

# AT THE CLUB-

THE WILLIAMS CLUB NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2001



## YANKEES SEASON TICKETS

The Williams Club is proud to offer baseball fans a spectacular opportunity for the third year in a row. The Club has purchased a block of twenty tickets for 12 Saturday games at Yankee Stadium in the 2001 season. Members can buy up to 4 tickets for any 3 games available. Tickets are \$40 each. Because of the incredibly high demand for tickets each year, requests are answered by lottery. See details below.

Those members who use the Williams Club overnight accommodations on the weekend of a Yankees game, will receive a 20% discount on the overnight room rate.

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Saturday, March 31st, 2001

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## THE GOURMET TASTE

### Mardi Gras Dinner

Tuesday, February 27th  
6:30 PM Cocktails, 7:00 PM Dinner  
Price is \$50 per person, plus surcharge and tax.

Before the 40 days of Lent, everybody needs to live it up for (at least) one night. Enjoy our delectable Mardi Gras feast prepared specially by our award-winning Executive Chef Christopher James featuring:

Seafood Gumbo      Candied Yams and  
Louisiana Red Beans      Apples  
and Rice      Crawfish Etoufee  
Cajun Shrimp Creole      Jambalaya

## CAREERS & BUSINESS

### Kenard Gibbs '80

#### VIBE: The Prism for the World of Urban Culture

Thursday, February 22nd  
Cocktails at 6:30 PM; presentation at 7:00 PM  
Price is \$10.

Don't miss an exciting talk with Williams alum Kenard Gibbs '80, President of Vibe Magazine, a trailblazer in urban magazine publishing. Rejoining Vibe this year as president, Mr. Gibbs is instrumental in the strategic positioning and growth of the company's management, as well as overseeing the advertising, event marketing and public relations departments. Previously, Gibbs was an agency principal at TMP Worldwide, an executive search firm based in Chicago. Mr. Gibbs originally joined Vibe immediately after its launch in 1993, ultimately rising to Midwest Sales Director.

### Williams Club Business Salon:

#### Betsy McCaughey Ross

#### Conquering Aging:

#### America's Medical Marshall Plan for an Aging Globe

Thursday, February 8th at 6:30 PM  
Price is \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Our February Business Salon welcomes Betsy McCaughey Ross, senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute and former Lt. Governor of New York from 1994-98. Ross is also the author of

## WINES BY THE GLASS FEATURED IN FEBRUARY

Chardonnay  
Ravenswood, 1998

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Zinfandel  
Ravenswood, 1998

Rioja  
Marques de Riscal, 1998

Featured wines by the glass are available in the Oakley Dining Room during lunch, and in the evenings at the Whittlesey Lounge.

## FILM COLLECTIVE

### Magnolia directed by PT Anderson

Tuesday, February 20th  
Movie starts at 6:30 PM  
Price is \$5. Includes movie and refreshments.

Paul Thomas Anderson, writer/director of Boogie Nights and Hard Eight, has woven the ultimate narrative tapestry using an excellent cast of San Fernando Valley characters in this, his third film, Magnolia. Watch as the lives of Jason Robards, Julianne Moore, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Tom Cruise, William H. Macy, Philip Baker Hall and John C. Reilly all seem to take a dramatic turn on the same "rainy" night.

Fans of the movie will tell you that Magnolia fits into that "Best Film You Never Saw" category, so if you are one of the uninitiated, don't miss this opportunity to see it in the comfort of the Williams Club with your popcorn, snacks, beer, wine and soda all included in the price. (Made in 1999; Running time: 188 mins; MPAA Rating: R)

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### Metropolitan Museum of Art Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, February 10th

Hunt will begin at 2:00 PM

Price is \$15 (includes admission to the Museum).

Put back that Ming vase! No, you're not collecting objects. Join a team of up to six people where you will decipher clues and navigate your way throughout the Met and answer tricky, yet humorous questions about the works of art you find. You will tackle such questions as, "Which stained-glass, skirt-hitching saint looks like he can't get no satisfaction?" No knowledge of art is necessary. All you need is a sharp mind and a comfortable pair of shoes. You and other Club members will have a chance to see art in a fun, new way with the best team winning a prize! Join hunt master Bret Watson, President of Watson Adventures, leader of successful hunts for such groups as Amazon.com, Anderson Consulting, Pfizer, OgilvyOne and the Brooklyn Museum since 1993. This hunt is designed for adults, but all ages are welcome.

### Yo-Yo Ma at the New York Philharmonic

Friday, March 16th

Dinner at 6:00 PM, Performance at 8:00 PM.

Price is \$150.

Includes ticket, dinner and transportation to Carnegie Hall.

Seating is limited; please reserve early.

Beloved cellist Yo-Yo Ma journeys along the Silk Road in the world premiere performances of Richard Danielpour's *Through the Ancient Valley*, which explores the tensions that exist between differing musical traditions that include several Persian instruments.

### Vassar College Choir and Madrigal Singers

Sunday, February 11th, 3:00 PM

Church of the Holy Trinity

(316 East 88th Street)

Price is \$20.

The Vassar College Choir and Madrigal Singers under the direction of Charles Kamm will give a preview concert of their upcoming London Tour. Please call The Vassar Club at (212) 697-7499 for reservations and information. Sponsored by The Vassar Club.

## SOCIAL

### St. Valentine's Day Members Cocktail Party

Wednesday, February 14th, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Price is \$5.

We're in the mood for love, simply because it's St. Valentine's Day! Under a cascade of bubbles, enjoy a delectable array of Executive Chef Christopher James' Aphrodisiac Buffet which will include Oysters Florentine, Baked Clams, Cold Poached Salmon and Brie en Croûte followed by various Chocolate-dipped fruit, Petit Fours and Truffles. Love potions will be served at the bar. Make the Club your first or last stop of the evening. There will be traditional valentines for everyone! Reservations are encouraged.

### Welcome Young Alumni Reception

Thursday, February 22nd

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Price is gratis.

Help us welcome the newest crop of graduates from the classes of 1998, 1999 and 2000 to the Club. Light hors d'oeuvre, dollar beer and happy hour cash bar.

## INTERCLUB

### 35+ Singles Interclub Murder Mystery Dinner

Thursday, March 15th

Cocktails begin at 6:30 PM,

Dinner and Murder at 7 PM.

Reservations must be made by Thursday, March 8th at 5:00 PM, after which time cancellations will not be permitted.

Price is \$75 inclusive.

Join us for Murder, Mystery, Mayhem and Mingling! Attend a dinner date with death at the Williams Club. If you fancy dark corners and creaking doors, thrill to screams in the night and want to spend an evening combining the three? Then come to the Club for a night you won't soon forget!

Enjoy an evening of the dieing...err, dining, with 35+ singles from the Princeton, Harvard, Columbia, Cornell, Penn and Yale clubs. Start the evening with a cocktail reception in the Garden Room, followed by an elegant four-course dinner prepared by our award-winning Executive Chef Christopher James. The night will be filled with suspense, high action-drama and criminal adventure with a lethal dose of comic relief. Whoever cracks the case will receive a special prize and there will also be awards for best actor and actress chosen from among the audience.

Each member must invite a friend (not necessarily a club member) of the opposite sex when reserving. Dress is business casual.

### Casino Night 2001

Friday, March 2nd

From 9:00 PM to 12:00 AM

Price is \$40 per person,

\$50 at the door (cash only; space permitting).

Enjoy a night to remember at the Cornell Club as you take a gamble while you spin the roulette wheel, double down at the blackjack tables and let the good times roll shooting craps!! The night's proceeds will be donated to a charitable fund. Tickets are strictly non-cancelable and non-refundable.

### Summer Share Expo

Wednesday, March 7th

From 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Price is \$30 for owners (\$40 at the door) and \$8 for renters (\$10 at the door).

Landlords and share-seekers take note. Those hoping to rent their homes for the season must come to the Expo with photos and fact sheets. Those looking to rent should indicate your age group, location preference and the number of people with whom you are willing to share when reserving.

# WILLIAMS CLUB FACULTY FORUM

This year we present a Faculty Forum unlike any that have come before. This year's forum focuses on Religion, a tool? A political weapon? A means of identification above all others? Are any of these issues particular to the current agreement. (Re)Membering Religion is an attempt to examine our current notions of and about Religion in the year.

The Williams Club has invited four faculty members from Williams College to spend a day at the Club to lend their each intriguing in a singular way: Ownership of a Sacred site in Jerusalem, American Apocalypse, Faith and Reason, about religion, and also propose new questions we have yet to ask. Come to the Williams Club for a day of open-mir what makes it turn.

## IMAGINING AMERICAN APOCALYPSES

**BRAD VERTER**

Visiting Assistant Professor in American Religion

"They all laughed at Christopher Columbus when he said the world was round": George and Ira Gershwin are not alone in remembering the great explorer as the preeminent rationalist of his day, an uncompromising man of science. But Columbus saw his discovery as the fulfillment of biblical prophecy, and a certain sign of the end of the world. "God made me a messenger of the new heaven and the new earth of which he spoke in the Apocalypse of St. John after having spoken of it through the mouth of Isaiah," he explained in a letter to Ferdinand and Isabella, "and he showed me the spot where to find it."

Since Columbus's day, people have imagined America in eschatological terms as the great battleground of the hosts of Light and Darkness, or as the earthly plot slated for the development of God's heavenly kingdom. What attracts people to millenarian theology? What is it like to live in anticipation of the imminent end of the world? What are the political and social ramifications of apocalyptic belief? And how do people cope when the events they expect fail to occur? Today we shall survey developments in American apocalyptic discourse from the colonial period, through the millenarian movements of the 19th Century, to such recent phenomena as the Y2K virus and the recent rash of alien abductions.

## IN WHOSE HANDS? The Temple Mount/al-Haram al-Sharif in Jerusalem

**WILLIAM DARROW**

Jackson Professor of Religion

When Israeli army commander Mota Gur radioed during the Six Day War in 1967 that "The Temple Mount is in our hands!", he opened the latest chapter in the 5000 year history of this singular piece of real estate. We will examine in broad outlines the history of the cults, conquests and contestation that have defined this piece of territory and explore its meaning for Jews, Christians and Muslims. We will pay special attention to the differing assumptions about holiness and sanctity and that each of these religious communities makes and the way in which those claims both exclude and include those of the others. Finally we will consider the relatively new idea of national sovereignty that has been added to this longer history and what effect it has for understanding this dimension of the current impasse in the Middle East. While we will certainly give attention to the current situation regarding this place, our primary concern will be to understand what salience the 'religious' dimensions of this contested space has and what it tells us about the continuing relevance of religion in a presumably secular world.

# 2001: (RE)MEMBERING RELIGION

topic that has lately become a lightning rod for controversy in the public arena, where discussions end with few, if any, in 2001. Where and when is religion a part of our world? How do we understand it? Has religion become a marketing tool in the modern era, or have we been going over the same ground since Ancient Egypt?

own perspectives and ways of thinking about Religion to the discussion. The topics they have chosen to focus on are the history of the Bible, the history of the Church, the history of the world, and the little-discussed notion of Piety. Taken together, these four topics will help to answer some of our questions and provide a rich, extended conversation, thought-provoking ideas, and an opportunity to stop the world for a few hours and contemplate

## (RE)MEMBERING FAITH IN THE AGE OF REASON

**WILLIAM DUDLEY**

**Assistant Professor of Philosophy**

Is it possible for a rational person to have religious faith? Most often faith and reason are thought to be antithetical: if rational grounds can be provided to support a particular knowledge claim (for example, by developing an argument that proves the existence of God), then faith is unnecessary; conversely, if faith is the basis for a particular knowledge claim, then this amounts to an admission that no rational grounds of support are available. In other words, it seems that either one can be rigorously rational - accepting as true only what can be demonstrated on the basis of empirical evidence and argument - or one can accept the truth of certain claims on faith, but only at the cost of admitting to irrationality.

This dilemma remains compelling today, but it was first and most powerfully articulated by the great European thinkers of the 18th century. Defenders of the Enlightenment firmly rejected irrationality, so those who also rejected atheism strove to produce sound arguments for the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. Skeptics insisted that these arguments all failed, and that atheism is therefore a necessary consequence of a commitment to reason that disdains all faith. Kant, however, suggested a third possibility: namely, that faith itself might be rational. He argued, in other words, that even if religious claims cannot be proven, reason nonetheless commands us to adopt a certain form of faith.

In this class we will examine the relationships between faith, reason, and religion, by means of a consideration and discussion of passages from some of the most important works of Spinoza, Hume, Lessing, Jacobi, Kant, and Kierkegaard.

## PIETY

**PETER JUST**

**Associate Professor of Anthropology**

"Pious" is one of those adjectives that can be used both to praise and condemn someone. Most of us, I think, would feel quite uneasy if we had heard that someone had referred to us as "pious." The ambiguity of the term and our ambivalence toward the phenomenon turns, for the most part, on suspicions that the "pious" person's behavior is insincere. We worry that what we are seeing is a calculating attempt to crest the moral high ground cheaply, without the emotional investment of true piety, that it is a cynical deployment of what F.G. Bailey calls "the tactical self." At the same time, however, while one may despise the hypocrite, the person who is truly pious commands our admiration and respect, perhaps even our obedience and loyalty. The game of piety is not one played for low stakes, if, of course, it is a game at all.

This class will be devoted to a consideration of piety in a cross cultural perspective. Our discussions will try to formulate a broad definition of piety, drawing on some ethnographic material from Muslim Indonesia and an interpretive reading of a page from the Talmud as well as the experiences of participants.

### RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

Price is \$50 for members,  
\$80 for non-members and guests.

Please contact Leah Jackson the  
Program Manager (see Directory  
P7) to reserve, or for additional  
information.

You can also use the FAX BACK  
FORM on P6 to make your

# DEPARTMENT NEWS

## A Special Thank You

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

## Successful Winter Coat Drive

Once again you came through for New York's neediest. Thank you to all the members who stopped by in December and January to drop off their old winter sweaters and coats. Your care and generosity is greatly appreciated.

# MOVIE VOUCHERS

The Williams Club offers members discounted ticket vouchers for all Loews, Sony, Sony Imax, Loews Imax, Cineplex Odeon, Magic Johnson, and Star theaters nationwide!

**TO ORDER:** Call the Williams Club Program Manager, Leah Jackson at (212) 697-5300 x203. We'll send you the vouchers (or leave them for you to pick up) and charge it to your Club account. A great deal!

# SATURDAY YANKEES GAMES

**TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS:** See the listing at right for the available games. Use the FAX back form or send a letter/postcard to the Club (attn: Yankees Tickets) indicating the game date(s) you would like to attend in order of preference and how many tickets for each. ONLY REQUESTS RECEIVED BY March 7th will be included in the lottery. Requests for tickets received after the 7th will be filled with any remaining tickets. Requests will be assigned a random number and answered in the order in which they are picked. You will then be contacted by phone on or soon after March 8th to confirm the reservation(s) and at that time the tickets must be billed directly to a valid credit card. There are no cancellations once the tickets are charged. If you have questions about purchasing tickets, please call Leah Jackson at (212) 697-5300 x203. TICKETS MAY NOT BE RESERVED BY PHONE OR EMAIL.

## 2001 Saturday Home Game Schedule

DATE	VISITOR	TIME
April 7	Toronto	1:05
April 21	Boston	1:05
April 28	Oakland	1:05
May 12	Baltimore	1:05
June 2	Cleveland	1:05
June 9	Atlanta	1:05
June 30	Tampa bay	12:30
July 7	NY Mets	1:05
August 4	Anaheim	1:05
August 18	Seattle	4:05
Sept 8	Boston	1:05
Sept 29	Baltimore	TBA

# 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. Please review the CANCELLATION POLICY on P4 before reserving. Questions or comments may be directed to Leah Jackson (see Directory P7).

_____ Mardi Gras Dinner	_____ St. Valentine's Day Cocktail Party
_____ Kenard Gibbs	_____ Welcome Young Alumni Reception
_____ Betsy McCaughey Ross	_____ Murder Mystery Dinner
_____ Film Collective: ?	_____ Casino Night @ Cornell
_____ Scavenger Hunt @ the Met	_____ Summer Share Expo @ Penn
_____ Yo-Yo Ma	_____ Faculty Forum
_____ Vassar Choir (call 212.697.7499)	

Please list your requested Yankee games in order of preference. List the date and the number of tickets per game that you would like to the right.

### TICKET LIMITS

No more than 4 tickets per game.  
No more than 3 games per member account.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list two alternates as well:

4. \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAX TO LEAH JACKSON (212) 697-2008.**  
**No cover sheet necessary.**

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# FEBRUARY 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				Betsy McCaughey Ross		Met Scavenger Hunt
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Vassar			St. Valentine's Cocktail Party			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	President's Day Club Closed, Bedrooms Open	Film Collective:		Kenard Gibbs Young Alumni Reception		
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
		Mardi Gras Dinner			Casino Night	

## PROGRAM & EVENT 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 additional restrictions.

## NEW

Miss Ellen Grisweld Cook '00  
 Prof. Stephen P. Cramer '73  
 Ms. Sally-Thomas Daigneault '00  
 Ms. Mayda A. Del Valle '00  
 Mr. David Erickson '00  
 Miss Cora Ganzglass '97  
 Mr. John Lindsey Hagood MA '00  
 Miss Katie Hansen '00  
 Mr. Robert T. Howell '00  
 Dr. Sam H. Langsta '81  
 Mr. Andrew Lewin '88  
 Ms. Rebecca Norwick '00  
 Ms. Leah Louise Rabin '00  
 Mr. Joseph P. Rogers, Jr. '00  
 Mr. Christopher M. Sweatman '00  
 Mr. Kenneth Trian '71  
 Dr. Cutler Umbach '54  
 Mr. R. Nicholas Waugh '00  
 Mr. Peter G. Cole, Pa '04  
 Mr. & Mrs. Bernie English, Pa '04  
 Ms. Bobbie Sue Hood, Pa '04  
 Miss Colleen Hunt, Pa '04

Ms. Karin Lipson, Pa '04  
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry J. Riskin, Pa '04  
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# Murder Myster Dinner

especially for singles

6TH ANNUAL WILLIAMS CLUB

# FACULTY FORUM

## Club Mardi Gras Dinner

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