

## **Such Are the Changes of Life:**

### ***The Literary Response on the Georgia Homefront to the Civil War***

by Dr. Michael Price, Armstrong Atlantic in Savannah

Sunday, March 18, 2001, 3:00 p.m.

Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium

Dr. Michael Price, acting head of the History Department and Associate Professor of History and Social Science Education at Armstrong Atlantic in Savannah, has considerable ties to Athens - he attended the University of Georgia, where Dr. Marion Rice was his doctoral professor, and taught history at Cedar Shoals High School for nine years.

Dr. Price has received a number of awards for his extensive research into the literature of nineteenth century Georgia, which culminated in the publication by the University of Georgia Press of his book *Stories with a Moral: Literature and Society in Nineteenth-Century Georgia*. He has contributed to such journals as *The Georgia Historical Quarterly*, *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, *Mississippi Quarterly* and *Gulf Coast Historical Review*, and enjoys considerable demand as a speaker on Georgia subjects in the Savannah area. A book signing will follow his talk.

## ***Athens Treasures: A Bicentennial Celebration***

**AHS-Georgia Museum of Art Exhibition**

***ONLY ONE MORE WEEK!!***

Next week is the last week to see this wonderful exhibit on view at the Georgia Museum of Art. The exhibition will close at the end of the day on Sunday, March 18, so please don't miss it! If you've already seen it once, go again, just in case you missed something! Admission is free, and the hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday; and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Come and celebrate two hundred years of Athens and Clarke County history. Questions? Call (706) 542-4662.

## **“Separate, but (un) Equal” - An Oral History Project**

Anyone interested in taking part in a joint project to preserve the oral history of Athens and Clarke County should contact Dr. Marion Rice at (706) 549-6304, e-mail [mjrice@negia.net](mailto:mjrice@negia.net). This project will focus on preserving and enlarging the oral history of desegregation in this area, from both the black perspective as well as the white, teacher as well as student. A grant proposal has been submitted and interviewers will be trained in oral history techniques by the staff of the Athens-Clarke County Regional Library.

Athens Historical Society will co-sponsor this project with the Athens Area Educators Association and the Athens-Clarke County Regional Library. If you would like to learn more about conducting oral history interviews or know someone who was a student, teacher, business-person, administrator or otherwise involved with the integration of schools in Athens and Clarke County during the 1960s and early 1970s, please contact Dr. Rice as soon as possible.

## **Classical Pianist at Chase Street School sponsored by members of AHS**

Recently Dr. Egbert Julian Bacon, pianist, professor of music and college organist at Albany State University, presented a series of concerts to local schools in an effort to introduce elementary school children to classical music. At the request of Board member Dr. Walter Allen, the Society provided funds for Dr. Bacon to perform for the faculty and students of Chase Street School on Friday, February 23 - the first time this program has been offered at Chase Street.

## Meet Your Officers for 2001

**President: Tom Wilfong** is a native Athenian, graduated from Athens High School, has degrees in history from Duke University, PhD from Indiana University and has done post-graduate work at Stanford. He was named development officer for the Georgia Museum of Art in 1997, and is kept busy as treasurer of the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation; a member of the Friends of Oconee Hill Cemetery; National Trust for Historic Preservation; Georgia Historical Society; and Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. He's been interested in all aspects of Athens and Clarke County history since a very early age, when he was fascinated by the large homes on Milledge and Prince Avenues. The preparation of the AHS-GMOA exhibition and the bicentennial of the county has brought out many other aspects of Athens' culture and Tom is enjoying learning more about the history of African-Americans in our area.

**Vice-president: John Timmons** was born and raised in Atlanta where he attended public schools. He took his undergraduate degree in American government from the University of Virginia, and got his law degree from UGA in 1970. He served as a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, returning to Athens in 1973 and has practiced law here ever since, with a major emphasis on trial work. He is married to Barbara Riley Timmons and between them, they have four children. John says, that although he's not a native Athenian, he's lived here longer than anywhere else and "cannot think of a better way to combine a passion for history with affection for the community than participation in AHS."

**Secretary: Jodie Traylor Guy** returns as secretary again this year (thanks, Jodie!). After graduating from the University of Georgia – where she studied geography under Merle Prunty and history under Wilbur Devereux Jones – Jodie married West Point graduate Bob Guy. During his Army career, they lived in many different states, spent three years in Germany, and resided for four years in Washington, DC, where she was a docent at the National Gallery of Art. Jodie currently is a technical writer in the Department of Geography, University of Georgia. Bob and she have two children: Bobby (Nashville attorney) and Kathryn (graduate student at the University of Texas, Austin). "We are all fascinated with the history of Athens."

**Treasurer: George W. Smith, Jr.**, is also a glutton for punishment as he returns as treasurer. A native of Charlotte, North Carolina, he has lived in Athens since 1956. His roots go deep in this area: his ancestors (on both sides of his family) have been in Jackson and Oglethorpe Counties since the late 1700s. George has had a life-long interest in history, particularly in the War Between the States, and is a member of the T.R.R. Cobb Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He was recently promoted to Unit Head and Manager of the UGA Printing Department. Congratulations, George!

**Historian: Wilson Elder** served as president of AHS last year and was vice-president the year before. He has been the manager of the local Varsity Drive-In for 17 years. Wilson enjoys genealogy and early American history. He and wife Tracy have two sons and live in a charming house off Old Lexington Road.

Biographies of our new directors and committees will be published in a future newsletter:

**New Directors for 2001 - 2003**

Robin Towns  
Bobby Towns  
Milton Hill

**Directors for 2000-2002**

Walter R. Allen  
Ernie Hynds  
Marion J. Rice

**Publications Committee:** Charlotte Marshall,  
chairman

**Athens Historian:** Henry Ramsey, editor

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- ✓ January 21
- ✓ March 18
- May 20
- October 21