life." The

author began by suggesting that "the good life" might be described as one that offers hope of a better and somehow simpler life that is more free from the daily stress and physical labor that currently exists. Consideration was given to the degree to which this good life is an attainable goal for communities as a whole, emphasizing the historical, political and practical sides of References were made to various utopian utopian thought. communities, both from literature and from actual communities even within our lifetime, to provide insight into this topic. After presenting a number of possible ideas on what might constitute the good life, the author concluded by suggesting that the good life is not a mystical destination far away or a set of values with which most are unfamiliar but rather that it is quite simply the here and now.

Following a five minute break comments on each of these papers were made by fourteen of the members present after which each author presented his rebuttal.

The Secretary announced the program for the January meeting:

Martin Standard Edwin Morton White

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin A. Nash, Jr,

Secretary/Treasurer