

WILLIAMS CLUB

JANUARY 2000

NEWSLETTER

DIRECT FROM CAMPUS

Professor Mark Siegler "How 'New' is the 'New Economy'? Recent Experience in Historical Perspective"

Thursday, January 27th
6:30 PM Reception, 7:00 PM Lecture
Price is gratis for members, \$15 for guests.

Newspapers and magazines are filled with stories about how the U.S. economy has entered a new era of high productivity growth, without substantial risk of inflation or recession, thanks largely to the spread of computers and the Internet. The recent performance of the U.S. economy has indeed been extraordinary. Recent productivity growth has rebounded to nearly match the historically high levels experienced in the 1950s and 1960s. Unemployment and inflation have been at their lowest levels in over 30 years as well. For believers in the new paradigm, this is evidence that the computer revolution is finally starting to pay off.

However, many economists are far less optimistic, instead suggesting that the U.S. economy is only experiencing a temporary asset price bubble similar to Japan and Britain in the late 1980s, or the U.S. in the late 1920s. These economies were later severely damaged when falling asset prices (whether in housing or stocks) caused saving to increase, often to above normal levels, in order to correct for previous overborrowing. The fact that the U.S. private saving rate has recently fallen to all-time record lows suggests to many that the bubble is about to burst.

This lecture will compare the effects of the spread of electricity and automobiles in the American economy in the early twentieth century to the effects of the spread of computers in the current information age. What can the evolution of electricity and automobiles tell us? What, if anything, is different this time?

Mark Siegler is Assistant Professor of Economics at Williams, where he teaches classes on American Economic History, Political Economy, Econometrics, and Macroeconomics. He earned his B.A. from U.C. Santa Cruz in 1988 with Highest Honors in Economics, and his Ph.D. from U.C. Davis. His dissertation, "GNP Estimation and Business Cycle Volatility, 1869-1993: U.S. Experience in International Perspective," received the Allan Nevins Dissertation Prize in North American Economic History from the Economic History Association in 1997. He has written papers for publications including the *Journal of Economic History* and *Oxford Economic Papers* addressing both international and domestic macroeconomic history and monetary economics. Professor Siegler has also taught on the faculties of Bates College and most recently as Visiting Assistant Professor at U.C. Berkeley.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

A Cappella Night with Good Question & The Springstreters

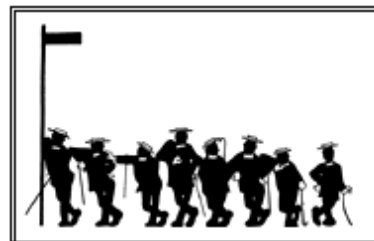
Friday, January 21st
Performance starts at 7:00 PM
Price is \$5 for members, \$15 for guests.

Join us for an evening of outstanding musical performance with two of the most entertaining a cappella groups on campus. Good Question is a co-ed group that began only five years ago but has since staked its claim to a spot on the often crowded Williams singing group map. Their recent disc *Party To Go Volume 3* is a fine example of their trademark wacky presentation, humorous songs, and fun-loving pop repertoire. The last Good Question concert at the Williams Club included a long remembered "Brown Eyed Girl". Don't miss the Y2K return of GQ.



The Williams College Springstreters, founded in 1981, is an all-male a cappella group of crooners who specialize in showing their audiences a good time. The Springstreters perform at New England colleges throughout the school year, and tour further south in the spring. A storied franchise that has sold out Chapin Hall more than once in recent years, the Streeters' will sing pop, some original composition, country, R&B, and even a smidgen of Scottish folk.

Don't miss a fun night of Williams-style entertainment at the Williams Club brought to you direct from campus!



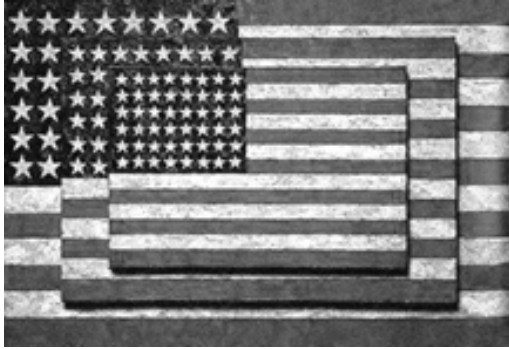
Happy New Year!

"The American Century: Art and Culture 1900-2000, Part II" A Private Tour at the Whitney Museum

Wednesday, January 19th

Tour starts at 6:30 PM

Price is \$10, limited to 12 (2 tickets per member).



The second half of the Whitney Museum of American Art's massive survey of 20th century American art, "The American Century: Art and Culture 1900-2000," encompasses the period from 1950 to the 1990s. Part II's gallery installations examine specific cultural, social and political developments and put visual art in context with other media of the period including film, performance, architecture and design. The result is an illuminating manifestation of the changing nature of America's sense of self. Veronica Roberts '98 will highlight landmark works by such artists as Louise Bourgeois, Chuck Close, Jay Defeo's two-ton painting *The Rose*, Richard Diebenkorn, photographer Robert Frank's classic series called *Americans California*, Roy Lichtenstein and his trademark *BenDay* cartoon dotted canvases, Claes Oldenberg and Jackson Pollock. We will meet at the Whitney staff entrance on 74th street off Madison (walking towards Park Ave.).

MET Concerts & Lectures

"Jelly Roll Morton and Bessie Smith: Where Jazz Began."

Tuesday, January 25th at 6:00 PM

Price is \$15 per person.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art (Fifth Ave. at 83rd St.)

Jazz has always been celebrated overseas, and as the century draws to a close, it is enjoying a renaissance in America's cultural life. More than ever, this vital music and the optimism it celebrates has a message that is as inextricably bound to the future of our country as it is to its past. Loren Schoenberg will use film clips and audio examples to address his topic or origins, part of a series of lectures entitled, "Jazz's First Century: Swing That Music, 1900-1925." {This series is offered in conjunction with the exhibition, "A Century of Design, Part I: 1900-1925."}



Saranac Beer Tasting & Reception

Thursday, January 13th

Reception at 6:30 PM, Program at 7:00 PM

Price is \$10 for members, \$20 for guests.

In 1885, young F.X. Matt I, a German-born immigrant, left a promising career at the famous Duke of Baden Brewery in the Black Forest region of Germany to travel to the United States with the determination and dream of owning his own brewery someday. After several years of brewing experience at the Bierbaur Brewery, F.X. Matt re-organized the faltering brewery to create The West End Brewing Company in 1888. Serving as both the star salesman and brewmaster, the brewery quickly became one of the largest and most successful of the 12 breweries operating in Utica at the time.



As one of the few remaining great American regional breweries, the F.X. Matt Brewery has prospered at the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains in Central New York for over a century. Currently under the leadership of the third (F.X. II & Nicholas) and fourth (Fred) generations of the Matt Family, the Brewery has earned the reputation as one of the most respected specialty brewers in the country, producing a variety of distinctive, flavorful beers.

The Williams Club invites you to learn the finer points of beer tasting and brewing as Williams Club member Mr. Fred Matt, Vice President of Marketing and Sales at the F.X. Matt Brewing Company, addresses the history of his family-owned Saranac business and explains the brew process for Saranac's impressive variety of specialty beverages. There will, of course, be ample opportunity to sample selections from the Saranac Family of Beers and Soft Drinks, including both seasonal and traditional offerings. Promotional Saranac giveaways will also be a part

SOCIAL

Mexican Happy Hour

Wednesday, January 26th
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Price is gratis.

Come to the Club tonight for the first happy hour of the New Year guaranteed to get you all warmed up from the wintry weather and saying "Fièsta!" before the night is through. Executive Chef Christopher James, with the help of Chefs Umberto, Silinas and José Miguel, will prepare authentic foods from their hometown of Mexico City. Such dishes featured will include ropa vieja, tamales, chimichangas, burritos and ceviche. Bartender Orlando will be mixing golden margaritas, coladas and daiquiris. Beer specials will be Coronas and Dos Equis.

Going to the Movies?
We'll split it with you!



If you are like most New Yorkers, you like movies. Now the Williams Club has discounted ticket vouchers which can be used at any Loews, Cineplex Odeon, Sony, Magic Johnson, Star, Sony Imax and Loews Imax Theater throughout the country! The tickets are good anytime, including holidays, weekends, and even opening night. These Loews Galaxy Ticket vouchers are only \$7.50! To take advantage, just call the Williams Club Program Manager, Rich von Barga at (212) 697-5300 x204. We'll send you the vouchers (or leave them for you to pick up) and charge it to your Club account. A great deal!

CANCELLATION POLICY

In order to ensure equitable service for all Club members, the Williams Club adheres to the following policy regarding cancellations. Event reservations may be canceled, free of charge by 5:00 PM, two working days prior to the event. Members cancelling after this time, as well as no-shows, will be charged the full cost of the event. Out of house ticketed events are non-cancelable. Advanced cancellations for free events are also appreciated. See individual event descriptions for

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

What are your interests?

Currently the Williams Club has Special Interest Groups devoted to Bridge, Art, and a Book Group. If you'd like to join any of these (the level of commitment is always up to you), please contact Rich von Barga at (212) 697-5300 x204 or via email at programs@williamsclub.org.

If those groups don't suit you, why not start a new one? It's a great way to meet like-minded Club members and an excellent way to have fun. The Club would like to have groups for Music, Film, and Chess by summertime, but we're always open to suggestions!

Get involved. Join a Williams Club SIG.

CURRENT SIGS

- ART -
- BRIDGE -
- BOOKS -

PROPOSED SIGS

- MUSIC -
- FILM -
- CHESS -

Play Bridge with Club Members

The Williams Club Bridge Special Interest Group is seeking additional members for its weekly Tuesday night meetings. Locations vary. To get on the mailing list, just e-mail Jared Levine at BoxMaster@alumni.williams.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Williams Club Business Salon
Leonard Harlan,
“Entrepreneurs, Financiers and Managers:
The Different Characteristics
Necessary for Success”**

Monday, January 10th
Reception at 7:30 PM, Program at 8:00 PM
Price is \$15 for members, \$30 for guests.

Leonard M. Harlan is President of Castle Harlan, Inc. Mr. Harlan is the former Chairman of The Harlan Company, Inc., a diversified real estate finance and advisory company, which he co-founded in 1969. Previously, he was a Vice President of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette. Mr. Harlan is a Director of StackTeck Systems Incorporated, Matrix Global Investments, Inc., and Worldwide Flight Services, Inc. He is a trustee of New York Citizens Budget Committee, and a member of the Board of Overseers of the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College and the Graduate School of Medical Sciences of Cornell University. Formerly a member of the Visiting Committee of the Harvard Business School, Mr. Harlan is a former Director of Delaware Management Holdings, Inc., MAG Aerospace Industries, Inc., the Ryland Group, Inc. and Smarte Carte Corporation. Mr. Harlan is a graduate of Cornell University (B.M.E.) and received his Masters (with distinction) and his doctorate from the Harvard Business School.

**Written in the Stars
Interclub Astrological Mixer**

Thursday, January 27th from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM
Price is \$30 by Jan. 26, \$35 at the door (cash only, space permitting).

The hurricane that dampened the party last fall has passed by and the outlook is for clear skies. Take this opportunity to participate in a social occasion that might bring new and intriguing opportunities. Remember, the New Year is a time to take a chance and to be open to the prospect of meeting interesting and like-minded individuals who share your desire to mix and mingle in a group setting.

Hurricane Floyd rained on the parade this past September, and this event had to be postponed, but a true club member is never deterred for long. Here is your chance to join other members of the club community for the first social of the New Year as the Princeton and Cornell Clubs host a progressive mixer where asking “What’s your sign?” will actually be an interesting topic of conversation. The fun starts at the Cornell Club (6 East 44th Street) with a cocktail reception complete with a live jazz band, hors d’oeuvre and a cash bar where attendees will pick up their astrological chart with a list of their compatible and not-so-compatible signs. Next, after 7:30 PM we will walk over to the Princeton Club (15 West 43rd Street) for a dance party and the opportunity to use your chart to match up with an astrological Romeo or Juliet and have the chance to win fun prizes. The dance party will include hot and cold hors d’oeuvre, complimentary punch and soda, and a cash bar. Remember, whether you’re a Pisces, a Cancer, or even that trouble known as a Gemini, the horoscope predicts a cosmically good time.

**Millennium Movie:
Citizen Kane**

Thursday, January 6th at 6:30 PM
Price is \$10 plus tax and gratuity reserved by January 5th,
\$17 at the door (cash only)
The Cornell Club (6 East 44th Street)

Join the Cornell Club and other Ivy League members each month for the top movies of the past millennium. We kick off the series with the #1 rated movie: Citizen Kane, the story of a reporter’s quest to find the “truth” about the life of a dead newspaper tycoon who closely parallels the life of William Randolph Hearst. The picture is an enjoyable experience for first time viewers as well as for those who have seen it numerous times. Enjoy a themed dinner and movie with a cash bar available for beer and wine.



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Williams College Alumni Fund Upcoming Telethon Dates

Vero Beach	Sat., Jan. 15	1-6 p.m.	PaineWebber, 1701 Highway A-1-A, Vero Beach, FL Phone: 407-234-7000
New York	Thurs., Jan. 20	4-10 p.m.	Williams Club
	Fri., Jan. 21	10 a.m.-10 p.m.	
Vice Chairs	Fri., Jan. 21	12:30-3:30 p.m.	
	Sat., Jan. 22	9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	
Reception	Sat., Jan 22	5:45-7:00 p.m.	
	Sun., Jan. 23	12 noon-4 p.m.	

[for.event.reservations.phone@212.697.5300ext.204](tel:212.697.5300)

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Seth Bair '97
Miss Chloe Bland '97
Ms. Renee Bourgeois '94
Mr. Ian L. Eisenman '99
Mr. Ian William Foraker '85
Mr. Bryan Fox '99
Mr. Peter J. Hall '99
Mr. Brett P. Hershey '94
Mr. Will Hodgman '82
Mr. Jonathan Ilgen '99
Mr. Matthew P. Moynahan '92
Mr. Frank C. Borawski, pa '03
Mr. Peter Burke, pa '94
Mr. Thomas E. Chase, pa '03
Mr. Jack Hunt, pa '03
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Hunter, Jr., pa '03
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur R. McMurrich, pa '03
Mr. Robert Rosenthal, pa '03
Ms. Renee M. Sherwood, pa '03
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Steiner, pa '03
Prof. Thomas E. Vollmann, Anderson School

Mr. Hong Won Chung, Colby
Ms. Patricia L. Ryan, Dickinson
Miss Tara Anne Cone, Dickinson
Mr. Jeffrey S. MacDonald, Dickinson
Ms. Jennifer O'Neill, Dickinson
Mr. Thomas Reohr, Dickinson
Mr. Matthew Rodano, Dickinson
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Mr. Lloyd H. Saunders, MIT
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Mr. Thomas H. Otto, RPI
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Mr. Kenneth Devane, St. John's
Mr. Thomas Fraser, St. John's
Mrs. Mary M. Huffman McClain, Sewanee
Ms. Elizabeth Elting, Trinity
Mr. Harlan Whatley
Mr. William L. Cobb, Jr.

Club Reminders

Hotel Policies

Two changes in our hotel policy were made in 1999 that affect all overnight guests at the Club. In June, due to the large increase in to New York of a the Club designated overnight rooms for Club members, their guests, and reciprocal club members only. The previous policy of allowing Williams College graduates use of the overnight rooms without joining the Club was ended.

As of November 1999, the Club now requires all overnight guests to present and pay for their rooms with a valid credit card. Rooms and room charges will no longer be billed to members' accounts.

Hotel reservations can be made Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm with Iris Vega, the Front Desk Manager. At other times a message may be left on her voicemail. All reservations must be confirmed in writing, and all cancellation must be made by 2:00 pm 48 hours in advance. No-shows and late cancellations will be charged in full for the reserved room.

Smoking in the Clubhouse

Smoking in the Grill Room is permitted during the day; however, after 5 PM, members are now asked to refrain from smoking cigars. Members may also smoke in the Whittelsey Room lounge after 5:00 PM, where cigar smoking will also be permitted.

Unless there is a private function, members are always permitted to smoke on the Club Patio.

There is No Tipping

The Williams Club has a no tipping policy. To reward helpful staff personnel, club members are instead encouraged to contribute to the Williams Club Employee Christmas Fund. Members should please relate this information to any of their guests who may be visiting the Club.

Thank you to all of the members who contributed to the Employee Christmas Fund! We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to serving you in the new year.

-The Williams Club Staff

FAX BACK RESERVATION FORM

To make reservations, simply fill out this form by marking the number of tickets you want at the left of each event title, and then send it via FAX to the number listed at the bottom. Your reservations will be confirmed by phone in the order in which they are received. Questions or comments may be directed to Rich von Barga at (212) 697-5300 ext. 204.

_____ New Year's Eve Party

_____ New Year's Eve Dinner

_____ Central Park

_____ Itzhak Perlman

_____ James MacGregor Burns

_____ French Designer Showhouse

_____ Met Lecture: Portraits by Ingres

_____ Members Holiday Party

_____ Frank Wisner

_____ James Heggie

_____ Gay, Lesbian and Friends Interclub Mixer

_____ Christie's Auction House Tour

_____ Medieval Times Family Feast

ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____

NAME: _____

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER: _____

PLEASE NOTE: There are no cancellations for ticketed events outside the Club such as theater and opera outings.

FAX TO RICH VON BARGEN AT THE WILLIAMS CLUB:
(212) 697-2008. No cover sheet necessary.

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For hotel reservations only, you can use our convenient toll-free number: 1-800-xxx-XXXX

OFFICES & EXTENSIONS

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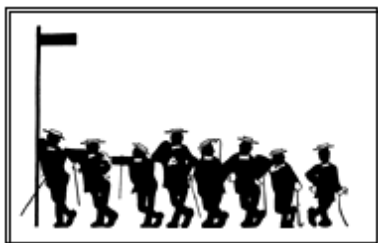
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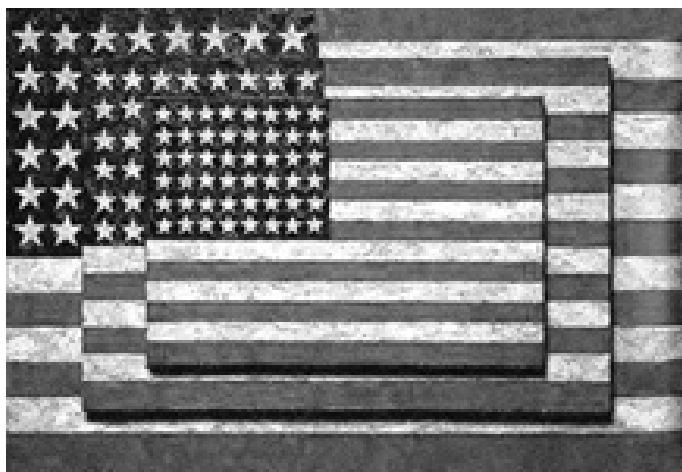
Kitchen FAX 697-2008
 Executive Chef, Christopher James.....ext. 211





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