



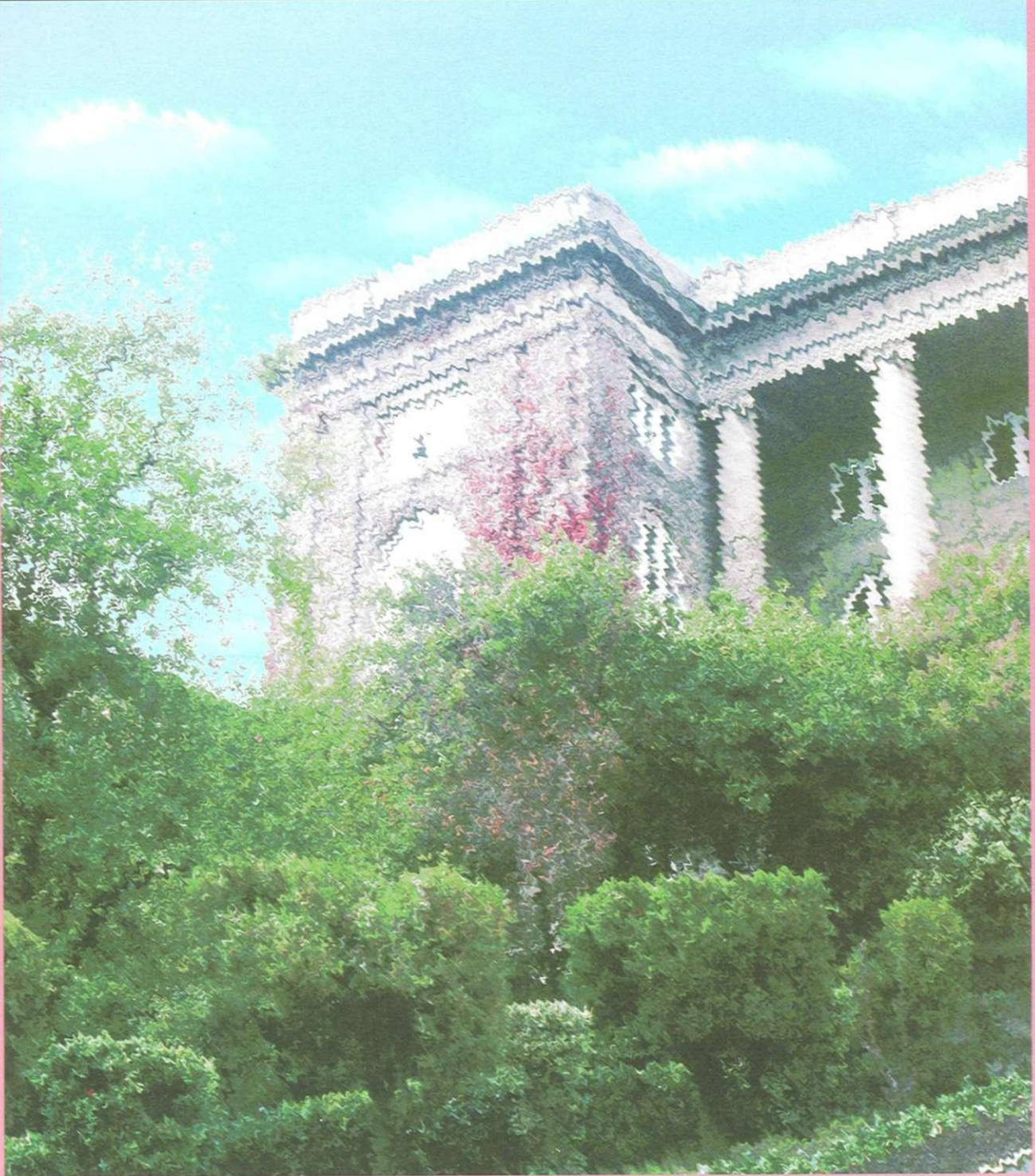
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Hayal gücü, bizimle doğar. Hayal etmek, ulaşmaktır...
Hayal edin! Çünkü hayal gücü, keşfetmektir.

Biz, yıllar önce bir dünya markası olmayı hayal ettik.
Çünkü hayal gücü, sınır tanımaz.

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Bir dünya markası

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Dear Alumni,

In June 2000, I had informed the trustees of Robert College that I would complete my tenure at RC in June 2001. As indicated below, the trustees have completed their search for my successor. Having spent almost eight years at RC, I care deeply about its future. I look forward to working with Dr. Merchant to assure a smooth transition of leadership.

Christopher Wadsworth

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Livingston Merchant as Headmaster of Robert College effective July 1, 2001. Dr. Merchant comes to Robert College from the International School in Brussels where he has served as Headmaster of the High School since 1998. Prior to joining the school in Brussels, Dr. Merchant served as a teacher and administrator in secondary schools in Taipei, Greece, Brazil, Holland and Netherlands Antilles. He has also taught at the university level at Dartmouth College and Tamkang University in Taipei. In addition to his native language of English, Dr. Merchant speaks French, Dutch, Chinese, Spanish, Russian, Portuguese and Greek.

Dr. Merchant's university degrees include: a BA in Slavic Languages and Literatures, an MA in Soviet Studies, and Ph.D in International Affairs from Harvard University; a M.Div. from General Theological Seminary in New York; and a Ph.D in Chinese History from Brown University.

With his extensive international experience, his strong academic background, and his successful administrative record, we are confident that Dr. Merchant will provide outstanding leadership as Robert College continues its long history of excellence in education in Turkey. We look forward to welcoming our new headmaster this summer.

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The beautiful scenery of the Bosphorus took everyone under its magic spell

process. In the factory, after visiting several departments, winetasting took place (the highlight of the trip!) It was unavoidable that the group stopped at Tekirdağ to have a dinner of the famous and delicious köftes. Participants of this trip enjoyed this outing very much but said there were unable to reach an agreement as to the best tasting wine!

Travel Committee Bulletin

- The Bizim Tepe Travel Committee organized two boat trips along the Bosphorus in the summer of 2000. Graduates and their friends had such a good time on these trips that more are being planned for this summer too.
- The committee also organized a trip to the southeast region of Turkey in September of 2000. The interesting trip taken by seven of our graduates was a great success, educational and entertaining at the same time.
- November's activity was a trip to the Doluca wine factory in Mürefte, Şarköy. A bus trip starting in the early hours of the morning took interested graduates to the factory. Under the guidance of two experts, the travellers were given background information on the history of wine-making as well as knowledge on the production

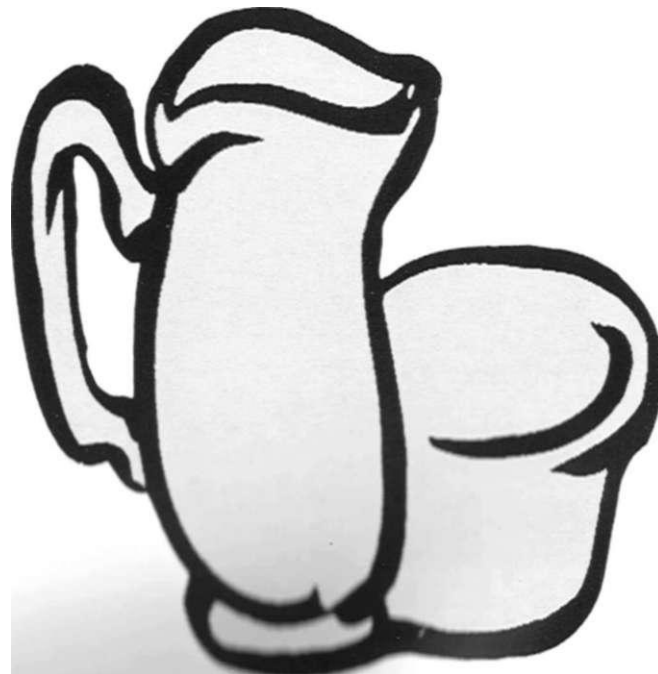
Ceramics at Bizim Tepe

The year 2000 kicked off a new activity at Bizim Tepe. Under the watchful eyes of Pmar Yesilada, a ceramics graduate from Mimar Sinan University Department of Ceramics, interested artists of all ages, 10 to 60, gather every Saturday to learn a new craft.

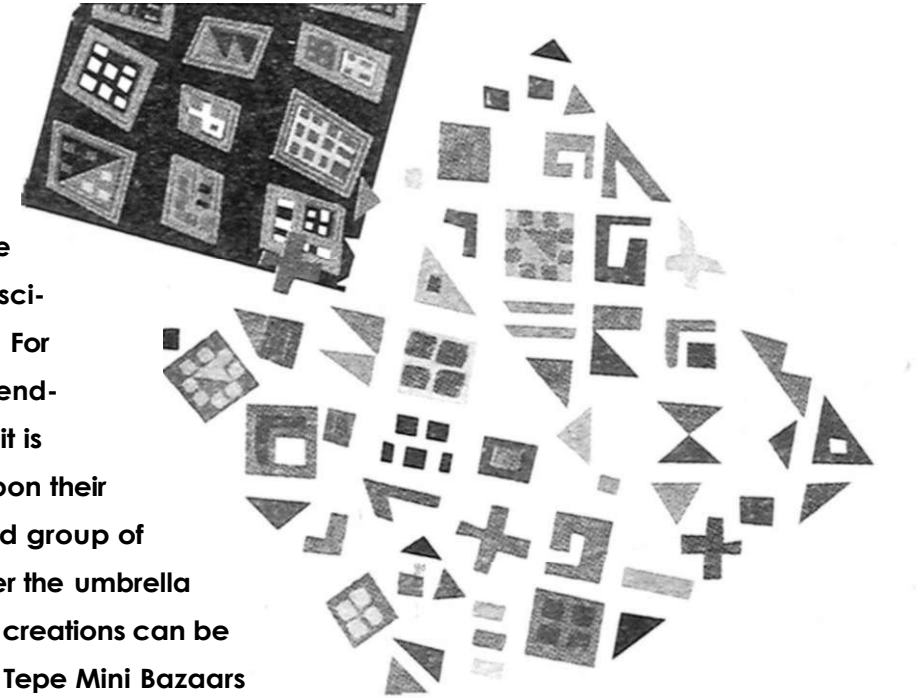
The most widely practiced form of ceramics at this course is pottery. Dr. Cezmi is the exception. Instructor Pmar says that having an expert knowledge of human anatomy he usually prefers to work on nude sculptures! The participants were wary at first since they had no prior experience working with clay. However, no one regrets their decision to join in this new experience. Pmar Yesilada says this art form is an ideal way to let people from different cultural backgrounds get together and express themselves. Having patience is definitely a must!

Plans are underway to offer a ceramics course during the week too

If you are interested please contact Pmar Yesilada at Bizim Tepe, toll 217 787 0078



• Patchwork has been a popular activity at Bizim Tepe for quite a few years. Under the leadership of Selma Kenter Ağalar RC 73, devoted 'patchworkers' meet once a week at Bizim Tepe to create fascinating and colorful works of art. For those of us who have difficulty mending a tear or sewing on a button it is indeed with awe that we gaze upon their colorful works of art. This devoted group of people continue their hobby under the umbrella of Tekstil Sanatları Derneği. Their creations can be admired and bought at the Bizim Tepe Mini Bazaars held twice annually and at their club building at Kuzguncuk, Istanbul.



Expanding Horizons

The Educational Cultural Committee of the Alumni Association organized a series of conferences at Bizim Tepe during the past months with guest speakers from various fields and professions. The first speaker was the well known professor from Istanbul Technical University, Orhan Kural, who shared his experiences and impressions of world wide travels, showed impressively beautiful slides, answered questions about different cultures and countries and signed his travel books.

On another occasion, alumni and friends gathered at Bizim Tepe to have a diet menu lunch with dietitian Oya Abalar. Naturally, her topic was health and weight. The participants were impressed by her pleasant, lively personality and extensive knowledge on the subject.

The last speaker, pictured here, was RC 73 graduate Sedat Ozkan, Professor of Psychiatry and the Chairman of the Department of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry at the University of Istanbul. The subject of this latest conference was how to cope with stress. Everyone gained huge benefits from his ideas and left the conference with many of their questions answered.



NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD



New Board on the Block

New members of the Alumni Association Board started their duties in March 2000. The elected officers are: Ayşe Doğruer ACG 63 (President), Selim Ergin RC 77 (Vice-president), Gülgün Canlı ACG 68 (Secretary), Murat Özhan RC 85 (Treasurer). Members of the Board are Nigar Alemdar ACG 66, Mehmet Altun RC 77, İnci As ACG 67, Emine Erkin RC 77, Gelengül İçlises ACG 67, Teoman Can Kadıoğlu RC 79, Zeynep Sohtorik RC 72 and Melih Üstün RC73.

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It is Never Too Late
It has been almost two years now since the Educational Committee that works as a sub-committee of the Alumni Association Board, started organizing Elementary Computer Courses for our alumni, parents and friends. It is a 36 hour basic computer course held at the Robert College Talat Halman Computer Center for three hours every Saturday morning for 12 weeks. During five sessions from October 1998 to June 2000, 65 of our alumni from different age, business and interest groups, learned to use the computer, creating documents, entering the internet

and using e-mail to widen their horizons. Grand- mothers came to learn how to send an e-mail to their grandchildren, mothers came to understand what their children are talking about, writers came to formulate their ideas much quicker and easier, ceramic and patchwork artists came to learn to surf the internet for the latest information and the newest ideas, teachers came to be able to compose their lectures, doctors, lawyers, advertisers all attended this course to learn what their secretaries have been doing all along. One of the main reasons for the success of this course has been the choice of teachers who were experienced in adult education. Mrs. Yakut Gazi-Demirci from Boğaziçi University was the teacher of the first session followed by Mr. Metin Ferhatoglu who is the Network Manager of Robert College computer center. They introduced our alumni to a completely new world which for most of them was "frightening" at the beginning and made them realize it is never too late for anything as long as one has the will and an open mind. Aside from learning a new language, our alumni were delighted at having a second opportunity to become a student again and enjoy the beautiful campus.

Be Prepared

How we should prepare ourselves and our environment against natural disasters has been the question on

everyones' minds since that fateful day of August 17. Answers were sought at a panel organized by the Alumni Association on March 29, 2000 at Suna Kıraç Hall. The participants of the panel were members of Açık Radyo's Earthquake Consultancy group made up of Aykut Barka, faculty member of Istanbul Technical University, Dept, of Earth Sciences, Orhan Bursalı, editor of Cumhuriyet newspaper's Science magazine, Gürhan Ertür, Açık Radyo's Earthquake Communication Center Coordinator, Ömer Madra, General Manager of Açık Radyo, Tınaz Titiz, president of the Beyaz Nokta Foundation and Sinan Okay, Head of the Foundation of Human Resources.

The two hour panel conducted in Turkish and simultaneously translated to English thanks to the efforts of Nigar Alemdar ACG 66, answered many questions and raised quite a few too. We are grateful to the participants of this panel for giving their time and sharing their expertise with us.

Senior Club

Yaşamlarının sonbaharına gelmiş Kolejlilerin, hayatlarının bu dönemini huzurlu bir ortamda kendi okulunun mezunları ile bir arada, sağlıklı, aktif geçirebilecekleri SENIOR CLUB Projesi üzerinde tekrar çalışılmaya başlandı.

Senior Club Projesinin Hedefi

Projenin hedefi, aynı kültürü almış, benzer sosyal çevreden gelmiş, olgunluk çağındaki mezunlarımız için sağlıklı, aileye yük olmadan ve aileden bağımsız, yaşının ve sağlığının elverdiği kadar aktif ve cemiyete faydalı, huzurlu ortak bir yaşamın paylaşıldığı ortamın oluşturulmasıdır.

Bazılarımızın hatırlayacağı üzere proje üzerinde 1989 senesinde

çalışmaya başlanmıştı. Muhtelif sebeplerden o günkü çalışmalardan netice alınamadı. Ancak mezunlarımızın bu yöndeki isteği devam etti. Mezunlar Derneği Yönetim Kurulu bu istekler doğrultusunda projeyi 1998 yılında tekrar ele aldı. Böyle bir projeden beklentileri güncelleştirmek için ilk olarak 1949 - 1979 mezunlarını kapsayan bir anket yapıldı. Bu istekler doğrultusunda muhtelif firmalardan teklif alındı ve arsalar görüldü. Verilen proje teklifleri anketin parasal hedeflerini çok aştığından, Mayıs 2000 de yapılan konu ile ilgili toplantıda projeyi başka türlü uygulamaya karar verildi. Buna göre arsayı kendimiz bulup, mimari projeyi hazırlatıp akabinde bir müteahhite inşaatı yaptıracağız. Proje bilhassa Active Living ve Assisted Living (bknz. www.retirementresorts.com) olanaklarını arayanlar için ilginç olacaktır.

Yaz aylarını ve kısmen sonbahar aylarını projeye uygun arsa aramakla geçirdik. Böyle bir arsa halen bulunmuş durumda. Arsa eski Ankara - İstanbul karayolu üzerinde Mollafenari Köyü yakınında devlet ormanı, çayır ve tepelerle çevrili 182 dönüm bir arazi. Şehir merkezine (Kadıköy veya Zincirlikuyu) takriben 55 dakika mesafede. Arsaya Çayırova'ya kadar TEM otoyolundan gidiliyor.

Ödeme koşullarının mümkün olduğu kadar rahat olmasına çalışılmıştır. Üyelerden arsa payı (Takriben 9.000 US\$) Şubat 2001 sonuna kadar tahsil edilecektir. Bilahare üye, takriben 800-900 dolar seviyelerinde, 72 ay kısmen kendi birikimlerini kullanarak ve kısmen de banka kredisi kullanarak geri ödeme yapacaktır.

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A Young Talent

Performance at RC



Young piano talent Tuluyhan Uğurlu gave a concert at Suna Kıraç Hall in March 2000. Organized by the Alumni Association, the

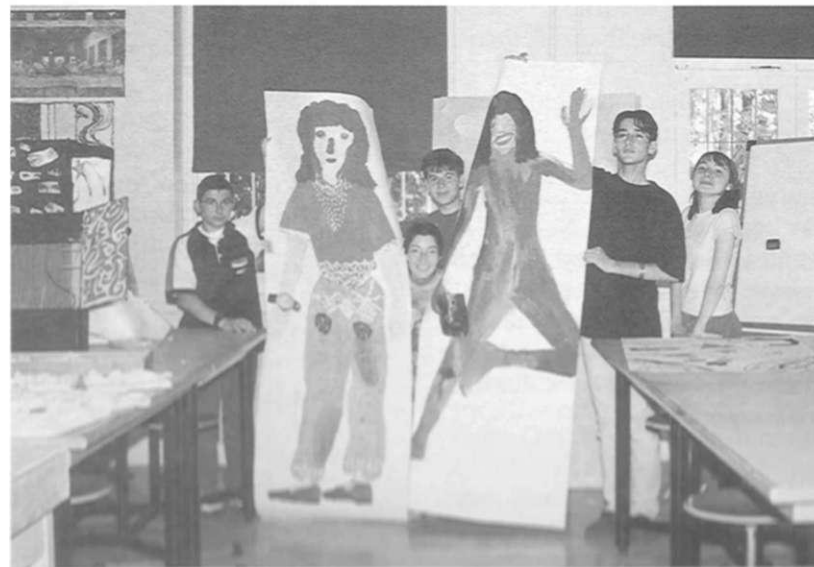
theme of the concert was 'Mukaddes Doğunun Mabedleri' (The Temples of the Holy East), and included eight pieces, all his own compositions. Uğurlu was born in 1965 and started playing the piano when he was four years old. At seven he won the 'Genius Children' test and gained the right to an academic musical education abroad, paid for by the government. After completing the Istanbul Municipality Conservatory and his high school education he entered the Vienna Music Academy. There he finished the piano and composition departments, completed his masters and doctorate degrees and put an end to his classical music efforts. He started to lean towards ethnic classic new age music and performed only his own compositions in his concerts as he did during his concert at RC. Uğurlu has six CD's out so far: "Go With God", "Kutsal Kitaplardan Ayetler 1/2", "İstanbul Kanatlarının Altında" (film music), "Kainatın da Ötesinde", "Mustafa Kemal Atatürk ve Güneşin Askerleri"

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SISTER SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

A special summer camp run by volunteer RC faculty and staff members brought together sister school and RC students in an act of solidarity and friendship after the earthquake of August 1999.



Held between 26 June - 8 July, 88 participating students came from our sister schools Gölcük (Barbaros Hayrettin, Değirmendere H. Halit Erku and Adapazarı H. Zehra Akkoç High Schools. The host RC students mingled with our visitors and participated in all sorts of activities such as computer classes, debate, art, music, theater and sports.

What is the Sister School Project?

After the earthquake disaster of August 1999, the RC community immediately set about organizing itself in order to be able to help the effected areas. After extensive meetings and the setting up of committees (detailed information was communicated to our alumni through letters sent specifically for that purpose) a step was

A night of celebration at the closing night of the camp. It was a perfect way to end the activity and emotion filled two weeks

RC art teacher Can Maden
Yalay (center of photo) and
her campers proudly exhibit
their finished works of art RC

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taken to focus our community's efforts in the adoption of a Sister School Project.

The RC earthquake Committee visited various earthquake sites, communicated with official authorities, consulted with civil service organizations and made an evaluation to select sister schools. In conclusion three schools- Adapazarı H.Zehra Akkoç, Gölcük Barbaros Hayrettin and Değirmendere H.Halit Erku High Schools were chosen for this long term project. Eventually, Düzc High School was also added to our sister school list.

What was the outcome of the Summer Camp?

Bengü Shepard, who has been one of the leading volunteers in RC's efforts to ease the

*On May 27, 2000
RC was invited to
Golciikfor a visit
with Go/ciik
Barbaros Hayrettin
Pasa and
Degirmendere H.
Halil Erku High
Schools. Tug o'war
was just one of the
games of that day
filled with fun and
friendship.*



*Adapazan H. Zehra Akkoç
students learn how to play
hockey on the plateau of
RC during their visit on
Max 13.2000.*

*RC students
Ayşegül, Yasemen,
Tuğba.*



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grief of the earthquake tragedy said that during this camp the students of the three visiting schools adapted quickly to their environment and were eager to learn and

create something together. She added that one of the major achievements of the camp has been to create an opportunity for these teenagers to interact more

not only with those from different schools but also within themselves as a school. The result was firm and lasting bonds of friendship.

One of the interesting activities of the camp was to organize brief expeditions around the city. On one of these trips to Büyükada, everyone was thrilled to meet Çelik Gülersoy and to listen to his speech about the conservation of historical buildings. They were quite impressed by Mr. Gülersoy and with what he had to say so you can imagine their pleasure

RC Computer teacher and Director of Computing Colin Edmonds gave computer lessons during the camp.



What's new • what are in the works for the Sister School Project?

Ever since the Sister School Project was put into effect various ways of moral and financial support have been provided. Visits from our sister schools have been a great success

thanks to the tireless efforts of many volunteers from the RC community. RC has also gone on visits to the affected areas and shared many moments of understanding and solidarity with them.

The Sister Schools were visited several times and their needs determined. Among specific aid outlined below, the schools were provided with school equipment

such as maps, lab equipment, textbooks and audio equipment.

* A computer lab and an art studio have been set up at the Adapazarı H. Zehra Akkoç High School. The school is now the only school in the area to have access to the internet.

* Laboratory material has been bought for H. Halit Erkut High School. Repair work has been done in this school's library too and new school curtains have been provided. All the student desks were repaired and polished.

* Gym equipment have been supplied to the Adapazarı H. Zehra Akkoç High School.

* Robert College sponsored the printing of the Gölcük Barbaros Hayrettin Yearbook

when they actually went to visit Sultanahmet and saw Yeşil Ev and Soğukçeşme street, both manifestations of Çelik Gülersoy's talents.

The camp ended with a closing ceremony on July 8. The directors of the three schools came to attend the festivities that day which included short plays, reading of poetry, art and computer art exhibitions, musical performances, distribution of certificates and presentations of gifts to RC from our guests. The colorful atmosphere, the many activities going on and the joyful excitement gave a truly festive feeling to the whole day.

Quite a number of visiting teachers and students expressed that this two week camp opened up whole new horizons for them. Muslu Bekar, Director of

Barbaros Hayrettin High School added that he felt filled with much more hope for the future of his school in Gölcük.

Robert College would like to extend their special gratitude to Erdem Demirel, representative of Soydem, who handled all the transportation details during the camp.

Special thanks also go to Tuna Emre who hosted the farewell dinner and handled the meal service for the duration of the camp,

Tolga Sag, RC 92, (left) gave a concert for our visitors from Adapazarı H. Zehra Akkoç on Jan. 15, 2000. His emotion filled folk songs added a nice touch to the day.



Drama classes held under the advisorship of RC Turkish teachers Mehmet Uysal and Hakan Rami were a big success. Short plays written and directed by the students were performed as part of the closing day ceremonies.



RC social studies teacher Gülhiz Yükksek and Turkish teacher Ayla Kartal were the volunteers in charge of the philosophy classes held in the library.



Türkan Ilgın (left), biology teacher from Gölcük and Bengü Shepard, RC staff member and Coordinator of the RC Earthquake Help Committee share a joke during the Gölcük picnic.

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THE WHIT MACHINE

Meet Whitman Shepard - the youthful and energetic Lise Director steering the school through turbulent times as it transforms from being the seven-year orta-lise most of us knew into a five-year high school.

Pelin Turgut RC92, a former correspondent for Reuters, talks to everyone's much-loved math teacher "şepo" about his 17 years with the school, growing up in Istanbul, the changes afoot and kids today.

Whit, I know your family has quite a past in Turkey. How did you end up here?

I am actually the fourth generation here! My great-grandfather came as a medical doctor to Gaziantep. My grandfather was born there and became a medical doctor too. He stayed there for a while and after Turkish independence, was asked to work in a nursing school and hospital here in Nişantaşı — which was the American Hospital — and he was in charge of that for many years. My father was a teacher of biology and then got into administration, working initially in Syria and then moving to Talaş Orta Okul. During his professional life in Turkey he worked as American board secretary for three schools, he was head of Izmir Amerikan for six years and a teacher of biology at Üsküdar Amerikan.

I was born in Syria. We moved when I was eight to Talas. I spent a year there. Then I went to the community school in Istanbul for three years and spent one year at boarding school in Tehran, while my parents were in Izmir.

At what point did you decide to come back?

At university I got a teaching certificate in mathematics. It was difficult to get a job as a first year teacher and I had the travel bug in me from growing up so I went into the Peace Corps as a

mathematics teacher and worked for three years in Swaziland. After that I decided I should try and teach in the States, so I taught for one year in a public high school in New Hampshire.

That was a completely different world, a small tannery town... After that I came to Turkey and went to Tarsus Amerikan for two years and then I transferred to Robert College. I came in 1983 so I've been here seventeen years. This is home to me.

In 1983, towards the end of that first year I became athletics director. I got into sports and the whole bureaucracy of licenses and maariff. I was also asked to be head of the math department at the end of my first year; there was a fair amount of turnover that year!

In 1992-93, Robert College supported me in a master's program at Harvard Graduate School of Education. Halfway through the year that I returned, Chris Wadsworth asked me if I would be interested in being Lise Director.

How was it making that transition,

what did it involve for you?

It involved moving my books from one office to another! It brought with it a lot more involvement with day-to-day running of the school, thinking about the future and planning for it.

I still keep teaching mathematics but I am more involved with the whole life of students. I was getting some of that as athletics director. I would get to know different kids outside of the classroom. But this position involves much more than just academics, I'm dealing with a lot of behavioural issues, like the whole group mentality of leaving a school after seven years, the frustration and stress that causes.

The school is going through quite a dramatic change, how is that working out?

Its going from being a seven-year orta-lise to a five-year lise so we have to spend a fair amount of time and energy trying to figure out how we want to establish our philosophy, what we want to teach, how we want to

Give more electives to kids, get kids to take more responsibility for their learning rather than it being imposed and through that process teach students how to make responsible choices.

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teach it, as well as incorporate Ministry regulations about what we have to teach! We had to develop a whole new four-year academic program.

It took us about a year and a half to do that. Then we had to put it in the right format for the Ministry of Education. I went up with the programme to Ankara and presented it to the Talim Terbiye, talked it through and got it approved.

We also had to develop a different passing and promotion system. We did that because the Ministry was switching to a new system and they actually asked us not to join their credit system but to develop an alternative. We've had to modify it along the way but it is something no one else is doing. There are a few schools doing unique things but nobody else is doing what we are doing.

So what is it Robert College is trying to achieve with all these changes?

Give more electives to kids, get kids to take more responsibility for their learning rather than it being imposed and through that process teach students how to make responsible choices. They have about eight or nine electives over three years, we tried to protect that for the new Lise.

We actually even reduced number of courses in the new Lise that a stu-

dent takes in any given year to six major courses plus religion and PE. In other schools it can be between 13 and 17 different courses. We are trying to encourage more process education, we have wonderful labs, libraries and other facilities to facilitate this. We are very lucky if you compare our facilities to other schools but we need to have the academic curriculum to support it.

At the moment we're getting older kids because they have done prep in different schools, like the German or French schools. Some of them are going to be 21 or 22 by the time they graduate, so that is an interesting situation we have to deal with! We're going to be in transition for about five to six years here, but when the Orta 3's of the

old system have graduated and we're into a school that's based only on the five-year program, the kids will be coming to us after eighth grade of the national curriculum. We'll get them after the 8th grade and we'll have them for five years so in comparison to the old system its one extra year. In the transition period kids are coming to us with extra years at other schools so they're going to be older. But they and their parents have made, the decision that they want a Robert College Education. They've weighed the pros and cons of two years extra at high school and made the decision that its worth it. We hope to justify their faith in us!

In your 17 years here, what are some of your memories that stand out?

We had an interesting boy called Hagop. Everyone was very glad when he graduated. The only problem with people like that is that they always end up being the people who come back to



This interview was held before Whitman Shepard announced his decision to leave RC at the end of the 2000-2001 academic year. We are sad to have him leave but wish him the best in his new position as Superintendent of Üsküdar American Academy and Üsküdar Primary School.

visit you and treasure their experience! And its good to see them again. Hagop was a real character, he used to pop in and out of classrooms, in and out of windows at will and he didn't really understand discipline. When he was in Orta he used to like pulling the girls skirts over their heads. Then he came back regularly and paid us visits. It was good to see him come back and watch him mature.

Whenever the Istanbul Film Festival is on everybody is out on the streets and the graduates who are in Istanbul really enjoy going to these events, so when you go to a film you run into all these people you haven't seen in years! Its good to catch up. Some of them have become bankers and become a little overweight, shall we say. So then you run back home and look in the mirror to see if the same thing has happened to you and get worried about it. I haven't been here long enough yet to have somebody thinking about having their kid in the school. When that happens its going to be a bit of a shock.

What mark will you leave on this place, what do you think your legacy will be?

I try and deal with day to day discipline problems, try to make sure that people understand and take responsibility for their choices. I want to give the kids a chance to experiment with as many different things as possible, with all the facilities we have here because we can offer so much. Let every kid try to take as much as he or she can.

There's always a lot of talk about "the new generation" and how different they are. Do you think kids are always kids, or have they changed?

Kids are basically kids. I think the education process has changed quite a bit, and it will continue to change. In terms of way kids are dressed and in terms of teacher-student relations, things were a little more distant and formal than at the moment. I am a firm believer in the idea that there should be respect for the teacher but there should

also be room to have a meaningful dialogue outside the classroom.

It can be a demanding role for the teacher, to be an academic adviser, a counsellor and a friend at the same time, but this is what I believe in.

How has the university entrance system, which gets more and more demanding every year, changed things here?

We get all these seniors who come back after they graduate and wish they could do it all over again without the exam. They basically miss out on hav-



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ing a good last year in high school and its sad. There's not that much we can do to control that. Kids who are focussed on getting into Turkish universities turn off what we are doing here and do the minimum while still trying to remain competitive in terms

of whatever they need to get into the university of their choice. Its an ongoing tension which keeps increasing because the competition gets more every year. When I first came here people didn't talk about the exam much, it was just something they did one day in the spring. Back then about 80 percent of the population that took the exam was placed, and 20 percent were sifted out. Now it's the reverse. About 20 percent gets placed and about 80 percent are left out.

A few new universities have opened. Bilgi, Sabancı, Koç, Bilkent, but there are a limited number of really competitive places for the kids and everyone is trying to get into those. Every year it becomes more and more difficult to do so. That's the kids side of it. My job here is to make sure that these zombies wandering around don't completely lose it. All sorts of interesting things are happening in their lives which they don't necessarily have control over, so we try and help them regain a sense of control. Particularly in the last two years many of them are very depressed because of the new system. People going to the States might feel they have more control but scholarships to the States are becoming more and more limited.

You also married into the family so to speak! How did that happen?

My wife Bengü beat me here by three months, but I didn't know her at first because in my first year I was teaching in the Lise and she was in the Orta. But in my second year I got to know her and we found we had a lot of common interests. A person we had a lot of respect for was the former head of the Orta, Betty Dabanovitch, and she definitely knew what was going on with Bengu and I. She had eyes everywhere. So she knew but not many teachers did. A couple of years after we got to know each other we got married and its been 14 years. We've been bringing up a kid, she's about the same age as the kids I work with here. Going through things in your own house definitely teaches you to have a little more appreciation for what the kids are going through.

Ferit Tiizer, RC 2000

*Winner of the Cathay Pacific Wilderness Competitor!
[For an account of his travels please see page 28]*

Industry seemed so flawless in the beginning. It was such an unparalleled, efficient means of utilizing nature for our own needs. True, industrialized nations reigned over the world for the decades to come because as nature dictates, he who adapts well to what is given shall dominate. However, there was one problem. The nature could not adapt to us, nor could we expect it to. So, the involuntary killing began.

At first, our rivers filled with scum, then the marine life began to abate. The skies were the next victims to be saturated with smog, sulphur and hydrocarbons. Acid rain scorched lichens, mollusks, annelids and vegetation. Not long after the solid waste from cities and factories emerged as the new problem. The sewage and highly poisonous chemicals in the landfills leaked to the underground, contaminating the groundwater. This occurrence had its impact on the food chain. The pollutants either killed the first level of organisms they got into (like phytoplanktons and small fish) or continued their way up the food chain, accumulating in greater concentrations as they passed on to the next level of consumers. This resulted in the deaths of cattle, or even humans, who fed on the cattle. The drinking water of humans was likewise contaminated in regions near waste disposal areas.

Like industry, agriculture has had its mixed blessings on our environment.

The agriculture of today is not the same as the simple practice of earlier times. Synthetic fertilizers, herbicides, and insecticides are an integral part of today's agriculture. Excessive or incorrect use of these substances may turn them into poisons for nature. One of the insecticides, DDT, was banned in many countries because it killed a variety of animals, especially birds, after it was washed away from the fields by rain or irrigation. One of its main effects was to inhibit the incorporation of calcium into falcon eggs, resulting in collapsed eggs and dead falcon embryos. Fertilizers can also be toxic to the living environments after they leak into the ground water or rivers and

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streams. Like DDT, excessive phosphorus and sulphur in synthetic fertilizers pass from the water to plants and animals, resulting in the death of schools of fish in rivers and lakes.

The pollution by industrial wastes occurs at a larger scale. A most grave example is the pollution of the Marmara Sea and the Golden Horn (Haliç) in Istanbul Turkey. Our industrial processes unfortunately happen at a great cost to the environment and the life forms it contains. The Marmara Sea, which used to host hundreds of fish species, is today the home of only two or three of these. As the waste output of the city and its factories continues to pour into this once turquoise sea, the oxygen laden sea level gets thinner and thinner, supporting less and less life. If you take a walk along the Bebek-Arnavutköy strip of the Marmara Sea, you can see the prodigal number of jellyfish swarming the immediate coast. The jellyfish feed on the plankton that feed on bacteria dumped into the sea by the sewage from the city, so this is just an indicator of the



level of pollution reached in the sea.

Pollution is like love. It comes back to you. The hazardous substances we give out either as waste products or leakage of our industrialized society not only unjustly exterminate other life forms but also facilitate the destruction of the smart Homo Sapiens by breaking the chain of life on which we acquiescently depend. After the Chernobyl accident in 1986, the fallout of the radioactive cloud reached far beyond the Soviet Union and a significant portion of it was deposited in Norway. Here, the radioactive cesium-137 passed from rainwater to lichens and then to reindeer, in which its concentration increased to ten times the amount of radioactivity allowed in the meat by law. The highest concentrations occurred

in milk, muscles and bones of the reindeer, the substances on which the economy of the ranchers, the Sami people of Norway depended. They have to wait for more than 20 years before they can use and sell the milk and meat of their reindeer once again.

The human expansion for more agricultural and residential space curbs the habitat of other animals. Along with the habitat goes the food sources and the animals face starvation or even if they manage to stay alive, the lack of potential mates drives the species to extinction. A well known example is the endangered giant panda. Destruction of the panda's habitat, the bamboo forests and the conversion of these lands into farms and ranches has lowered the number of pandas beyond critical. The bald eagle and buffalos of North America, who faced demise also through the loss of habitat, have now recovered due to intensive efforts at raising their numbers. In Turkey, the situation does not look that bright. Manyas Kuş Cenneti (The Manyas Bird Paradise) in the Manyas Lake in Bahkesir used to support tens of bird species (as the name suggests) but due to the use of the lake water for irrigation and other purposes and the consequent reduction in the size of the lake, this number has dropped to a few. Another victim of uncontrolled use of agrochemicals and loss of feeding habitat is the symbolic Kelaynak (Bald Ibis) of Turkey. This bird, the logo of the Society for the Protection of Nature (DHKD), is now extinct in Turkey.

As the human race strives to devour more and more land, we will be entering a valley from which there is no return. In order to save ourselves from extinction, we have to be in control of our selfish genes and never lose the wide perspective from which we scrutinize our actions. The Serengeti plains of Africa can be an example. Although each zebra, each wildebeest, each tommie and every plant on the Serengeti is acting in its own interest, their combined activities have produced a vast, self-sustaining system that has operated to the benefit of all its inhabitants for millennia. Our combined activities unfortunately bring to mind the logging and destruction of the Amazon rainforests which host more than 40% of the plant and animal species of the world. We-and all other living organisms- are interconnected in one global ecosystem and at the current cost of two species per year, our expanding agriculture and industry will not end up being more than a Phynic victory.



NE YAPARSAN YAP, EN İYİSİNİ YAP

2000 yılında, "US National Academy Sciences" kurumuna seçilen ilk Türk unvanına sahip jeoloji profesörü Celal Şengör RC 73, sınıf arkadaşı Harika Ahmet'e kendinden bahsetti.

Harika Ahmet: Bugünkü saygın bilim adamı konumuna gelmede eğitim hayatının, öğretmenlerinin ve RC'nin önemini anlatır mısın?

Celal Şengör: Işık Lise'sinde Fen öğretmenim Nuriye Hanım'ın yeri büyüktür. Bir gün beni laboratuara götürdü. Laboratuvarın bir köşesinde taş toplanmış. 'Bak', dedi, bunları seninle beraber bir hizaya sokalım," dedi. Ben

yatılıydım. Anahtarı verdi bana! "Bu sende dursun," dedi. "Buraya istediğin zaman girebilirsin". Bir yıl sonra Nuriye Hanım bize tabiat bilgisi dersine geldi. Ders anlatımından açıkça belli oluyordu ki kadın zevk alıyordu ders

vermekten. Sonradan öğrendik ki öğleden sonra üniversiteye gidiyor araştırma yapmaya. Bir sürü kitap okuyor, kelekler hakkında. İnanılmaz bir kadındı. Kendisi bilfiil araştırma yapıyor ve ayrıca üniversite'de ders veriyor. Robert Kolej'in imtihanını kazandım, oraya gideceğim, bir gün yemekhane'de karşılaştık. "Senin için çok memnun oldum, çok hoş birşey" dedi. "Burası için üzuldüm, yalnız sana birşey söyleyeceğim" dedi. "Sakın fizik, matematik'e kayma" dedi. "Sende yetenek var, sen jeolog ol."dedi. İlk defa kafama koydu bu fikri. Benim merakım vardı. İlkokul Jules Verne'i okuyarak geçmişti. Ama bunun bir meslek olabileceğini ilk defa Nuriye Hanım söyledi. Sonra RC'ye geldim, Coğrafya öğretmenini Tarık İnözü ile tanıştım. Aslında

Vecihe Hanım sınıfında jeoloji ile ilgili bir kağıt dağıttı. Baktım bir sürü yalınış var. Bir gün dışarıda dolmuş bekliyorum, Tarık Bey. Beni arabasına aldı. "Hocam, salak biri bunları yazmış," dedim. Tarık Bey demesin mi ben yazdım diye! "Beğenmiyorsan daha iyisini sen yaz, getir," dedi. Hafta sonu yaptım, getirdim.

o benim öğretmenim değildi. Vecihe Yalkın idi. Ama Tank Bey ile tanışmamız çok ilginç oldu. Vecihe Hanım sınıfında jeoloji ile ilgili bir kağıt dağıttı. Jeoloji ile ilgili bir özet. Baktım bir sürü yalınış var ve bunu da söyledim. Bir gün dışarıda dolmuş bekliyorum, yeşil bir Mercedes geçti; Tarık Bey. Beni arabasına aldı. "Hocam, salak biri bunları yazmış," dedim. Tarık Bey demesin mi ben yazdım diye! O tarihten beri Tarık Bey'e hayranım. "Beğenmiyorsan daha iyisini sen yaz, getir," dedi. Hafta sonu yaptım, getirdim.

Sonra birisi daha var, çok önemli. Aydın Ungan. Ama neden Aydın Ağabey önemli? Biz Tarık Bey'le konuşuyoruz. O dedi ki, "yukarıda Aydın bey sanat konusunda slaytlar yapıyor, biz de coğrafya slaytları isteyelim" dedi. Aydın Ağabey anlattı, slaytlar siinkronize edilecek vs. "Sen resimleri seç, metini yaz, gerisini bize bırak, Cavit bey'le ikimiz yaparız," dedi. Hala duruyor. Beş tane program yaptılar. Bunlar kainatın yaratılışı ve güneş sistemi, dünyamızın yapısı, iç olaylar, dış olaylar ile ilgili. Aydın Ağabey'in, audio-visual center'in bende müthiş bir hatırası vardır. Onunla tartıştık, bu mu daha iyi, o mu daha iyi diye. Tarık Hoca gelirdi, bizimle otururdu, beraber slayt seçerdik. Tarık Bey hem disiplinli hem de vizyon sahibiydi.

Harika Ahmet: Senin sonradan

asistanı olduğun İhsan Ketin bey ile daha önceden tanışıklığın var mıydı?

Celal Şengör: Annemin Müjgan hanım diye bir arkadaşı vardı. Aralarında bir gün jeolojiden konuşturlarken Müjgan hanım, 'bizim alt katta bir İhsan Ketin var, kendi halinde bir jeolog' demiş. Bu aralar ben Lise IU'deyim. Bahsettiği kişi Kuzey Anadolu Fay hatını keşfetmiş, dünya çapında birisi! Türkiye jeolojisinin büyük ustadı! Komşusu Müjgan hanım onu kendi halinde sakın bir adamcağız olarak tanıyor. Gel seni tanıştırayım dedi. Tanışmamız böyle oldu.

Bir olay daha var, gene RC'yle ilgili. İhsan bey'den önce birisiyle daha tanıştım, çok önemli bir adam, Sırrı Erinç, coğrafyacı. Onu da bana tanıştıran İsmet Konuk'du. "Sen bana Sırrı'nın gençliğini hatırlatıyorsun. Tanıştırayım ister misin?" diye sordu. Lobek'in *Jeomorphology* diye, 1939'da yayınlanmış bir kitabını getirdi bana. Jeoloji'de hala up-to-date olan birkaç kitaptan biri herhalde. Bu kitabı onların da hocası İbrahim Hakkı Akyol söylemiş. Bunlar öğrenciyken 1940'lı yıllarda, İsmet Bey bu kitabı pek beğenmiş, bana ödünç verdi kendi kitabını. İsmet Bey, "gel seni Sırrı'ya götürüyem," dedi. Ben Sırrı Bey'e gittim. Sırrı Bey beni bir asistana verdi, Kemal diye bir çocuk. Kemal Bey bana kütüphaneyi gösterdi, orayı istediğin gibi kullan dedi. Ondan sonra Sırrı Bey bana bütün kendi ya-

ynlanm verdi, üzerlerine tarih atarak. O tarihlerden biliyorum ne zaman gitmişsiz Sırrı Bey'e. Ondan sonra 10 Mayıs'da İhsan Bey'le tanışmışım. O da bana kitap hediye etmiş ve üzerine tarih atmış. Dolayısıyla, iki gün içerisinde iki adamla tanıştım, ikisi de çok önemli oldu hayatımda. İhsan bey, "Ne yapacaksın?" dedi. "Ben," dedim, "jeoloji • okuyacağım, Amerika'ya gideceğim." Bu da gene Tarık Bey sayesinde oldu. Tarık bey bir gün elinde bir National Geographic dergisiyle geldi. 1973 January sayısı. Orada Samuel Mathews diye birinin yazdığı *'This Changing Earth'* diye bir yazı var. Bunu ona tercüme etmemi istedi. Hala diyor o tercüme bende. Ben onu tercüme ederken birden anladım ki bizim jeoloji'de öğrendiklerimiz değişmiş, yepyeni şeyler oluyor dünyada ve bunun odak noktası Kuzey Amerika. Oraya gitmek lazım. Bütün veri bankası ve para Amerika'da. Ben bizim Eugene Higgins'e gittim. Hayatta yaptığım bir hatadır. Bir de babama gittim, o da hataydı. İkisinin de jeoloji'nin j'sinden haberleri yok. İngilizce hocası Higgins'e jeoloji okuyacağım dedim. O da herhalde ilk defa karşılaşıyor böyle bir şeyle ki bilmiyor ne yapılacağım. Başvurular yaptım. Stanford , Houston, AustinTexas beni kabul etti. Babama gittim. Dedi ki, "Houston'a git, petrol endüstrisinin merkezi orası." İyi ki oraya gittim. Orada el bebek gül bebek muamele ettiler. Bana özel oda verdiler. Orada hocalara seminerler verdim. Müthiş bir öz güven kazandım.

Bu arada John Dewey ve Walter Pitman'la tanışmıştım.Walter olumbia'daydı, Dewey Albany'deydi. Walter Amerikalı, Dewey İngiliz. Walter ile tanıştığımızda ona birkaç soru sordum. Arkadaş canlısı birisi, sınıfımı sordu, "Freshman" deyince "you must be pulling my leg," dedi. Onun üzerine, "you must meet Dewey," dedi. Dewey ile tanıştım. Dewey çok meşhur bir araştırma yazmıştı o zamanlar, Alp-Himalaya sistemi hakkında. "I read your paper, and what you wrote about Turkey is complete nonsense," dedim adama. Düşün, bu çok ünlü bi-



risi, ben de daha üniversitede birinci yıl öğrencisiyim. Dewey bana baktı, "I know it, we didn't have any information, can we fix it?" dedi. Beraber yemeğe gittik, bir peçetenin üzerine Türkiye'nin haritasını çizdik, en sonunda Dewey seninle bir paper yazalım beraber dedi. Yazdık, yayınlandı o paper. Bu arada ben daha birinci sınıftayım!

Benim bir hocam daha vardı Houston'da, Max Carver diye. Ona da çok şey boçluyum. Çok "meticulous" birisiydi. Kendi hayatında hiçbirşey yapamamış bir adam fakat çok iyi yetişmiş biri.

Harika Ahmet: Sen Almanca da biliyorsun, nerede öğrendin?

Celal Şengör: Çocukluğumdan. Benim Almanya'ya gitmem hayatımın en önemli olaylarından biri. Ben Robert Kolej'i bitirince annem dedi ki Almanca'm sağlamlıştır sonra Amerika'ya git.

Önce Münih'e, sonra Berlin'e gittim. Bir sene Almanya'dan sonra Amerika'ya gittim ama Berlin'de yaptıklarım Amerika'daki tüm tahsilime bedel. Zaten Amerikan tahsilinde Amerika-lı'nın katkısı yok liseden sonra. Örneğin ben Albany'e kaçtım. Bir akşam John'a telefon ettim. Birşey öğrenmiyorum , ben Zürih'e gideceğim sonra sana doktora öğrencisi olarak döneceğim dedim. " No, no, no, don't do that. Once you go to Europe you'll never come back," dedi. "Come up to Albany, we're all Englishmen there." dedi. Ben Albany'e gittim. Kevin Berg, John Dewey , Bill Kit diye bir Avustralyalı vardı. Akiho Miaşiho diye önemli Japon bilim adamı ve birkaç tane Amerikalı vardı. Çok özel ve ayrıcalıklı adamlar. John ve Kevin çok bilgili, çok muhteşem insanlar. Onlara olan borcum ödenir gibi değil.

Bir konuda iyisen hiçbir şekilde aç kalmazsın. Tutku halinde sevdiğin birşeyle uğraş, tutku halinde sevdiğin birşey yoksa eğitiminde yalnış bir şey yapılmış demektir, onu düzeltmeye çalış. Ne yaparsan yap, en iyisini yap.

Beni bir aile gibi aralarına aldılar. Amerikalılar hafif bozuluyorlardı. Eli-

list society diyorlardı. Benim özel ofisim vardı mesela. 'Şengör's palatial mansion' diyorlardı benim ofisime. İlk gittiğimde Amerikalı öğrenciler şöretimi duymuşlar. Bana ofis verilmesine karşı olduklarını söylemişler. Dewey kendi ofisinin yarısını bana verdi anahtarı bendeydi. Bütün kütühanesini kullanırdım. Ötekiler gelip yalvarırdı bir kitaba bakalım diye. John kimseye izin vermeyeceksin derdi. Biz hakikaten çok sıkı bir ekip oluşturduk ve beraber araştırmalar yazdık. Albany'de B.S. , M.S. ve Ph.D'imi aldım.

Amerika'ya gitmem çok faydalı oldu. Hocalarımın Amerikalı olmaması daha da faydalı oldu. Amerikan üniversite sistemi çok sıkıcı. Çocukcağız geliyor, bazı derslerden notlar alıyor, hocasının projesinde çalışıyor, doktor oluyor son-

ra saplanıp kalıyor.

Harika Ahmet: Öyleyse nasıl başarılı oluyor Amerika'lılar?

Celal Şengör: Olmuyorlar. Bütün dava burada. Jeoloji için konuşayım. Jeoloji'deki bütün yenilikler Amerika'nın dışından gelenlerle oluyor. Bunun sebebi, Amerika'da müthiş bir rekabet var. Tam bir "rat race". Bu "rat race" demokrasi ile birleşince "counter productive" oluyor. Amerika elitist davranışa müthiş alerjik. Ben bunu Albany'de hissettim. Mesela benim özel bir yerim vardı, neredeyse faculty muamelesi görüyordum. Yeni bir dekan seçilme komitesi yemeğine bile giriyordum. Bu diğer öğrenciler tarafından açıkça "resent" ediliyordu. Zürih'teki üniversitede misafir öğrenci olarak bulundum. O havayı hiç görmedim. Orada öğrenciler arasında ise tam bir dostluk havası vardı. Beraber içki içmeye gider, dertlerimizi paylaşırdık. Amerika'da bu hiç nasip olmadı bana. Orada herkes kendi cubicle'ında kendi işini yapmaktadır. Oturup konuşmak çok azdır. Herkes kendi işini yapıp evine gitmek istiyordu. Müthiş bir "peer pressure" olduğu için kimse fazla sivrilmek de istemiyor. Çok ince bir denge var. Çok fazla sivrildiğin zaman Amerikalı seni cemiyet dışına atıyor. Avrupa ise tam tersi. Avrupa sosyal bir sınıf sistemine alıştığı için birinin sivrilmesi hiç kimseyi rahatsız etmiyor.

Harika Ahmet: Senin dört tane bilimsel çalışman var. Bir tanesi 1978 tarihli Aktif Pasif Rifleşme.

Celal Şengör: Bu yazı çok tuttu. O var ya, en az vakit harcadığım araştırma. Albany'de yaptım. Kıtaların parçalanması ile ilgili rif dediğimiz yarıktır. Herkes farklı şeyler söylüyordu bu konuda. Dedim ki, iki türlü rifleşme var: Biri pasif levha tektoniğini idare eden kuvvetlerin yarattığı rifleşme; ikincisi de manto sorguçlarının yarattığı rifleşme. Hocam Kevin Berg ile bu konuda 2.5 sayfalık bir makale yazdık.

Harika Ahmet: Bir de 1979'da Kuzey Anadolu Fay Hattı araştırman var.

Celal Şengör: Bu benim teorim değil. İhsan Ketin'in keşfettiği bir fay hattı. Ben bunu levha tektoniği con-

textine oturttum ve onun içerisinde kimsenin görmediği, dikkat etmediği özellik yakaladım, bir sentezini yaptım. Hatta ilk ödülümü de ondan aldım.

Ondan sonra 1981'de Yücel Yılmaz ile birlikte Türkiye'nin jeolojisini anlatan bir makale yazdık. Okyanuslar nerede açılır, nerede kapanır, neticeleri ne olur. Bu makale Türkiye'de tıp dahil en çok atıf yapılmış makaledir uluslararası.

Harika Ahmet: Bir de 1993'de yazdığın, Orta Asya'daki dağların evrimi hakkındaki makale var.

Celal Şengör: O makaleyi Valentin Burkov, Boris Natalin ve ben beraber yazdık. İkisi de Rus jeolog arkadaşları. Bu makale sonucunda birincisi: Orta Asya'nın evrimi modeli, ikincisi de kıta kabuğunun nasıl büyüdüğüne dair yeni bir bakış ortaya çıktı.

Harika Ahmet: Spor hakkında dikkati çeken ilginç görüşlerin var.

Celal Şengör: I'm against sports! Bunun sebebi şu. Eski Yunanistan'a bak. Spor sağlık ve keyif için yapıldığı zaman Olimpiyat oyunları başlamış. Ondan sonra zenginler atlet tutmaya başlamışlar. Olimpiyat oyunlarının dejenere olması sporun profesyonel olmasıyla başlar. Ben competitive sports'a dahi karşıyım. You do sports for your own benefit. You don't do it to derive satisfaction from beating others!

Harika Ahmet: Müzik konusunda da belirli zevklerin var zannedersem.

Celal Şengör: Klasik müziği ve aile çevremi hatırlatan Rumeli müziğini severim. Kafkas, Kuzey Doğu Karadeniz müziği sevdiklerim arasındadır. Orta Anadolu, Güneydoğu Anadolu müziğine tahammül bile edemiyorum.

Harika Ahmet: Çocuğun var mı?

Celal Şengör: On yaşında bir oğlum var. TED kolej'inde okuyor.

Harika Ahmet: Öğrenim görmekte olan gençlere ne gibi öğütler verirsin?

Celal Şengör: They should do their heart's desire. Bir konuda iyisen hiçbir şekilde aç kalmazsın. Tutku halinde sevdiğin birşeyle uğraş, tutku halinde sevdiğin birşey yoksa eğitiminde yalms bir şey yapılmış demektir, onu düzeltmeye çalış. Ne yaparsan yap, en iyisini yap.

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Counsellors and campers got together at the social forum for a souvenir photo. Great bonds of friendship were formed during the camp and these bonds still continue through e-mail. Many campers return for another session each summer.



Performances held on the last day of session one included "The Pet Shop Boys Go to Hawaii." This was a big hit among the audience made up of fellow campers and parents. Enthusiastic clapping and cheering accompanied each performance.



Snack time at the cafeteria. From R to L: Alp Eren, twins Kiirsat and Demir, Demircem and Gurcan take a break from the activities. They need to fuel up to get energy for the activities ahead.

IT WAS THE



Splashing around on a hot summer day - what could be better? Each camper had opportunities to improve their swimming skills at the Bizim Tepe pool.

RC STUDENTS

Adrenalin was high during the wheelbarrow race held on the 'big event day'. This day is part of the traditional Friday afternoon program. The end of a busy week is celebrated with lots of fun and games.



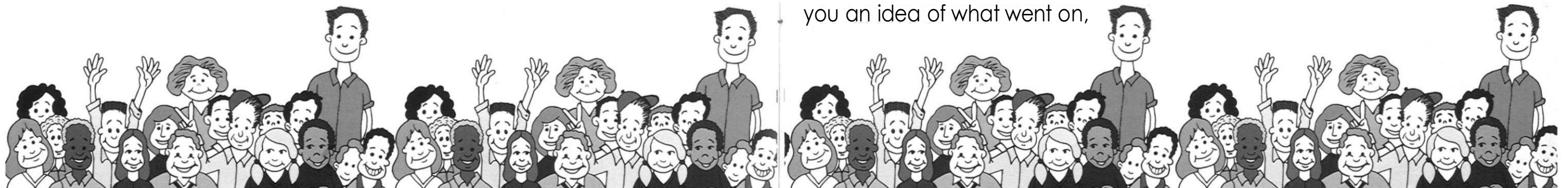
First session camper Sinan (far left) came back for a hamburger and ice cream picnic on the plateau with his second session friends. Once a summer camper always a summer camper would be a good motto to adopt for the RC summer camp.

BEST OF TIMES

Held in two separate sessions for a total of seven weeks, the ninth Alumni Association Summer Camp was a time of great fun and games. The happy faces in these pictures will give you an idea of what went on,



The most handsome counsellor Jeff participating in the most popular Friday afternoon activity; watergun fights! The campers and the green plateau grass "benefitted" from the cooling effects of these watergun fights.



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REKTA

RC IN THE NEWS

FÜGEN GÜLERTEKİN: AN UP-DATE

*Nancy S. Erickson
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In the Spring, 2000 issue of the RCQ, there was a report on the case of Fiigen Gulertekin, ACG 71. She was wrongfully convicted of harming a child in her Ohio day-care center, and was sentenced to eight years at the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville, Ohio.

How did this tragedy happen?

On June 12, 1997, a baby in Fiigen's home / day-care center was choking on what looked like curdled milk formula. The baby did not appear to be breathing. Fiigen called to her daughter to telephone for emergency medical service, while she performed CPR on the child to get him breathing again. She was successful, and the ambulance came and took the baby to the hospital.

Subsequently, the local prosecutor's office accused Fiigen of harming the child, saying he suffered from "shaken baby syndrome," a diagnosis that was very popular at that time among doctors and prosecutors.

Fiigen's attorney was confident that the prosecution did not have a strong case. Consequently, he did not bring in any expert medical witnesses to testify in her favor. The prosecution brought in four doctors to testify against her, saying that Fiigen must have intentionally caused the injuries to the child. In fact, highly reputable doctors could have testified on her behalf that the injuries could have resulted from vigorous CPR, or from other earlier and unrelated causes.

The trial was held at a time that coincided with the "Boston au pair" case, which had the United States in an uproar over the issue of whether foreign baby-sitters could be trusted.

Additionally, the jury, pressured by a judge who was running for re-election and wanting to appear "tough on crime," was given a choice between continuing to deliberate over the Thanksgiving weekend, or convicting Fiigen and going home. They voted to convict.

Fiigen has been at Marysville for over two years now. She is an extraordinarily brave and spiritually mature woman. In a recent letter, she wrote:

"Now I'm working at YARD CREW. We have 2 great bosses - never writing tickets, always trying to help us out as long as we let them know where we are and what we are doing. I love open air so I'm enjoying it. Late fall I discovered one of the blessings of being in the yard crew - walnuts and hickory nuts. For 1 and 1/2 months I ate fresh nuts... So ORW changed its picture from being a horrible place to a livable place. Yes, the nuts did it." Fiigen tries not to get depressed over her situa-

tion, and she tries to keep her spirits up, but that is extremely difficult. In the meantime, her family is missing her and worrying constantly about her health and safety. Recently, there have been rumors in some Turkish media outlets that Fiigen's criminal case has been re-opened, and that she will have a new trial. Unfortunately, this has not happened yet, although we are hopeful that it will.

The following is a summary of what has been happening in the courts since her conviction:

... Fiigen's attorney appealed her conviction, first to the appeals court and then to the Ohio Supreme Court. In both courts, her appeal was eventually denied. This rejection exhausted the direct appeal process.

... Concurrently, Fiigen filed a petition for "post-conviction relief," charging that serious legal mistakes and violations of her rights had occurred in the first



trial. Unfortunately, this petition was filed one day late, and for this reason it was denied. Here, too, the decision was appealed twice, and rejected twice.

... A civil lawsuit was also brought against Fiigen by the parents of the injured child, seeking monetary damages for hospital bills and other costs. Because of her criminal conviction, the civil court decided against Fiigen on the issue of liability (responsibility) for the harm to the child. A trial to determine the amount of damages she may be required to pay will probably be scheduled for this spring.

... Last year, a new set of attorneys filed a petition for habeas corpus in federal court, charging that Fiigen's constitutional rights were violated in her criminal trial at the state level. The effort here is to seek either her release or a new trial. The Federal Magistrate has accepted the case - which is good news! Now the State of Ohio must respond in federal court. This process has only begun recently. Because court proceedings take so long, we do not expect favorable results for at least two years. If you wish to write to Fiigen, the address is:

**Ms. Fiigen Gulertekin 42100
ORW, Washington 1479 Collins Avenue
Marysville, Ohio 43040, U. S. A.**

A detailed letter on Fiigen's case from its very beginning has been prepared by three of her classmates. This description will be mailed out soon. Her family is suffering dreadfully because of her absence. As a wife, as a mother, and as a grandmother, she is missed every minute of every day. Her husband Erdal and her younger daughter Zelis are in terrible shape financially, being deprived of the income Fiigen earned from her day-care center.

Your support is needed to try to speed the process of getting Fiigen out of prison, and helping Fiigen's family while she is in prison. We estimate that altogether we need to raise approximately \$85,000, over the next two years. Consider what contributions at the following levels will accomplish:

... \$5,000 will pay for twenty-five to thirty hours of professional time from Fiigen's new attorneys.

... \$3,000 will pay a lot of the expenses left over from lawsuits that are now over.

... \$1,600 will pay housing costs for the family for one month while Fiigen is in prison.

... \$800 will pay for a visit to Fiigen in prison from her attorneys.

... \$600 will pay for food for the family for one month while Fiigen is in prison.

... \$300 will pay for Zelis's application fees for college entrance exams.

... \$40 will provide Fiigen with a month's supply of soap, toothpaste, other hygiene items, a few snacks, and stamps, so that she can write letters to her attorneys and friends.

... \$12 will pay for a telephone call from Fiigen to her attorneys.

Please give whatever you can!

Checks made payable to the Fiigen Gulertekin Trust Fund should be mailed to:

**Ms. Nancy S. Erickson
172 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.,
New York 11217, U. S. A.**

In the memo section of the check, please write the account number of the fund, which is #92484603. If you choose to wire funds, the address is:

**Fiigen Gulertekin Trust Fund
Account #92484603
CitiBank ABA #021-000089
Brooklyn, New York U. S. A.**

A third option for making donations is to contribute through a bank within Turkey, to an account opened for this purpose by three of Fiigen's classmates. Such donations will also be channeled to the Fiigen Gulertekin Trust Fund. Information about this domestic bank account is given below:

**Türkiye İş Bankası, Balmumcu Şubesi
Owners of account: Jülide Bayram /
Gülray Ulucay / Işıl Tümerkan
Account no.: #323 8160 (USD)**

RC REUNION

Scenes from HOMECOMING 2000

History teacher Nüket Eren (2nd from right) had a short but sweet reunion with RC 2000 graduates Çağla Türeray, Çiğdem Topal and Didem Üzemen.



Uestine Taspinar Eren ACG 30 (left) won a prize for being the oldest ACG alumna present while Recep Şakir Ustunel RC 31 (right) won the same prize as the eldest gentleman. Recep Bey has won this recognition for quite a few years in a row.



ACG 37 Classmates Furuzan Ongan and Suheyra Kunt enjoyed the lovely weather and warm friendship during Homecoming



Members of RC 99, (from L to R): İrem Oral, Selim Güleşçi, and İpek Özgül strike a pose for our Homecoming photographer Onur İilgili lise III.



Visiting alumni are always delighted to see their former teachers on Homecoming Day. Retired Turkish Language and Literature teacher Vildan Tarhan was one of our guests on this special occasion.



RC REUNION



Class of 1989

Zümrüt Yalman, Class Agent for RC 89 gave us a brief summary of their 10th year reunion celebration. Fifty-four class members showed up for this event. Along with the spouses, the number of people having a great time that evening was seventy-five. Here are some interesting notes gathered during the night.

- * We cut our cake , with "10.Yıl Marşı" (10th Year March) playing in the background
- * We gossiped a lot!
- * The Dancers of the evening were Ayşe Atilla and Özgür Ülkü
- * Gürol Yakupoğlu came after work all the way from Bursa and he drove back to Bursa after the event
- * Sinem Eryılmaz and Gülnihal Mahmutoğlu are getting ready for marriage
- * Fatma Dağlar Baltimore'da

plays the obua in an orchestra

* Hakan Avuncan is off to his military service

* Okan Bodur had to go to his company dinner

* The photos were taken with Ali Rıza Samikoglu's digital camera

* Some of us got drunk and couldn't go to work the next day.

* Sidika Demir got off the plane with her husband and came directly to the reunion

* Deniz Ozhatay lost about 20 kilos and physically changed quite a bit.

* Abdullah Hunt's hand was in a bandage since he had hurt it awhile ago. We all wished him a speedy recovery.

* Sevin Yeltekin has finished her doctorate thesis. She is giving lectures and is happy she is finally no longer a student.

* All unwed females were put under a microscope for our bachelor Alpay Dinckok.

A London Gathering

Robert College Alumni gathered in London on February 8, 2000, at the residence of H.E. Ozdem Sanberk and Mrs. Sumru Sanberk, ACG 70. The Turkish Embassy was a beautiful and elegant setting for the reception and musicale, the proceeds of which were contributed to the Robert College Earthquake Relief Project. More than 70 alumni and friends feasted on Turkish canapes and listened to a pianist and violinist perform works of Ravel, Kreisler, and Schumann.

The focus of the evening, though, was the "Sister School" Project being sponsored by Robert College. Headmaster Chris Wadsworth reported to those assembled on current events at the School and the School's involvement with earthquake relief. Feride Alp, RC 71. presented Mr. Wadsworth with a check for \$3,550, funds contributed for the Robert College Relief Project by local alumni.

The festive evening ended after Ms. Alp presented a David Winter limited edition miniature pub to Mrs. Sanberk, a going away present and thank you from the alumni. Thanks go to Ms. Alp and izzet Siiner, RC 66 for their work on this event, and to Amb. and Mrs. Sanberk for their generous hospitality.

Reunion in Philadelphia

Twenty-five years had passed since the Robert College Class of 1974 graduated and they celebrated this milestone by gathering in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, over the weekend of October 8, 1999. Due to the hard work of Vilma Yüzbaşıyan-Gürkan, Lale Iskarpatyoti, Neslihan Cabiakman Jevremovic, Şebnem Arkan Piriñçioğlu and Süleyman Gökoğlu. members of the class came across from the USA, Canada, the UK, and Turkey - many bringing their spouses and families.

The weekend began with a reception at the Union League of Philadelphia. Saturday was free for sightseeing and catching up with old friends. Then, Saturday evening, everyone gathered for a festive dinner and dancing at Wynclyff Estate, a beautiful Victorian house in the midst of a fall landscape. The fun went on into the early morning with everyone in attendance giving a brief

RC REUNION



The following 'family' members are all in the wedding photo.

Selahattin Bereket Bng 65, Savcı Başkurt RC Eng 56, Haluk Emiroglu RC Eng 56, Bülent Ezal RC Eng 56, Ergün İren RC Eng 57, Atilla Kocasan RC Eng 56, Nurhan Sunguroglu RC Eng 56, Ahmet Taspinar RC Eng 56, İner Taysi RC Eng 57, Aydın Tıbar RC Eng 55, Bülent Tusiray RC Yük 74, Esin Bilengil ACG 54, Nili Bilkur ACG 54, Fatoş Edige ACG 56 and Çisel Sayit ACG 56.

Kenan Ezal, son of Bülent (RC Eng 56) and Anne Ezal got married to Carin in May 1999 in Santa Barbara, CA. This wedding turned out to be a mini reunion of RC/ACG graduates as so many travelled from Turkey as well as the USA to be with the Ezal family on this happy occasion. Kenan Ezal said that his brother who is his only immediate family was unable to attend but that his life long RC/ACG friends were there with him to represent his immediate family.

review of what he or she had done during the last twenty years. More reunions were planned for Sunday, before everyone went their separate ways.

To commemorate this important occasion, the Class pledged \$50,000 to support an endowed scholarship at Robert College in the name of the Class of 1974.



(From left to right), Neslihan Jevremovic, Şebnem Piriñçioğlu, Lale Iskarpatyoti



AKTİVİTELERLE DOLU BİR YIL

Robert Kolej'de tiyatro ve kulüp çalışmaları geçtiğimiz ders yılında da son hızla devam etti. Bunlardan birkaç tanesini sizin için izledik.

Taziye

Robert Kolej Türkçe Tiyatro Dersi öğrencileri yıllık proje olarak Murathan Mungan'ın "Taziye" adlı oyununu öğretmenleri Hakan Rami'nin yönetiminde sahneye koydular.

Mart ayında sahnelenen, Murathan Mungan'ın "Mezopotamya Üçlemesi"nin ikinci oyunu olan bu oyun iki aşiret arasındaki kan davasını ve beraberinde getirdiği üzüntü verici olayları konu alıyor.

Oyun hem okulumuz öğretim görevlileri ve öğrencilerine, dışarıdan gelen veli ve konuklara da sergilendi. Oyundan çıkan seyircilerin genel tepkisi 'bizden' yani bizim kültürümüzü yansıtan bir oyun olması nedeniyle çok olumluydu. Oyuncuların etkili performanslarının yanı sıra Güneydoğu Anadolu'dan getirtilen kostümler ve öğrencilerimizden Münevver Kınalı'nın tasarladığı dekor büyük beğeni topladı. Oyuna en büyük katkıyı ise her türlü faaliyette yardıma koşan, özgün müzikleriyle her türlü oyuna ayrı bir güzellik kazandıran Kadırcan Tarhan yaptı.

23-24 Mart tarihlerinde oyunun önemli bir misafiri daha vardı. Televizyon kanalı NTV'den iki kişilik bir ekip gelip oyunun büyük bir bölümünü kayda aldılar. Ayrıca oyun öncesi kulise girip oyunun yönetmeni Hakan Rami ile röportaj yaptılar. Oyundan çeşitli bölümler ve bu röportaj 28 Mart tarihinde saat 18:00'de aynı kanalın sanat programı "Gece-Gündüz"de yayınlandı.

Oyun aynı zamanda 6 Nisan tarihinde İzzet Baysal Huzurevinde, 18 Nisan tarihinde de Galatasaray Lisesi Okullar Arası Tiyatro Festivalinde sahnelendi.

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Okulumuzun Halk Oyunları Ekibi eski yıllarda çok sayıda yarışmalarda derecelere girmiş, yurtiçi ve yurtdışı organizasyonlarda yer alarak gösteriler sunmuştu.

Geçtiğimiz okul yılındaki ekibimiz 1995 yılında, eğitsel kol faaliyetleri içinde, istekli beş öğrenci ile kuruldu. Sıcak ve coşkulu gösterilerle birlikte

ekibimize katılım da arttı. Kadromuz o yıldan bu yana, mezun olanların yerine gelenlerle sürekli yenilendi. Faaliyetlerimiz son iki yıldır aynı öğrencilerin ısrarlı ve coşkulu çabalarıyla devam etmektedir.

Gurup haftada bir gün eğitsel kol saatleri içinde, Adıyaman Kız oyunlarını çalışmakta ve bu yöreye ait yerinde derleme ve araştırmalar da yapmaktay-

*Başarıu Halk
Oyunları ekibimiz
güler yüz ve coşkuyla
sergiledikleri
"halay" ile Türkiye
Liselerarası Halk
Oyunları
yarışmasında Türkiye
üçüncüsü oldu.*



dı. Ekip, iki yıldır Adıyamanlı yöre hocası olan Hasan Evren tarafından çalıştırılmaktaydı.

Robert Kolej Folklor Ekibi, 1998-1999 öğretim yılında, Urfa Kadın Halk Oyunları ile İstanbul içi yarışmalarda derece almıştı. Bu yıl da, Milliyet Gazetesi'nin düzenlediği "Türkiye Liselerarası Halk Oyunları Yarışması"na katıldı ve 'halay' dalında Türkiye üçüncüsü oldu. Ayrıca, iki yıldır Tarsus Amerikan Lisesinin düzenlediği "Uluslararası Halk Oyunları Festivali"ne katıldı ve Tarsus'ta yapılan çeşitli gösterilerde, özellikle kıyafetlerinin orijinal ve yöreye uygun olması ile yoğun ilgi gördü.

Onbir kız öğrenciden oluşan ekibin tamamı Lise son sınıfta idiler ve bu yıl mezun oldular. Ancak Woods bölümü-

mülden 15 öğrenci gelecek yıl ekibimiz için önemli bir altyapı oluşturmak-talar ve yeni başarılarla doğru ilerleme-ye hevesliler.

Nora Bebek Evi

Türkçe Tiyatro Kulübü 1999-2000 öğretim yılında Henrik Ibsen'in klasikler arasında yerini almış olan "Nora Bebek Evi" adlı oyununu sergiledi.

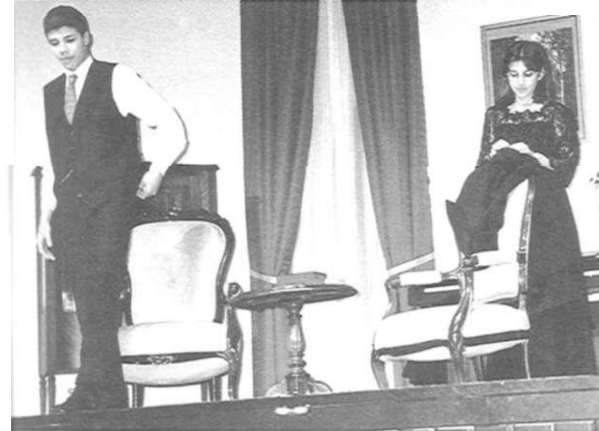
Oyun, ülkemizde ve dünyada hala güncelliğini koruyan kadının aile ve toplumdaki yeri üzerine odaklanmış, çarpıcı mesajlar veren bir eser.

Önemli bir bölümünün orta kısım öğrencilerinin oluşturduğu oyuncular, yaşlarının çok üstündeki performanslarıyla bu önemli oyunun hakkını verdiler. Robert Kolej'in sunduğu tiyatro

olanaklarını en iyi biçimde değerlendiren öğrenciler, oyunlarıyla arkadaşlarına, ailelerine ve kendilerini izlemeye gelen Kolej camiasına mesajlarını en etkili biçimde vermiş oldular.

Bir başka önemli nokta da öğrenciler, oyunu hazırlama ve sunma sürecinde birlikte üretmenin, paylaşmanın güzelliklerini en yoğun biçimde yaşama olanağı buldular. Türkçe tiyatro danışma ve Türk dili edebiyatı öğretmeni Mehmet Uysal başka oyunlarda yeniden buluşabilirle ümidini dile getirdi.

*Nora Bebek Evi adlı
piyeste rol alan
öğrencilerden
Deniz İlhan, Irmak
Pulat ve Rina Onur
sahnede.*



Felsefe Olimpiyatları

Uluslararası Felsefe Olimpiyatları (IPO), 1993 yılından beri düzenlenmektedir. Mayıs ayında Almanya'da yapılan 8.IPO elemeleri niteliğindeki "Ulusal Olimpiyat", 5 Mart 2000 Pazar günü yedi merkezde yapıldı. 1993'den beri Ulusal Olimpiyatlara katılan ve elde ettiği başarılarla birkaç kez uluslararası olimpiyatlarda Türkiye'yi temsil eden okulumuz, bu yıl Ulusal Olimpiyat için İstanbul-Marmara bölgesinden 80 okulun katılımcılarına ev sahipliği yaptı. Robert Lisesi Felsefe Öğretmeni Gülşen Öz'ün başkanlığında değişik departmanlardan ve öğrencilerden oluşan bir olimpiyat komisyonu, keyifli ve verimli bir organizasyon gerçekleştirdiler.

Yarışmacı, öğretmen, veli ve öğrenciden oluşan 200 kişinin konuk edildiği gün tanışma-kaynaşma toplantıları ile başladı. 10:00-14:00 arası gerçekleşen yarışmada, katılımcı 80 öğrenci, verilen üç mottodan seçtikleri biri üzerine felsefi deneme yazılarını yazdılar. Yarışma süresince değişik okulların felsefe öğretmenleri, felsefe eğitim ve öğretimindeki sorunlar üzerinde tartıştılar: ortak çalışma grubu "İstanbul Felsefe Kulüpleri Platform" etkinlikleri konusunda bilgilendirildiler ve üniversiteye girişte felsefe grubu dersleri ile ilgili yapılması gerekenler üzerinde durma olanağı elde ettiler.

Toplu yenen öğle yemeği ve kampüste gerçekleştirilen yürüyüşten sonra, tiyatro salonuna geçildi. Solo bir dinleti ile ferahlayan katılımcılar, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Felsefe Bölümü Başkanı Prof. Gürol Irzık ve aynı üniversiteden İlhan İnan ile "Felsefenin Olanakları" konulu bir söyleşi gerçekleştirdiler. Türkiye Felsefe Kurumu adına "Çocuklar için Felsefe Birimi" Başkanı Nuran Direk tarafından katılım belgelerinin yarışmacılara sunulması ile gün sona erdi.

Robert Lisesi, 2000 Olimpiyatlarına Lise III öğrencisi Ekin Dedeoğlu ile katıldı. Ekin, Ulusal Olimpiyata katılan toplam 239 öğrenci arasında Türkiye üçüncülüğünü kazanma başarısını gösterdi.

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RC STUDENTS

A WILD SUMMER

Ferit Tiizer, RC 2000, had a different summer than most of us. A contestant and winner of the Cathay Pacific Wilderness Competition, he spent 18 days in the Far East and deep in the heart of South Africa in an attempt to learn about the diversity of life and the importance of conserving all species.

The Wilderness Experience Program is sponsored by Cathay Pacific Airlines. The aim is to bring together teenagers between the ages of 15-18 to socialise and to spend nine days in the Rustenburg Nature reserve amidst the South African wild life.

Ferit and a Turkish female contestant, Hilal, from a different school were the Turkish winners of a two-part selection process comprised of an essay and an interview. (To read Ferit's winning essay please see page 40 edited for length) These two young nature fans were flown to Hong Kong where they met with the rest of the participants from all over the world and had a chance to discover the many exciting sights and sounds. In Ferit's own words, "To write about Hong Kong would require much space, but in short I can say it is a city that never lets you down." After four days, the teenagers were flown to Johannesburg and then driven to the Rustenburg Nature Reserve to camp out at the Ubungani - which means goodwill and friendship - camp area.

The nine day long adventure there included long hikes through the bush-field, expeditions to discover new species of trees, lessons on how to tell apart the various different kinds of animal faeces as well as to recognise the smears of juice from a particular aloe plant. Other highlights of the camp were lectures given by profes-

sionals on subjects such as reptiles which is the lecture Ferit enjoyed the most! He even got a chance to handle some snakes and crocodiles.

The camp was followed by another short stay in Hong Kong for yet more colorful days, before heading back home.

All in all it was an unforgettable period in Ferit's life. He says 'It's an experience that made me richer and stronger, the eighteen days I spent in Hong Kong and South Africa are undeniably embossed in my memory.' Thank you Ferit, for sharing this great trip with us.

Ferit visiting with members of the Ndbele tribe of South Africa.



The view from "The Peak" in Hong Kong is quite an imposing sight.



Ferit is grinning gamely into the camera lens even though that snake so lovingly wrapped around him is a cobra! It is a non-poisonous type of the species so you may rest assured Ferit wasn't bit.



PROF. DR. SUNA KIÜ ACG 46

Prof. Dr. Suna Kili is a Professor of Political Science and Constitutional Law in the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul. She received her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in Political Science from Bryn Mawr College, USA. She also carried on research work and post-doctoral research work, respectively, at the University of California-Berkeley, the London School of Economics and Political Science, Columbia and Princeton Universities. She has been a visiting professor and lectured at about forty Universities and Colleges outside of her own country including the Universities of California-Berkeley and Los Angeles, Sorbonne, San Salvador and John F. Kennedy Universities (Argentina), Vienna, Salzburg, Oslo, Copenhagen, Oxford, London, Durham, Kent,



Kemal Rastgeldi RC 51 and Beray Selen RC 95 came together by coincidence to give an impromptu mini concert in the conference room located at Marble Hall. Kemal Rastgeldi, who came to Homecoming all the way from Mersin played the flute while Beray accompanied him with the piano. Rastgeldi says he has been playing the flute for over 30 years, he started way before Beray was even born!

Australian National University, Melbourne, Beijing, Fudan (Shanghai), Lagos (Nigeria), Oldenburg, Helsinki, Groningen and Erasmus University Rotterdam. Most recently, Prof. Kili lectured in the Netherlands and Germany. At the end of May 2000 she went to Portugal to attend a roundtable at the invitation of the President of

the Constitutional Court of Portugal. In June she was invited by the "Atatürkçü Düşünce Derneği" to speak at the Association's Congress in Ankara on Atatürkism and the Enlightenment of the 21st Century. Prof. Kili has so far published 21 books. Three of these works are Robert College publications.

Among the many academic awards she has received, we can cite the 'Great Award in Political

Science" and the "Turkish Language Science Award" as well as the Rockefeller Foundation's "Bellagio Award."

VASİL UZUNOĞLU RC 49

Wrote to us from Maryland and said he will be in Europe making presentations to Nokia and Ericson companies to introduce his invention 'The Synchronous

Annemin Hikayesi

Orhan Pamuk'un "düz yazımızın en özgür ruhlu kalemi" diye tanımladığı "Cehenne-me Övgü", ve "Cennetin Dibi" kitaplarını yazan Gündüz Vassaf RA 64, bu sefer de annesi Belkis Vassaf'la A C G 28, paylaştıklarını tarihle buluşturuyor. Öksüz bir Rumeli kızının Osmanlı İmparatorluğu'nun sınırlarında başlayan hayatı bize gündelik yaşantının pek çok ayrıntısını tanıtarak bilinmeyen evlere misafir ediyor. Osmanlı Cumhuriyet Türkiye'si ve ABD'de yüzyıla yakın süren çarpıcı bir yaşantının ışığında kadının toplumdaki yeri vurgulanıyor. İmparatorluğun son yıllarında Balkanlar'da dindar bir ailenin Türk katliamı öncesi günlük yaşantısı, Yunan işgali altındaki Anadolu İstanbul'da tek başına yaşayan bir genç kadının yılları, Robert Kolej ve Üniversite'de felsefe öğrenciliği Belkis Halim'in anılarında birer birer canlanıyor. Genç Cumhuriyete alışmanın acı tatlı serüvenleriyle de karşılaşırız. Kitapta Çamlıca Kız Mektebi'nde jambon devrimi, çapkın kurancılar, İstanbul semalarında atılan kızılı erkekli uçak turları ve tabii başımızdan eksik olamayan gizli polisimiz. 2. Dünya Savaşı yıllarında Harvard'da erkekler arasında tek başına okuyan bu kadının Amerika'nın akıl hastanelerinde yarım asır süre psikologluğu... Soğuk savaş yıllarında Ankara'da Amerikan askerle-



rinin "beyliği", Moskova'da Türk komünistlerinin ibret verici serüvenleri...

Ve bu dolu dolu yaşanmış hayattan ufak bir alıntı...

"Okulun yemekhanesi lüks lokanta gibiydi. Sofra örtülü alt,sekiz kişilik masalarda otururduk. Hepimizin ayrı peçetesi vardı. Yemek karavanayla değil servis tabağı içinde gelirdi. Akşam yemeği için hepimiz üstümüzü değiştirir, temiz, şık bir elbise giyerdik. Zaten okul üniforması olmadığından herkes gün boyunca da istediğini giyerdi.. Her masada bir öğretmen vardı, yemeği o öğretmen dağıtırdı... Yemekhane de bir de baş masa vardı ki bu masada öğretmenle, bazı imtiyazlı öğrenciler ve mektebin müdürü otururdu. O masaya hatırladığıma göre Beyaz Ruslar'dan prens olduğu söylenen bir Rus hizmet ederdi... Robert Kolej'in Türk okullarından fevkalade bir farkı, talebe hükümeti olmasıydı. Seçtiğimiz bir başkanımız vardı, etrafında da danışmanları. Talebe hükümeti ve başkanlarını gizli oyla bütün okul seçerdi... Kolejde çeşitli kulüpler vardı. Mesela Fransızca Kulübü, Almanca Kulübü, spor kulübü, Türk Edebiyat Cemiyeti. Böylece derslerimizin dışında çeşit çeşit faaliyetlerimiz de vardı. Kolejde aldığımız derse göre arada boş zamanlarımız da olurdu. O zamanları genellikle kütüphanede ya da sporda geçirir, bahçede tenis falan oynardık... Bir defa da bir balo olmuştu. Hepimiz gece elbiselerimizi giymiştik... Akşam yemeğinden sonra bizim yatakhane binasındaki "Sitting room'a gider, orada gramofona plak koyup dans ederdik..."

Oscillator'. He says that with a very high input signal sensitivity, high gain, very high noise rejection and wide bandwidth it is the best receiver. He modestly adds that last year wasn't bad for his scientific work and he was named an outstanding scientist of the 20th century by the International Biographical Center, in Cambridge, England.

BERTE B. DE COHEN ACG 55

In London, writer Cohen has just published her last book Letters to My Children under her pen-name Tika Lam. The book has been a big success among all her readers in England, USA and Sao Paulo, Brazil where Berthe has been living for the past 29 years. Her book can be obtained

at the foreign books department at Remzi bookstore in Akmerkez. Berthe keeps in constant touch with her College friends and comes to

Istanbul with her husband every year to visit her daughter Hana, married and living there. She is also the mother of Jacques.

Please note correction:

On page 29 of the Winter 1999 issue of the RCQ (issue T8) the web site address of A C G 69 reunion was inadvertently printed wrong. The correct address is: <http://library.wustl.edu/~roz/ACG.html>

Address: Rua Para 394 - 13th floor, 01243-020 Sao Paulo, SP. Brazil
Telephone: (home) 00 55 11 3661 9601

ALEV LYTLE CROUTIER ACG 63

Here is an update of Alev's year in her own words:

This year has indeed been an extraordinary year for me professionally. I have two mainstream literary novels, *The Palace of Tears* and *Seven Houses*, concurrently being translated and published in ten different countries (United States, England, Spain, Argentina, Portugal, France, Holland, Germany, Italy, and Greece). I have spent most of the year touring various countries and have been widely featured in the main press and media everywhere. The reviews have been excellent.

Both books are set in Turkey, *The Palace of Tears* is a short novel set in 1869, during the reign of Abdulaziz and is a love legend metaphorical of the union of the East and the West. *Seven Houses* chronicles the 20th century and is a saga of a silk-making family in Turkey. In the US *The Palace of Tears* is being published by Delacorte/ Random House and the publication date is November 7, 2000. In this week's "Publishers Weekly" it has been forecast among the

ten best novels of year. Isabel Allende has called it, "An enchanting tale of love: a man dreams of a woman, while she dreams of a man dreaming of her. It reminds me of *Silk* by

Alessandro Baricco, and One Thousand and One Nights, but Alev Croutier has a voice of her own, soft and poetic, like music in a Turkish garden." I will be touring various

parts of the US, to lecture, read, hold interviews and participate in events during November and early December. I hope that you will read and enjoy these books.

Prof. Sabih Tansal, RC Eng 58, appointed new Rector of Boğaziçi University

Full time professor at Boğaziçi University since 1979, Tansal is now the rector of Boğaziçi University, a position he has taken up after the retirement of Prof. Dr. Üstün Ergüder RC 57.

After RC, Tansal received an M.S. Applied Sciences at Harvard University in 1959 and his Ph.D from New York University in 1969. He then became as Assistant Prof, at the Robert College School of Engineering (between October 1969-June 1971) This was followed by his becoming an Associate Prof, at Boğaziçi University between June 1972-June 1979 and finally

Professor in June 1979.

Among other administrative duties he held at Boğaziçi, Tansal served as the Vice-Rector between September 1992-July 1996, as the Chairman of the Executive Committee of University Research Fund during the same time period and as Dean of the School of Engineering between September 1994-September 2000 before becoming the Rector in August 2000.

Prof. Tansal has made numerous presentations in various symposiums conducted here and abroad. He is also the author of many publications and research reports as well as patents and patent publications.





Many Happy Returns of the Day!

Nesime Morali, ACG 29 celebrated her 90th birthday in July 2000. Mrs. Morali is a very special person in the history of ACG and RC. She served as the first director of the Alumni Office at ACG when the office was first opened in 1957 and ran the office for 15 years. Nesime Hanim is legendary for her wonderful memory and is full of interesting accounts of the early days of the College.

Zaven Dolik RC Eng 45, wrote to the RCQ from Michigan to let us know of another important date. Araxie

Bodourian Zenian, ACG 22 celebrated her 100th birthday in June 2000, at a nursing home in Saline, Michigan. Mr. Dolik writes that despite her advanced age, she is still in good health, is in wonderful spirits and also has a memory beyond description.

Anyone wishing to write to her may do so to the following address: Evangelical Home, 440 W. Russell St., Saline, MI. 48176 USA

We wish these two very special ACG ladies a happy birthday.

DENİZ SARAL RA 64, RC 68

Professor and consultant Deniz Saral is in Switzerland, at Webster University. Father of two children Maya, 18 and Defne, 25, Saral can be reached by his friends at the following address: Webster University, Route

de Collex 15, CH-1293 Bellevue/GE, Switzerland Telephone: (office) 41 22 959 8070

İSMAİL SALTUK RC Yük 68

Saltuk, a Barrington, Rhode Island resident, who went to the USA 20 years ago and became a

naturalized US citizen was named Citizen of the Year for 1999 by the East Bay Chamber of Commerce. According to the criteria, to be nominated for such an award, persons must have made contributions to the community, to the Chamber, must exhibit strong leadership qualities and be

active in many fields. Ismail Saltuk is a chemical engineer with a Ph.D from the University of Akron and owner of Tavdi Co., a global source for industrial and consumer products such as chemicals, polymers, adhesives and quality control instrumentation and equipment. With his wife Leyla, he owns a gift and collectibles shop in Barrington. He is also actively involved with the Barrington Business Task Force and most recently he was one of two people to organize an East Bay relief fund for victims of the August earthquake in Turkey.

AYŞE YÜKSEL ACG 69

Graduated from Mimar Sinan University and while working as a tour guide she accidentally ended up in the RC library, which was her favorite spot on the campus. After having overseen the construction and the renovation of the new library replacing the old auditorium of ACG, she left to receive her Masters in Library and Information Sciences, at Dominican University, Illinois, in 1997-98. Back at RC, she is a front line librarian sharing exciting moments with students every day. In 1999 she was accepted into full membership to Beta Phi Mu, International Library and Information Studies, Honor Society, in Florida. A note from Ayşe to the RC community: Use your

library Media Center, which has books, periodicals, Internet Access, Databases, CD-ROMS, CDs, VCDs and more...

DİLEK BAYINDIR RC 76

Married Haluk Bayındır in 1997 and had her son Ali Haydar in the same year. She retired from Eczacıbaşı Holding in 1998 and has been working at Albim (distributor of Mitac Computers, Aztech, DFI, Verbatim) since February 2000. Her previous work experiences also included Türk Demir Döküm, Alarko, and Pamukbank.

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DR. ÖZGEN DOĞAN RC 80

Bir Türk doktor, hastayı 24 saatte ayağa kaldıran robotlu sistemle by-pass ameliyatları yaparak göğüs cerrahisinde devrim yarattı. Manhattan'da Beth Israel Kalp Merkezi'nde Türk kardiyolog Dr.Özgen Doğan, tıp teknolojisinde Çığır açan robot kolla by-pass yöntemini cerrah Dr. Robert Tranbaugh ve Dr.Hani Shennib ile geliştirdi. Robert Koleji ve Cerrahpaşa Tıp Fakültesi mezunu 38 yaşındaki Dr.Özgen Doğan, robotla yapılan by-pass ameliyatından sonra, hastanın fazla acı hissetmediğini, başka sağlık sorunları ile karşılaşmadan ve 24 saat sonra taburcu edildiğini

News from the Alumni Board of RCAA

Contributed by Sayra Kulen Erkan '59

MERHABAU!

The Annual Robert College Student Reunion was held on November 6, 1999 at the Promenade in NYC. One hundred twenty recent RC graduates studying at universities in the U.S. and alumni attended this very popular event and enjoyed the doner dinner served by the Turkish Kitchen. This event hosted every year by RCAA and the RC Trustees Office in NYC has become a tradition where the alumni and recent graduates get together for a weekend to renew old friendships and have a great time.

RCAA Full Tuition Scholarship this year has been awarded to Ozge Turan. This scholarship is granted annually to a student attending RC with a high scholastic standing and in need of financial assistance. We wish Ozge success in his studies at RC and in the future.

At the Annual Meeting of RCAA held on December 8, 1999 in NYC, and the following were elected to serve on the RCAA Board of Directors for the next year. The newly elected officers are:

<u>Murat Dogruer '87</u>	<u>Vice -President</u>
Sayra Erkan '59	
Gündüz Erkan '60	
Senih Fikriâ '46	<u>Treasurer</u>
Nur Günüşen '71	
Cengiz Hatipoğlu '81	
Ahmet inal '61	<u>President</u>
Özlenen Kalav '67	
Kaan Okurer '92	
Mete Tuncel '90	<u>Secretary</u>
Tulga Ünüsan '66	

Zeynep Çilingiroğlu '84 is rejoining the RCAA Board of Directors upon her return to the USA from England.

"Play a La Turca" written and directed by Yeşim Özsoy Gülan '90 was performed at Producer's Club Theater in NYC for six nights starting on February 3, 2000. RCAA Annual Project Support Award was granted to Yeşim this year to promote her effort to stage this play Off-Broadway. The opening night, February 3rd was reserved for the RC community. Although there was a

snow storm the event was well attended and enjoyed by all. We congratulate Yeşim and hope to hear more about her achievements in the future.

Our Annual Spring Dinner was held on Friday, March 10, 2000 at the 3 West 51 Club in Manhattan. The dinner was preceded by an illustrated presentation of "Ottoman Art Through the Centuries" by Talat Halman '51 and Defne Halman.

We enjoyed a great night with many of our alumni and friends in attendance. We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Talat Halman and Defne Halman for accepting RCAA's invitation for this presentation at our Spring Dinner.

The popular RCAA Bar Nights in NYC are continuing on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at Dervish Restaurant, at 148 West 47th street, NYC. If you are in the neighborhood join us for an evening of great company and good food.

We are using the e-mail system and the RCAA Home Page to post news and announcements of our upcoming events.

You can reach us at:
<http://www.erols.com/aial/rcaaa/index.html>

Her şey gönlünüzce olsun.



www.alisbagis.com.tr

A group of RC graduates, from the United States to Australia, came together virtually (today's trend!) to launch a unique web site in June 2000: www.alisbagis.com.tr

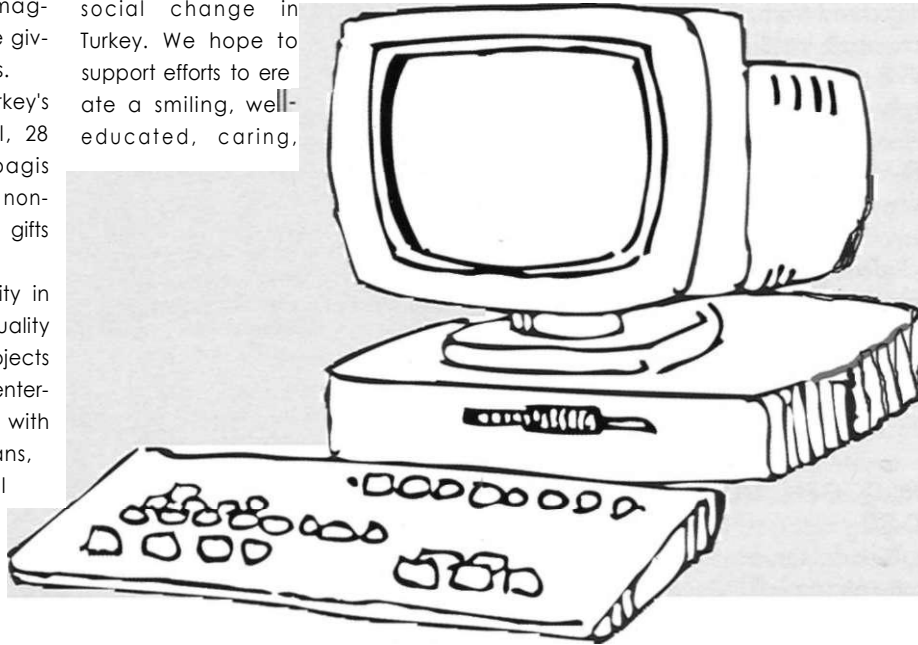
Alisbagis turns online shopping, magazine, auction and arts into online giving for Turkish non-profits' projects. The shopping mall is one of Turkey's largest: 34 merchants - 6 local, 28 international. In addition, Alisbagis boasts Turkey's very first online non-profit goods shop, selling Unicef gifts and cards.

The e-zine's 40 writers, all authority in their respective fields, offer top quality commentary on 20 different subjects from the most serious to the most entertaining. The auction has started with one of Turkey's leading musicians, Mazhar Alanson's hat, a personal item he is famous for. Revenue to go to non-profits.

Finally, arts sales geared to finance non-profits' projects in the medium-term.

The Alisbagis team's vision in their own words: "We are social entrepreneurs opting for lasting social change in Turkey. We hope to support efforts to create a smiling, well-educated, caring,

passionate people's Turkey." They invite you to share the enthusiasm. bilgi@alisbagis.com.tr
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söyledi. Dr.Doğan, hata oranını da düşüren yön temini şöyle anlattı:

Sistem nasıl çalışıyor: "Kalem büyüklüğündeki aletleri hastanın göğüs nahiyesinde açtığımız 1'er cm'lik deliklerden geçirerek göğüste ameliyatları yapıyoruz. İç delikten birine sokulan küçük bir kamera ile büyütülmüş renkli üç boyutlu resimlerle cerrahın el hareketlerini robot takip edebiliyor. İç boyutlu resimler gözlem-kontrol ekranında önümüze gelerek robot kolları ucundaki minik

neşterlerle damarların arkasına geçip işimizi güven içinde yapıyoruz"

YEŞİM ÖZSOY GÜLAN RC 90

The year 2000 was a busy time for Yeşim. Married to Genco Gülan and based in New York City, she not only gave birth to their first baby but also put on stage the play, 'Play a la Turca'. It was staged at the Producers Club in NYC in both English and Turkish last February. Yeşim wrote and directed while Genco was the artistic director.

This effort was put on by a group of Turkish and American actors who have named themselves Home Work Theater and it brought to life traditional Ottoman stage art, introducing 'Karagöz, Hacivat, meddah and ortaoyunu' to the American audiences

MERVE MİSİRLİ GÜLER RC 93

After RC Merve went to Tufts University and then transferred to the University of Virginia where she received her undergraduate degree

from the McIntire School of Commerce. She later returned to Istanbul, married Efe Güler (also RC 93) and moved to Boston. After school Merve worked at CH Robinson as logistics broker. Unhappy with her job she decided to enter the computer field. She says her decision was influenced partly by Efe who finished Johns Hopkins and started work at an IT consulting firm, Sapient. Efe is now a senior consultant at Sapient. After receiving computer training Merve started

work at Context Integration, a pre-IPO e-commerce consulting company. Apart from a busy work life the Gülers have also become the RCAA New England representatives and they've organized a few bar nights in Boston. Merve says she'd love to share her experiences on Uva, Tufts, logistics brokerage and IT/e-commerce consulting. You can reach her at:

aguler@context.com or merveg@yahoo.com

EDWARD WEBSTER (former faculty member)

Former math teacher and director of the Orta school between 1971 to 1979, Ed Webster met Headmaster Chris Wadsworth at a meeting in Paris in the Spring of 2000 and caught up with RC news. He wrote back to Mr. Wadsworth and sent us some news about what he has been up to.

In his own words: "I have nothing but wonderful images in my memory of my time at RC. It was, without doubt, the most satisfying period of my career. Please pass on my good wishes to everyone who was part of the community in 1971-79. ...after leaving RC, I became headmaster at the International School of Milan, then a principal at the Anglo-American School in New York and then headmaster at the British School of Antwerp."

Ed Webster also wrote to

Robert College Alumni Association of America (RCAAA) is happy to announce the following cultural/professional activity about our alumni;

A new book edited by several Alumni, *Deconstructing Images of "The Turkish Woman"* : This book will interest RC Alumni not only because of its focus, but also because its contributors include several RC alumni (Irvin Cemil Schick '72, Yeşim Arat '74, and Zehra Kabasakal Arat '75) as well as Boğaziçi University graduates (Işık Urla Zeytinoğlu '78 and again Zehra Kabasakal Arat '79) and current faculty members at Boğaziçi University faculty (Hayat Kabasakal, Yeşim Arat and Arzu Öztürkmen). The paperback version is published by Palgrave/St. Martin's Press. The following are the jacket description of the book and statements by its reviewers. Note that the second reviewer, Müge Göçek, also happens to be from RC 75 and BU 79.

Jacket/Cover description:

Along with the rest of the world, the country of Turkey is beset by efforts to push women into a particular prototype. This collection of essays seeks to combat such efforts by delving below the surface of common stereotypes surrounding Turkish women. Encompassing such diverse fields of study as political science, economics, business, ethnography, history, and literature, *Deconstructing Images of "The Turkish Woman"* includes experts from around the world who explore various images attributed to or imposed upon Turkish women. Written from the perspective of the 1990s, the essays evolve around the unifying theme of changes and continuities in the images of Turkish women

from the late nineteenth century to the present. The essayists situate the representations of women in their historical and ideological contexts, exposing myths and clarifying the complexities connected to them. An important work that focuses on a frequently overlooked

country, *Deconstructing Images of "The Turkish Woman"* promises to enlighten and enrich any reader's understanding of this topic.

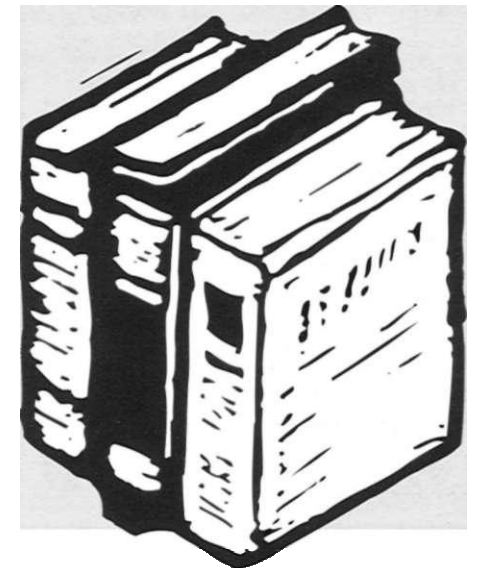
Reviewers' Comments:

"Finally, a volume whose goal is to demystify the orientalist and the nationalist representations of the 'Turkish Woman.' Zehra Arat's thoughtful introduction, as well as the different chapters' discussions of the social and political histories of the varied intellectual constructions of Turkish womanhood, will be of great interest to students of gender in Middle East Studies regardless of their specific countries or interest."

—Mervat F. Hatem
Political Science, Howard University

"There are very few studies in English on the Turkish Woman's experience. This collection of essays is therefore a very welcome edition. They provide us with thought provoking insights into Turkish Women and will contribute to The fields of Middle Eastern Studies, Women's Studies, and Turkish Studies."

—Fatma Muge Gózek
Sociology, The University of Michigan





FANTASTIC NEWS

The longest running musical in the world 'The Fantasticks' was on the Robert College stage this past spring. Under the musical direction of RC music teacher Margaret Halaoğlu and the drama direction of English teacher Charlotte Şamlı, 55 students as well as other faculty members helping with choreography, costumes, make-up and set decoration put on a 'fantastick' show! Originally written in 1959, this version was very up-to-date, using projection of over 100 computerized images onto a huge screen which functioned as the backdrop. Modern songs such as 'It's in his kiss' by Cher were also added to the final version.

SHELDON WISE

Former RC faculty member and English Division Director Sheldon Wise was back on the Arnavutkoy campus in early summer of 2000 for a brief visit. Wise had been at the Bebek campus from 1956 to 1971 and then at the Arnavutkoy campus from 1971 to 1977 at which time he retired.

He is pictured here during his latest visit, sitting in the office at Bingham that used to be his office. Anyone wishing to get in touch with him can do so the following addresses: 4200 Mass.Ave. NW Apt.605 Washinton, D.C. 20016 Tel: 202 363 6876 e-mail: wiseguy@aya.yale.edu



MINA URGAN ACG 35

Haziran 2000'de, 84 yaşında, yaşama veda etti.

İlürkiye üniversitelerindeki en yetkin İngiliz Dili ve Edebiyatı profesörlerinden biri olan Urgan, Nötre l Jume de Sion ve

ACG'den sonra İstanbul Üniversitesi Edebiyat Fakültesi Fransız Dili ve Edebiyatı Bölümü'nden mezun oldu. Orada İngiliz Dili ve Edebiyatı'nda öğretim görevlisi olarak çalıştı ve aynı okulda 36 yıl öğretmenlikten sonra oradan emekli oldu. Prof. Urgan aynı zamanda Türkiye İşçi Partisi ve ÖDP'nin kurucu üyelerindendi. Dünya edebiyatının en önemli yazarlarının bazı eserlerini dilimize kazandırdı. Çevirmen olarak Thomas Malory, Henry Fielding, Balzac, Aldous Huxley, Graham Greene, William Golding, John Galsworthy ve Shakespeare çevirileri

yaptı. Ayrıca, Elizabeth Çağrı Tiyatrosunda soytarılar, Sir Thomas More ve Shakespeare üstüne iki ciltlik bir kitap yazdı. Shakespeare ve Hamlet incelemesi, beş ciltlik İngiliz Edebiyatı tarihi, Virginia Woolf ve D.H. Lawrence üzerine kitapları çok değerli başvuru kitapları oldu. Mina Urgan, 83 yaşındayken, çok daha geniş bir kitle tarafından, 1998 yılında yayınlanan 'Bir Dinozorun Anıları' adlı kitabı sayesinde tanındı. Bu kitabı 1999 sonbaharında 'Bir Dinozorun Gezileri' izledi. İkisi de satış rekorları kırdı. Birçok kişinin zevkle okuduğu bu son iki

kitabında, yaşamdan ölümüne birçok konuda yaşadıklarını ve görüşlerini son derece içten ve esprili bir dille yazdı. Mina Urgan, oyuncu ve şair Cahit İrgat ile evlendi ve iki çocuğu oldu. Oğlu Mustafa İrgat kendisinden bir süre önce vefat etmişti, kızı ise Şehir Tiyatrosu oyuncularından Zeynep İrgat.

ORHAN O. YİRMİBESH RC 36

Died on September 18 1999 in the USA. He was born Dec. 28, 1914, in Turkey and lived in Palm Desert, California and Whitewater, Wisconsin. After graduating from RC

say he has been awarded the title of O.B.E. (Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) for services to international education. He was at Buckingham

Palace in March 2000 to attend the investiture which he describes as 'an amazing experience.' Mr. Webster can be reached at the followin address: Antwerp British

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Former Faculty member Münir Aysu is now online and continues to send the latest news via e-mil. His e-mail address is muniraysu@superonline.com

Selin Cebeci RC 84 got married to Ali Gülçelik in December 1999.

Engin Esmer RC 86 joined the wedded crowd in May 2000 when he married Yeşim Silahtaroglu.

Dr. Metin Ozdemirli RC 82 got married to Ayşegül Doğruol on Oct. 21, 2000

İlgin Özden RC 84 and Burcu got married in June 2000.

Meanwhile, those already married are busy giving birth!

Seden Atesoz RC80 and Nebil İlseven RC 77 welcomed baby Selin to their family in September 2000.

Naci Usiin RC 75 has a daughter, Esra, born in December 1999.

Sebnem Turner RC 81 had twins, Yasemin and Sinan, born in March 2000.

Demet Apak RC 86 aave birth to her son Canok in April 2000

Pinar Kaprali RC 84 had daughter Nisan in April 2000.

Ali Elan RC 77 had his second son, Lachlan Ali, born in June 2000.



Barbara Lewis Zinsser, Robert College Trustee

Barbara Lewis Zinsser, member of the RC Board of Trustees since 1955, died at her home on August 1, 2000 at the age of 86. Noted woman lawyer and civic leader, Zinsser was a pioneer among professional women in New York City. She was a graduate of Brearley School, Bryn Mawr College and Columbia Law School. From her admission to the Bar in 1940 until her death, she remained active in private practice and on the Boards of numerous philanthropies and legal associations. At the time of her death, she had been counsel to the firm of Satterlee, Stephens, Burke and Burke LLP, where she had practiced law for twenty-six years.

In a 1992 RC newsletter to introduce the RC Trustees, Zinsser described how she had come to be connected to Robert College.

"In the late 1920's I travelled a lot with my father in Europe and the Balkans. On one such trip we took a small French steamer from New York to Istanbul and came into port past the Golden Horn at dawn. It was an unbelievable sight and it still seems just as dazzling. We toured the city...It was then that I first heard about Robert College, which was spoken of as an outstanding American school.

...Later as an undergraduate at Bryn Mawr, I took a course in Victorian literature and for my term paper I focused on English travelers to the Middle East. As a result I became intensely interested in Turkey and the Middle East...

Finally in the early 1950's, as a lawyer with foreign clients, I made a number of trips to Istanbul, Athens, Cairo and Beirut. In the course of these trips, I became aware of the

extensive network of American schools which had been established in the area. ... I felt that these schools were making a vital contribution to international understanding and I wanted to be a part of it. In 1955 I was asked to go on the Board of the American College for Girls and I have served on the ACG/RC Board ever since.

...During this time there have been great changes in Istanbul...but however many changes may have occurred, Istanbul remains a dazzling city and Robert College remains a school in which all of us who are associated with it take the greatest pride."

Barbara Zinsser is survived by three daughters, Leslie Armstrong, who is also a member of the RC Board of Trustees, Judith P. Zinsser and Katherine J. Zinsser as well as four grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

in 1936 he did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Yirmibesh was a very generous donor of RC and he is survived by his daughter Sevim Yirmibesh of Sacramento, California and his granddaughter.

FARUK AKMAN
RC 37

Passed away on July 19, 2000. He was the Purchasing Manager of İpraş before he retired. With his gentle demeanor, he was very much liked as a faithful friend. He distinguished himself as an able actor at the College plays and was also an athlete who won a decathlon championship. Faruk Akman was the grandson of Seyh Yahya Efendi and is survived by his wife Reha Akman, Notre Dame de Sion '43 and by his son Murat Akman, Mechanical Engineer BU '83, who is at present the Country Manager of the Turkish Subsidiary of the World Gold Council.

LEYLA (DURUKAN)
(BAKOY ERGENEKON)
ACG 39

Passed away in July 2000, in Ankara.

E. EMEL TOR
HARUNOĞLU
ACG 39 ex

Passed away in April 2000. She is survived by her children Servet-Gülden Harunoğlu, her grandchildren Emre-Şebnem Derman, Turgut Derman, Harun, Seda, Kerim Harunoğlu, and great-grandchildren Ege and Yunus Derman.

FUAT ZADİL
RC ENG 40

Passed away in Istanbul on July 26, 2000. He is survived by his wife Nazan Zadil, his children Metin Zadil and Mete Zadil and his grandson Ali Tarik Zadil.

GEORGE
TRIANDAFILIDIS
RC 45

Died on April 2, 2000 in New Mexico, USA. He had retired as a Professor at the University of New Mexico and then become CEO of S & J Enterprises Inc. He received his PhD from the University of Illinois in 1960. He is survived by his wife Evyenia Lula Terzioalu Triandafilidis ACG 52. She lives at Glenwood Hills Drive NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111 USA.

NECDET SAYDAM
RC 47

Died in the earthquake tragedy in Yalova in August 1999.

EMEL BALIK KABA
ACG 48

Passed away in April 2000. A retired teacher, Emel Kaba is survived by her children Hüseyin-Maria Kaba, Fatoş-David Anderson, her grandchildren Charlie, Canan, Filiz, Serra and her husband Dr. Şaban Kaba.

AYDIN CANSEVER
RC ENG 48

Passed away in December 1999. He is survived by his wife Emel Cansever and his son Ferit Cansever.

MARSEL ANAVİ ÖNER
ACG 48

Passed away in Antalya in January 2000. She is survived by her husband Denizhan Öner and her brother Albert A. Anavi RC 48. Marsel Oner had been a dedicated and hardworking member of the RC Alumni Association's Social Committee for many years in the 1980's and 1990's. Her presence shall be sorely missed.

JAMES ATILLA KASLAN
RA 52, RC 56

Died in a tragic motorcycle accident on March 18, 2000 in Sonoma Valley, California. Much loved engineer and community volunteer Kaslan was born Omer Atilla Kocaaslan in Istanbul and went to the USA after RC to study engineering at the University of California at Berkeley. He and his wife Bonnie Joy had immersed themselves in earthquake relief efforts last year in August and Kaslan was in Turkey last November to assist in earthquake reconstruction.

Kaslan, a structural and geotechnical engineer, worked with his wife at Kaslan Associates, Inc., the couple's Sonoma based engineering company. In addition to his professional and community work, James Kaslan was a lifelong member of the National Rifle Association and a past California State Pistol champion. He also bred and showed Doberman pinschers and raised

oats, sheep, miniature orses and other farm animals. In addition to his wife Bonnie Joy, Kaslan leaves a son, Erol Kaslan, three brothers, a sister, five grandchildren and a great grandson.

ALİ ATILLA SELCAN
RC 50

Passed away in August 2000. He is survived by his wife Tülin Geredel Selcen ACG 59 and his children Yonca Devocioğlu and Aydın Selcen.

AYDIN FETVACI
RC Eng 50

Passed away in April 2000. Survived by his wife Gönül Taylan Fetvacı ACG 50, daughter Zeynep Madra RC 77 and his grandchildren Aydın, Emre and Gönül Madra.

NEVİT NUMANOĞLU
RC ENG 50

Passed away on June 14, 2000. He is survived by his children Leyla Pekin and Haluk Nomanoglu and his grandchildren Ömer and Osman Pekin.

CENGİZ OSKEN
RC 54

Passed away in March 2000.

BİLGE CİVELEKOĞLU
FRIEDLAENDER
ACG 55

Passed away on April 1, 2000. Born in Istanbul she went to the Istanbul Academy of Fine Arts after ACG. She received her first painting lessons from Sabri Berkel and completed her art education in New York University in 1959. In

Ivovincetown Art Studio she worked on painting and at Harward University-Radcliffe she worked on engravings. Between 1978-1980 she was at the Temple University in Philadelphia and between 1983-1996 she was at The University of Pennsylvania giving classes on grounds design.

Friendlaender became known in Turkey in 1989



when she exhibited her 'Gilgamiş' theme at the Nev Art Gallery and BM Art Gallery during the Second International Istanbul Biennial. She was also invited to many international exhibitions of artists working with hand-made paper. Bilge Friendlaender also created various hand-made books on artistic themes. Among them are "Kelimeler, Sayılar ve Çizgiler" (1977), "Kelimeler, imajlar ve Objeler" (1981). In 1990 Nev Gallery edited her limited edition 'Gilgamiş' engravings album.

ATILA BATUM
RC 58

Passed away in January 2000. He is survived by his wife İmit Batum and his children Tijen Bilge and A. Tunç Batum.

İNCİ TRAK
ACG 63

Died in March 2000.

MÜNİR ÜLGEN
RC Eng 66

Died in a traffic accident in April 2000.

ERKUNT TAMER
RC 64

Passed away on June 25, 2000 in Istanbul. He is survived by his sister Olcay Karaali ACG 54, and his wife Güniz Tamer.

MELEK GÜVENÇ
TUNABAS
RC Yük 68 ex

A 1964 graduate of Üsküdar American, Mrs. Tunabaş passed away in September 2000. She is survived by her sister Ayşe Güvenç Bertrand ACG 67, her children Nazlı and Ömer Tunabaş and her husband Bedrettin Tunabaş.

FİKRET SİLAY
RC 72

Passed away in April 2000. Survived by his mother Ümran Silay, his wife Canan Silay RC 74, his son Barış Silay.

ÜLKÜ KUŞÇU
(Turkish Teacher at RC)

Beloved Turkish teacher Ülkü Kuşçu lost her three year battle with cancer on November 20, 1999. A graduate of Izmir Education Institute she started teaching in 1964 in Izmir and then in Trabzon. Her career took her to Galatasaray Lisesi between 1965-1975 and then to Atatürk Kız Lisesi from 1975 to 1987. She joined RC in 1988 and was actively involved with



her beloved students and teaching until mid 1999. Her former students and colleagues describe her as a wonderfully tender and caring person who also had a talented poetic side. Her motherly concern and altruism were also her distinguishing characteristics. She was a hardworking active leader and participant of the school's Kızılay club. Ülkü Kuşçu's warm and calming influence and her sensitive approach to life in general made her a very special person, loved by the whole student body, the faculty and staff of RC. We snail remember her with much fondness, love and respect.

ELIZABETH STANTON
MICHAELS
(former Dean and American Vice President of ACG)

" Beth" Michaels died in Winchester, VA , on July 21, 2000 at the age of 89. She had started her teaching career in Sofia, Bulgaria teaching English at the American College. Several other positions in

the USA were followed by her stay in Istanbul between 1950-56 as Dean and American Vice President at ACG.

After her return to the USA, Micheals continued to dedicate herself to the field of education. After forty years of involvement in education she stopped teaching at the age of 62 and married John Michaels (Monedjikov), whom she had met in Bulgaria forty years ago during her first teaching assignment. Her deceased husband was also a member of the RC Class of 23.

PROF. NEDİM BİLGEN
(Professor of Electrical Engineering at RC Yük)

A highly valuable and much loved professor to several generations of RC students, Prof. Nedim Bilgen passed away in February 2000 at the age of 93. He had studied at Gedikpaşa Amerikan Mektebi, RC Yük (between 1923-25) and graduated from University of Leige, Belgium with degrees in Mining and Electrical Engineering. He spent the years 1942 to 1971 at RC Yük as a professor of electrical engineering and continued at Boğaziçi University after 1971. He was also a professor at Yıldız Technical University. Prof. Bilgen is survived by his daughter Bilge Berker ACG 55 and his grandchildren Zeynep Berker Çarmıklı and Mehmet Berker.

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The late Ambassador Nuri Eren, pictured with his wife Neşet Eren.

NURİ EREN RC 34

Retired Ambassador, Robert College Trustee Emeritus, RC 34 graduate Ahmet Nuri Eren passed away in Istanbul on November 5, 2000. Born to a modern Izmir family, Eren was sent to study English first at Izmir American School and then to Robert College in 1929 where he became a boarding student. His graduation from RC in 1934 was followed by his studies at Istanbul University. His professional career included serving as a special consultant in foreign affairs to then prime minister Saraçoğlu, took him to London to serve as a private consultant to the prime minister between 1945-49. From the years 1949 to 1958 he was in New York as head of the news bureau as well as a consultant in the United Nations delegation. In 1958 he became assistant to the permanent delegate of the U.N. and in 1972 he became the permanent U.N. delegate as an ambassador. Eren also became the Turkish ambassador to China between 1975-78 before retiring from active foreign service in 1978.

Nuri Eren is survived by his wife Neşet Eren who

was a school friend since 1933. ACG 39 graduate Neset and Nun Eren got married in 1939 right after her graduation from ACG. Mrs. Eren is well known for her gracious hospitality and her talents in the field of cooking. She became an expert in Turkish cooking and published two books, one in New York and one in Istanbul.

Dr. TIMOTHY W. CHILDS

Member of the Robert College Board of Trustees since 1980, Dr. Childs passed away in Washington D.C. on Nov.22, 2000. Born in New York City he attended Phillips Exeter Academy and graduated from Yale in 1957. He earned his M.A. in 1961 from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and then joined the U.S. Department of State as a foreign service officer, serving in Syria, Iran and Washington from 1961 to 1973.

He earned his Ph.D. in diplomatic history at Georgetown Univ. in 1982 and taught Middle Eastern current affairs and history at SAIS and Georgetown. He also taught Ottoman history at Georgetown's

Center for Turkish Studies at Alanya in Turkey. His book *"Italo-Turkish Diplomacy and the War Over Libya 1911-1912"* was published in 1990.

Dr. Childs also served as an advisory editor to the Middle East Journal and a member of the board of governors of the Middle East Institute. He served as a director to the American Near East Refugees Aid. He was a member and chairman of the steering committee of the Friends of Music of the Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Childs was also a member of the Society of the Cincinnati. In addition, he served as a director of family corporation and two family foundations.

Dr. Childs' involvement with Turkey and Robert College started in 1967 when he visited Istanbul for a short holiday. At the time his uncle James F. Lawrence was the Chairman of the RC Board of Trustees and the young Tim Childs got what he described as a "splendid introduction to one of the world's great cities".

He came to Turkey for the second time in 1979 to do research in the Ottoman diplomatic archives for his doctoral dissertation. Unable to start his research right away due to bureaucratic hurdles he and his family spent time discovering the archeological sites and historic monuments of Turkey. Eventually, Dr. Childs settled in Bebek and started his research. He says he received "invaluable help from both hospitable Turkish and knowledgeable American friends and notably from a mem-

ber of the RC English Department, Chilton Watrous." "Through her", he said, "I became interested in the life of the school and was glad to help the Braille Club (which Mrs. Watrous advises) obtain some equipment needed in its work to help the blind." In fact, helping to establish the Braille Club along with Chilton Watrous was one of the most important things to him at Robert College. Dr. Childs regretted leaving Turkey at the end of his research so it gave him great pleasure to be invited to join the Board of Trustees in 1980. For the next 20 years he served on the Board and along with his invaluable contribution to the Braille Club he also had a particular interest in the library. He did a lot of work with the school's rare book collection. Over the years, he contributed many books to the library. He would find books on Ottoman culture, history, subjects pertaining to Turkey, buy them and send them to the school. In addition to his wife Hope, Dr. Childs is survived by daughter, Katherine H. Childs, son John D. Childs, two grandsons and his sister Linda Childs-van Wijk.



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