

"So we stand Here, on the edge of hell, in Harlem, and look out on the World, and wonder, what we're gonna do, in the face of, what we remember"  
- Langston Hughes

# The Paper

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## RESK Q ROCKS THE VOTE!

By: Christina Hailey

The time came and the students of the City College of New York voted in record-breaking numbers. Unfortunately, President George W. Bush remains in power, but there is light at the end of CCNY's tunnel with new leaders for the 2004-2005 Student Government.

A1 challenged AAA [current USG leaders] and in one of the most visible campaigns this campus has ever seen, the team lead by Redeemer "Resk Q" Amedzekor, swept AAA out of the two top spots and the post of Vice-President of University Affairs. Joshua Perea, the opposition leader of AAA, lost to RESK Q while Lev Sviridov, the outgoing president, was also defeated in the race. "If Lev was doing a great job as the student body president why would he step down to run as the Executive Vice-President?" an A1 supporter questioned. Seth Shihab, Executive Vice President-elect and General Manager of the CCNY radio station, WCCR, had this to say in his election statement: "...We will be a resource center for the students and the voice for the voiceless." Shihab, being one of the three partnering candidates to run for office with RESK Q, formed A1, defined by Resk Q as "a coming together of all ethnicities; everyone coming together as one." According to the campaign statements of A1's Senator of Engineering-elect, Linelle Tonya Fontenelle, "...There is definitely going to be progress with this new team."

The elected Vice-President of University Affairs, Dion Powell, 2002's Executive Vice-President, ran aside Resk Q last year. Despite

having lost his fight for candidacy, and having to watch his partner Resk Q win the seat for Senator of the Liberal Arts Department, he decided to join forces with Resk Q this year. Powell's promises for the future mirror those of his partners', when he says, "With A1 we will fight against possible tuition hikes and lobby for more financial

We will deal with the immediate issues directly affecting our fellow students. While politicians promise things unachievable, we just promise to work as hard as we can to produce as many results as possible," stated Resk Q.

The new Student Government for the City College consists of

with the needs of the students, and gives encouragement in making us feel optimistic about the future of CCNY.

The selection of new individuals to represent the student voice is a reflection of the weak accomplishments of the just ousted team, led by ex-president, Lev Sviridov. After several e-mails and telephone calls, he insisted on not commenting. The only person willing to make remarks, although somewhat hesitant, was Treasurer, Lauren Fasano. "We had things we wanted to accomplish, but we had to prioritize...making copy machines and phones available to the students [for example] was a priority we got to accomplish." Few students knew about these copying machines and telephones located in the NAC building, room 1/111. Fasano claims it was publicized during club meetings. Regardless of the copying machines and telephones being the retiring government's priorities, A1 plans to tackle a new set of priorities to truly benefit the well-being of our students:

- Creation of more lounge space
- Expanded fitness hours
- Childcare services

Tara Taylor, Associate Editor for The Paper, said this about Resk Q's stand on childcare services: "There are many parents here at the school and it's hard for them, especially single parents, to focus on their education and take care of their children simultaneously. Resk Q's intent is to improve on the childcare services so that these parents can focus on their education." Rebuilding CCNY media organizations. Giving visibility to the student government

• Longer library hours *continued on pg. 3*



RESK Q, President-Elect Of The Undergraduate Student Government of 2004/2005

support."

"It feels great to be a winner, however, I am not a politician and do not intend to pursue it as my career.

a team of diligent students who are involved in many different leadership positions. This campus-community involvement and dedication shows them to be experienced in dealing

Former Mayor David Dinkin educates the youth on the importance of voting at the "Get Out The Vote" Fashion Expo at the City College Of New York. *see page 4 for full story*

KERRY '04

In a recent Town Hall meeting at the City College Of New York on April 17th 2004 hosted by John Kerry, he promises for a better future for the American citizens while he encourages the youth to get involve by exercising their power to vote in the upcoming Presidential elections in November 2004.

While George Bush deceives the nation and orders more young American leaders to war, most citizens have no choice but to listen to another politian like John Kerry building castles in the sky.

*pictures by Thurman Enrique Sanabria*

## Editorial

## "The Art Of Communication"

*"A METAPHYSICAL ANALYSIS FROM A PHILOSOPHICAL POINT OF VIEW"*

By Klenam Anatsui (Dr.De)

Understanding the concept of communication and how it affects the mental behavioral characteristics of an individual, or a group of people, has been a subject of personal interest for a very long time.

From my philosophical point of view, communication is the art of expression in different language forms varying from marketing to medicine. It could also be a facial or vocal intonation, indicative of feeling, or expression.

From a Biblical view point, man's power to communicate diminished when we decided to be like

God. We should all be called lodestones after realizing the neutral strong force that exists in every creature.

The truth is mankind was created in the true image and likeness of God, hence the ability to decide to love or hate. God is love and exists in everyone's heart. The question is, do we allow it to manifest in a physical form?

Is it how we communicate or how we understand each other? Truthfully, everyone has the power to communicate and to access the neutral force that can unite different frames of minds. The force that can make or break a situation or the "MENTAL ICE"

I call it "MENTAL ICE" because it's in the mind, mouth, hands and all other functional parts of the

human body. The issue is how to coordinate these senses positively.

Is it a modern day tower of clamor, a world full of scientists who spend days on pills wondering how to get to Mars or is it another brother behind bars for speaking the truth?

In the real world, power only belongs to those who can communicate and collaborate without causing pain or chaos. To me equality doesn't really exist because all the real wise men are killed every day because they are a threat to other people's material positions.

Your peaceful existence on earth depends on your communication with God, but usually you become a threat to you own existence if you know this truth.

Applying the simple principle of a sport in which everyone knows and plays their position is a good way of functioning. While we play the game of life, we have to acknowledge the fact that we can't be like God without love in our hearts.

Analyze yourself and always keep love in your heart. This is God's world.

BUT...THAT'S JUST ME!



Dr.De

## Letter to the Editor

In response to articles about the lack of student space in CCNY, I've written an article about an abandoned building on South Campus which could be used as classrooms or club space. I hope you like my article, and publish it in your next issue. I'm a journalism major at CCNY.

-Sergio Kadinsky

----- Message -----

## SOUTH CAMPUS REMAINS UNUSED

When most City College students are asked about the South Campus of their college, the only things they know about it is that it's home to the Y Building, where their financial records are kept, and the Goldman athletic field, where the Beavers practice their games.

Virtually ignored for the past 20 years, the South campus has recent additions, including trailer classrooms for the High School of Math, Science, and Engineering; and the Borough of Manhattan Community College. The former Park East Gym is home to the Structural Biology Center.

However, the South Campus was once home to many more buildings, and one of the few remaining structure dating from its years as home to the Manhattanville College is Eisner Hall, which features a crucifix on its 1941 cornerstone. It originally served as the library for the Catholic college, before the campus was sold to the City College. From 1953 to 1990, it was home to the Art department, and contained an 1852 cast of the Elgin Marbles. After the Art department moved out, vandalism became an issue and the marbles were removed. Pam Gillespie, the college's chief librarian; and Robin Villa, of the Honors Center, helped move the marbles to a more secure location in 1995.

To the few students and teachers who know about the unused Eisner Hall, it is puzzling why it can't be restored for academic use, to replace the nearby trailer classrooms, or used as a student center. Architecture professor Alan Feigenberg claims that following the successful 1969 student strike on south campus, "college leaders institutionalized the student-friendly campus by having less buildings,"

including the demolition of the beloved Finley Student Center in 1983. As the old buildings around it were disappearing, Eisner remained standing. According to Gillespie, Eisner Hall was slated for demolition, but because there were no definite plans for the future of its site, the building was never taken down.

Today, the historic campus of the City College of New York seems incomplete. It remains the only large CUNY school without a Student Union building; the pool of Wingate Hall is still empty; and the renovation of its landmark arches remains unfinished. The notable exception is the 135th Street Gatehouse, which is being renovated for use as a theater. Surrounded by trees, rocks, and panoramic views, Eisner's acropolis-like location made it a perfect home for the marble friezes and aspiring artists. Today, its isolated location and distance from the main CCNY buildings keeps it forgotten, despite its history and potential.

-Sergio Kadinsky

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# News In Brief

## STUDY SHOWS COLLEGE WOMEN EARN MORE

A study presented at a recent American Educational Research Association conference shows that women with a higher-education degree are apt to earn as much as 45 percent more than those with a high school degree. For men, no difference was noted.

## HOYAS LURE PRINCETON HOOPS COACH

Georgetown University recently announced the appointment of John Thompson III as the new head coach of the men's basketball team. Thompson, son of legendary Georgetown basketball coach John Thompson, comes to the Hoyas from the same job at Princeton University.

## CARNEGIE MELLON NEWSPAPER SUSPENDED

Publication of The Tartan, the student newspaper of Carnegie Mellon University, was suspended after a racially-charged cartoon appeared in the paper's April Fool's edition. Following protests from students and faculty, two top editors of the newspaper resigned, citing "fatigue" as clouding their editorial judgment on deadline.

## NEW SURVEY SHOWS SATISFACTION MATTERS

A recent survey found only 20 percent of women aged 18 to 34 are satisfied with their lives, while the rest of us are still striving for greater satisfaction. Now, a new life fitness program is being launched, complete with an online tool designed to help women achieve a personalized balance in their lives. The "Find Your Fit By Kotex(R)" program helps young women better manage their life in four key areas: Fitness, Family and Friends, Fun and Future. For more information, you can log onto <http://www.kotex.com>.

## HARVARD PROFESSORS TOP SALARY LIST

Salaries for professors at Harvard University are among the highest in the country, according to a report from The American Association of University Professors. This year, Harvard professors saw their paychecks increase by an average of 3.5 percent, compared to a 2.1 percent average increase nationally.

## RIAA BRINGS NEW ACTION AGAINST COLLEGE FILE SHARERS

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) launched a new wave of legal action against individual computer users offering copyrighted music files for free on peer-to-peer networks, including illegal file sharers at 14 different universities.

## N.J. GROUP CONCERNED OVER RISING TEXTBOOK PRICES

The New Jersey Public Interest Research Group held a press conference in the Rutgers University campus bookstore, raising awareness of rising textbook prices and calling attention to students' concerns about the trend.

## SUPER-SECRET INFORMATION FOR PREMEDS!

TUCSON, Ariz.--(COLLEGIATE PRESSWIRE)--May 12, 2004-- Today's premeds face daunting challenges: a highly competitive selection process, complex application forms, daunting interviews, and escalating medical school costs. To succeed, they need information from an insider willing to wrestle the medical school application monster to the ground.

To help guide premeds through this complicated and often confusing system, Kenneth V. Iserson, M.D., author of the bestselling "Getting Into A Residency: A Guide for Medical Students, 6th ed.", has written "Get Into Medical School! A Guide for the Perplexed, 2nd ed." "I hope that this

book helps students to achieve their goals -- no matter what they may be," stated Dr. Iserson. "The book starts by asking the question: 'Is a medical career what you really want?' It then discusses both the positives and negatives. The hope is that this will help produce a generation of physicians who really know what they want and are happy practicing medicine."

The book's 500-plus pages are filled with hard-to-find information from all U.S. and Canadian M.D.- and D.O.-granting medical schools. It also features the unique "Must/Want" Analysis, which helps students rank medical schools according to their individual needs. "Premed students should realize that they have a wide range of options, including Osteopathic and foreign medical schools," says Iserson. "There are also increasing numbers of unconventional (older, minority, physically challenged) applicants who face special trials and advantages."

Iserson, who has mentored thousands of medical school students, recommends that premeds: (a) Be sure they want to enter medicine; (b) Know how to jump through the hoops without going crazy; (c) Make informed choices; (d) Prepare for those crucial interviews; and (e) Know the best method to pay \$100,000 (or more!) for a medical education. "Get Into Medical School!" provides the in-depth answers premeds need -- and web addresses for additional information.

To assist premeds, the book's website ([www.galenpress.com/012a.html](http://www.galenpress.com/012a.html)) contains FREE "Tips on Resume Writing," "Facts about a Medical Career," and "The Premed Checklist."

Said a medical school dean of admissions after reviewing the first edition of "Get Into Medical School!", "This is one of the best books I have read in twenty-nine years of medical

student admissions work."

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# “GET OUT THE VOTE, AIDS AWARENESS, FASHION EXPO-2004”

In a Fashion Expo organized by All About Edu-tainment and sponsored by the University Student Senate on Tuesday, May 11th 2004, at the City Colleg Of New York, students and young adults were “edu-tained”. There were dignitaries and honorable guests who supported this initiative to educate the youth on issues such as AIDS Awareness and of voting.

Former Mayor Dinkins encouraged the youth to “get out and vote”, assuring that students are the future leaders of this nation. April Raven Robbins-Bobyn, Director of Special Events for Senator David A. Paterson reiterated this message. Among other guests were Mark Farrell of CD101.9 fm, and Agnes Abraham, Chairperson of the University Student Senate.

Maria Davis, the guest host of the event tells her personal story of how she became infected with the deadly virus of HIV. She then cautioned the youth to live a healthier life by protecting themselves when engaging in sexual behavior.

The “Get Out The Vote” Campaign was to empower and help inspire the youth and adults on the importance of voting in order to increase student participation in the 2004 Presidential elections.

May was AIDS Awareness Month. Proceeds benefited the Hale House Children Center (a nurturing environment for babies whose families are unable to care for them due to drug addiction, homelessness, incarceration, and HIV/AIDS infection) and to In Arms Reach (a not-for-profit art, music, prison visitation and educational mentoring organization that exclusively services children whose parents are or were formally offenders of the criminal justice system).

### Dignitaries & Honorable Guests

- The Honorable David N. Dinkins
- Agnes Abraham, Chair of University Student Senate
- The Rt. Rev. E. Don Taylor, Vicar Bishop for New York City
- Maria Davis, Activist
- April Raven Robbins-Bobyn, Director of Special Events for Senator
- David A. Paterson Mark Farrell, CD 101.9 Host

### Performances

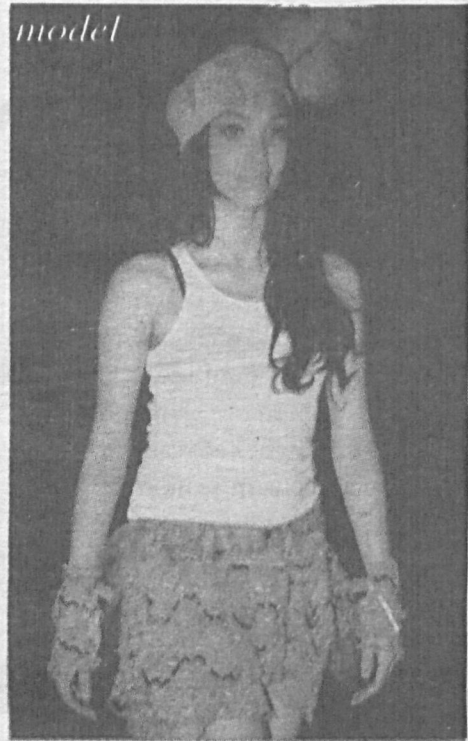
- CCNY Dance Team
- International Belly Dance Club
- Susan Cagel & Band



The Rt. Rev. E. Don Taylor, Vicar Bishop for New York City starts with prayer



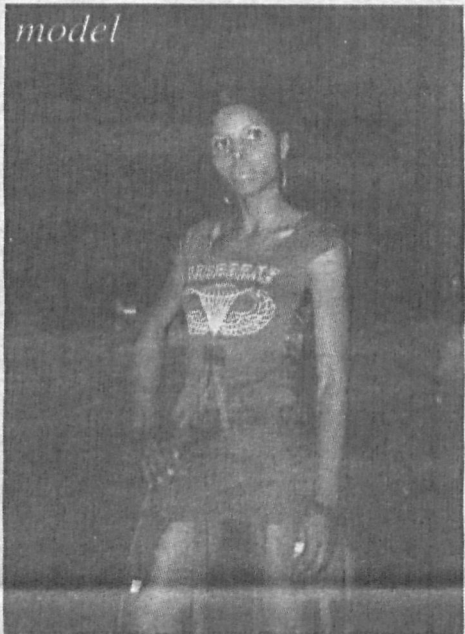
Maria Davis, AIDS/HIV Activist, guest host of the night.



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USS Chair Agnes Abraham introduces Mayor Dinkins



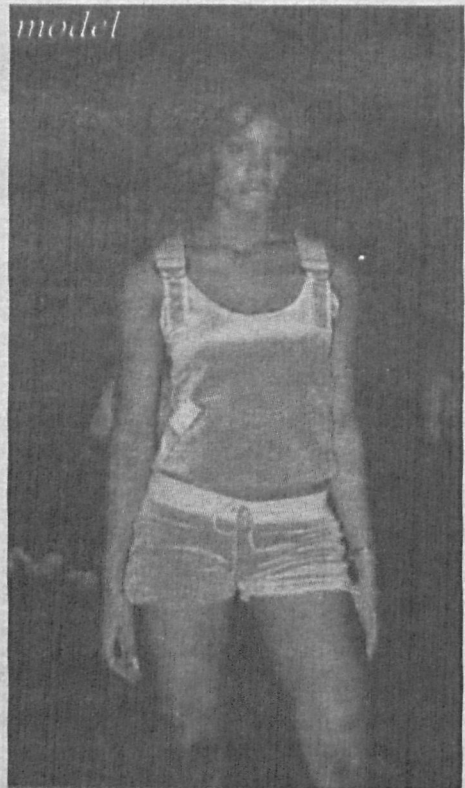
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First African American Mayor, David Dinkins



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April Raven Robbins-Bobyn



Mark Farrell poses with April Raven Robbins-Bobyn



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# Shout-Out to Professor Powers

by Arelias Sierra

As an eager student, it always comes as a grand disappointment when my professors are not as excited to teach their material, as I am to absorb it. Subjects as broad and as interesting as Astronomy, for instance, are reduced to statistics and flash words that I can easily discard as soon as the final exam is taken. But this semester I was blessed to come across fresh material and an even fresher professor. He was ready to review questions and concepts, but he also instilled in us a deep pride in what we were learning. Mr. Powers is that professor.

For the Spring semester of 2004, I was lucky enough to have gained entrance into his African American Folklore class. I assumed we would be learning about the origins of folklore, but I was not prepared for the originality and creativity of the class. One look at the syllabus and I couldn't

hardly contain my excitement. For the literature part of the course, we were to read a few books by wonderful authors such as Zora Neale Hurston and Albert Murray. For listening material, we were going to analyze songs by Nas and Dead Prez. For our viewing pleasure, we were to watch *The Wiz* (and an episode of *Star Trek*). I felt compelled to show other students - not in the class - this syllabus so they could view the variety of the materials being used in the course, and when I did, I could sense their envy!

Throughout the semester, I was reminded that this was not simply the course of my dreams, but a serious class that produced the most in-depth discussions on race, politics, gender issues and history. We came in that class ready to learn from just the professor, but found we were actually teaching one another through these sessions. The title of the course was African American folklore,

but what we discussed was life.

So I implore you, if you see this professor's name (Powers) in the Schedule of Classes, sign up for whatever course he is teaching. Just keep in mind, the title of the course in no way describes the experiences or the valuable lessons you will come away with at the end of the semester.

\*\*\*Note: Professor Powers is interested in teaching a Literature of Oil course for the Fall semester. Students will analyze *Dune* and other materials concerning how Big Oil has affected people's cultures. If you are interested in this idea, Professor Powers ask that you contact (via phone, email, or letters) the English department chairman and request that it be added to the Schedule.

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# We Don't Need It...We don't Want It! No Plus, No Minus!

## CCNY +/- Grading Policy

By Nikki Young

**W**e have spoken! During the student government election from April 27 to 29, 2004, exactly 1,464 students voted against the new grading policy. The students of City College did not favor the new plus/minus grading policy. The plan, which shifts the parameters of the standard A,B,C, and D grades to include plus and minus grades, has been applied at many other colleges and universities in New York State including several other colleges in the CUNY division. Naturally, as the end of the semester nears and we all prepare to cram for our final exams, the question on everyone's mind is, what happens now?

**S**hort answer: we wait. As students, our job is done. We have done our part by fighting to put the grading system on the ballot and by voting against it. Now, we have to wait for the President's consideration and official certification. How long is it going to take? Will it affect this semester's grades? Not necessarily. Technically, the new grading policy was implemented as of this semester, however, because we, the students, have voted against it, the policy has to fail. Does that mean we can slack off on our final exams? We probably should not. The policy was established to distinguish between those students who are performing at a more-than-satisfactory

level and those who are simply getting by. Is that a good thing?

**T**here were many debates surrounding the new grading policy. One side argued that by extending the grading system to include pluses and minuses, students who are on the brink of failure will be forced to repeat the course, thereby ensuring that every student is fully prepared to move on to the next level and not simply slipping through the cracks of scholastic remissiveness. However, another side argues that semi-diligent students will be punished by minus grades, which could stand to lower their grade point averages. Conversely, a student who would have earned a C under the old

system, could earn a C+ or a B- under the new policy which could have a more positive effect on their grade point average. Would either student have earned their new grades? By narrowing the grading field, school administrators anticipated every student will have performed at the best of their ability and earned the grades they truly deserved.

**H**owever, because the new policy has been rejected by the student body, the campus-wide sigh of relief has been let out and we, the students, can continue to perform to the best of our academic abilities.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2004 REFERENDUM QUESTION

Do you, the undergraduate student of The City College of New York, wish to change the grading policy of the college to include pluses or minuses?

Yes: to include pluses and minuses in the grading system  
No: to retain the current grading system

Selection	Votes Cast	Votes Received	Percentage
Yes	1748	262	14.99%
No	1748	1464	83.75%
Undecided	1748	22	1.26%

## Poetry Corner

### Regardless

*I live without living  
doing nothing, except writing  
My world is sorrow*

*In which I have to grow*

*My body is walking around  
But my soul is laying underground*

*I smile with a bleeding heart*

*That long ago broke apart*

*Life has not been a crystal stair  
But I am still here  
Because God wants me there.*

*by Darline Barbier*

### Plain

*I trudge infinite miles of  
pain*

*Grief and sadness are  
scarred across my chest  
Are you in pain too?  
Then, I will weep alone  
(with spongy eyes)*

*But, who wants to go  
through the aisles of pain?  
That's why, I alone must  
drink life's rancor  
Yet, if only I could ease  
the aching of my life  
I would not live futile.*

*by Darline Barbier*

## Poetry Corner

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- Langston Hughes

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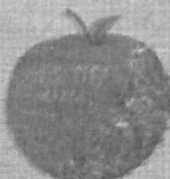
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