Athenæan

Founded 1897

MOTTO—"Inveniam viam aut faciam."
COLOR—Crimson.
YELL—Rah! Rah! Rah!
Athenæan, Athenæan,
Rah! Rah! Rah!

OFFICERS 1899-1900

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History

The Athenæan Literary society was organized in February, 1897, at the Ohio State University. At that time there was a lack of true literary work by the organization then in existence. New men coming to the institution desired a literary society where the best of fellowship should prevail. The organizations were torn by political strifes, and literary work was in the opinion of those who founded Athenæan a secondary consideration.

The founders were impressed with the idea, and it is the prominent feature in the principles of the organization, that every man who desires the training of a literary society has the right to demand admission and be received, no matter what his ability
so long as he performed such service as was assigned him. The old societies were not enthusiastic in their work to any great extent and the thousand or more students were not much interested in this branch of their education. Consequently it was thought that the institution was able to support an enthusiastic young democratic society.

The work of keeping the organization on its feet was difficult at first owing to ridicule and opposition. However, the latter seemed to inspire success. The society soon gathered earnest men who refused to postpone their regular meeting for any event held on Friday evening. Other able men of the institution, seeing the determined stand being taken, flocked to the society standard and made its success certain.

At this time Browning Literary society, seeing the noble effort being made for a place in college life, came to the rescue and granted Athenæan society the use of their hall. After a year in the new hall the men and women decided they could jointly furnish a new society home. As a result of their efforts the present Browning-Athenæan hall now stands as a memorial to the unselfish devotion of the members. It is without any doubt the finest society hall at the State University.

The society is governed by the principle that merit and faithfulness shall be the test for advancement.

Political wrangles do not enter into its councils. As nearly as it is possible its meetings are democratic. The social side is in a measure brought out by the frequent joint meetings with Browning society. The society includes on its rolls many of the best men in attendance at the State University since the inception of the society.

In the year 1898-99 the following honors were held by the men of the society:


The objects of the society are: To train its members in the art of public speaking, to teach in a practical way parliamentary law, to educate in the art of public decorum, and to cultivate the amenities of social life. The society has realized the fullest expectation of its founders, and is today one of the first at the institution.