

# Minutes

## Athenaeum Society

### January 4, 2007

The January 4, 2007 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:30 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Rev. Howard Willen.

Following dinner of salad, green beans, mashed potatoes, corn, lima beans, roast beef, fried chicken, rolls, and peach cobbler, President D. D. Cayce, III called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 32 of 39 members were present. Minutes of the December 7, 2006 meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$2,791.23 was in the bank account.

The Membership Committee was advised that with the departure of Logan Askew to Lexington, there is one vacancy. The committee will suggest a potential member at a future meeting. The Nominating Committee shall also take Mr. Askew's departure into consideration for next years slate of officers as he is currently Vice-President.

Wynn Radford introduced his son, Wynn Radford, IV, as a guest who was visiting while on a business trip.

On a motion by Kaye, second by Turner, the membership voted to have a group photograph of the members taken. Bob Cope agreed to take the photo.

Papers were presented by William M. Rowlett, member since 1970 and number 5 in seniority and Charles R. Guffey, member since 2005 and number 35 in seniority.

Dr. Rowlett's paper was titled "Sweet and Sour Charity". The paper was an account of the numerous amounts of unsolicited requests for charitable donations we are inundated with on a daily basis. While many of the requests are from viable and worthwhile organizations, many come from questionable and possibly devious organizations. Bottom line, do your homework; know what you are supporting; follow the money; ignore phone calls; and give to the charity of your choice, not theirs. (7:25 - 7:48 P.M.)

Mr. Guffey's paper was titled "Paul Bryant: The Life, Times and Legend of the "Bear", Before the Houndstooth Hat". The paper traced the life of the legendary football coach from birth on September 11, 1913, the 11<sup>th</sup> of 12 children, through his playing days at Fordyce High School and the University of Alabama. And his subsequent assistant coaching career starting at Alabama, followed by Vanderbilt University, and the Carolina Cloudbusters during his stint in the Navy, where he posted his first win as a head coach.

He officially began his head coaching career at the University of Maryland, followed by the University of Kentucky (the State was not big enough for him and Adolph Rupp), and Texas A&M. Stay tuned for part two, The Alabama Story. (7:48 - 8:23 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:27 P.M., hearing from Misters Cayce, Westerfield, Dougherty, Kaye, Freer, Macdonald, Higgins, C. Tilley, D. Guffey, Duncan Cavanah, Sivley, Nicolos and Ison. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the February 1, 2007 meeting were announced as Dr. H. Kendrick Dougherty and Mr. Charles R. Maddux, Jr.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Minutes**  
**Athenaeum Society**  
February 1, 2007

The February 1, 2007 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, green beans, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, brussel sprouts, ham with pineapple, roast pork, rolls, peach pie and cherry cobbler, President D. D. Cayce, III called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 29 of 39 members were present. Minutes of the January 4, 2007 meeting were read and approved (Adams/Nicolos). Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,311.23 was in the bank account.

Mr. Harper introduced his guest, Sam Rogers, III, a fellow miller from Washington, D.C.

The Membership Committee report was given by Charles Tilley. The name of one potential member was submitted for consideration at the March 1 meeting to bring the membership to 40. The Secretary is also to follow up on the intentions of Austin Moss to join the membership.

The membership was reminded that a group photo of the members would be taken at the March 1 meeting. The Secretary is to get prices from local photographers to take the photo and provide one 8"x10" color photograph to be filed with William Turner.

Papers were presented by H. Kendrick Dougherty, member since 2001 and number 30 in seniority and Charles R. Maddux, Jr., member since 2005 and number 35 in seniority.

Dr. Dougherty's paper was titled "Fantasy Sports: Winning by Losing or Vice Versa". The paper describes the popular past time of everyday folks, who place themselves in an ownership position and draft their own players, from the entire roster of players. Over 30 million people play fantasy sports, be it football, the NBA, NASCAR, the NHL, golf, etc. Rules are established and points awarded by converting statistical performances of the players to determine the winner of the fantasy team. (7:17 - 7:43 P.M.)

Mr. Maddux's paper was titled "Nihao, Everybody! Chinglish for Beginners". The paper describes the presenter's first hand observations on understanding the cultural shifts necessary to work with the Chinese. It won't be terrorism or religious fundamentals that our children and grandchildren will have to worry about in the future; it will be learning

what the Chinese jokingly refer to as “Chinglish”. It means that in order for them to be successful, they will have to understand and grasp the fundamental Chinese concepts that will help them understand why something that seems crazy in the American cultural system is absolutely critical in China. (7:43 - 8:16 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:25 P.M., hearing from Mistrs Westerfield, Higgins, C. Tilley, Nicolos, Sivley, Duncan Cavanah, Turner and Fuqua. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the March 1, 2007 meeting were announced as James H. Love and Robert J. Cope II.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Minutes**  
**Athenaeum Society**  
**March 1, 2007**

The March 1, 2007 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:30 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by D.D. Cayce, III.

Following dinner of salad, green beans, mashed potatoes, lima beans, brussel sprouts, baked chicken, roast beef, rolls, pecan cobbler, blueberry pie and cherry cobbler, President D. D. Cayce, III called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M., following the taking of a group photograph.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 29 of 38 members were present. Minutes of the February 1, 2007 meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$2,742.26 was in the bank account.

The Membership Committee report was given by David Cavanah. The name of John Rittenhouse was submitted for consideration. Mr. Rittenhouse was elected into the membership by secret ballot bringing the membership to 39. The Secretary was directed to write Mr. Rittenhouse informing him of his new member status.

Also, the Membership Committee reported that since Austin Moss was unable to accept his invitation to join the membership due to family care giving responsibilities, the name of one potential member was submitted for consideration at the April 12 meeting to bring the membership to 40.

The membership group photo was taken by Tony Kirves of Southern Exposure. The cost was \$50.00 which included one 8"x10" color photograph to be filed with William Turner. Members may purchase an 8"x10" print for \$10.00.

The Meeting Site Committee, on a motion by William Turner, second by Hal King, recommended to hold the May 3 Open Meeting at the Holiday Inn and charge each person attending \$25.00, the same as last year. Motion passed.

Papers were presented by James H. Love, member since 1985 and number 14 in seniority and Robert J. Cope, II, member since 2000 and number 24 in seniority.

Mr. Love's paper was titled "Suicide is Painless". The presenter picked the very "deadly" topic of suicide but presented it from the standpoint of some of the humorous cases (or maybe they were tales) of suicide and of course a blonde joke. He reported that while his joining the Army was the worst thing he could have done to himself, it was certainly not as permanent and painful as suicide. Mr. Love also shared his sorrowful experience

regarding the suicide of his father at the age of nearly 90, whose health had been declining and drivers license suspended. (7:29 - 7:50 P.M.)

Mr. Cope's paper was titled "Everything You Wanted To Know About Spit, But Were Afraid To Ask". Mr. Cope's paper intertwined the chemistry and digestive function of saliva, which is 99 percent water, and which we swallow almost a quart a day, with some of the disgusting competitions involving spitting. Specifically, Kudu dung (or as Dr. Fuqua noted, Kudu do do), spitting and cricket spitting championships; both of which necessitate putting gross projectiles in your mouth. The paper also addressed the social attitudes of spitting in public, especially in mixed company, and the use of the spittoon. (7:51 - 8:10 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:20 P.M., hearing from Misters Turner, Major, Freer, Nash, Fuqua, Schweizer, King, White and C. Tilley. Rebuttals followed.

On a motion by John Freer, second by William Turner, the membership voted favorably to move the April meeting to the second Thursday in April to avoid a conflict with presenters, as well as other members, and Maundy Thursday church services.

The presenters for the April 12, 2007 meeting were announced as Franklin A. Nash, Jr. and Howard H. Willen, with Mr. Nash indicating he may have a schedule conflict.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer

# Minutes

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### April 12, 2007

The April 12, 2007 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:31 P.M. at the Holiday Inn, having been rescheduled to avoid a conflict with Maundy Thursday church services. An opening prayer was given by Terry Fuqua.

Following dinner of salad, green beans, mashed potatoes, black eyed peas, corn, fried chicken, lasagna, rolls, peach cobbler, and apple pie, Secretary Bob Cope called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the absence of President D. D. Cayce, III.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 24 of 39 members were present. Minutes of the March 1, 2007 meeting were read and approved (Adams/Nicolos). Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$2,375.45 was in the bank account.

The Membership Committee report was given by Charles Tilley. The name of Rev. Dr. Ron M. Buck, III was submitted for consideration. Rev. Buck was elected into the membership by secret ballot bringing the membership to 40. The Secretary was directed to write Rev. Buck informing him of his new member status.

Bob Sivley reported for the Nominating Committee (Sivley, Macdonald and Denison), recommending Mark Schweizer for 2007 -2008 President, John Freer for Vice-President and Tom Westerfield for Secretary-Treasury. Motion by Hal King, seconded by Ken Dougherty, motion passed.

Papers were presented by Robert B. Sivley, member since 1970 and number 4 in seniority and Howard H. Willen, member since 2005 and number 36 in seniority.

Dr. Sivley's paper was titled "The Seven Ages of Man". The presenter described the "seven ages of man" as presented in William Shakespeare's play *As You Like It*. One man in his time plays many parts; his acts being seven ages. At first the infant; then the whining school boy; then the lover; then a soldier; and then the justice; followed by the sixth age slipping into the lean; and the finally the last scene. (7:20 - 7:38 P.M.)

Rev. Willen's paper was titled "I Feel So Much Better...After You're Gone - A Treatise on Humor". Rev. Willen's paper poses the question "What is humor?" Rick Walton defines humor as "surprise without threat or promise". To be surprised you must have an expectation of how the world works. When something happens contrary to that expectation, you are surprised. Everyone has a different expectation of how the world works. What surprises you might not surprise someone else. (7:39 - 8:04 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:13 P.M., hearing from Misters D. Guffey, Kaye, Adams, David Cavanah, C. Tilley, King, Fuqua and Turner. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the May 3, 2007 open meeting were announced as Franklin A. Nash, Jr. and James G. Adams, Jr.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer



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May 3, 2007 Open Meeting

The May 3, 2007 open meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:45 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Ron Buck. President D. D. Cayce, III welcomed all members and guests to the Annual Open Meeting.

Following dinner of Prime Rib with Carver, Grilled Shrimp Kabobs, Turkey Breast & Dressing with Gravy, Twice Baked Potatoes, Broccoli Casserole, Fresh Kernel Corn, Green Beans with Almonds, Salad/Rolls, Assorted Gourmet Desserts, Water, Coffee, Tea, D.D. Cayce, III called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.

The membership introduced their guests, indicating 27 of 40 members and 38 guests were present. Minutes of the April 12, 2007 meeting and excuses of past absences were dispensed with.

The papers were presented by Franklin A. Nash, Jr. member since 1979 and number 8 in seniority and James G. Adams, Jr. member since 1981 and number 9 in seniority.

Mr. Nash's paper was titled "From Black Rejects to Red Tail <sup>ANGELS</sup>Angles". The paper traced the adversity which tenacious blacks had to overcome to pursue their dream of learning to fly. They ultimately gained the admiration and respect of the Nation during World War II, as The Tuskegee Airman, the first all-Negro flying unit. <sup>ANGEL</sup>White American bomber crews, in reverence, referred to them as the "Red Tail Angles" because of the identifying red paint on their tail assemblies. The all Black 332<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its longest bomber escort mission to Berlin, Germany, March 24, 1945. (7:25 - 7:55 P.M.)

Mr. Adams' paper was titled "Recollections and Reflections of a Hopkinsville Boomer". The paper was a sentimental journey down memory lane. The presenter, now in his mid-fifties and beginning to feel the pains and physical attributes of the aging process, shared his recollections of what it was like growing up in Hopkinsville in the 1950's and '60's. Imagine driving to Nashville before I-24, or when Main Street was *really* Main Street, or Judge Adams before he was a Judge and before he has gray hair. The good ole days. (7:56 - 8:18 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:27 P.M., hearing from Misters Kaye, Westerfield, Higgins, Turner, Duncan Cavanah, Harper, Charles Tilley, Sivley, Love, Radford and Mrs. Betty Adams. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the September 6, 2007 meeting were announced as Mr. Wynn Radford and Rev. William Watson.

Hal King Twinkie Awards for perfect attendance were presented to Robert Sivley, Charles Tilley, David Cavanah, and Robert Cope. Table decorations were awarded to the lucky holders of marked programs.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Cope  
Secretary/Treasurer

Let the record show that eight days after receiving his perfect attendance, Hal King Twinkie Award, at the May 3, 2007 Open Meeting, long time member Charles Tilley, member since 1975, passed away on May 11 following a long illness. A true gentleman, friend and humorist, and father of Athenaeum Society member John Tilley, has departed our company and he will be missed. The May 15 service celebrating his life was attended by 36 of 40 members of the Society, serving as either Pall Bearers, Honorary Pall Bearers, Worship Leader, Lay Leader or Reader.

**Minutes**  
**Athenaeum Society**  
**September 6, 2007**

The September meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:30 P.M. at the Hopkinsville Holiday Inn. After an invocation by William Turner a dinner of a garden salad, baked chicken, stuffed pepper entries, baked beans, Brussels sprouts, baked apples, scalloped potatoes, freshly baked rolls and peach cobbler, was enjoyed by all.

President Mark Schweizer called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. President Schweizer introduced our newest member and number 39 in seniority, Mr. John Rittenhouse of Cadiz.

Secretary Westerfield called the roll with 26 ~~of 39~~ members responding to the call.

Minutes of the May 2007 meeting were read and approved without correction. The financial report indicating a balance of \$1226.76 when the records were transferred from Robert Cope to Tom Westerfield.

President Schweizer called for absence excuses from both the April and May meetings. Members sought absence excuses. Approval of requested excuses were granted.

President Schweizer announced the appointment of James G. Adams, Jr., Charles David Cavanah, and Marvin D. Denison as members of the 2007-2008-membership committee. He admonished them to proceed with presenting nominees for the single vacancy.

Members of the 2007-2008 Nominating Committee were introduced as Peter C. Macdonald, William J. Watson, III, MD, and William T. Tuner.

Harold B. King, Jr., Peter K. Nicolos, and Paul D. Guffey were presented as members of the Society Site Selection Committee

The papers of the evening were presented by Wynn L. Radford, III, a member since 1984 and number 11 in seniority and Rev. William J. Watson, III, MD, a member since 2005 and number 36 in seniority.

Mr. Radford's paper titled John Campbell Latham, Jr.- "Hopkinsville's Greatest Philanthropist" began at 7:22 pm and concluded at 7:57 pm.

Mr. Radford briefly outlined the life of Mr. Latham while in Hopkinsville and beyond, giving credit to local historian and member, William Turner for the quoted title of the paper. Latham's Civil War service was detailed and special note was given to his role in the dispersal of the Confederate Government from Richmond, just days before Appomattox.

After the war, Latham spent some time working in Hopkinsville and Memphis, but was drawn to New York where in 1871 at the age of 27 he became a named partner in a Wall Street investment band and cotton brokerage firm.

Latham's marriage ceremony, attended by the wife of President Jefferson Davis, to a prominent, well placed Memphis maiden Mary Lewis Allen suggested even more significant social and financial connections.

At his death, Latham, in an unexpected move, directed that the firms business be completed speedily and closed.

Hopkinsville and Grace Episcopal Church were identified as significant beneficiaries of his estate although their gifts were diminished through litigation prompted Latham's second wife, who, some 36 years his junior, argued that Latham lacked "testamentary capacity" in the directions of his bequests.

At this point of the paper, Mr. Radford ceased his well-documented historical biography of Mr. Latham and presented a speculative but intriguing conspiracy theory that Latham and other young Confederates were hand picked by the Confederate elite to appropriately disperse of the Confederate's post war resources in a fashion that would benefit the South. Although without a shred of document able evidence, Mr. Radford presented a series of time and place connections and events that could support his theory. There was one significant point. All of those young men did very well financially and had to have access to capital to accomplish their objectives so early in life.

Dr. Watson's paper was titled; "It's Hard to Choose Your Parents" began a 7:58 PM and ended at 8:27 PM.

Dr. Watson cleverly lulled his audience into comfort ability with an introduction that sketched the life and accomplishments of Peter Press Maravich, who commonly known as Pistol Pete achieved fame as an accomplished scorer in both collegiate and professional basketball. This introduction allowed Dr. Watson to present the real topic of his paper, tracing the occurrence of human genetic disorders from conception to death and our collective ability to cope with their life impacting circumstances.

The linkage to Pistol Pete occurred in a medical meeting attended by Dr. Watson, where x-rays of a patient with ankylosing spondylitis (AS), a disorder with hereditary tendencies was studied. The debilitating circumstances of AS are particularly noticeable in the patients stance and gait. The x-ray belonged to Pistol Pete, who demonstrated none of these symptoms, was not apparently affected in any way during his basketball career.

Dr. Watson ably describe the human cell development of the fertilization of the egg by a sperm cell through the cell division process prior to cell specialization where stem cells differentiate to three cell types and ultimately to the hundreds of specialized cells that comprise the human body. The mysteries of the developmental process during this stem cell phase have driven the majority of genetic research in recent years. [Dr. Watson



pointed out that while the research was exciting in scientific circles there is considerable debate in both religious and political arenas arising from the moral implications of the source of stem cell lines.

While he left most of us wishing that we'd listened more carefully in our prior biology classes, he described for us the significance of "inherited tendency" and while we have no control over receiving the tendency for some disorder, we can, through lifestyle adaptation have an impact on ~~us~~ *How We Are Affected*

Beginning briefly with Mendel's work in genetics and more comprehensively to the work of Watson, Crick and Rosalind Franklin in the discovery of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), the double helix molecule (a twisted zipper). Further that, through its arrangement of four bases link the backbone of the molecule, hence the difference from other DNA molecules and ultimately difference genetic characteristics. Dr. Watson described the function of RNA in translating the chemical information contained in DNA to the subsequently produced proteins. The work of the Human Genome Project in recent years has resulted in the identification of near 30,000 different human genes.

Assuming that his audience understood the role of DNA and RNA in the cell specialization development process, Dr. Watson proceeded to describe the objectives of stem cell research and other treatments where genetic abnormalities might be "corrected" through the insertion of a "good" gene in the place of the defective one, a process called gene therapy.

RNAi, symbolizing RNA interference, another more recent treatment technique offers more excitement in the medical community. In this process, a shortened RNA molecule ~~is~~ introduced in the cell's cytoplasm can silence the chemical message of the defective RNA molecule. The delivery of the RNAi is the present focus of much research.

Dr. Watson concluded his paper with a revisit to the fatal condition of Pistol Pete. Pete had only one coronary artery supplying the heart with oxygenated blood, while a normal person has two. Pete's heart architecture and that of the coronary artery cells were formed very early in his development. Understanding that process and many others in human development will be tough to crack, however, while we can't choose our parents, the continued success of research may produce ways to alter specific genetic predispositions and improve the quality of life for many.

After a brief recess, the comment session began at 8:34 P.M., hearing from seven members, *All of whom lauded the papers of the evening*

Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the ~~October 4<sup>th</sup>~~ <sup>meeting</sup> were announced as John C. Tilley and Charles David Cavanah.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Westerfield  
Secretary/Treasurer