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Eggheads unite!...

...you have nothing to lose but your yolks.
Adlai Stevenson

Grad student falls to death

by Jim Miller and Andrew Watts

Kells Owen Hall, a U of A graduate student in Economics fell to his death in an apparent suicide on Tuesday.

Hall, aged 33, fell from a window in a women's washroom located on the 11th floor of Mackenzie Hall just before 9:00 a.m. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the U of A hospital. The screen over the window had pulled out before Hall fell.

Hall had been living on the sixth floor of Mackenzie Hall since the middle of September.

No suicides have ever occurred in any of the residences.

Students who knew Hall said he was quiet and a bit of a loner. He seemed to prefer working at night and sleeping during the day.

The night of his death, Hall was seen looking out the windows. He woke a fellow student at 5:00 a.m. to borrow cigarettes and again about two hours later Hall woke the same student to make a phone call.

Hall's faculty advisors, Professor McMillan and Professor Wilson of the Economics department expressed shock and dismay at the news of Hall's death.

Wilson said that everyone "was quite upset about the news."

Dr. Paul Sartoris, the Dean of Students was also alarmed over the apparent suicide.

"I am concerned because this happened so close to the resident students, it's always an unsettling thing," said Sartoris.

Sartoris said his office was aware

of and sensitive to the problems of stress experienced by students.

He pointed out there are many services offering help to students experiencing emotional problems.

Said Sartoris, "I hope students won't hesitate to approach the counselling services, the nursing staff or the other general services on campus."

Hall received his bachelor's degree from the university of Western Ontario in 1971. He had lived and worked in Edmonton before enrolling at the U of A in 1979-80.

Here, he soon qualified to begin a masters program in Economics.

Hall was both working as a real estate appraiser and studying Economics at the time of his death.



photo by Bill Inglee

Kells Hall, 33, fell to his death after apparently jumping from an 11th floor window.

Trying to dispell Western misinformation

PLO diplomat talks of myths

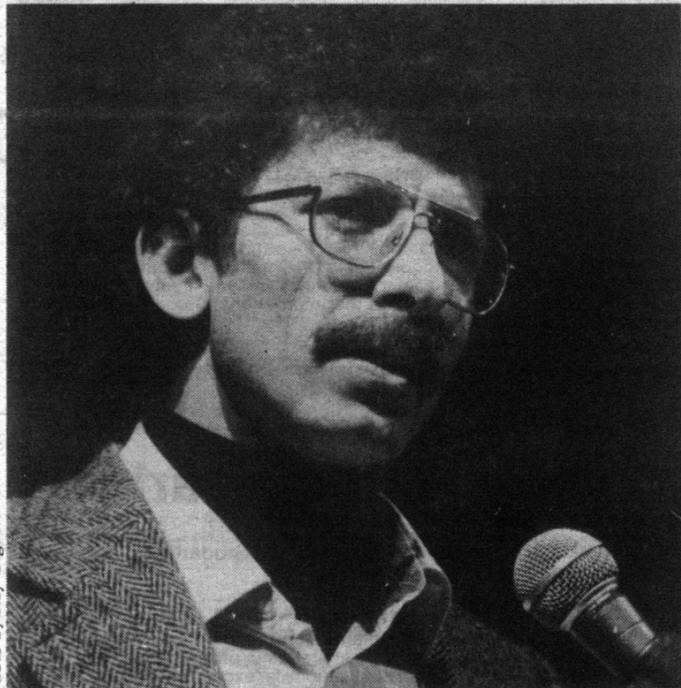


Photo by Ray Giguere

Edmund Omeran, a member of the PLO diplomatic corps, wanted to dispel some myths and misinformation in SUB Wednesday.

by Allison Annesley

PLO spokesman Edmund Omeran addressed an audience of 75 people concerning the PLO perspective in SUB yesterday.

Omeran, who is member of the PLO Diplomatic Corps said his objective in speaking on campus, was to dispel some of the misinformation and myths that circulate about the PLO in the West.

"The Palestinian aspect is the basic one," said Omeran, "the conflict between Israel and the Arab states is only secondary." Omeran also maintains the problem is a political one while emphasizing the humanitarian aspect of the situation, he says, changes the true meaning of the conflict. Later in the forum, a member of the audience accused Omeran of concentrating only on the politics of the conflict and ignoring the humanitarian aspect. Said Omeran, "The U.N. has recognized that the solutions must be political."

Omeran went on to list the PLO objectives he said were accepted by the majority of the world's nations:

- The Palestinian right to return to their homeland and recognition of the fact that they had been forced out of Israel by the Zionists.

- The right to self-determination, which Omeran

described as the "most basic problem Palestinians have faced."

- The right to an independent Palestinian state.

"The problem started for us," said Omeran, "when the Colonials established a Zionist state on Palestinian land with the expulsion of two thirds of the Palestinian population."

Omeran also lamented the "constant denial of PLO rights" by the Zionists. "They even deny the existence of such a people," said the spokesman. A member of the audience later questioned Omeran's credibility is complaining about that denial when the PLO does not recognize the state of Israel. Omeran answered that his organization believes "the aggressor should first recognize their victim. We feel victimized." He also indicated the PLO would be flexible on that stand if Israel were to show signs of PLO recognition.

The Israeli objective in the Lebanon war, Omeran claims, was to destroy the Palestinian people as part of their policy of expansionism and colonialization. "How could 10,000 Palestinian soldiers beat the strongest army in the world?" Omeran asked.

The result of Lebanon, Omeran said, was "a serious blow to the PLO, but it did not annihilate us," and he

went on to state that it had caused the PLO to become even stronger politically.

Though Omeran stated the PLO's ultimate objective as the peaceful co-existence of Palestinians and Israelis, a member of the audience accused the organization of including a call for the ultimate destruction of Israel in its charter. Omeran responded that the charter contained "only the defense of Palestinian rights."

Said the PLO spokesman, "We believe if no change occurs soon, there will be more war. The policies and practices of the present Israeli government show that they want expansionism and the countries surrounding them will be subject to aggression and subject to war."

"I am sad to say Canada has no Middle East policy so far," complained Omeran. He would like to see an end to the Canadian acceptance of "all American initiatives." "I believe Canada has a role to play - and I wish they would play it."

According to Omeran, there are two solutions to the Palestinian problem. The first is the 1974 proposal by Yasser Arafat for a united democratic state, which Omeran dismissed as not presently workable. Instead the PLO wants the West Bank, Gaza, and Jerusalem for the creation of a Palestinian state. He also stressed that Palestinians do not want to be simply resettled, but to have their homeland returned.

During the question period, someone asked how Omeran could have accused Israel of being imperialistic after their return of Sinai to Egypt. Omeran replied that the Sinai evacuation did not contradict "the basic policy of Israel because it is not part of what they call biblical Israel."

When asked about the Reagan Plan, Omeran criticized its non-acceptance of the right to a Palestinian state.

When asked how Israel would benefit from recognizing the PLO Omeran promised the security of Israel's borders.

Another member of the audience accused Omeran of uttering half-truths and doubted his claim that two thirds of the Palestinians had been expelled from their homeland by the Zionists. Many left, he said, of their own volition.

Omeran stressed that the PLO is not anti-Semitic. "We don't fight Israel because they are Jewish but we refuse to be scapegoats for the crime committed by others' referring to the Holocaust).

Waterheads attack

Women take bath

TORONTO (CUP) — Hurling buckets of water and screaming obscenities, the occupants of two men's residences at the University of Toronto physically attacked a peaceful women's demonstration Nov. 4.

The "Take Back The Night" march sponsored by the U of T Women's Coalition was intended as a demonstration for the right of women to have freedom of movement.

With cries of "We have the right to walk at night," the group of about 70 women encountered little opposition on the first part of their march.

Upon approaching the Devonshire House men's residence, the marchers were greeted with obscenities and buckets of water thrown out of windows. The same tactics were repeated later at New College residence.

In the New College attack one woman was injured when an unidentified object struck her in the eye.

Susan Prentice, a UTWC member, said "the attack was well-planned. A lot of thought and time went into it."

"This incident serves to enforce the theme of the demonstration: safety for women walking at night," she said. "It goes to show that even at U of T we have a long way to go before we secure this basic right. If men and women hadn't considered safety in the night before, I think this kind of thing

geographically demonstrates how important it is."

UTWC is considering launching a complaint against those involved in the assault. They will also contact the don of New College and the deans at both residences.

Gillaine Funnel, U of T Students' Administrative Council Women's Commissioner said the attack on the demonstrators was "barbaric" and that "there was no basis for that sort of action. It was a very childish response.... Women can't walk alone safely, now it seems we can't even walk together safely."

Karen Pearlston, a spokesperson for Women Against Violence Against Women, said she was "shocked and angry" about the incidents. She added the men involved "were irresponsible. They know the effects that objects thrown from second and third story windows can have."

"Women can deal with harassment, but it's harmful intent of this incident that I am most concerned with," Pearlston said.

Prentice said she was "heartened by the number and spirit of the women who participated. It's unfortunate that this kind of thing had to happen to demonstrate our point. It will definitely have a politicizing effect on the whole issue. I can tell you one thing, we will not let it pass by."

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