

**Minutes**  
**Athenaeum Society**  
**January 5, 2006**

The January 5, 2006 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, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, corn, black eyed peas, fried chicken, roast beef, rolls, corn bread and cherry cobbler, President George Byars called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 32 of 40 members were present. Minutes of the December 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 \$3,344.04 was in the bank account.

President Byars asked the Meeting Site Committee (William Turner, Frank Nash, Wynn Radford) to evaluate options for the location of the May 4 Open Meeting and to report at the February meeting.

Papers were presented by D.D. Cayce, III, member since 1991 and number 20 in seniority and John Freer, member since 1995 and number 23 in seniority.

Mr. Cayce's paper was titled "The Dig at Dan, The Fourteenth Season 1980". The presenter dug back into his past in giving an account of his experiences as being part of a team who participated in an archeological dig in the summer of 1980 at Dan, Tel-Dan in Northern Galilee. Mr. Cayce described in words and photographs, the daily activities, meals, artifacts and the joys of being part of an archeological dig in an area so rich in Biblical history. (7:20 - 7:42 P.M.)

Dr. Freer's paper was titled "On But Not Over The Hill". The presenter gave his paper as a tribute to Louise Hightower Holloway, an LPN at Western State Hospital from 1936 through 1978. The paper is a history of the Western State Hospital from its beginning as Western Lunatic Asylum in 1854 on 386 acres of the former Spring Hill Farm. The paper also describes various restraint and medication treatments used over time at the hospital. The membership was electrified to learn that electric shock treatment is still used at some treatment facilities in the country, although not at Western State Hospital. (7:43 - 8:15 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:25 P.M., hearing from members Turner, Adams, R. Guffey, Sivley, Byars, and Rowlett. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the February 2, 2006 meeting were announced as Mr. Logan Askew and Mr. Marlin Anderson.

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

# Minutes

## Athenaeum Society

### February 2, 2006

The February 2, 2006 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:32 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by William Rowlett.

Following dinner of salad, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, green beans, yams, Salisbury steak, baked chicken, rolls, corn bread and peach cobbler, President George Byars called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 32 of 40 members were present. Minutes of the January 5, 2006 meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,650.89 was in the bank account.

President Byars asked the Meeting Site Committee (William Turner, Frank Nash, Wynn Radford) to report on options for the location of the May 4 Open Meeting. William indicated that they will have a report at the March meeting.

Papers were presented by Logan B. Askew, member since 1991 and number 21 in seniority and Marlin H. Anderson, Jr., member since 2001 and number 28 in seniority.

Mr. Askew's paper was titled "Judicial Selection". The paper could just as well been titled "Here Comes The Judge", as the presenter is a candidate for the Kentucky Court of Appeals. The presenter describes the political process used to select worthy, or perhaps non-worthy, individuals to the bench, be it the Supreme Court which has been given much attention lately, or the Appellate Courts. And, that the uncertainty of legal decisions is how the framers of the Constitution expected the process to work. "If all legal decisions were black and white, there would be little need for a Supreme Court of Appellate Courts." (7:22 - 7:42 P.M.)

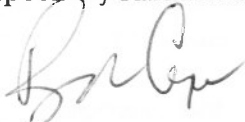
Mr. Anderson's paper was titled "We See, or Do We". Again, this paper could just as well been titled "From Two Holer to Black Holes", as the presenter takes us from his earlier days of growing up on a farm in Millbrook, Alabama where there was no indoor plumbing, only a "two-holer", to the present and his fascination and curiosity of the celestial bodies and black holes. The universe is so vast that without satellites and telescopes, we do not see what is beyond the capability of the naked eye. We see the Milky Way, the sun, moon, some of the planets and numerous stars. But due to the wavelength of light and the electromagnetic spectrum, we can't see, and most of us can't understand what is, or is it? out there - black holes, Red Giants, etc. Time for Edwin Hubble, the father of modern cosmology, and Stephen Hawking, who has been called the greatest mind in physics since Albert Einstein, to take over. (7:43 - 8:20 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:27 P.M., hearing from members King, D. Guffey, Macdonald, Cavanah, Nicolos, Byars, Sivley, Dougherty, R. Guffey, Fuqua, and Rowlett. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the March 2, 2006 meeting were announced as Dr. Mitchell D. Kaye and Mr. John C. Tilley.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer

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March 2, 2006

The March 2, 2006 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:30 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Brooks Major.

Following dinner of salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, squash, spinach, macaroni & cheese, fried chicken, pork chops, roast beef, rolls, and assorted deserts, President George Byars called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 34 of 40 members were present. Minutes of the February 2, 2006 meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,386.27 was in the bank account.

President Byars asked the Meeting Site Committee (William Turner, Frank Nash, Wynn Radford) to report on options for the location of the May 4 Open Meeting. After a brief presentation by Wynn Radford, a motion was made by Jim Adams, second by John Freer, to authorize the committee to further investigate possibilities and make the location and meal cost decision, without further involvement from the membership.

Papers were presented by Mitchell D. Kaye, member since 2004 and number 36 in seniority and John C. Tilley, member since 2002 and number 34 in seniority.

Dr. Kaye's paper was titled "Aerobatics, A Personal Experience". The presenter shared his love for stunt flying and took us through preflight inspections, several aerobatic maneuvers which would upset the stomach of most members, and the numerous stunt planes he has either owned or flown. Dr. Kaye described his passion for flying as exhilarating and filling, requiring great attention to detail and nerves of steel not to mention numerous hours of training. (7:28 - 8:20 P.M.)

Mr. Tilley's paper was titled "The Good Life". The presenter described how the good, *the really good*, race horses have everything to look forward to if they have been successful on the track, or produced successful offspring - retirement, plenty of sex (we are not supposed to discuss this in an Athenaeum Society paper) and cash flow. The main subject of the paper was Storm Cat, who enjoys the life of a stud at W. T. Young's Overbrook Farm in Lexington and commands a not too shabby fee of \$500,000 for — doing it. Did you get the impression that our presenter may have been just a little envious? (8:21 - 8:40 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:50 P.M., hearing from members Sivley, R. Guffey, Higgins, Dougherty, Fuqua, Nicolos, C. Tilley and Byars. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the April 6, 2006 meeting were announced as Mr. Robert E. Ison and Dr. Robert B. Sivley.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Cope". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bob" and last name "Cope" clearly distinguishable.

Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer

# Minutes

## Athenaeum Society

### April 6, 2006

The April 6, 2006 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, brussel sprouts, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, corn, ham with pineapple, fried chicken, rolls and peach cobbler, President George Byars called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. Curtis Brasher, honorary member of the Society, was welcomed to the meeting.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 24 of 40 members were present. Minutes of the March 2, 2006 meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,069.68 was in the bank account.

Bob Cope advised that Meeting Site Committee (William Turner, Frank Nash, Wynn Radford) had decided that the location of the May 4 Open Meeting would be the Holiday Inn. On a motion by John Freer, second by Jim Love, the membership voted in favor of the Society subsidizing \$10.00 per person of the total cost of the Open Meeting, resulting in a cost of \$25.00 each.

At the request of Terry Fuqua, George Byars appointed Marvin Denison and Mitch Kaye to look into the cost of purchasing a PowerPoint System for the Society and report back at the September meeting.

Bob Sivley reported for the Nominating Committee (Sivley, Macdonald and Denison), recommending D. D. Cayce, III for 2006 -2007 President, Logan B. Askew for Vice-President and Robert Cope for Secretary-Treasury. Motion by Hal King, seconded by Peter Nicolos, motion passed.

Papers were presented by Robert E. Ison member since 2000 and number 26 in seniority and Robert B. Sivley member since 1970 and number 4 in seniority.

Mr. Ison's paper was titled "Lincoln, Great Emancipator of Simply Great Politician". The paper is a study of Lincoln's dislike of slavery and how he used his political power and wisdom to effect change in the Constitution. The paradox and question that presents itself is, "if he hated slavery so much, why did Lincoln not become an abolitionist?" Although he is known as the "great emancipator", Lincoln was keenly aware that slavery, though wrong in his eyes, was sanctioned by law and he frequently acknowledged that the rights of slave owners, both to retain slaves and to have slaves returned, were guaranteed in the Constitution. The presenter's view is that Lincoln was simply a great politician who used

emancipation as another tool to restore the union. He used his "was powers" to effect change in an area he was otherwise powerless to act. He did not actively campaign for a constitutional amendment to end slavery, because it would not have been politically expedient. (7:31 - 8:00 P.M.)

Dr. Sivley's paper was titled "The Trial Of The Century". The paper describes the famous "Scopes Monkey Trial" which took place in the summer of 1925 in the little town of Dayton, Tennessee, 40 miles northeast of Chattanooga. The charge - violating a Tennessee law that forbade the teaching of evolution in the public schools. The trial pitted William Jennings Bryan for the prosecution against Clarence Darrow for the defense. While the ACLU was providing financial support for any teacher who was arrested for violating the law, some of Dayton's city fathers, including the Mayor and School Superintendent, thought of a scheme that might attract national attention to their little town and be good for business. John T. Scopes became the pawn of unscrupulous civic leaders and was persuaded to be the catalyst for the "big event" even though he had only substituted as a biology teacher and had never taught evolution. The outcome of the so-called monkey trial was anticlimactic and although he never took the stand, Scopes was found guilty and fined \$100. Dayton city fathers may not have achieved their goal to put Dayton on the map for it was forever to be referred to as "the little town in Tennessee where they had the monkey trial" and is not much bigger now than it was then. (8:02 - 8:25 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:35 P.M., hearing from Misters Kasierski, J. Tilley, Dennison, R. Guffey, Rowlett, Fuqua, Lynch, Love, D. Guffey and Askew. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the May 4, 2006 Open Meeting were announced as William T. Turner and Mark G. Schweizer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer



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## Athenaeum Society

### May 4, 2006 Open Meeting

The May 4, 2006 open meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by William J. Watson, III. President George Byars welcomed all members and guests to the Annual Open Meeting.

Following dinner of Prime Rib with Carver, Shrimp Kabobs, Turkey & Dressing with Gravy & Cranberry Sauce, Twice Baked Potatoes, Capri Blend Vegetables, Whole Kernel Corn, Whole Baked Apples, Salad, Rolls, Assorted Gourmet Desserts, Water, Coffee and Tea, George Byars called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.

The membership introduced their guests, most who described their wives as beautiful and loving, indicating 34 of 40 members and 55 guests were present. Minutes of the April 6, 2006 meeting and excuses of past absences were dispensed with.

The paper was presented by William T. Turner member since 1963 and number 3 in seniority and Mark G. Schweizer member since 1993 and number 22 in seniority. In a break from tradition, the presenters collaborated to present "Murder Most Fowl" which was video taped by Tim Golden.

The paper was a "Who Done It" story narrated by William Turner (Historian) and Mark Schweizer (Writer of Detective Fiction), with a cast of characters including Society Members, the multi murdered George Byars as Judge Lazarus Cornpone and crooked politician Fred May as Senator H.R. Willis. The task before the membership and guests, was to solve the unsolved murder that occurred in our fair city in the 1930's. We were informed that "the names, dates, and locations were changed because the people involved have family members still living in town, but rest assured, like any small town, Hoptown, Kentucky has its share of dirty little secrets." Through a series of clues, the people at each table were to solve the murder, given points for correctly identifying clues and the speed with which the murderer was correctly identified. The winning table which correctly identified Judge Obadiah Ornnason (Rev. Ron Buck), the county judge, "stern and flinty as a bottle of Brevard Winery Chablis", as causing the multiple deaths of Judge Lazarus Cornpone (George Byars), "the city judge with an eye for the ladies and a predilection for lying like the Bill Clinton Memorial Presidential Rug" was Bill and Marilyn Rowlett, Cathy Buck, Terry Fuqua, Pete and Mary Nicolos and Robert Harper. (7:30 - 8:40 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:55 P.M., hearing from Misters Kasierski, Dougherty, Maddux, Nicolos, Sivley, Nash, Love, Higgins, D. Guffey, R. Guffey, C. Tilley, King, Fuqua, Cavanah, Harper and Mrs. Anita Freer. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the September 7, 2006 meeting were announced as Mr. Hollis White and Mr. Scott Kasierski.

Hal King Twinkie Awards for perfect attendance were presented to Robert Sivley, William Rowlett, Hal King, David Cavanah, John Freer, Robert Cope and Ken Dougherty. Table decorations were awarded to the lucky holders of marked programs.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob Cope", written in dark ink.

Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer

# Minutes

## 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	Vicc-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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**October 5, 2006**

The October 5, 2006 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Curtis Brasher, visiting Honorary Member.

Following dinner of salad, green beans, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, cabbage, chicken & dumplings, pepper steak and rice, liver and onions, rolls, corn bread, apple pie, and apple cobbler, President D. D. Cayce, III called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 24 of 38 members were present. Minutes of the September 7, 2006 Meeting were read and approved (Ison/C. Tilley). Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,246.90 was in the bank account.

The Membership Committee report was given by Charles Tilley. The name of Duncan Cavanah was submitted for consideration. Mr. Cavanah was elected into the membership by secret ballot and the Secretary was directed to write Mr. Cavanah informing him of his new member status. Furthermore, Mr. Tilley advised that the committee is still considering another potential member to bring the membership to 40.

Marvin Denison stated there was no report from the "PowerPoint" Committee. Following this, on a motion by Brooks Major, second by Danny Guffey, the membership voted favorably to not purchase any PowerPoint equipment.

Papers were presented by Wendell A. Lynch, member since 2001 and number 29 in seniority and Peter K. Nicolos, member since 2001 and number 30 in seniority.

Mr. Lynch's paper was titled "The Fastest Bicycle Rider In The World" "It's Not About The Bike". The paper chronicles the successful athletic lives of two cyclists, Marshall "Major" Taylor, who in 1899 was crowned the World Champion of the one mile bicycling championship, thereby becoming the first black athletic in any sport to win a World Professional Championship. And Lance Armstrong, who in 1999, rewrote cycling history by returning from a near death experience with cancer, to be crowned the undisputed winner of the prestigious Tour De France. Both men overcame personal hardships and exhibited strong inner strength, and the encouragement from others to accomplish their personal dreams. (7:17 - 7:35 P.M.)

Mr. Nicolos's paper was titled "Older Than Gold - Salt - All You Ever Wanted To Know- And Probably More". The presenter described the complex and fascinating story of salt, which is the chemical term for a substance produced by the reaction of an acid with a base. The membership was exposed to a vast amount of information on salt, but it was not until

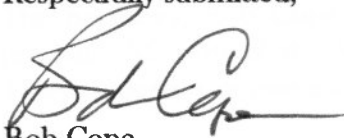
the comment session, that it was pointed out that every single grain of salt is a perfect cube. For those who missed the presentation, or for those who would like a refresher, a CD can be obtained from Mr. Nicolos. (7:36 - 8:30 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:40 P.M., hearing from Misters Schweizer, Sivley, Westerfield, King, Cavanah and C. Tilley. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the November 2 meeting were announced as Mr. George W. Engler and Mr. Harold B. King, Jr.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Bob Cope', written in dark ink.

Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer

# Minutes

## Athenaeum Society

### November 2, 2006

The November 2, 2006 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:33 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Rev. Howard Willen.

Following dinner of salad, brussel sprouts, mashed potatoes, corn, baked apples, beans, meat loaf, chicken, dressing with gravy, rolls, corn bread, peach cobbler and peach pie, President D.D. Cayce, III called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 22 of 39 members were present. Minutes of the October 5, 2006 meeting were read and approved (D. Guffey/Harper). Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,191.13 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 December 7 meeting to bring the membership to 40.

Papers were presented by George W. Engler, member since 1983 and number 10 in seniority and Harold B. King, Jr. member since 1987 and number 16 in seniority.

Mr. Engler's paper was titled "Fatal Sequence". The author chronicles the theory and quote attributed to the French author, Alexis de Tocqueville, who stated that "A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover they can vote themselves largess out of the public treasury." The first part of the quote is referred to as "Why Democracies Fail" and tries to explain how people vote themselves money from the public treasury. The second part of the quote is called the "Fatal Sequence", and explains the progression of a democracy from bondage back into bondage, and studies that show the average age of the world's great governments has been 200 years. (7:15 - 7:30 P.M.)

Mr. King's paper was titled "Brakefield and the Brakefield Boys". In his paper, the presenter takes us back to his days of playing football for the Evarts High School Wildcats (Harlan County) under the "legendary" James A. Brakefield, "Pug" as he was known, from 1947 - 1948. In 1948 the team went 10-0. A brief biography of each of the Brakefield Boys was presented, including the presenter, who is one of three surviving team mates. Coach Brakefield went on to a successful coaching career as various colleges, including Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina where his 1970 team posted an 11-1 record and a 20 game winning streak. Coach Brakefield passed away in October, 2002. (7:31 - 7:55 P.M.)