Suicidal Leap From Fire Tower

By Franck Monge
Senior Staff Writer

On the evening of August 14th, 28 years old Asian female Man Lam plunged to her death from the 19th floor of the 360 PAS building. Lam became the third Baruch student in the past 18 months to become a suicide victim.

"Her body was discovered on the next day by a student who went out to smoke on the fire tower," said security Lieutenant McAndrew, referring to Staircase C. She explains that it is a fire escape on the side of the building. Unlike most fire escapes, this one does not have ladders conveniently placed between each staircase, so a special effort was necessary in order to get to the 19th floor.

"It's usually used by the faculty members and some students aware of its existence," said Carl Aylman, Director of the Student Life Office. "The doors leading to the fire staircase are supposed to remain open at all time of the week according to the law," he continued.

Many students did not find the news surprising given Baruch's recent history of suicides. However, they still expressed many concerns and a general disapproval with such a method of coping with difficulties.

"I think it's foolish for her to end her life in order to escape her problems," said Evanine Wong, a junior. Some Baruch students believe that the rise in standards is creating too much stress. "It's tough to juggle work, your personal life, and school work. Recently teachers and school seem to be giving more work and it has been tougher in past semesters," said Jessie Schmidt.

Contrary to the opinions of most students, the motives for the suicide were not academically grounded. "As far as we know, she did not have any academic problem. In fact, all three suicides victims were academically decent," Aylman stressed.

According to McAndrew, these suicides are more of a copycat effect. "[People tend to] choose Baruch because it's a location of convenience" said Lt. McAndrew. She also stated that students with suicidal tendencies living on the ground floor in their apartment building will pick Baruch as a place to commit suicide because they know people have successfully killed themselves here.

"The Counseling Center has been seeing a lot of troubled students or students who wanted to talk," said Aylman. He added that the two counselors working there are solidly booked out through the entire semester, and that an issue of having more than two licensed counselors is still pending.

The sudden rise in suicide in Baruch College has prompted Mindy Hersh, Deputy Director of the Counseling Center, to take action. According to Hersh, they are trying to educate and train the public here at Baruch about the symptoms of depression and suicide, hopefully leading to a successful detection of those symptoms among friends or even family members. Eventually, all the different programs will be publicized during the semester.

"There are lots of resources to help students [who are] psychologically or academically troubled at Baruch. What's critical is to know how to use them," noted Aylman. The death of Lam has definitely left a lot of students wondering why she committed suicide.

Lam, a senior at Baruch College, interrupted her studies in the summer of 1999 for an extended leave of absence and came back to register for the fall 2000, when she decided to take her life two weeks prior to the beginning of class. She is outlier by her family who was vacationing in China when she tragically took her life.

Suicide Awareness First priority for Counseling Center

Deputy Director and Doctor of Psychology Mindy Hersh has seen more than 40 students come into the Center recently seeking help with these various issues, but not many have come in response to the suicide. This can be attributed to the fact that the suicide took place before classes started, and so many students have not been aware of it.

As student awareness of the suicide has increased, more have come in to talk about it.

Hersh argues that barring the windows and nailing them shut is not the answer to the problem. She instead advocates a more proactive and educational grassroots approach. "We've done a lot of outreach since the last two incidents," said Hersh.

A town meeting was held for the faculty and staff in order to voice their concerns. Department meetings were also held to train faculty on the procedures of the Signs of Suicide (SOS) program. The program is designed to teach students, faculty, and staff about suicide, and how to intervene when they suspect that someone they know may be at risk.

"This year, we decided to combine [our SOS program] with the National Depression Screening Day, which is in its 10th year," said Hersh. "And we are working hard to publicize the event."

"We're really trying to destigmatize this idea of depression and make it ok to seek help," noted Hersh. She points out that there's a stigma about going to counseling, with people feeling embarrassed for various reasons. "Either it seems like they're weak, or their families wouldn't approve of it. Counseling is really not a big deal though. Many people have gone through it, and found it to be very beneficial and worth it."

Hersh believes that there are much healthier ways to deal with problems than resorting to suicide. "Suicide is a permanent answer to a temporary problem, the temporary problem usually being feeling hopeless and depressed that tomorrow won't be different," said Hersh. "If people seek help, they can often find solution," she continued.

The reaction of the staff has been one of disbelief. "It's really a shock to have this happen, again and again - when somebody is determined, they find a way to succeed."

With suicide being the third leading cause of death among people ages 15-20 years old, there is reason to be worried. "Hopefully something positive will come from all of this though," said Hersh optimistically. Many Baruchians share her sentiments and hope that suicide will no longer plague the Baruch community.

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TUITION FINANCING New International Students get a Helping Hand

By Winnie Chin
Contributing Writer

On August 17, Golden Key at Baruch sponsored a New International Student Orientation Program at the 25th Street building Conference Center. The International Student Orientation Program was developed by Golden Key a few years ago. With the support of the International Student Services Center, this program has now evolved into a regular part of international students’ integration into Baruch.

Golden Key continues to play a significant role in each orientation by holding a Student Panel discussion, where new students are given the opportunity to hear personal experiences from current students. The ethnic diversity of Baruch was reflected at the orientation with four student panelists from Romania, China, Trinidad, and India. They discussed issues pertinent to international students, such as tackling English as a second language, as well as universal student issues such as participating in extracurricular activities.

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Baruch Women Attended Summer Seminar
By Kiyo Peng Kao

The first annual Charitable Giving Seminar for Women, sponsored by the College Advancement Office, was held on June 14th for alumni, students, and the students of the New York City public schools.

The presentation was given by Adrienne Yorinks, a renowned auctioneer from Australia, where her exhibition, Textile Art by Adrienne Yorinks: A Journey from Australia to Zimbabwe was being displayed.

Adrienne Yorinks, a third-generation Jewish woman, is the grand-niece of the late Leo Yorinks. She was born in Amsterdam and is a graduate of the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts. She is the founder of the Yorinks Foundation, which supports the arts and education in New York City schools.

She, along with the other guests, were also treated to a private tour of the Zabotnik Center and the Sidney Mishkin Gallery, where her exhibition was on display.

One of her guests was the Baruch chapter of Golden Key Honor Society. The students were given a tour of the college volunteers teach the Junior Achievement seminar for women.

The seminar was sponsored by the Baruch chapter of Golden Key Honor Society and was attended by alumni, students, and the students of the New York City public schools.

Upon arrival, the attendees were greeted by Dr. Kiro, the college's dean of students. He welcomed everyone and introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Kiro, who is the president of the college.

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Golden Key Promotes Junior Achievement
By Jennifer Ding

The Baruch chapter of Golden Key Honor Society has been promoting junior achievement with great opportunity as a way to attract new students to the campus, which will be held this Saturday. The event will feature a banquet and a panel discussion on the topic of junior achievement. The banquet will be held at the college's main auditorium, and the panel discussion will be held in the cafeteria.

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The emphasis seemed to be placed on continu­ing to stay online 24/7 and talk on the phone while using the advantage of an exclusive focus on downloading music with a DSL service. The stock market now has turned the focus of online managers into space and fairly distant. The combination of one of the top ESL services and the famous music service on the Internet will surely be a happy marriage benefiting all money's worth.

The afternoon issue competes with the online papers as well as the print version of the New York Post. The afternoon issue has been the major debut of Opera, which increased sales by 30 percent after just one week. The idea behind this promotional agreement with a company that sells multiple devices to anywhere in New York City, and it can take forever on a 56k modem. What costs of operating an exclusively entertainment industry, and it can take forever on a 56k modem. What does this affect you? Well, not only do you have to get their money’s worth. But a special promotional agreement with Flashcom, the major debut of Opera, which increased sales by 30 percent after just one week.

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