

# Minutes

## Athenaeum Society

### January 6, 2005

The January 6, 2005 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by William Turner.

Following dinner of salad, mashed potatoes, peas, pinto beans, brussels sprouts, fried chicken, lasagna, rolls and banana pudding, President Danny Guffey called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 33 of 38 members (the most since 2002) were present. Minutes of the December 2, 2004 meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,656.46 was in the bank account. He asked those who had not paid their second semester dues, to do so.

President Guffey asked the Meeting Site Committee to evaluate options for the location of the May 5 Open Meeting.

President asked the Membership Committee to prepare a list of possible candidates for membership to fill the two vacancies.

On a motion by Frank Nash, second by Jim Adams, the membership voted unanimously to make William L. Cramer, member since 1999, an Honorary Member in the Society. The Secretary is to write Mr. Cramer a letter informing him of his status.

President Guffey noted that on this day (January 6), 939 years ago (1066), Harold Godwinson was crowned Harold II, King of England; 93 years ago (1912), New Mexico was admitted to the United States as the 47<sup>th</sup> state; and miscellaneous other trivia. A motion by Dr. Terry Fuqua to limit the President's comments, in substance and time, to only those necessary for conducting the business of the Society, died for lack of a second as declared by the President.

Papers were presented by Dr. William Rowlett, member since 1970 and number 5 in seniority and Dr. Ken Dougherty, member since 2001 and number 33 in seniority.

Dr. Rowlett's paper was titled "What is it And How Do You Slice And Dice it?". The paper goes back to the beginning of how time, every precious second, was divided into increments of the annual calendar, months, days, hours, minutes and seconds. Without time a timeless world would be at a standstill; but if some kind of change took place, the timeless world would be different now than it was before. When early man began to notice repetitive changes in his environment, he began to measure time and around 3100 BC Egyptians devised a 365 day calendar. Over, yes "time", various means of being aware of

and recording, or keeping track of time, have been developed, to include the earliest methods of using the stars, moon and sun, Aztec calendar stones, Egyptian shadow clocks which evolved into sundials, hourglasses, water clocks and in the early 14<sup>th</sup> century, mechanical clocks. Then came Quartz clocks, digital LED's and LCD's, "Atomic Clocks", and of course, the World Wide Web. So if you were to ask me what time it is, I will tell you it is time to move on to the next paper. (7:27 - 7:57 P.M.)

Dr. Dougherty's paper was titled "Turkey Legion". The presenter describes the subculture of turkey hunters, himself being a card-carrying member, and the legion of men and women who pursue this magnificent beast with a passion unequaled by other forms of hunting. Requiring tremendous patience, and the ability to remain absolutely quiet, spotting and putting down one of these 20 pound iridescent beauties, having a phenomenal sense of hearing and sight, and capable of flying 50 miles per hour, is the ultimate hunting experience. Turkey hunters, in their quest for a trophy, enter the woods early in the morning, equipped with camouflage clothing, gun and ammo, and of course a game call, used to trick the unsuspecting beast into thinking one of his brethren is in the vicinity, only to be pickled off when it gets within range. One has to be a member of this subculture to understand the euphoria surrounding a successful day in the turkey's habitat. (7:58 - 8:29 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:40 P.M., hearing from Misters Guffey, Fuqua, Westerfield, Love, Nicolos, Byars, Anderson, Adams and Sivley. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the February 3, 2005 meeting were announced as Mr. Charles Tilley and Mr. David Riley.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer

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### February 3, 2005

The February 3, 2005 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Peter Nicolos.

Following dinner of salad, mashed potatoes, black eyed peas, green beans, tomatoes & okra, sauer kraut with polish sausage, ham with pineapple, rolls and apple cobbler, President Danny Guffey called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 32 of 37 members were present. Minutes of the January 6, 2005 meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,578.39 was in the bank account.

The Meeting Site Committee report was given by Wynn Radford on the location of the May 5 Open Meeting. The Holiday Inn offered a price of \$20.00 per person including the cost of the room (does not charge) for 70 people. The Conference Center offered a price of \$23.00 per person including the cost of the room (\$400 reduced from \$800) for 70 people. By a majority vote, it was decided to have the Open Meeting at the Holiday Inn.

The Membership Committee report was given on the three vacancies. Three names were presented for consideration and to be voted on at the March 3 Society meeting.

President Guffey noted that on this day (February 3), Horace Greeley was born in 1811, Norman Rockwell was born in 1894 and Bob Griese was born in 1945. And, 46 years ago, 1959, was the day "the music stopped" when a plane carrying Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and J.P. Richardson, a.k.a. The Big Bopper, crashed and killed all three musicians.

The first paper was presented by Mr. Charles Tilley, member since 1975 and number 7 in seniority. The second paper was prepared by David Riley, member since 1986 and number 16 in seniority and due to his illness, was presented by William Turner.

Mr. Tilley's paper was titled "What I Meant To Say Was...". The paper is a tongue-in-cheek account of the rules to be followed when making public presentations, the most basic of which is to "Mean what we say, and say what we mean". And of course, presenters must elevate their words to a high plane of perfect and pristine political correctness. However, we all let our guard down at the most inopportune time, which results in statements of embarrassment. Numerous such "mis-speaks" were presented including some by the presenter, and others by newspaper, radio, and television journalists, politicians, and church publications; to wit, "Don't let worry kill you! Let the church help." (7:35 - 8:10 P.M.)

Mr. Riley's paper was titled "The Trail of Tears". Mr. Turner presented the history of one of the tragedies of our civilization and a dark spot in the history of a great nation, when in 1838 Southern tribes of American Indians, Cherokees, Choctaws and Creek and others were transferred from their Southern homes to a bleak and barren waste beyond the Mississippi River, for no reason other than the greed of the whites who coveted the rich land of the Indian reservation. The journey took them through Hopkinsville and was witnessed by many residents who occupied front row seats as the wrenching drama unfolded before them. Between 12,000 and 13,000 Indians wound their way through Hopkinsville to their ultimate destination. Mostly as a result of disease, more than one third of those who started the journey failed to finish it. (8:11 - 8:40 P.M.)

The comment session began at 9:52 P.M., hearing from Misters White, Harper, Dougherty, Kaye, Schweizer, Sivley, Major, Ison, Nicolas and Radford. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the March 3, 2005 meeting were announced as Mr. Frank Nash and Mr. Hal King.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer

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**March 3, 2005**

The March 3, 2005 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 7:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Marlin Anderson.

Following dinner of salad, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, green beans, corn, baked chicken, ham with pineapple, rolls and peach cobbler, Vice-President George Byars called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 24 of 37 members were present. Minutes of the February 3, 2005 meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,358.32 was in the bank account.

The Membership Committee report was given by Charles Tilley. The names of Russ Guffey, Rich Maddux and Howard Willen were submitted for consideration. All three were elected into the membership by secret ballot and the Secretary was directed to write each of them informing them of their new member status.

William Turner reported that David Riley's condition has improved considerably since the last meeting and further treatment is the next step.

Papers were presented by Dr. Frank Nash, member since 1979 and number 8 in seniority and Mr. Hal King, member since 1987 and number 17 in seniority.

Dr. Nash's paper was titled "World War II Memories of a Pre-teen on the Home Front". At age 72, Dr. Nash reaches back to his pre-teen years in recalling several events of World War II, not the least of which was the bombing of Pearl Harbor, his fourth grade class air raid drills and becoming a plane spotter at the age of twelve. The economic conditions were stark and real. Many items of daily living were very scarce or impossible to get. Rationing was common - rubber, gasoline, coffee, meat, cheese, butter, sugar. Recycling and conservation were a way of life. People were encouraged to support the war effort by buying war bonds. Fond memories of early TV news broadcasts, as well as the music and songs of the time were shared. Remember the "Lucky Strike Hit Parade", a very famous radio show of the time? How about the song "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy"? And of course the huge celebration on August 14, 1945 when the Japanese surrendered and ended World War II. (7:32 - 7:59 P.M.)

Mr. King's paper was titled "Up There, Down There, & Over There, A Poke of Kentucky Trivia from the Musings of Hal King". The title is derived from Mr. King's boyhood days of growing up in Kentucky after his family moved from Chicago and was exposed to a new

language where it was “up the mountain”, “down the mountain” and sometimes “over there, like over in ‘tother holler”. The move also sparked an interest in names and places that grew as he got older. In Kentucky you’ll find such places as Hell’s Half Acre in Harrison County, Helechwa (pronounced hell each way) in Wolf County; and you can find Heaven Hill Distillery in Nelson County. Other facts about Kentucky are the naming of 17 counties starting with the letter “M”; there are seven states which border on Kentucky; the highest point in Kentucky is Big Black Mountain in Harlan County at 4,145 feet; Christian County has approximately 500 miles of roads and highways and 175 bridges, the oldest being the J.P. Grace bridge built in 1894 on Highway 1914 northeast of Crofton. And of course, the first names of many of our membership being used for places in Kentucky, like Harold in Central Floyd Co. (8:00 - 8:27 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:40 P.M., hearing from Misters Byars, White, Westerfield, Adams, Kasierski, Higgins, Anderson, Rowlett, Nicolos and C. Tilley. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the April 7, 2005 meeting were announced as Judge Jim Adams and Judge Peter Macdonald.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer

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### April 7, 2005

The April 7, 2005 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Marvin Dennison.

Following dinner of salad, California blend, green beans, butter beans, new potatoes, chicken and dumplings, ham with pineapple, rolls and peach cobbler, President Danny Guffey called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. and welcomed new members Russ Guffey, Rich Maddux and Rev. Howard Willen.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 28 of 40 members were present. Minutes of the March 3, 2005 meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,115.02 was in the bank account.

President Guffey noted that on this day (April 7), in 1770, William "the Romantic Movement" Wordsworth was born near England's Lake District; in 1927, the first simultaneous telecast of an image and sound was accomplished, with Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover making a speech in Washington, DC that is seen in New York City on a 3-inch square screen.

Bob Sivley reported for the Nominating Committee (Sivley, Macdonald and Denison), recommending George Byars for 2005 -2006 President, D. D. Cayce, III for Vice-President and Robert Cope for Secretary-Treasury. Motion by Hal King, seconded by James Adams, motion passed.

Papers were presented by Judge Jim Adams member since 1981 and number 9 in seniority and Judge Peter Macdonald member since 1985 and number 13 in seniority.

Judge Adams' paper was titled "The Forgotten Justice - James Clark McReynolds". The paper is a mini-biography of United States Supreme Court Justice, James Clark McReynolds, who was born in Elkton, Kentucky on February 3, 1862. Graduating first in his class from Vanderbilt University in 1882, he studied law at the University of Virginia, graduating from there in only fourteen months in 1884. In addition to practicing law in Nashville and New York City, he involved himself in politics as a Senatorial staff assistant, was a professor of law at Vanderbilt and was appointed assistant Attorney General by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1903. Failed attempts to enter the United States Congress were attributed to his arrogance and aloofness. Although he was appointed Attorney General by President Woodrow Wilson, his violent temper and abrasive personality created problems for the president. To get rid of him, in 1914 Wilson nominated McReynolds to fill a vacant seat on the Supreme Court. Finally confirmed, he

became well known for his inflexibility, utter inability to get along with his colleagues on the bench, and was widely considered to be one of the most unpleasant persons to have ever sat upon the High Court. He finally retired from the Supreme Court in 1941. Even though he was wealthy and generous in his contributions to his selected charities, not a single member of the Supreme Court attended his funeral following his death from pneumonia in 1946 at the age of 84. (7:33 - 7:52 P.M.)

Judge Macdonald's paper was titled "Britain Bans Bloodsport". The paper describes the House of Commons 2004 Hunting Act, which effective February 18, 2005, bans fox hunting in England and Wales. What will Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles do with all of their spare time? After all, they are stalwarts of the Beaufort Hunt, which is considered to be Britain's fanciest foxhunt. The earliest known attempt to hunt a fox with hounds was in Norfolk, England, in 1534, when farmers began chasing down foxes with their dogs as a means of controlling their population. Britain's ruling Labour Party celebrated the ban as a triumph for animal rights as well as a hobble on the ankles of the rural elite; or perhaps exposing the hunt itself as a ritual that celebrates the rights of privileged people to dominate their environment in a cruel way. Whereas opponents of the ban view the government as being divisive, and that it has encouraged class warfare, not between the rich and the poor, but rather between people who live in the country and those who live in the towns and cities. In the United States there are 170 registered packs of fox hounds in 37 states. With such a foxhunting presence in our own country, perhaps a move to ban American foxhunting will be the next real non-issue to polarize our own electorate. (7:53 - 8:18 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:30 P.M., hearing from Misters Kasierski, May, Ison, Radford, Kaye, Cavanah, Sivley, Dougherty, J. Tilley, Higgins, Dennison, Schweizer, R. Guffey and Rowlett. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the May 5, 2005 Open Meeting were announced as Wendell Rorie and Wynn Radford.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer



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### May 5, 2005 Open Meeting

The May 5, 2005 open meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:45 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by William Rowlett. President Danny Guffey welcomed all members and guests to the Annual Open Meeting.

Following dinner of Stuffed Pork Loin, Boneless Chicken Breast in Lemon Pepper Sauce, Twice Baked Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Corn Pudding, Green Bean Almondine, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Rolls, Chocolate Extravaganza Cake, and Banana Pudding, President Danny Guffey called the meeting to order at 7:22 P.M.

President Guffey noted that May 5 is a special day, not only because the ladies grace our tables with their presence, but because this day has witnessed historic events...for example, on May 5, 1816 the first published poem by an unknown 20-year old named John Keats appears in the London *Examiner*. Unlike most writers of his day, Keats came from a lower-middle-class background-which bodes well for aspiring writers like Mark Schweizer.

The membership introduced their guests indicating 31 -of 39 members and 38 guests were present. Minutes of the April 7, 2005 meeting and excuses of past absences were dispensed with.

Papers were presented by Mr. Wendell Rorie member since 1960 and number 1 in seniority and Mr. Wynn Radford member since 1984 and number 12 in seniority.

Mr. Rorie's paper was titled "Humorous Gravestones-'Over Their Dead Bodies'". The paper is an account of various epitaphs that well known and not so well known individuals have chosen to have their final say. Dean Martin chose "Everybody loves somebody. Sometime". Jefferson Davis chose "At Rest, An American Soldier and Defender of the Constitution". Winston Churchill chose "I am ready to meet my maker. Whether my maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter". And that of a British Isle couple with adjoining headstones: "[Wife died first] Grieve not for me husband dear, I am not dead but sleeping here. With patience wait, prepare to die, and in time you'll come to I. [Then the husband died] Grieve not for me dearest wife, Sleep on I've got another wife. I cannot come and lie with thee, For I must go and live with she." (7:32 - 7:55 P.M.)

Mr. Radford's paper was titled "The Concept of Leisure: The Art of Doing Nothing (It's Not as Easy as it Looks)". The paper centers on a Henry David Thoreau quote in "Life Without Principle", "If a man walks in the woods for love of them half of each day, he is in danger of being regarded as a loafer, but if he spends his whole day as a speculator, shearing off those woods and making earth bald before her time, he is esteemed an industrious and enterprising citizen." From a psychological perspective, getting in touch with our deepest sense of self is one of the most difficult things we ever do. It requires

time, energy, effort, patience and practice. The objectives of leisure have perhaps been best expressed by G.K. Chesterton, the English essayist: "The first and most common form of leisure is being allowed to do something other than work. The second is being allowed to do anything that engages one's interest or desires. The third is being allowed to do nothing, a noble habit that is both difficult and rare." (7:55 - 8:23 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:30 P.M., hearing from Misters Harper, Schweizer, Nash, Love, R. Guffey, Sivley, Macdonald, Duncan Cavanah, Mrs. Sarah Cavanah, Misters David Cavanah, Byars, Mrs. Anita Freer, Misters C. Tilley, Turner and Ison. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the September 1, 2005 meeting were announced as Mr. Thomas Westerfield and Mr. Fred May.

Hal King Twinkie Awards for perfect attendance were presented to William Rowlett, David Cavanah, Peter Nicolos, Ken Dougherty, Scott Kasierski and Bob Cope. Table decorations were awarded to the lucky holders of marked programs.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer

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## Athenaeum Society

### September 7, 2006

The September 7, 2006 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:37 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by William Turner.

Following dinner of salad, lasagna, chicken, liver and onions, brussel sprouts, green beans, baked beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, cherry pie and peach cobbler, President D. D. Cayce, III called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 27 of 39 members were present. Minutes of the May 4, 2006 Open Meeting were read and approved. (Motion by Adams, Harper second) Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$1,646.94 was in the bank account at the end of the 2005-2006 meeting year.

The Membership Committee report was given by Charles Tilley. The name of one potential member was submitted for consideration at the October 5 meeting. (Motion by Dougherty, Adams second)

The "PowerPoint" Committee, chaired by Marvin Denison, reported that the cost of the projector (no screen or laptop) was \$800. (Motion by Kaye, Adams second to purchase) After discussion about who would be custodian of the projector other equipment needed, the matter was tabled on a motion by Radford, second by Harper to have Denison inquire about the capabilities of the Holiday in to provide a complete PowerPoint system.

The President reminded those who had not done so, to pay their dues. The President appointed the following committees for the year:

<i>Membership Committee</i>	<i>Nominating Committee</i>	<i>Meeting Site Committee</i>	<i>Open Meeting Committee</i>
Charles Tilley	Robert Sivley	William Turner	President
Ken Dougherty	Peter Macdonald	Frank Nash	Vice-President
David Cavanah	Marvin Denison	Wynn Radford	Secretary

President Cayce asked for the Membership Committee to report at the October meeting regarding the two vacancies we have to bring the membership to forty.

Papers were presented by Hollis N. White, III, member since 1999 and number 24 in seniority and Scott P. Kasierski, member since 2003 and number 35 in seniority.

Mr. White's paper, "The Virgin of Guadalupe", was an account of the world economy and the impact economic roads have on the economies of various countries throughout the world. For example, China provides Mexico the statuette of the Virgin of Guadalupe at discount prices because they can make them cheaper than the Mexicans can. Go figure. The presenter questioned where Hopkinsville is heading in this new global economy. What are the implications of the loss of geographic advantage for Hopkinsville? In China they have a long history of Chinese leaders as public servants and the culture prizes education. What about Hopkinsville's education system? In the words of Will Rogers, "Even if you're on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there." (7:27 - 7:43 P.M.)

Mr. Kasierski's paper, "Your Mother", was presented by Rev. Dr. Bill Watson, as Mr. Kasierski was unable to return from his new residence in Jacksonville, FL to present the paper. The paper was not actually about real mothers at all but rather about "Your Mama". The purpose of the paper was to present the sociological role of insults in our culture, and in the peculiar subculture that is the Athenaeum Society, to wit the comment and rebuttal sessions following the presentation of papers. We seem to enjoy the humor found in the insults - as long as it is in the context of having fun. So, the next time someone talks about your mother being fat, you will need to consider the source and circumstances when they tell you "Your Mama's so fat, she's got smaller fat women orbiting her." Is it humor or is it fighting words? (7:44 - 8:07 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:20 P.M., hearing from Misters Love, Nicolos, Major, Harper, Radford, Turner, Kaye and C. Tilley. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the October 5 meeting were announced as Mr. Wendell A. Lynch and Mr. Peter K. Nicolos.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer

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## Athenaeum Society

### September 1, 2005

The September 1, 2005 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Rev. Howard Willen.

Following dinner of salad, ham, chicken and dumplings, peas & carrots, pinto beans, mashed potatoes, cabbage, rolls and cherry cobbler, President George Byars called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 26 of 39 members were present. Minutes of the May 5, 2005 Open Meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$2,220.17 was in the bank account at the end of the 2004-2005 meeting year.

The President reminded those who had not done so, to pay their dues. The President appointed the following committees for the year:

<i>Membership Committee</i>	<i>Nominating Committee</i>	<i>Meeting Site Committee</i>	<i>Open Meeting Committee</i>
Charles Tilley	Robert Sivley	William Turner	President
Ken Dougherty	Peter Macdonald	Frank Nash	Vice-President
Scott Kasierski	Marvin Denison	Wynn Radford	Secretary

President Byars asked for the Membership Committee to report at the October meeting regarding the one vacancy we have to bring the membership to forty.

Papers were presented by Thomas W. Westerfield, member since 1973 and number six in seniority and T. Frederic May, member since 2002 and number 32 in seniority.

Mr. Westerfield's paper, "Hey Honey, I Shrunk The Kids", was an account of how technology has advanced to the point where large equipment that was built 1950's, '60's and '70's, is now being produced in miniature, or nano sizes, at a fraction of the cost and with much more capabilities. Examples of the transmitter, magnets and computer, among others, were given. These new efforts have been called by the creators, Nanoscience and Nanotechnology. I am doing my part by trying to make these and future minutes, NANOMINUTES. (7:15 - 7:45 P.M.)

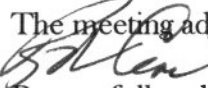
Mr. May's paper "Cup'O Joe and the Caffeine Buzz", was a presentation on the lowly coffee bean and its core component of pleasure, caffeine. The paper delved into the growing process, location where coffee is most suitable to be grown, harvesting, processing,

roasting, grinding and brewing. A brief history of Starbucks and its merchandizing success was also presented. (7:47 - 8:13 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:25 P.M., hearing from Misters Dougherty, Freer, Kasierski, Maddux, C. Tilley, Schweizer, Sivley, Kaye and Anderson. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the October 6 meeting were announced as Mr. Marvin Denison and Mr. David Cavanah.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

  
Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer

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### October 6, 2005

The October 6, 2005 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Curtis Brasher.

Following dinner of salad, Italian green beans, yams with marshmallows, potatoes, barbeque pork, beef tips with noodles, baked beans, rolls, corn bread and peach cobbler. In the absence of President George Byars, Vice-President D. D. Cayce, III called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Cayce welcomed Honorary Member, Curtis Brasher, who was in town visiting.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 30 of 39 members were present. Minutes of the September 1, 2005 Meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,907.08 was in the bank account.

The Membership Committee report was given by Charles Tilley. The name of one potential member was submitted for consideration at the November 3 meeting.

Papers were presented by Marvin D. Dennison, member since 1986 and number 15 in seniority and Charles David Cavanah, member since 1987 and number 17 in seniority.

Mr. Dennison's paper was titled "The Real New World Order?". I really had trouble figuring out what the presenter's point was, but I will give it my best shot. The basis of the paper is Benjamin Barber's 1995 book, *Jihad vs. McWorld*, which presents a vision of two worlds - one a world of Jihad in which "culture is pitted against culture, people against people, and tribe against tribe. The other sphere is McWorld, "onrushing economic, technological, and ecological forces that demand integration and uniformity and mesmerize peoples everywhere with fast music, fast computers, and fast food." (7:15 - 7:34 P.M.)

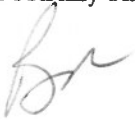
Mr. Cavanah's paper was titled "Paparazzi". The presenter described the antics that some photographers and journalists go to, to get "the goods" on the rich and famous. The candid pictures are then sold to various scandal magazines for a considerable amount of money. In many instances, law suits are brought against the photographer. Several candid "smut" shots of Athenaeum Society members were displayed and offered for sale. There were no takers - either not "smutty" enough or photos were of poor quality. (7:35 - 8:10 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:20 P.M., hearing from Misters Sivley, Higgins, Westerfield, Love, Schweizer, C. Tilley, Rowlett, Fuqua and Freer. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the November 3 meeting were announced as Mr. Edward H. Higgins, III and Mr. Paul D. Guffey.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer



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November 3, 2005

The November 3, 2005 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:40 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by William Rowlett.

Following dinner of salad, corn, pinto beans, mashed potatoes, green beans, chicken with rice, beef stew, rolls, corn bread and cheese cake, President George Byars called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 27 of 39 members were present. Minutes of the October 6, 2005 Meeting were read, corrected and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,620.93 was in the bank account.

Mr. Jack Glazer, a guest of Wynn Radford, was recognized and welcomed to the meeting.

In accordance with the Bylaws, letters were directed to be written to members who have missed the last two meetings, requesting their presence at the next meeting.

The Membership Committee report was given by Charles Tilley. The name of Dr. William Watson was submitted for consideration. Dr. Watson was elected into the membership by secret ballot and the Secretary was directed to write Dr. Watson informing him of his new member status.

Papers were presented by Edward H. Higgins, III, member since 1984 and number 11 in seniority and Paul D. Guffey, member since 1987 and number 18 in seniority.

Mr. Higgins's paper was titled "Restoring Our Wetlands". The author describes the flooding of New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The hardwood forests, marshes and islands which originally acted as "speed bumps" have disappeared over the years allowing Mother Nature to wreak havoc on the coast. Can, or should, man interfere with nature? Can the pipeline sediment transport technique play a major role in saving coastal Louisiana? I guess our Government and time will have to provide the answers. (7:30 - 7:51 P.M.)

Mr. Guffey's paper was titled "Does God Wear A Fig Leaf? Don't Ask Newton, He'll Say It's Not Relative, Right Einstein? Or Who You Calling Anthropomorphic". In his paper, the presenter poses the questions "Have the religious geniuses of all ages been distinguished by this cosmic religious feeling which knows no dogma? Indeed, was the religion that Christ expounded a dogmatic one?" and "Should man's ethical behavior be based on sympathy, education and social ties, without a religious basis?" The presenter's

research suggests that science has been charged with undermining morality, but the charge is unjust. A man's ethical behavior should be based effectually on sympathy, education and social ties; no religious basis is necessary. Man would indeed be in a poor way if he had to be restrained by fear and punishment and hope of reward after death. (7:52 - 8:17 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:25 P.M., hearing from Misters Dennison, Byars, Fuqua, Nicolos, Kasierski, R. Guffey, Anderson, Freer, Sivley and J. Tiley. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the December 1 meeting were announced as J. Brooks Major and J. Terry Fuqua.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Minutes**  
**Athenaeum Society**  
**December 1, 2005**

The December 1, 2005 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Brooks Major.

Following dinner of salad, green beans, mashed potatoes, lima beans, baked apples, chicken, roast beef, rolls, chocolate cake and coconut cake, President George Byars called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 31 of 40 members were present. Minutes of the November 3, 2005 meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,467.93 was in the bank account.

President Byars welcomed Rev. Dr. William Watson into the Society. President Byars also noted that Honorary Athenaeum Society member, Lewis Spencer passed away on November 11 and asked that the Secretary send a sympathy card to his wife, Elizabeth.

Papers were presented by J. Brooks Major, member since 1961 and number 2 in seniority and J. Terry Fuqua, member since 2002 and number 33 in seniority.

Dr. Major's paper was titled "Henry's Tin Lizzie (The Magnificent Model T)". The paper took us back in time to 1909 when Henry Ford successfully transformed the automobile manufacturing industry by building a car for the mass market and then by cutting costs. The resulting Model T was durable, easy to operate, economical to maintain and simple to repair. (7:27 - 7:57 P.M.)

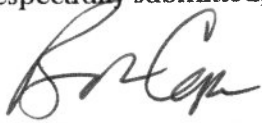
Dr. Fuqua's paper was titled "How Our Native Tongue Has Slipped or The English Languish". The paper is a summary of how the English language, one of the most complex languages in the world, and misspoken by millions, evolved. Although it is difficult to come up with a certain time that marks the beginning of our language, around 500 AD three Germanic tongues fused in southern England into proto-English. Since then the language has survived ambiguity, puns, political correctness and slang. (7:58 - 8:20 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:28 P.M., hearing from Misters Rorie, R. Guffey, D. Guffey, Turner, Sivley, Maddux, Cayce, Dennison, Radford and C. Tilley. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the January 5, 2006 meeting were announced as D. D. Cayce, III and John H. Freer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Cope', written in a cursive style.

Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer