Student Dies In Suicide Jump From 15th Floor

By Shan-san Wu
News Editor

Baruch senior Thomas A. Berk died after falling 15 stories from the 111 East 18th St. building last Wednesday evening in what the NYPD has officially called a suicide.

According to police, the 24-year-old senior from Queens climbed out of a empty classroom on the 15th floor at 6:30 p.m. and jumped from the ledge to his death. Berk landed almost directly in front of the entrance to the building, just barely missing a nearby row of parked cars by inches.

Police responded to the scene approximately five minutes later, according to a number of eyewitnesses on the scene. Officers immediately covered the body with a yellow tarp and cordoned off the area of impact, closing the main entrance to the building.

"I heard a loud noise when he landed," said a waitress from a nearby restaurant who declined to give her name. "The police responded very quickly."

No suicide note was left, but a backpack belonging to Berk was discovered by investigators in a 15th floor classroom. According to the Baruch News and Media Office, a journal containing multiple entries such as "life sucks," "depressed" and "no money" was found inside the pack.

Berk's body lay on the rain-soaked street for over an hour as investigators completed

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US News Magazine Ranks Baruch Among Top Ten Most Selective Colleges In Nation

By Osibumuni Joans-omotore
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For the second year in a row, Baruch has received high ratings in US News and World Report Year 2000 annual college rankings. In the classifications of ethnic diversity, admissions selectivity and graduating debt load, Baruch had an impressively high standing.

Baruch's admissions criteria was also ranked very high. With acceptance rates of 19% for the current year and 22% for the previous, Baruch's admissions criteria was dubbed "more selective," placing it in the ranks of other New York schools such as Syracuse and Fordham Universities. James Murphy of the Admissions Office indicated that "of the 14,861 potential freshmen that listed Baruch on their applications, 2,623 were accepted." These statistics give Baruch the strictest admissions policy in CUNY.

The impressive showing puts Baruch students, particularly those soon to be entering the job market at a distinct advantage. Patricia Imbimbo of the Career Development Center contends that, for employers, admissions selectivity translates to the idea that Baruch students "are academically sound and likely to be confident, ambitious individuals."

Imbimbo also points out, the diversity is an indication that "students who graduate from Baruch have had experience interacting with individuals representing many races and cultures." She notes, "Companies specifically aiming to increase their company's diversity may choose Baruch as a place to search for qualified candidates."

The positive report reinforces Baruch's reputation as a "flagship" institution.

Acceptance Rates of Selected Universities and Colleges from across the nation according to the 1999 edition of the US News and World Report College Rankings

1) Harvard University 13%  
2) Princeton University 13%  
3) Stanford University 15%  
4) Columbia University 17%  
5) Brown University 18%  
6) Yale University 18%  
7) Amherst College 20%  
8) Georgetown University 21%  
9) Dartmouth University 22%  
10) CUNY-Baruch 23%  
11) Swarthmore 23%  
12) CalTech 23%  
13) MIT 25%  
Notables  
- UC Berkeley 31%  
- NYU 40%  
- Wisconsin/Madison 56%  
- CUNY Hunter 55%  
- CUNY Brooklyn 82%  
Baruch's rate for 2000 is 19%
Baruch Golden Key Chapter Honored With National Award

By Ana Soto

The Baruch chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society was awarded the Golden Key chapter award during commencement held at the Golden Key Convention this summer. It is the seventh time in 10 years the Baruch chapter has received this award.

Golden Key is a nonprofit, international academic honor organization that provides recognition, scholarship opportunities, and other services to its members.

Membership is by invitation only, according to the Golden Key website, and a minimum of 100 seniors from each chapter are chosen for the national award. A chapter is also eligible for Golden Key recognition for five years in a row.

The chapter of Golden Key was especially recognized for three of the public service projects it supports: Shadow Days, Adopt-a-School, and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. The chapter was also praised for its outstanding chapter meeting presentation. Baruch Golden Key members were responsible for their own transportation costs in and from the convention. The remaining costs were covered by Golden Key.

"It was great," said Moldoveanu, "everyone had a wonderful time and it was a very exciting experience.

The Baruch chapter vice president of public relations, Claudia Moldoveanu, Baruch Golden Key Honor Society officers who attended the International Golden Key Convention held in Orlando, Florida. Ana Soto is being presented the Chapter Award by George State University President Dr. Carl Patton. (Photo/Ticker Archives)


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Judging by the audience’s reaction, the evening was a success.

Goodall painted a grim yet realistic picture of the world. Her talk is based on her experience with victims of violence, famine, civil unrest, and conflict. Her experience led to her creation of Roots & Shoots, an environmental and humanitarian program for young people throughout the globe.

Goodall’s research on chimpanzees has shown that these apes possess characteristics similar to humans. She began her study of chimpanzees by observing the behavior of a female chimpanzee named Jane. Goodall found that chimpanzees are highly intelligent animals, capable of complex thought and problem-solving.

Throughout her study, chimpanzees have remained the subject of many studies. Several years after Goodall’s initial findings, researchers continued to study chimpanzees in the wild and found that chimpanzees are highly intelligent and possess a wide range of abilities.

Goodall’s research has led to the establishment of the Jane Goodall Institute, which continues to study chimpanzees and other primates.

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**Goodall Sets Her Sights on the World**

Message of Hope and Responsibility Comes out of African Rainforest

Goodall’s message of hope and responsibility is based on her experiences studying chimpanzees in the wild.

During her research, Goodall observed that chimpanzees were being killed by poachers for their meat and for use in the illegal pet trade.

Goodall’s work has helped to raise awareness about the importance of protecting chimpanzees and other primates.

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**Quote of the Week:**

“It is my belief that he found some solace for his/work at which he was best suited.”

— Professor Bridget Davis

*Professor Davis taught three classes in which Thomas Berk was her student.*

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**Witeno: USG: Talk is Cheap! (Even When You Hire a Lawyer)**

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**Don't Mess With the Army!**

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**The Sikh and Ye Shall Find — A Religion Turns 300 Years Old**

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It was expected to be the largest pay-per-view audience for a non-heavyweight fight. Two of the best welterweights of the decade were about to square off in the ring for a one-sided purse of $29.5 million. The fans were ready, the expectations were high. Comparisons were made with the record-breaking Haggett fight of almost 2 decades ago. It was supposed to be the fight of the year in a year that already had matching up like Holyfield/Lewis, De La Hoya/Quarry and Trinidad-Whitaker. Two evenly matched boxers, undefeated welterweights champions of the world. Both of whom defeated the man I once considered the greatest welterweight, Pernell Whitaker (although I still question a La Hoya win over "Sweet Pea") was no wonder that the odds were 7 to 1 in favor of a draw.

The bell finally rang, the promotions ended, it was time to live up to the hype. But it was a disappointing start. Each fighter seemed too conscious of the other's talent. They were both cautious and defensive. De La Hoya ran around inside the ring the entire fight while Trinidad relaxed in the corner. The first round was close, I gave it to De La Hoya as well as the next two rounds. De La Hoya was winning the fight six rounds to two on my scorecard but he was so clueless about this lead, I gave it to Trinidad the last 4 rounds. I thought it was a draw as so many fans had predicted but it seems that one of the closest early rounds to Trinidad and another called a round even. Decision: Judge Glen Hamada 114-114, Judge Jerry Roth 115-113 and Judge Bob Logiste 115-114 for Felix Trinidad, new WBC and still IBF welterweight champion of the world.

While the main event captured the interest of the minute boxing fan, the undercard was about as exciting as a paint dry. But De La Hoya was able to win the bout decisively with a TKO of Kenny Craven in a 1:30 left in the second round.

There was some interest in the last fight before the main event. Challenger David Banks 18-6-1 was closing the gap against IBF cruiserweight Champion Vasily Jirov 21-0-2 but losing with a connected body punch in the 10th round that sent Brown to the canvas. This improved the Champ's record to 22-0 with 20 K.O's.

Now it was time for the main event. The seats were filled, sold out to boxing enthusiasts who paid as much as $7,000 for tickets from scalpers.

Andre Agassi, Steffi Graf, Charles Barkley, Shaquille Oneal and Jack Nicholson all occupied ring side seats. The fight was marred by a missing mouthpiece for Trinidad, and of course the commentators revealed their conspiracy theory about the courts.

The ball finally rung, the promotions ended, it was time to live up to the hype. But it was a slow start, the judges were not as impressed with the other's talent. They were both cautious and defensive. It was not to be the fight we were all expecting De La Hoya ran around inside the ring the entire fight while Trinidad reluctantly participated. The first round was close, Open champ was outweighed in the next two rounds. De La Hoya was winning the fight six rounds to two on my scorecard but he soon relinquished this lead. Trinidad, more desperate, became more aggressive and out boxed De La Hoya the rest of the way. I gave the fight to Trinidad. The judges agreed, De La Hoya the rest of the way. I gave the fight to Trinidad. The judges agreed. Decision: Judge Glen Hamada 114-114, Judge Jerry Roth 115-113 and Judge Bob Logiste 115-114 for Felix Trinidad, new WBC and still IBF welterweight champion of the world.

By Jon Minners
Asylum Production Editor

Hey yo! Welcome to my corner, where I deal with ideals for the world. A look into the world of sport when Mike Lupica series not even. My sarcastic verbal jab knock all opponents to the mat. No one is safe.

Once Oscar De La Hoya, I got two words for you, Ha! Ha! I liked the guy when he was in the Olympics and rooted for him all the way until after seeing the words "relinquished this lead, I gave it to Trinidad the last 4 rounds. I thought it was a draw as so many fans had predicted but it seems that one of the closest early rounds to Trinidad and another called a round even. Decision: Judge Glen Hamada 114-114, Judge Jerry Roth 115-113 and Judge Bob Logiste 115-114 for Felix Trinidad, new WBC and still IBF welterweight champion of the world.

The Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) should get interesting again, as Ken Shamrock plans on leaving the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) for a small amount of time to compete again. Maybe they can convince Royce Gracie to make a comeback, too.

Speaking of the WWF, I am getting a little pissed off. There seems to be a lot of narrow minded people out there. People who just don't understand or can't handle the WWF's recent rise to popularity.

Jesse Ventura's new WWF match and people calling him a disgrace to politics. What did he do wrong? He was once a wrestler. Why can't he visit his old profession. Giuliani got dressed in drag and went on Saturday Night Live, but no one complained then. True, he was a disgrace already, but still got re-elected and it looks like he is in the lead over Hillary "I don't stand by my man since he's currently walking all over me" Clinton at the moment for the Senatorial race. He was only acting, why can't we let them do what they do. They trying to go on the road for 280 days without an off-season. These guys are actors who enjoy being athletes. You try doing what they do. They trying to go on the road for 280 days without an off-season. These guys are actors who enjoy being athletes. You try doing what they do. They trying to go on the road for 280 days without an off-season. You can see that on All My Children, General Hospital, etc. If women can have soap, why can't men? Sure, wrestlers utter the f-word, but not all the time. "Is that an accidental mauling, but not a hell of a lot. The South Park movie and the Witch Project had came into it in left and right, but they were received very well by the critics and rightfully so. They were good, and that is all that mattered. And yes, occasionally scored but they knew how many times did I have to put up with a Nyudd Blue showing Dennis Frank's god damned ass. So, go off, it's football. It is just a hybrid form of all these kinds of entertainment. Still, people question UPNN's judging in siding the show as part of their fall schedule. Phil Mushnick of the Post is always putting wrestling down every chance he gets. The news scots of it and politicians call Ventura a fool. At least he wasn't using cigs for all the wrong reasons. People, get a clue. You're just looking for something that isn't there. I know, you say, "But it's the mayor's name that you think," I say in my best Rock impersonation. "You can have your opinion. I have the truth. Now get off my back and take your business elsewhere."