







all has arrived with its usual seasonal rush as the 2006-2007 school year gets underway. Reflecting on how every opening day manages to be both unique and yet similar, we decided to feature a cover spread of "a day in the life" that we hope will send more than a few of you down memory lane.

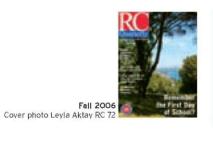
In addition to welcoming a vibrant crop of incoming students, in this issue we also bid farewell to 2006 graduates, who did exceptionally well in terms of university acceptance both in Turkey and abroad. Out of 132 students taking the OSS, 76 scored within Turkey's top 5.000 and 97% were placed in a university of their choice. Of the same class, 71 applied abroad for higher education, 67 were accepted and 56 have already begun their freshman year at US, Canadian or UK universities.

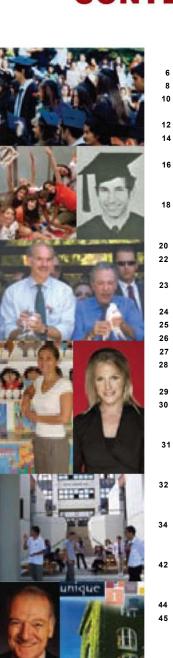
After a busy summer, this issue is chockablock with graduates who have been making headlines in various and inspired ways. And to top it off, the news we received as we were just about to go to print made us all proud. Congratulations to our very own Nobel Laureate, Orhan Pamuk, RA 70.

Please do keep your news coming, we love hearing about what you're up to in your corner of the world.

The RCQ Editorial Team

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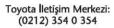
Yeni nesil Toyota RAV4. Entegre Aktif Sürüş Sistemi ile.

Bir SUV yaratırken, herşeyden önce gelen bir kavram vardır: Güvenlik. Almanya'nın önde gelen otomobil dergilerinden Auto Motor und Sport, kompakt SUV'ler arasında yaptığı güvenlik testlerinde, kusursuz sürüş kontrolüne sahip RAV4'ü en güvenli SUV seçti. Böylece RAV4'ün kendi kategorisinde liderliği bir kez daha belgelenmiş oldu. * Auto Motor und Sport dergisinin Avrupa'nın önde gelen 15 otomobil dergisiyle birlikte hazırladığı Master-Test International Güvenlik Testi'nde Toyota RAV4, sınıfının en güvenli modeli seçildi.

Karşınızda, en güvenli

SUV ödülüne sahip Toyota RAV4...











Farewell to Retiring Teachers

Robert College bid farewell to a group of dedicated teachers in different fields who took retirement at the end of the 2005-2006 academic year. These included English Language and Literature teacher Joan Altunbaş, who retired after 32 years of service. Her department head Philip Esposito wrote the following: "Joan has been a valued colleague and friend for the past 32 years. I was her student teacher my second year at RC when I was informed by the MEB that I had to complete supervised training in the classroom before I could officially become a teacher. In many ways Joan has remained my "hoca". I have always looked up to her as the ideal, dedicated teacher who is not only interested in having her students learn English, but who is also interested in them learning to be good people. I will miss her."

Another dedicated teacher to retire was German studies teacher Güler Karabatur, after 28 years at RC. In a farewell speech, her department head Süheyla Yenerer gave the following address: "You work tirelessly to resolve everyone's problems. You are always full of energy and available to everyone...for dinners, concerts, funerals, school, social activities, to relatives, family, grandchildren and students. You embrace novelty and immediately adapt to change. You were not just a German teacher but a teacher of life to your students. You taught them how to be real humanists, from the way they walk and think to the values they uphold."

Güler Karabatur continues to be a part of Robert College in a whole new capacity. Her new responsibility is the coordination of the CIP committee (Community Involvement Project). This project, under the advisorship of several RC faculty, staff and administration members, aims to promote RC students' awareness of their community and its needs. The RCQ will be covering this project in more detail in an upcoming issue.

Sema Ulcay, long-standing Psychology teacher at RC, also retired from both teaching and her position as head of the Child Development Center for pre-schoolers on campus. Her department head Gülhiz Yüksek said of Ulcay, "Her expertise in her field, her intellectual background and life experience made her an irreplaceable friend and teacher." Ulcay had been teaching at RC since 1982.

Of retiring Religious Studies teacher Fahri Erdem, Yüksek said: "We will miss him and his friendship, optimism and loving approach towards his students". Fahri Erdem had been at RC since 1998.

Another long-standing teacher to retire in June was Bilgi Haner, Turkish Language and Literature teacher at RC since 1979. Her department head Mehmet Uysal said: "Elegant, patient, likeable, competent and decisive...These adjectives are certainly not adequate to describe Bilgi Haner but they are the first that spring to my mind. We are all aware of her contributions to Robert College, where she worked tirelessly and successfully for many years. Outside of the classroom, she was also invaluable to the development of thousands of students with her contributions to theater, charitable clubs and field trips."







RC 2006 - Where are they studying now?

As RC Headmaster John Chandler points out, "Not only are RC students going to better universities, they are better prepared ." Read on to tag along the outstanding higher education path of the Class of RC 2006.

RC 06 Excels at University Entrance Exam (ÖSS)

Every year, approximately 70 percent of RC graduates choose to continue their studies in Turkey.

Robert College students scored exceptionally well on this year's nationwide university entrance examination, taken by over 1,5 million students in Turkey in 2006. The Senior Class consisted of 160 students. Out of the 132 students who took the ÖSS (including some who chose to study abroad), 76 scored within Turkey's top 5,000. 97 % of RC students taking the exam were placed in a university of their choice. "The new examination system holds students responsible for all that they have learned in high school. This allows RC students to make good use of the knowledge they gained in the classroom," says Feyza Pınar, RC counsellor for Turkish universities

The results also showed that active participation in the extracurricular life of the school is a strength and not a hindrance for RC students wanting to do well on the exam. "It is clear once again that those students with multiple activities outside the classroom score correspondingly highly on the ÖSS examination," says Pinar. Another factor in favor of RC students this year was the Ministry of Education's redesigning of the "ortaöğretim başarı puanı" (an additional score given students based on their middle school grade record) in a fairer way.

UNIVERSITY	Number of students
Boğaziçi University	29
Sabancı University	16 (10 scholarships)
stanbul Technical University (İTÜ)	14
Koç University	11 (8 scholarships)
'ıldız Teknik University	6
stanbul University	6
Bahçeşehir University	3 (3 scholarships)
Bilkent University	4 (2 scholarships)
Salatasaray University	4
Marmara University	4
editepe University	4
nkara University	1
st.Bilim University	1
Middle Eastern Technical University (ODTÜ)	1

Foreign University Acceptance Results for RC 06 Stand Out

Out of the 71 RC Seniors who applied to go abroad for higher education, 67 received one or more acceptances. Out of this number, 56 made a decision to attend US, Canadian or UK universities and have started their freshman year. 34 of these students were awarded financial aid from the colleges they were accepted by. Of this group, 18 students were on scholarship while at Robert College.

Schools	Number of Students
Boston U	1
Barnard	1
Bremen	1
Brown	2
Carnegie Mellon	1
Columbia U	2 (1 scholarship)
Connecticut C	1 (1 scholarship)
Cooper Union	1
Cornell	4 (1 scholarship)
Dartmouth	1 (1 scholarship)
Franklin & Marshall	1
Georqe Washington	2 (1 scholarship)
Georqia Inst of Tech	1
Grinnell	1 (1 scholarship)
Harvard	3 (3 scholarships)
Johns Hopkins	1 (1 scholarship)
Lehigh	1 (1 scholarship)
LSE	1
Northwestern	2 (2 scholarships)
Oberlin	1 (1 scholarship)
Pomona	1 (1 scholarship)
Princeton	3 (2 scholarships)
Purdue	4
Skidmore	2 (1 scholarship)
Swarthmore	1 (1 scholarship)
U of Chicago	1 (1 scholarship)
U of Michigan	1
U of Richmond	1 (1 scholarship)
U of Toronto	1
U Penn	3 (1 scholarship)
UVA	1
Vanderbilt	1 (1 scholarship)
WashU	1
Williams C	1 (1 scholarship)
WPI	2 (2 scholarships)
Yale	2 (2 scholarships)
York	1



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Young Alumni Publish New Magazine: Unigue



NIRC, the group of young RC graduates -most of whom are currently university students- organised under the auspices of the RC Alumni Association, made their mark by organizing several successful events for the benefit of current RC students on campus last year. The University Fair on October 22, and the Career Day on March 11, were notable firsts.

novelty. The magazine, voicing concerns and interests of this youngest branch of the RC Alumni Association, will come out at least twice a year, and is distributed free of charge to recent RC graduates. It is largely aimed at RC graduates who are now university students.

Published in Turkish, its inaugural issue featured interviews with beloved Turkish teacher Ersin Aybars, former Turkish director Esin Hoyi, ex-model and modelling agency owner Neşe Erberk, RC 82, and leading businessman Jan Nahum, RC 71. The magazine also included colorful insights from recent graduates on various topics like summer study, work and travel programs, reflections on studying in the USA, as well as discussions on career choices and trends.

RC Students Chosen for Summer Research Projects in the US

This summer, while a majority of us were lying on the beach, a select group of hard-working RC seniors were handpicked to take part in various competitive summer research programs in the US. Yasemin Gökçe (Lise 11), who wants to major in Bioscience, was chosen to work with Dr. Jean Strahlendorf at Texas Tech University for seven weeks on Biology. Levent Tüzün (Lise 11) won a scholarship to attend the Telluride Association's Summer Program at Cornell University to work on "Politics in Latin America and Southeast Asia." Bentli Yaffe also attended a Telluride program at the University of Michigan, working on "Islam in Practice: Religion, Culture and Politics". Arda Kara (Lise 11) attended a program at Carnegie Mellon University to learn how to program computer games.

Levent, who was the only Turk in a group of 16 students on the program, told the RCQ the six week course was invaluable. "Every day we attended a 3-hour lecture, based on research and debate, given by two Cornell professors. We used first-hand materials relating to the countries we studied like political documents, journals and memoirs." An active Model United Nations member at RC, Levent says the course was a first-class academic experience. "The professors were very open and allowed the group to develop our own discussions. Along with my Ethiopian friend Michael and Chinese friend Yu, I felt the three of us were able to contribute a lot of first-hand knowledge about the way foreign policy works in our countries." In addition to his studies, Levent also managed to find time to volunteer at Ithaca's annual Dragonboat Festival.

Arda Kara attended a six week program to develop computer games at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University. Carnegie Mellon's Entertainment Technologies Center (ETC) is the only school to offer a Masters program in this field. "The ETC is equipped with simulators, virtual reality systems and every kind of technology in the field so it was truly an incredible experience," says Arda. In his six weeks, he learned how to develop a computer game from the concept, art and character development phase to 3D modeling and programming. "I got to see that the dream I've had since being a kid of creating my own computer game is not that impossible," he says. Arda plans to work in the computer programming field. In the meantime, this year he will be sharing what he learned with students at RC and setting up a club to work on developing



Soli Özel, RC 76, Gives 2006 Commencement Speech

Dobert College sent its 2006 graduates into the world on June 24, 2006. Guest speaker for the occasion was Soli Özel, RC 76, professor of international relations at Bilgi University and a well-known columnist. The following are excerpts from his humorous and insightful speech.

"Your speaker is a technologically challenged graduate of this school who 30 years ago, only managed to complete and hand in his last psychology paper inspired by Attila ilhan's Which Sex (Hangi Seks) after the commencement ceremony. In this class, of 160 students, 61 have been accepted by the world's most prestigious universities. This is a class with one class member who gained a first at the International Philosophy Olympics, some are members of the European Youth Parliament, every student here uses today's technologies as easily as sipping water, and it has produced the music groups Nötr and Bunsen Burner. So I am well aware of whom I am addressing. I imagine then that you can guess how many months I have been pondering what I might say to you.

A fear of not being remembered began because most of my classmates were unable to remember who had been speaker at our commencement. To tell you the truth, it was a painful realization to me that I too could not remember a word of what Cemal Reşit Rey told us that day.

In fact the relationship between memory and forgetting is one of the major relationships of our lives, perhaps the first one. What we choose to remember and what we don't, determines, whether we are aware of it or not, how we live our lives, the roads we take, and those we don't. The logic of the times we live in, where the old clocks with hands are increasingly replaced with digital ones where you cannot even





see the previous minute, makes it hard to forge a connection between the past and the future.

The belief that modernity is a forward progression and the tendency of modern societies to worship the new and the young leads to a perception of the past as a faraway world, at best a nostalgic trace. But the past offers us clues and signposts for our future, often in ways it doesn't even realize. All that is needed is to be able to read these signs and create a language to share what we understand from them with others.

Only then can memory become a way not of being mired in the past but of forging the future, transmitting experiences through generations and a tool for creating something better and tying the past to the future. To be stuck in the past condemns us to failure in our actions to transform life. But mythologizing the past and comprehending it only at an emotional level can create a barrier to creating the future.

For an impatient and dynamic society like ours where few experiences are transmitted through generations, it is very important that language is a way not of cutting the tie that binds generations but of being its foundation.

After these weighty words I would like to give you a numerical account of the 30 years which separate the class of 1976 from the class of 2006. This is not out of nostalgia, or the result of an 'oh life was good back then' game the mind can play. Even though its conditions are not easy, I am happy to be living in the year 2006. I list the following facts to be able to discuss what role this class will play in a tough future and what qualities it can bring to its responsibilities.

In 1975, when the population of Turkey was about 40 million people, 33 percent lived in cities and 67 percent lived in rural areas. Today the population is 72 million; 60 percent live in cities, 40 percent in rural areas. The population of Istanbul is 12 million today, compared to 4 million in 1976. In 1976 a third of the population was illiterate whereas 85 percent can read and write today. In 1976 telephone subscribers totaled 680 thousand. You could wait 10 years to get a phone line. An ordinary citizen was only allowed to take 200 dollars in foreign currency when traveling abroad. Our knowledge of the world and communication with it was limited. We were the world's fourth most closed economy and paid for the high social costs of that in that period.

In the past 30 years Turkey has come out of its shell, moving from a closed economy exporting predominantly agricultural products to an economy selling industrial products and services

to the four corners of the world. Even if not as wealthy as its potential, society has become dynamic, open to the world and better off. For better or worse, we are the world's contemporary today to a degree not seen in our recent history.

But this positive picture also activated social fault lines, bringing with it tremors whose effects we are increasingly seeing. When change turned into a nightmare for those who could not adapt to it or its pace, the instincts to protect the known, turn inward and not leave the flock were strengthened.

The Turkey of 2006, despite the prevailing crisis psychology, is a candidate to play a leading role in tomorrow's world. Particularly because of its position as a functioning structure in the middle of one of the world's most unstable regions, it is given importance, and its support is sought out. To be able to use this position to increase society's well-being depends on how creative Turkish people are. This is the quality that I think sets this high school apart from many others. Perhaps the most important value gained in this institution is the free thinking spirit that infuses every corner of the campus. It is because free thinking combines with freedom of expression and creativity under this school's roof that people graduate from this school as an individual.

Free thinking individuality together with a sense of social responsibility is the state of being that can merge universal values with local values. Such people then manage to be a subject of change instead of its object.

Dear friends, the privilege of studying at a school of unparalleled beauty ends today. Some of your friendships here will last a lifetime. If you ever feel sad at not being here, don't fret. What Kavafis said in a poem about his city goes for this school too. Even if you should run away from this school, the school will always be with you. I will close with lines adapted from the esteemed writer Haldun Taner, whom I had the good fortune to hear in Mitchell Hall, from his play "Sersem Kocanin Kurnaz Karisi". Those who are old enough will remember the original as read by Munir Ozkul: 'What is senior class? While we are studying we are there, when we are gone our voices will be but a pleasant echo. In time they will be forgotten. At best we will be a faded picture in a yearbook. Our memories remain at school. At the end of every year these memories will emerge from their hiding places and spill into the corridors. We are not there but our memories will whisper to each other until the end of the holidays. The new year brings new students, the memories scurry back to their hiding places... Curtain!' "



RCAAA Holds Annual Spring Dinner with Salih Memecan

The RC Alumni Association in America's Annual Spring Dinner was held at Dervish Restaurant in New York City on May 25, 2006 with guest speaker Salih Memecan. Mr. Memecan, one of the most prominent political cartoonists in Turkey, the creator of the animated political satire series BizimCity and the comic strip Sizinkiler, received his Ph.D. in architecture from the University of Pennsylvania as a Fulbright scholar in 1983. His BA and MA degrees in architecture are from the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey. He is married to Nursuna Memecan, RC 75.

Mr. Memecan's speech focused on the freedom of expression from the point of view of a cartoonist. As expected, a lively interaction with the audience was held over the controversy of the publishing of cartoons of Prophet Muhammed in a Danish newspaper late last year. Mr. Memecan also presented some of his work prepared for the World Economic Forum held in Davos, Switzerland this year. Mr. Memecan graciously autographed his cartoon, which he created for the RC Annual Giving Campaign this year.

Upon completion of Mr. Memecan's splendid presentation, around 40 RC grads and friends enjoyed Turkish food and had a great time catching up with old friends.

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Summer Camp 2006 - Bigger and Better

his summer's Robert College Summer Camp was a camp of many firsts and many improvements. "Odyssey of the Senses: The World Awaits", the camp's central theme, took campers on a journey through five different climates and challenged campers to use their five senses as never before.

Over 375 young people, a record enrollment, enjoyed the many activities, excursions and classic RCSC events, including "Creative Problem Solving", "Carnival Day", "Stadium Day", a trip to BURC Beach and the first ever RCSC "IN-T.E.N.S.E fest". Other new facets of the camp were the RCSC Bank and Trading Post, where campers had to use their English in order to do their banking and shopping. Each camper had a "Camp Passport" in which they collected stamps for using their English and contributing positively to the camp.

Campers also were able to give back to the community through the new "Community Service Program". They helped beautify Kuruçeşme Park and painted a mural at the Beşiktaş işitme Engelliler Eğitim ve Kültür Derneği (Beşiktaş Association for the Hearing Impaired). Campers can be seen here at the Kuruçeşme Park selling homemade cookies and lemonade to raise funds and awareness of the Dernek. RCSC 06 was the most successful ever and plans are already underway for an even better RCSC '07!





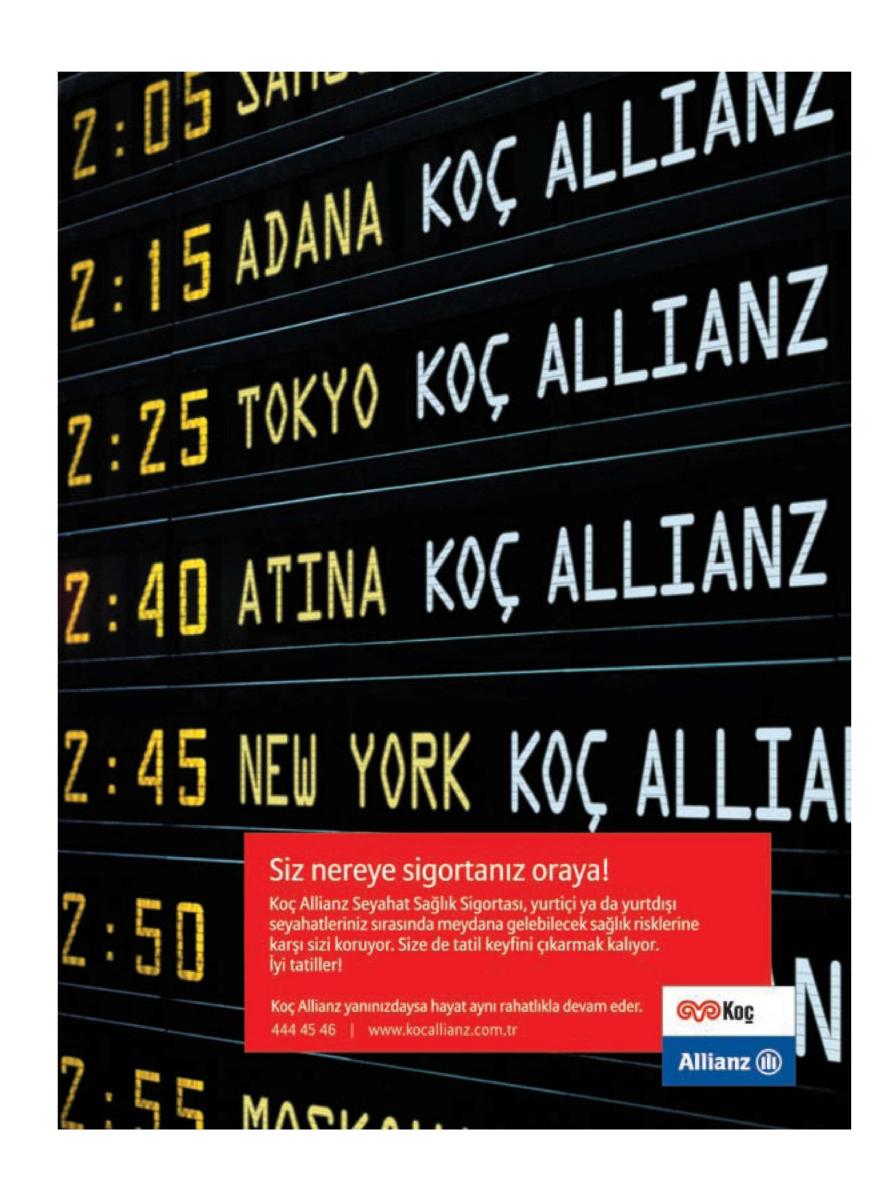
Bürge Abiral, Lise 1

RC Students Vote for Girl Power

or the first time in many years, the Robert College Student Council is to be run by a female, Bürge Abiral, Lise 12. She was first elected to the SC as one of four class reps in 9th grade and at the end of 10th grade was elected secretary. At the end of 11th grade she decided to run for president against one other candidate, who was SC treasurer at the time. "He was a really strong candidate both because of his successful work with the SC and because he is a boarder," she says.

Bürge says she has her friends to thank for her success. "Some came to school to poster the walls, others prepared new posters without my even asking them, others lobbied on my behalf, introducing me to students who might not know me."

"Anyone who stands as a candidate for office in the SC cannot really say things like 'I will do this!' or 'I promise that!' because the SC is always a team effort, its never just about one person," she points out. This year, SC's goals include more actively contributing to the school administration, expanding the annual Fine Arts Festival and improving support systems for student projects.







Young Graduates on Board for RC Advancement

RC is fortunate to have recruited two recent graduates to expand the Alumni & Development Program in Turkey and the

Oya Nuzumlah, RC 02, studied Cognitive Science and Theater at Dartmouth College, graduating in 2006. She spent her college years hanging out by an MR machine 100,000 imes stronger than Earth's magnetic field, swimming in the river, going on hikes in the upper valley, spending nights in the cabin, watching the aurora borealis, and mastering the art of sleeping in sleeping bags, quite different from the life she leads in Istanbul. After college she descended from the black mountains and red foliage into the rambling city of Istanbul, and worked in the Robert College Summer Camp as a

Oya's new job has her working for the Robert College Alumni & Development effort as of September 2006. She will be the first RC graduate ever to work for RC in the New York Office of the Board of Trustees, and hopes to meet with many alumni in the US.

Another new arrival on board at RC is Mehveş Dramur Yardımcı, RC 96. Her expertise in new media technologies will be an additional strength in the Alumni & Development Office in Istanbul. An avid sailing fan like Oya, Mehveş studied Management Information Systems in German at Marmara Oya Nuzumlalı,RC 02 University. She worked in marketing high-tech services,

including localization, 3-D animation and mobile marketing for several years. Like Oya, Mehveş also worked in the Robert College Summer Camp, both as a counselor and the assistant director. Mehveş loves animals, and all things related to the sail around the world one day and buy a motorcycle. Mehveş is happily married to Kerim Yardımcı, another sea-lover, and they have a 2-year-old Siamese cat, Yoda, who hopefully will accompany the couple in their trip around the world as the

RC welcomes Mehveş and Oya. Their talents and passion for their Alma Mater is bound to serve the RC community well.

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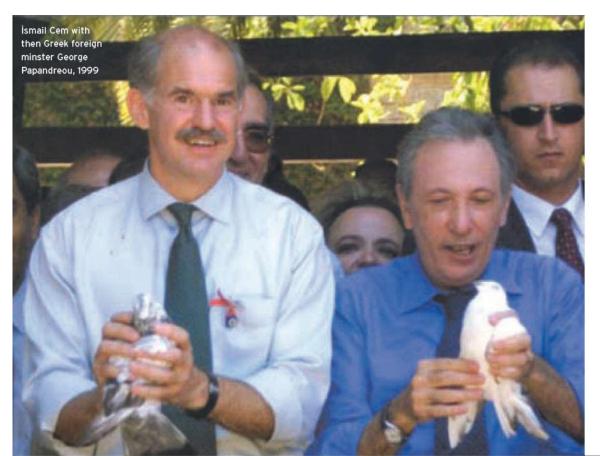
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PROFILE



İsmail Cem RC 59

Union membership bid and creating an rapprochement with Greece that event way for EU negotiations to go ahead. Politics as state-run TV and radio enterprise TRT.

A social democrat keen to brighten up Turkey's dull broadcaster, Cem soon fell foul of conservatives and was

Çharismatic, charming yet strong-willed, as at ease in Washington as in Ankara, during his tenure as foreign minister from 1997 - 2002 ismail Cem RC 59 is credited with having cemented Turkey's European Union membership bid and creating an all-important rapprochement with Greece that eventually paved the

Born in Istanbul in 1940, Cem graduated from Robert College in 1959. He then studied law at the Lausanne Not Just College in 1959. He then studied law at the Lausanne Faculty of Law, returning to Turkey in 1963 to begin working as a journalist. In 1974, he was asked by then prime minister Bulent Ecevit RC 44 to take over Turkey's state-run TV and radio enterprise TRT.

> fired after only a year in the job. In 1987 he was elected to parliament for the Social Democrat Populist Party and took office as culture minister in 1995.

In 1997, having moved to Bulent Ecevit's own party, he was made foreign minister, a post he kept through two more changes of government.

In addition to his high-profile political career, he also earned a reputation as a photographer, with several exhibitions to his name. Since 2002, he has taught



ismail Cem with his daughter ipek Cem Taha, RC 85



political science classes at Istanbul's Bilgi University. He is member of the 'Republican People's Party Council'. He published two books in 2004 and 2005, both on foreign policy ('Türkiye, Avrupa, Avrasya' and 'Avrupa'nın Birliği ve Türkiye') and is working on the last volume of this trilogy, which will deal with the Middle East.

The RCQ conducted the following interview.

RC Quarterly: You began your career as a journalist. How did you then decide to go into public service?

Cem: After graduating from Robert College, I studied law in Lausanne. But I was always interested in both politics and writing, so from 1963 onwards, I worked as a journalist and writer. I also published research. In 1974, I was approached by then prime minister Bülent Ecevit to become head of TRT (Turkish state television and radio). I accepted the position, because I had always believed in public service. Even between 1987-2003, when I was an MP and held ministerial posts, I never abandoned my identity as a writer. As an extension of this, today I teach a course on politics at Bilgi University.

RCQ: What were your interactions with fellow Robert Kolej graduates over the years? Did you work together?

Cem: Robert Kolej has a very special place for me. It is a place with which I share the most important relationships in my life, including with my wife Elçin ACG 60 and daughter İpek. I still see many of my former classmates. Among them, the person I spent the most time with and worked with was the publisher Ercan Arıklı, RC 59 who passed away. He was a confidante with whom I exchanged views on many different subjects, and whose friendship I always enjoyed.

RCQ: Did you have a particular teacher who influenced you?

Cem: The teacher who influenced met he most at Robert College was my Literature teacher Ekrem Yirmibeşin. He introduced us to new dimensions in the way we thought about Turkey and the world. Going beyond a traditional literature class, he encouraged us to think and analyse. He is one of the key figures in my development.

RCQ: You are perhaps best remembered as the architect of the recent Turkish-Greek rapprochement. Do you think this is your most important legacy?

Cem: Actually no. Of course this is very important but you have to think about it on another level. My foreign policy approach both explained and made use of Turkey's history, ulture and its strategic position. The EU membership process Turkish-Greek rapprochement and good relations with our neighbours are all part of this approach in which I tried to recreate Turkey as an influential international actor. You have to look at foreign policy as a whole. The rapprochement in Turkish-Greek relations is one reflection of this. In addition, that rapprochement was given momentum by the support of the people in both countries, as well as political leaders at the time.

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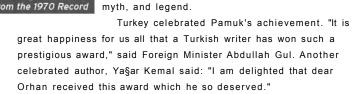
Orhan Pamuk, RA 70, Becomes First Turk to Win a Nobel Prize

hear the news that Orhan Pamuk RA 70 was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature this year. Congratulations to our very own Nobel laureate, we are extremely proud to count him ammoong our graduates.

Pamuk said he was honored to be awarded the prize. "It's such a great honor, such a great pleasure," Pamuk told journalists at

Columbia University in New York, where he is currently teaching for a year. "I think that this is first of all an honor bestowed upon the Turkish

said Columbia University President Lee Bollinger. "With works translated in 40 different languages, he has touched the hearts of readers everywhere by challenging their understanding of history,



Fellow College graduate and writer Perihan Magden, RC 79, said the award was a boon for Turkish literature. "Pamuk's award will greatly increase interest in Turkey, Turkish writers and Turkish prosperous, secular family, Pamuk was intent on becoming a painter in his youth. He studied architecture at Istanbul Technical University but later turned to writing and studied journalism in Istanbul.

Sons, in 1982, a family chronicle in which he describes the shift from a traditional Ottoman family environment to a more Western lifestyle. He has not looked back since.

Pamuk will receive a gold medal and diploma, as well as the prize sum of 10 million kronor (1.07 million euros, 1.37 million dollars), from Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf at a formal ceremony in Stockholm on December 10.







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Intrepid War Reporter Damon, RC 94, Carves Out Career as CNN Correspondent

Arwa Damon, RC 94, has recently been making headlines as a CNN correspondent, reporting from all over the tumultuous Middle East. Based in Baghdad,

she was recently in Lebanon covering the conflict there.

Before joining CNN in February 2006, Damon spent
three years covering Iraq and the Middle East as a
freelance producer for various news organizations
including CNN, PBS and FOX News.

Most recently, Damon has been embedded with U.S. troops in Baquba near the Iran/Iraq border and Kirkuk, the center of the oil-producing region in Iraq. Highlights of Damon's coverage in Iraq include the U.S. Army's battle in Najaf against the Mehdi Army and of the battle to retake Samarra. In November 2004, Damon was in Fallujah during the offensive against insurgents. Her extensive Iraq coverage also includes being the only TV reporter for "Operation Steel Curtain" in Husayba near the Syrian border, as well as covering operations into Haditha, Hit, Karabila and Ubeydi. In addition to covering military operations in Iraq, Damon covered the Iraq elections in January 2005 and December 2005, Iraq's constitutional referendum vote in October 2005 and the ongoing trial of Saddam Hussein.

After RC, Damon graduated with honors from Skidmore College in New York with a double major in French and biology and a minor in international affairs. She is fluent in Arabic, French and Turkish.

Damon's father George Damon was middle school director at RC from 1988 to 1998. He went from there to Isjkkent school in izmir and is presently head of the American Community School in Beirut.

To read Arwa Damon's first-hand reporting, visit cnn.com.





The world's biggest search engine Google has appointed Erem Karabey RC 88 to head its operations in Turkey. "There are 16.5 million people who use the internet in Turkey, and 93% of those people use Google. The former number comes as a nice surprise to many who think this number is less - but the latter is usually no surprise to anybody. This clearly shows how strong our brand and consumer reach is in Turkey at the moment," Karabey told the RCQ.

He is hopeful that internet penetration in Turkey will increase exponentially with the introduction of more ADSL lines by the leading ISP, Turkish Telekom, and the other ISPs, as access prices decrease over time. Cheaper access prices on a par with western norms will be key to further growth, he says.

One of Karabey's priorities at Google is to develop Turkey's growing e-business market. "Google Turkey was formed in order to drive the localization and penetration of current and future Google products, building the partnerships for the distribution of our products like AdSense; and selling our AdWords product to our business partners. So far the interest in and the usage of our products is tremendous."

After graduating from Boğaziçi University in 1993, Karabey began working in the finance sector. From 1995 to 1998 he worked at the Doğan Medya Group. He completed his MBA at Harvard University in 2000 and then joined Bertelsmann, the fourth biggest media company in the world, where he worked first as Business Development Director and then Sales and Business Development Director. He returned to Turkey in 2004 to take up position as Marketing Manager for Siemens Mobile Turkey, after which he joined Google.

World Bank Turkey Head Vorkink, RA 65, Retires

World Bank Turkey Director Andrew Vorkink, RA 65, left Turkey in September at the end of his three year appointment. Vorkink also retired from the World Bank, and returns to Washington where he will be a law professor at American University in Washington, DC teaching international law and development. Vorkink hopes perhaps to return to Turkey next fall to teach in the Istanbul area.

Vorkink was appointed Turkey director in August 2003 and took up his job in September of that year. His tenure was marked by strong and positive relations with the Turkish government. Always supportive of the country's economic reform progress, he was a popular figure in Ankara. He enjoyed a close relationship with Ali Babacan, state minister for the economy.

Under Vorkink's leadership, the World Bank allowed Turkey access to \$ 6.5 billion in loans, which is considered to be a Bank record in terms of the short time period over which the loans were approved.

Vorkink continued his ties with RC, many years after his graduation. While in Turkey, he addressed members of the RC community in the Annual Giving Kick-off dinner on October 22, 2004. As the guest speaker of the evening, almost 40 years after he studied and lived at Robert College, Vorkink spoke of the challenges ahead for Turkey in its long and arduous process of joining the European Union and ended on the note, I ask you to give Robert College students the chance I was given by this outstanding institution to make a contribution to Turkey's bright future.

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Suna Kıraç, ACG 60, lighting a candle for education during the Annual Giving Kick-off dinner of 1995. She was the guest speaker at the event.

Suna Kıraç, ACG 60, A Tale of Courage

Readers have been gripped by the larger-than-life memoirs of renowned businesswoman and philanthropist Suna Kıraç, ACG 60, who suffers from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, a rare disease which has seen her lose all her motor skills. Shortly after publication on June 15th, 2006, Ömrümden Uzun ideallerim Var, (I Have Dreams Longer Than My Years) became an overnight best-seller. The book is expected to sell more than 200,000 copies by October.

Kıraç began writing the book in 1998, but was interrupted by the diagnosis of the disease which would progressively destroy her motor functions and eventually see her confined to a bed, able to communicate only by blinking her eyes. The book was eventually completed this year by her husband İnan Kıraç and colleague Cengiz Solakoğlu, and edited by Rıdvan Akar.

Kıraç writes openly of growing up in Turkey's illustrious Koç family and her education at ACG from age 12, which she says were "the best years of my life". She recalls dinner on her first day. Seated at the table of then headmistress Miss Summers, Kıraç refused to eat the sausages put in front of her. "The headmistress warned me, 'if you don't eat that, you and I will be here until morning'. So I swallowed the sausages. From that day on, I have eaten whatever is put in front of me. On my first day at the College, I learnt an amazing lesson."

Kıraç writes of being very moved by the novel *Çalıkuşu*, by Reşat Nuri Güntekin, as an Orta 2 student. She spent that summer volunteer teaching at an impoverished primary school. "Despite being very young, I felt the weight of the country's poverty and the sorry state of education here," she writes. It was to be the beginning of a lifelong campaign for better education in Turkey.

Kıraç credits the College with having given her many values, "most importantly, we learned to make friends without being selfish". She also discusses her friendships with a "bohemian" crowd of fellow RC and ACG students who included Ayşe Şaşa, ACG 67, Engin Cezzar, RC 55, Genco Erkal, RC 57 and others.

Later, Kıraç writes in detail of her marriage to İnan Kıraç, whom she describes as "the greatest gift of my life", and her successful subsequent career in husiness

She recalls the horror and pain of being diagnosed with ALS, which destroys motor capabilities while leaving brain functions intact. The book is a testament to the extraordinary courage shown by Kıraç in the face of this illness, and the loving support she receives from her friends and family.

Despite her total immobility - her husband Inan for instance, finds a way to take her to Paris, a city she loved, and even to lower her into the Mediterranean to feel the water - Kıraç is still mentally active, communicating by blinking her eyes to signify letters. She is also involved with projects, including plans to build a massive new cultural center.

All proceeds from the book will go to the Turkish Education Volunteers
Foundation, which Kıraç helped found and of which she writes: "We will never get
anywhere by lamenting the state of this country and criticizing the ones in power.
We have to become part of the solution. That can only happen through an
organized movement. Lack of education! This is at the heart of all that is wrong."

A generous philanthropist, Kıraç served as RC Trustee from 1989 to 2001 and was the major donor for the school's Suna Kıraç Theater Hall erected in 1991, named in her honor.

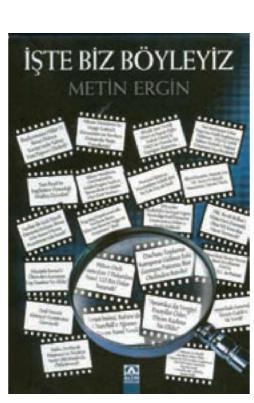


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Journalist Metin Ergin, RC 46, Publishes Memoirs

eteran journalist Metin Ergin, RC 46, has collected his impressions from an eventful life in İşte Biz Böyleyiz (That's How We Are), by Altın Kitaplar. A lively account of 60 years at the forefront of Turkey's recent history, sections of the book will be of particular interest to RC graduates. He recalls for instance: "In 1942, the famous poet Necip Fazıl Kısakürek came to Robert College as a literature teacher and taught us for two years. A lot of people said 'You've had it, he's mad...He's got a terrible temper...' But in a short time we understood what an incredible teacher he was. While other literature teachers would have us reading in class, Necip Fazil taught us: how to write a news story, how to create a play, the fine art of short story writing, the secrets of being a poet and tips for writing a novel."

In another anecdote, he describes how at Robert College students were taught to sing the İstiklal Marşı (Turkish national anthem) based on its musical structure. No memorizing was allowed. Ergin also talks about several important teachers, including chemistry teacher John Burns, German teacher Prof. Kunick and literature teacher Charles McNeal. "Charles McNeal was an American who had a lot of curiosity about Turkey. He arrived in Turkey on a boat from America in 1920, when he was just 23. En route, he met Muhsin Ertuğrul. In the 39 years he taught at Robert College, he never missed one of the Istanbul City Theaters' plays...In his teaching career he taught one prime minister, one mayor, four ministers, three holding owners, 12 journalists and hundreds of business people. When called upon he would tell his students 'Don't be keen to go abroad. Serve your own country,'." Perhaps the most touching recollection from Ergin's school years is when he recounts meeting the son of a well-known cheese factory owner in 1938. He noticed that this cheese industry scion was always with the same friend. That boy turned out to be his father's butler's son - the industrialist had insisted that they both attend the school, and in fact supported both boys through university.





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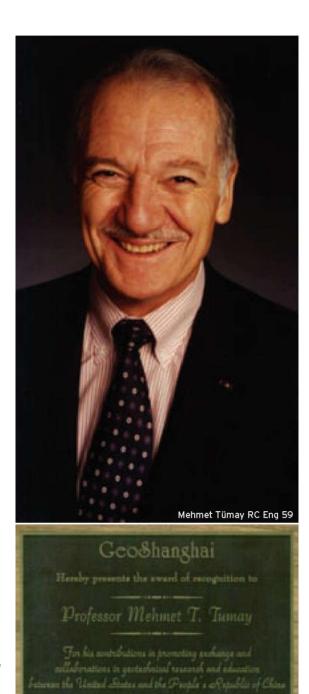
Geotechnical Engineering Researcher Honored in China

Mehmet Tümay RC Eng 59, Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Louisiana State University and an adjunct professor at Boğaziçi, was recently honored by his peers at the Geio Shanghai International Conference for his contributions to the field of geotechnical engineering. The conference was held in Shanghai, China, June 6-8.

Tümay has done extensive research for the past 40 years in the areas of in-situ evaluation of engineering properties of soils, soil physicochemical behavior and novel methods of soil improvement. He has earned national and international recognition from the consulting and academic communities for his pioneering research accomplishments, mainly in electronic cone penetration and computer-aided data collection/reduction systems for evaluation of the engineering behavior of particulate media. He has served as principal investigator of numerous grants from prestigious national and international agencies. A major international consulting company from The Netherlands established the "Fugro Post-Doctoral fellowship at LSU dedicated to the advancement of in-situ testing under Dr. Tümay's supervision".

Tümay was an active faculty member at LSU from 1976¬2005, and served the LSU College of Engineering as the associate dean for research and graduate studies and as director of the Donald W. Clayton Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Engineering Science. He is currently a distinguished visiting professor at the Korean Advanced Institute for Science and Technology in South Korea, and an adjunct professor at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul.

Tümay received a bachelor of science degree from Robert College School of Engineering. He received a master's degree from the University of Virginia and completed a Ph.D. at Istanbul Technical University, where he later received a postdoctoral Docent degree. His academic, research and consulting affiliations include universities, research institutions and industry in the United States, The Netherlands, France, Turkey, Korea, Norway, Taiwan, Poland, Brazil and People's Republic of China.



Arman Manukyan Celebrates 50 Years at Boğaziçi

rman Manukyan RC 51, a legend on the Boğaziçi
University campus, can count many of Turkey's
leading business people among the 16,000 students
he has taught in his 50-year career as a business studies
professor.

Born in 1931, Manukyan entered Robert College as a lise student in 1945. His closest friends included future culture minister Talat Halman, his cousin Mahmut Öngören, Oktay Yenal and Rahmi Koç. In 1949, together with Halman, Öngören he put together a hand-printed magazine called *The Tower* which they sent off to universities in the US. In Lise 2, he began to take a keen interest in sports. To join the sports club, candidates had to complete a walk from Emirgan to istinye, Maslak, Harbiye, Taksim, Dolmabahçe and Bebek. The walk began at noon, and ended at 8pm. He also joined the football team, which used to compete against a different istanbul lise or university team every Wednesday. In lise, he also took up photography. Despite objections from his family, he set up a darkroom at home to print his own pictures.

Manukyan first wore a bowtie in 1955, on the occasion of a party at ACG. His aunt so admired his look, she suggested he always wear one. He did- in time, he became famous for his bowties, and his collection grew to number over 100.

In 1951, he graduated and began importing machinery parts with his family. He married Alis in 1995. That same year, a chance meeting would change his fate. He bumped into his old classmate Oktay Yenal in Taksim. A teacher at Boğaziçi, Yenal had been transferred to Erzurum, so he asked Manukyan if he would take over his teaching duties at Boğaziçi. On September 14, Manukyan began a career that he would devote his life to.

In 1958, he was awarded a Fulbright scholarship and began a graduate degree in business administration. In 1960, he returned to Turkey, continuing both with teaching, and the family business. In 1971 RC became Boğaziçi University and Manukyan became a faculty member. He earned a reputation as a lively professor who brought a wealth of real world experience and anecdotes to the classroom. His former student Cem Boyner RC 74 says of him "From Arman Hoca, I learnt that profits might one day be recorded as losses, that even happiness has a cost, and also how to be a man,".

Although he retired in 1982, Manukyan continued teaching part-time. Indefatigable, for the past 10 years, he has taught Contemporary Issues in Accounting once a week.

"I will teach as long as I live," he has said.





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Kenan Şahin, RA 60, Honored For Contributions to US

ducator, entrepreneur and business leader Kenan E. Şahin, RA 60, was honored by the International Institute of Boston recently as the recipient of its 2006 Golden Door Award for his "outstanding contribution to American society". Dr. Şahin is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of TIAX LLC, a leading collaborative product and technology development firm that accelerates innovation to help clients achieve growth and create an impact in the market—and in people's lives. TIAX was formed in April 2002 from the Technology and Innovation business of Arthur D. Little, Inc. and continues to operate at Acorn Park in Cambridge, Mass., with over 50 laboratories and more than 200 engineers and scientists.

Interviewed for a commemorative film shown at the Golden Door award ceremony this year, Şahin sums up his life lessons. "Everything is possible", he learned at MIT. He urges the audience to "Lead a life of inquiry". Referring to his own father who was a great story teller, he stresses the importance of good communication, a skill that requires empathy with

Şahin first went to the US as a student in 1961 to attend MIT, with just \$50 in his pocket. He worked on developing and patenting a format which would anticipate the Internet, allowing computers to communicate with each other. He subsequently carved out an extraordinary career in technology development. In 1999, he sold his company Kenan Systems to Lucent Technologies and became vice-president at Bell Laboratories, its software division. In 2003, he was chosen one of 40 worldwide technological pioneers by the World Economic Forum.

The first Golden Door Award event was held in 1971 and has since become a unique tradition to honor a U.S. citizen of foreign birth who has made an outstanding contribution to American society.

Şahin has been an RC Trustee since 1999. He lives in Boston with his wife Andrea



Boğaziçi Educator Honored

n honor of his 50 years of service, Vedat Yerlici RC Eng 51, a long-time professor of engineering and senior administrator at Boğaziçi University, was singled out for his contributions to the school by having a conference hall dedicated to his name.

Vedat Yerlici graduated from RC Eng in 1951 and began teaching at the school in February 1956. In his 50 years of service, he played a key role both as an educator and an administrator during momentous changes, including the transition from Robert College to Boğaziçi University.

In 1969, Prof. Yerlici became the first Turkish dean of Robert College Engineering School, a position he held until 1982. Under his leadership, the school expanded its undergraduate and graduate programs and introduced two new departments, Industrial Engineering and Nuclear Engineering. Prof Yerlici also contributed to the founding of Vedat Yerlici RC Eng 51 the Seismic Engineering Research Institute, The Environmental Engineering Research Institute and the Biomedical Engineering Research Institute at BU.

> A well-loved teacher in the Construction Engineering department, Prof. Yerlici was an inspiration to many students over his 50-year teaching career. In the 1968-69 academic years, he was nominated by students for the McNeal Award for 'Best

The Vedat Yerlici Conference Hall was officially dedicated on June 27, 2006, at a ceremony commemorating Prof. Yerlici's 50 years of service, led by BU rector Prof. Ayşe Soysal, ACG 67. The building on the main BU campus includes several seminar rooms and two conference halls and hosts graduate seminars and scientific conferences.



Leading Turkish Banker Karaçam Publishes Yapı Kredi Memoirs

Many a Turkish journalist has described Burhan Karaçam RA 68 as the prince of Turkey's banking sector. Karaçam is probably best known for his 12-year tenure at the helm of Yapı Kredi, one of Turkey's largest banks. The period was an eventful one in the bank's life, coming as it did in the midst of 1980s economic expansion, and then continuing through the entry of its owner Çukurova into mobile phone company Turkcell - a move that would have profound impact on the bank's position. Karaçam has collected his impressions of this

fascinating period in Orası Yapı Kredi Fark Oradaydı (That Was Yapı Kredi, That Was the Difference), published by Yapı Kredi Yayınları. In his foreword, Karaçam explains that he wrote the book because he wanted "to leave a record". He gives his readers access to the ins and outs of one of Turkey's most successful banking stories, charting both its successes and failures.

Burhan Karaçam describes his tenure as general manager as follows: "In the 12 years that I was general manager (from 1987-1999) Yapı Kredi grew organically and was always first in the sector in many respects....During this period, because the bank was unable to strengthen its own resources by cash capital injection, it grew through the resources created by its human capital."

Karaçam stresses that it was a strong sense of teamwork that made Yapı Kredi the formidable institution it is today. He also discusses the bank's forward-looking policy of investing in the arts and culture, including setting up a successful publishing

Karaçam's analysis provides valuable insight into Turkey's banking sector during a rollercoaster decade and makes for a fascinating read. It will be as interested in the financial world.

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Helping Tiny Babies Live -**Doctor Leads Turkey's Neonatal Care Field**

o two days are the same for Pinar Boncuk Dayanikli, RC 83 who heads the neonatal care unit at Istanbul's American Hospital, one of the few specialized centers in Turkey to offer premature babies a chance of survival.

After graduating from Robert College, Dayanıklı attended medical school at

Istanbul University and became a doctor. Wanting to gain more hands-on experience, PINAR BONCUM she then went to the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, one of Harvard University's teaching hospitals, where she completed a three year residency in pediatrics. "During my years there, I did many rotations in different subspecialties of pediatric care and realized that I loved attending births, taking care of sick babies, doing certain procedures and working with a constant stream of adrenaline in my blood. I wanted to do intensive care, take care of really sick patients and work hard to try and heal."

"I realized that what I wanted to do, also had to be something doable in Turkey. Perhaps something relatively new, something I could make a difference in," she adds. Dayanıklı became a newborn intensive care specialist, known as a neonatologist. She completed a fellowship at the University of California in San Francisco and then returned to Turkey. "In a few months time, I was involved in starting up a brand new unit, educating nurses, attending births (a novel concept then) and slowly building up a reputation

taking care of 500 gram babies, or twins and triplets and sometimes quadruplets."

Neonatology is a field that has been developing since the 1970s with the advent of new drugs and therapies. It is a relatively new but growing field in Turkey. "In neonatology, I believe that every patient is a success story if that baby is going home with her parents. Success should mean a well healed child with no major morbidities, full medical and social adaptation to life," says Dayanıklı. As the degree of prematurity increases, the chances of survival and chances of a problem-free life begin to decrease. Current recommendations are such that resuscitative efforts for a less than 24 week baby (5.5 months) are considered futile. The survival rate of a 24-weeker would be 50% in well developed countries and the chances of leading a life with no major morbidity would be somewhere

Dayanıklı is a treasure trove of miracle stories. "One day we received a call from a father who had a newborn son born at 22 weeks at another institution. Given the statistics for survival, the newborn baby was rightfully placed aside; given some comfort measures, but no resuscitative help. This father believed deep in his heart that his son would make it and he wanted to have the baby transferred to our unit if there was any hope. Reluctantly, we admitted this 400 gram infant (fetus is a better term) to our unit. He had fused eyes (expectedly), gelatinous skin and looked like a true 22 week fetus. Amazingly, he had no lung or heart problems. He was fed without difficulty,

had none of the premature baby problems we are so used to dealing with. He left our hospital on the 95th day, weighing 2,300grams, with no seeing or hearing deficiencies. He has been visiting us on his birthdays and is now 4 years old."

In Dayanıklı's unit, survival is close to 90%. The unit's success rate in dealing with prematurity-related issues such as chronic lung problems, bleeding in the brain, eye problems that could lead to blindness, hearing problems and neurological problems compares

In Turkey, one of the biggest challenges of newborn intensive care is that it is expensive. "Lack of centralized health care makes it very difficult for patients to have access to good care in Turkey," says Dayanıklı. "University and state hospitals are very crowded due to high demand; consequently quality of care suffers because of inadequate personnel or equipment. Private institutions unfortunately can only serve out-of -pocket payers and maybe a very small percentage of privately insured." On a personal level, as a pediatrician, Dayanıklı says that even after many years in practice it is still hard to have to inform parents that their baby not might survive. In dealing with premature babies, Davanikly and her team sometimes have to make decisions regarding life or death. An extremely premature baby who has serious bleeding in the brain decreases her chances of living a normal life to 10-15%. Carrying on with major resuscitative efforts at that point might mean a blind infant who cannot walk or lead a normal life. Parents need to be notified of such risks and a consensus needs to be reached regarding how aggressive one needs to be in treatment.

Families go through very difficult times while their babies are in the unit. In addition to the physical care of the infant, Dayanıklı and her team need to be able to offer emotional support for the families. But the rewards of her job are immense, she says. "Luckily, most newborns get better fast and most premature babies get better with meticulous good care. I can say, without hesitation, that I got what I asked for. I am both happy and proud to be a member of a team of doctors and nurses taking care of these tiny babies."





Istanbul, 14.7.2006

I was very moved by the pages dedicated in my name under the meaningful headline "Thank You Feyyaz Berker" in the Spring / Summer 2006 issue of the RC Quarterly magazine. Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this article.

FROM OUR MAILBAG

All of the positive developments made hand in hand with my fellow Robert College graduates to our school and the Hisar Eğitim Vakfı (Hisar Education Foundation) make me immensely proud and happy.

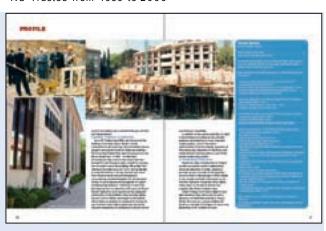
But the principal motivation behind my decision to retire now is my desire to see you young people take over our roles, and watch your innovation and successes along this path.

I would like to thank once again all those friends who supported me unflaggingly during my time in this valuable position and the Robert College Family, who appreciated and valued our efforts.

Affectionately yours,

Feyyaz Berker RC Eng 46 RC Trustee from 1986 to 2006





FUND RAISING

RC Launches 2006-2007 Annual Giving Campaign



obert College launched its 2006-2007 Annual Giving campaign on October 12th, with a Kick-off Dinner at Bizim Tepe attended by Class Agents across the representatives of corporate donors and RC Trustees. Lauding last year's campaign, Headmaster John Chandler noted that 1,742 alumni contributed to the effort, raising a total of more than \$1.5 million. Highlighting the importance of these funds to sustain the school's scholarship program, he said, "The challenge this year, is to do even better, with a goal of surpassing 2000 donors. "

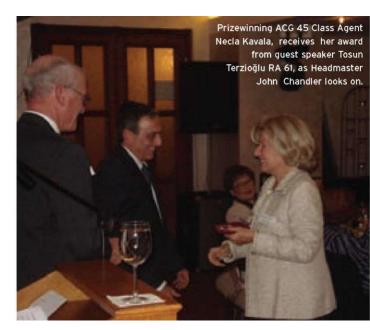
Guest speaker at the event was Prof. Dr. Tosun Terzioğlu RA 61, Sabancı University rector, who spoke about Robert College as "a school which gives a person the values to make them human". "Yes, good education is an expensive enterprise," he said, "but the cost of ignorance is so much

Terzioğlu recounted his own family's involvement with the school as an illustration of the profound and life transforming impact the College can have. His mother, Meliha Cevdet, graduated from a primary school in the

Prof. Dr. Tosun Terzioglu, RA 61.



Kutlu Kazancı RC 96, Serra Levi, Erez Navaro RC 96 and Fulya Çanakçı RC 95



village of Turgutlu on the Aegean coast in 1925. Her father was a big fan of Halide Edip ACG 01, and determined to send his daughter to the same school she was from. Aged 10, Meliha Cevdet traveled to istanbul and began her studies as a boarder at the College. She would go on to study biology and later complete a doctorate in physiology at Yale -one of only two women to receive that degree in 1936.

The evening concluded with the award ceremony to honor the most successful class agents, listed below.



Class Agent Hilmi Guvenal RC 80 and longtime Annual Giving donor Sibel Ankan, RC 73.

2005-2006 Annual Giving Campaign Outstanding Classes

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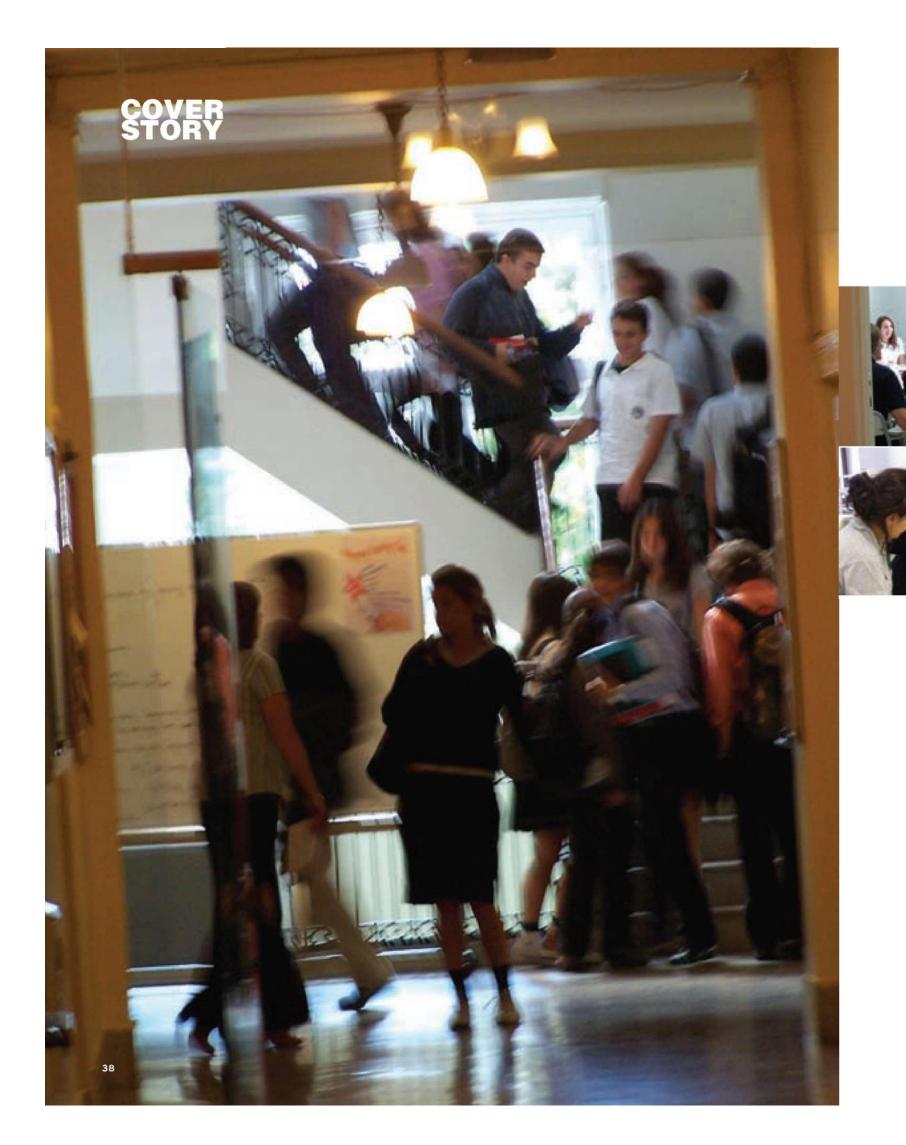
■he opening of the school year each September is a rite that manages to be different and yet unique every time. The air is rich with a sense of possibilities. Like a teenager before a date, the school has been freshly painted and readied. The faculty, energized after a summer which many spend in training and refresher courses abroad, prepare to greet their students. Marble Hall teems with clusters of students happy to be among their friends again, poring over their schedules, trying to figure out where their classes are held... It is an eventful day, full of hope and anticipation for the year ahead, a small time out before the humdrum of day-today living sets in. We hope the following spread brings back a little of that sense of possibility to you. The selection of pictures from this year's Opening Day is intended to capture the many faces of this tradition, ones that will resonate with you, even after many years.



C Headmaster John Chandler wrote the following introduction to this feature. "School opened on a rainy day in September, thus offering the promise that we will have a good year. And so far, that promise has been realized indeed! A dynamic group of new teachers have joined an excellent incoming Lise Prep class to bring additional strength and spirit to the campus.

This year's Opening Ceremony speeches emphasized the importance of a sense of community for Robert College - on campus, in Turkey, and in the world. Please take the time to read Jennifer Sertel's powerful speech in the pages following about what RC students should value. It sets a moral agenda for the school community, and it is one which we will emphasize. (the other speeches, including Turkish Director Güler Erdur and SC President Bürge Abiral L 12, can be found on the on the school website: www.robcol.k12.tr)

Any recent RC graduate knows Jenny Sertel, not only as a superb teacher but for her passionate care for others. Her work in our Outreach program over the years has led to the creation of the WINPEACE peace education program, which brings high school students from Turkey, Greece, and North and South Cyprus together to find ways of understanding each other and to build cultural bridges. Another of Jenny's initiatives is SWETA, a highly successful annual summer program held on the RC campus which provides enrichment courses for English teachers in Anatolian public schools. She



is a force for good at RC, and her spirit is reflected in the words of her speech.

We have spent a great deal of time examining the nature of our own community as well. This has led to the creation of the "Robert College Attitude Goals and Expectations." (see p 38). There is nothing dramatic about this list of basic values, but it is important to see them as the principles which we hold most high in a school devoted to learning and growing in a climate of mutual trust and support. As our students look at the chaos in the world around them, it is ever more important for them to see that a group of people can, in fact, live and work in a community which operates according to shared values. It is one of the things that schools are uniquely able to do, and a school that denies the opportunity is failing its students.

At the same time, we are also examining our residential program to make sure that the boarding students receive the full benefit of the opportunity that they have to live on the RC And it's not just Turkish soldiers who are in danger. Civilians number of 7-day boarders has risen dramatically. Currently, almost 120 (70%) of our boarders are 7-day residents. This means that they come from all over Anatolia, bringing an important diversity to our student body. They are important to the well-being of the school and, at the same time, we have an unusual opportunity to provide for them a comprehensive living and learning experience which goes far beyond the

classes and activities of the day students' lives. Graduates who were boarding students know what I am talking about. Many of their best memories of Robert College are from the

A school is not just about lessons and learning. A good school goes far beyond that, and a great school creates an ethos of caring and mutual support, as well as a sense of belonging, which transforms it into a world of its own. This does not happen by accident. The strengths, traditions and values of Robert College have placed it on a pedestal, both in Turkey and globally. It falls to all of us to be sure that we keep

elow we include excerpts from a moving and though-provoking speech given on Opening Day 2006 by Jennifer Sertel, long-standing English Language and Literature teacher at RC and creator of the innovative Peace Education program.

"What do I want to tell you? So much!

I want to tell you...Be careful! I want to tell you... We have to

It is a dangerous time to be a Turkish soldier these days. YOU are almost that age. Some of you are that age now. are also in danger, especially in places like Lebanon, Gaza,

Afghanistan, Iraq. Bombs are indiscriminate. The 20th century has been one of the most violent periods in human history. Prof Charles Tilly, author of "The Politics of Collective Violence" makes the following shocking observation:

More collective violence was visited upon the world in the twentieth century than in any century of the previous ten thousand years. .Over the century as a whole, the proportion







of war deaths suffered by civilians rose startlingly: according to one estimate, they rose from 5 percent in World War I to 50 percent in World War II, all the way to 90 percent in wars of the 1990s!

Estimates may vary but there is no doubt that it is a dangerous

You as the future leaders of Turkey and the world have to learn how to make the world a more peaceful place. You just have to. I realize that is a huge statement. But I really believe you can do

But there are leaders and there are leaders. Leaders have led the human race into war. Hitler was a leader. But some leaders have inspired the human race to take a difference path: the path towards peace. Gandhi with his principles of nonviolence was, of course,

I can hear your thoughts!! But what can WE do?? What can I do? I am only a student. This woman up there can't expect me to be able to do something to make the world a better place. Come on! Ok. Let me quote Lao Tzu, a Chinese poet who was born in 570

BC. [over 2500 years ago!!] [World lit students will recognize that

If there is to be peace in the world,

There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations, There must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,

There must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors,

There must be peace in the home. If there is to be peace in the home,

RC Attitude Goals / Expectations

Robert College expects its students to meet high standards of behavior. We expect you

Respect all members of the RC community --be polite to everyone, at all times==fellow students, faculty, staff, and workers --be prepared to listen to others in class and --ask task-appropriate questions during assemblies and performances others, including using cell phones at the wrong time and making noise in halls when

Behave honestly and ethically

--do your own work ve credit to those who help you --cite the sources you use

Be proactive about your learning and to be prepared for school

--ask for help when you don't understand --if you are absent, ask the teacher about any work you have missed --come prepared to each class with materials --read the Student Handbook

you need, including paper, books, pens, pencils

-wear the correct clothing for special classes such as labs or PE Be respectful of others' needs

--don't disturb others during class time --practice active listening

--come to school on time

--always be on time for class --hand in assignments on time / meet

--prioritize your tasks and plan ahead individually, according to instructions --take personal responsibility for the tasks you are expected to complete --take responsibility for your contribution in

team efforts Respect and follow school rules --ask questions if you don't understand the rules

--follow the dress code --follow AUP (Acceptable Use Policy) when using computers in the school Take responsibility for your (physical and social) environment --leave spaces you have used (classrooms, canteen, outdoor spaces) clean and orderly

--take care of all school property and report any problems --throw garbage into the proper bins --recycle by placing recyclable items into the labeled bins

displays and other work that is on view throughout the school Contribute to the school community --participate in and support school activities --suggest ways to improve the school --support the Student Council

--get involved in social service

There must be peace in the heart.

Lao Tzu (570-490 B.C.)

start there and think about what you can do.

Peace in the heart. What can you do?

You can get to know yourself know what makes you angry, try to understand that so you can deal with it. Find out what you like. Wholeheartedly explore the topics in your new lessons. Take advantage of our club system so that you find out what you really like to do. The teachers behind me are here to help you in this discovery of their area of expertise. But they and also the counseling staff and all of us are here to help you discover yourself.

Peace in the home. What can you do?

Well, since RC is your home now too, I will talk about peace at RC. Realize the RC attitude goals that Mr. Chandler just

Try to understand your classmates. We all have different backgrounds, viewpoints. Respect your classmates, teachers, the janitors, the staff, everyone. Respect their needs. If their needs conflict with yours, talk about it and REALLY listen to them. Help each other. [But don't cheat!!]

Peace between neighbors and in the cities. What can you

Mr. Chandler also mentioned the CIP community service program. By participating in this, you will learn so much! What other people's realities are like, outside the ivory tower of RC. Responsibility.

For you are getting what is arguably the best education in Turkey. You are lucky. Yes, you worked hard to get in here, but there are other students who, because of circumstances such as poverty, or geography could have been here instead of you. You, with your advantages, have a responsibility to others. Think about what you can do to make a difference for

someone else. It could be teaching web design to some kids in a state school in Beşiktaş. If that sounds neat, go talk to Lao Tzu is saying that peace starts first in the heart. So let's Cengiz bey, [he mentioned that the other day]. It could be being a big brother or sister to an orphan, to make a difference in one life. Start an environmental awareness program. There is so much to do. Come talk to me or Güler Karabatur, the head of the CIP committee, or Esra hanim, or Mr. Welch or your teachers about your ideas.

> Peace between nations what can I do? I think if we have dealt with peace in the heart, at home and between neighbors and cities, that might be enough. We can't tackle peace between nations. But then again, talk to the kids who went to the WINPeace Conflict Resolution Workshop in Cyprus this summer. They may have some ideas about peace between nations, or maybe the MUN or EYP kids. Learn about what is happening in the world -maybe some of you might want to go into the foreign service. But what Lao Tzu meant was that all the other sorts of peace....in oneself, in the home, between friends, neighbors and cities...all influence, in their own way, peace between nations. Atatürk said it a slightly different way with his famous words: peace at home, peace in the world.

What I want to say is, take advantage of RC. Take advantage of the teaching staff, the people in the offices, the library, the arts program, the club program.

Enjoy your friends. Nurture your friendships... for the friendships you form here will last a lifetime.

And of course. Learn. There is so much to learn.

Learn as much as you can this year about yourself and about what you want to do.

Learn about others. Learn about the world. Do your best and learn your Chemistry, and Physics, and Math but also learn how to be human [or humane].

So, what can you do? You can do a lot.

I want to close with the words of the great anthropologist, Margaret. Mead:

"A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Wouldn't you like to be in that small group of thoughtful people that could change the world? There are many RC graduates in that small group. ibrahim Betil comes to my mind immediately. He was the head of Pamukbank but he gave that up and started TEGV and then TOG. He has touched the lives of thousands and thousands of poor Turkish children by giving them a boost in their education. Or Osman Kavala, a businessman who believes in the healing power of art. He started a cultural center in Diyarbakır so that the people there can experience the Arts just as we can in Istanbul. Or Çaglar Keyder and Ayse Buğra, professors at B.U. who have set up a The Social Policy Forum to study poverty. These are just people that pop into my mind because they are friends or acquaintances of mine. But there are many. I hope you will join their ranks and try to use your smarts and your advantages to,

Do your best this year in your new job of learning. Learn whatever you can about the world and yourself." Photo credits: Oya Nuzumlalı RC 02

in some way, make the world a better place.



MEMORIES

Commemorating an ACG Graduate: Selma Ekrem'22

By Kutluğhan Soyubol

Masters student and teaching assistant in the History A department at Boğaziçi University, Kutluğhan Soyubol was interested in exploring the parallels between the

Ottoman and Japanese modernization experiences. Focusing on two prominent Japanese and Turkish women, he soon realized the two coincidentally knew each other. To find out more about one of the women, Selma Ekrem, Soyubol delved into the ACG archives. The following article recounts what he

Fame is a funny creature. Just as the history of RC and ACG is full of legendary graduates whose names live on in posterity, it is also replete with others who achieved success in their lifetimes but whom history might not remember. My research led me to discover one such extraordinary character, Selma Ekrem, granddaughter of the famous Ottoman poet and intellectual Namik Kemal, and a graduate of the ACG class of

Selma published three books in the United States. Her first book Unveiled: The Autobiography of a Turkish Girl published in New York in 1930 was a great success; republished four times in the United States and also in UK. Selma later published a children's history again in New York in 1947 entitled Turkey: Old and New, and in 1964 an "orientalist" story book, Turkish Fairy Tales. (Copies of Unveiled can be found at both the RC and the Boğaziçi libraries).

I was working on Selma in comparison with a Japanese acquaintance of hers, Baroness Ishimoto Shidzue. These two women had contacted each other via the American feminists Mary Ritter Beard and Grace Gallatin Seton-Thompson in the 1930s. I already had a lot of archival material on Ishimoto and needed to find out more about Selma Ekrem. I decided to go through the AGC/RC archives in search of Selma, her sister Beraat and her schoolmates.

The college archives seemed like a bottomless pit at first. College archivist Zeynep Gözüsulu and I were not sure where to begin. My best bet was to search for her name in the issues of the Constantinople College Quarterly. The Quarterly was the her graduation. literary magazine published by students of the college. consisting of short stories and poems written by them. It also includes college and alumnae news of the period and goes back to the years when the college was in Üsküdar.

At the beginning it was circulated among students in a huge notebook and in a handwritten format. Later it was put in a printed format and became a mass publication of students of the college. It was then printed by "Zellich Broders in Yazıcı



Street" or "American Printing House in Pera Teke Caddesi."

The first related name to catch our eyes in various issues of the quarterly was Beraat Ekrem. Beraat wrote a lot of stories and articles for the Quarterly. She was a contributing editor and later managing editor of this publication. Oddly, her name cannot be found in ACG/RC records in Arnavutköy. But through that Quarterly we learned that she had graduated in 1924. And according to the alumnae notes of the November 1924 issue she started to work at the Ionian Bank right after

We also find a lot of material concerning our heroine Selma Ekrem. Selma obviously comes from a "family of letters." Her grandfather Namik Kemal is considered one of the pillars of modern Turkish literature. Her father Ali Ekrem Bolayır also had a distinguished writing career and taught Turkish literature both in Lycée de Galatasaray and University of Istanbul for many years. Despite that Selma did not produce any literature for the College Quarterly. Still a lot of issues of it





are full of news and information about her.

In her autobiography Unveiled, Selma recalls ACG as her "haven during the Allied occupation years." "Perched on a hill and cut off from the rest of Stamboul, we lived days of our own" she says, "I had turned more and more towards my college which I loved. She had given me action which I needed. It was impossible to watch the Allies in Stamboul with folded arms. All that intensity of feeling I put in my love for sports. The delights of a rough game of basketball, of baseball, put out of my mind the sorrow and humiliation which came upon me when I went home. And in these days of oppression, the college was one place where I felt free."

The College Quarterly confirms that Selma was clearly a good athlete. The College News section in the May 1922 issue of College Quarterly announces that Selma had received a "cup for being the best all round athlete." She was also director of the Athletic Association from the very beginning. The November 1921 issue of the Quarterly gives news concerning the establishment of the association: "Another baby is born in College, a sister to the various associations. She is called the Athletic Association and for the present is under the tender care of Miss Selma Ekrem." The same issue also informs us that Selma was commanding one of the two squadrons of the Language League in the college. We came across her name in many issues of the quarterly between 1920 and 1922. The November 1922 issue tells us that Selma continued to stay at the college as one of nine graduate

The January 1924 issue declares that she "recently left Constantinople for America." She would live in New York and Washington D.C. and travel around the country for lecture tours on Turkey which was going to be her way of earning her life in America. (For more about her life in America until 1930. see Unveiled. 1931, pp. 251-277.)

She would return to Istanbul one and a half years later, and the November 1925 issue of the quarterly announces it this time in its Alumnae News: "Miss Selma Ekrem'22, is back from her trip to the U.S.A. where she lectured on the customs and literature of Turkey."

Selma presumably visited her Alma Mater many times after

her return. She was also active as a member of the Alumnae Association and gave a speech that year during the Association's election ceremony. The issue of April 1926 describes this event: "On the day of the elections, a luncheon was prepared where several members of the Faculty of Constantinople College, including the president and Dr. and Mrs. Murray, were present. Two very interesting speeches were given by Miss Mary A: Hall, head of the Chemistry Department in College, and Miss Selma Ekrem, a member of the Alumnae

Association, graduate of the year 1922."

Selma returned to America after spending some time with her family and friends in Istanbul. "America is a tonic that one has to take in small doses" she says in her autobiography. Her life henceforth would be split between the US and Turkey. She would publish many books, give lectures on "old Turkey" and attend feminist circles in America. She would also work in the Turkish Consul's office in New York and in the Turkish Embassy in Washington D. C.; and write regularly for the Christian Science Monitor from late 1950s until 1972. Turkey would become her vacation address, where she came to rest and visit

It is impossible to say when Selma Ekrem's reputation started to fade. But it is quite clear that by the 1970s she had almost completely lost her audience as a writer. She became seen as someone belonging to a world which no longer existed. She was still trying to write about the old Turkey, the beauties of the Bosphorus, cosmopolitan Istanbulite life and the tyranny of the Sultans. Eventually she got out of the scene, and ended up in a coastal town in New England in 1986, where

Correspondingly, her name also fades from the annals of her Alma Mater. The Alumnae Magazine of the Constantinople Woman's College issued in March 1931 is a good example of the interest shown in her international achievements by the ACG community of the period. Her autobiography Unveiledwas reviewed with great pomp in this issue together with one of Halide Edib's recent books, Turkey Faces West. The two graduates are held up as success stories the college community was proud of.

It appears that Selma was in Turkey in this period as "The Class Notes" of the same issue inform us that she "will tour." They were right; she certainly would. And she would probably come and go until she grew old and lost her bonds with her country and college, probably as her relatives and college friends passed away over time. Then she, like others among her schoolmates, has to wait for someone from this "new world" to find her name hidden in the great bulk of the college archives, and old publications and celebrate her life.

VENUES WE RUN







Turks Tune into Karaoke

riginally as Japanese an invention as sushi or manga, karaoke is fast taking over the rest of the world. In major cities across the globe, getting onstage to sing in public at karaoke bars and clubs has now become a favorite pastime for people of all ages. The karaoke craze is finally set to sweep istanbul with the opening of the first dedicated karaoke club, Klub Karaoke in Beyoğlu.

Serra Ciliv, RC 92, is one of four founders of Klub Karaoke, located off Istiklal Caddesi in premises which used to house the popular Godet nightclub. The idea first came about because "one of our partners is crazy about karaoke and insisted that everyone else would soon be, as well", she says. After three months of renovations, Klub Karaoke opened its doors in May. It boasts three themed rooms - the intimate 15-person Tokyo Room, a cosy red-and-black affair, the aptly named leather-and-chains Fetish Room, and upstairs, a funfilled 100-person space called the Zoo. In addition, the main bar area has several screens and microphones where customers can hang out on their own, or stop by to sing a song or two on their way elsewhere. The venue has been a suprise instant success. "At first we weren't all sure whether people would take to the idea immediately. But we soon realised that deep down everyone loves to perform publicly, no matter how out of tune or embarassing it might seem. It's a great way to let off steam," says Ciliv. The venue is popular with groups celebrating birthdays, hen nights and even companies wanting to offer their employees a different kind of

She points to herself as a recent convert. "I had never held a microphone in my hand. And people still tell me that I shouldn't. But I do practice if there is an empty room, and who knows, maybe I'll be out there singing in the central bar area one fine Friday night!" For her, Klub Karaoke's greatest asset is that it is most definitely not one of those uptight urban spaces where people feel they should act cool. "Here, everyone's best buddies by the end of the night, bad voices unify people in the sweetest of ways." Open five days a week, Klub Karaoke has both English and Turkish language songs in its database of 25,000 tunes. It also has Japanese and Korean songs for visiting tourists.

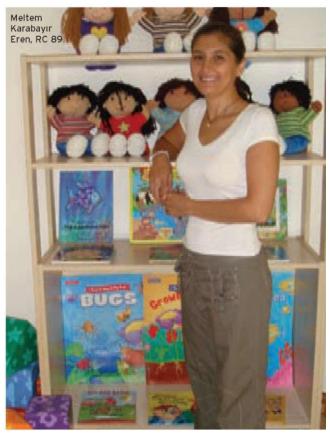
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New Arts Center Nurtures Budding Picassos

When you ask a child why they like making art", says child psychologist Meltem Karabayır Eren, RC 89, "they will tell you it's because they feel completely free. There is no pressure, they don't feel like they are being judged or worried about making a mistake." Eren is such a firm believer in the power of art as a developmental tool, she recently opened the Fine Hearts Studio in Beşiktaş, a center designed to help pre-schoolers learn in a creative environment. The Studio is open to children between the ages of 1.5 and seven. It offers a different program each month, based on a famous painter like Monet, Picasso, Degas or Van Gogh. While learning about the painter's life on the one hand, the kids also experiment with different arts techniques. "Although art is mainly visual, it is connected to all types of intelligence," says Eren. "When the kids embark on an artistic activity, they make a range of decisions from what they're going to do, which colors they want to use, to how they're going to position the paper. This is hugely important to their development." Activities at the Studio are in English. "Our goal here is to try and take advantage of a critical window in the child's development by exposing them to English songs, games, stories. This will help them speak English like a native speaker in the years

Even as a student, Eren knew she wanted to work with children. While a psychology undergraduate at Boğaziçi University, she spent her free time working with Sema Ulcay, retired Psychology teacher at RC and former director of the Child Development Center on the RC campus. "Sema Hanım was very influential in getting me interested in pre-school education," Eren told us. After working at the Center for nine years post-graduation, Eren decided last year to branch out on her own, offering pre-schoolers a different kind of activity center. "There are a lot of places like the Fine Hearts Studio abroad. But not that many in Turkey, which offer arts activities for pre-schoolers outside the framework of a school." she says. Although it has been hugely rewarding psychologically, Eren says it has been an uphill struggle at times. Many Turkish parents are unfamiliar with the idea of focused children's activities which take up two hours, as opposed to a whole day. This requires a different approach to parenting that is only just taking hold. But Eren is optimistic. "In time, there will be more and more places like this in Turkey. Interest in the Studio just keeps growing."



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Economist Takes Know-how to Online Dating Market

professor of economics at the University of Chicago, Ali Hortacsu, RC92 has an unusual take on a field most people associate with number crunching and abstract mathematical models of monetary issues. His research applies different models to try and predict the nature of interaction in areas as unconventionally real world as eBay or the online dating market - with astonishing success.

The conventional economist belief is that in markets, price will adjust to make supply equal demand. Hortacsu says his research tries to figure out how market institutions in the real world equilibrate supply and demand, and formulate ways to make them operate more efficiently. For instance, auctions are typically a good way to find the price at which supply equals demand because the price of any good goes up until only one bidder remains. But what happens, Hortacsu asks, in

a market like eBay when some bidders are experts who know a lot more about the quality/value of the good than others or where bidders can see how much other people bid. On eBay, where auctions have a set ending time, an expert may enter her bid at the very last second -- so that other, less-informed bidders do not have time to respond.

"There are many details present in real-world markets that create room for a rich array of strategic interactions," says Hortacsu. "Quite a bit of my work focuses on writing down mathematical models to try to predict the nature of strategic interactions that may arise in real world markets." The example on eBay for instance is from a paper he wrote with Patrick Bajari in which they tested several predictions of a strategic model of bidding using data from eBay. That paper was the first to use eBay as an "online laboratory" (as the New York Times put it) and received a lot of attention from economic researchers around the world. Hortacsu has conducted similar studies of deregulated electricity markets (which use auctions to determine the price of electricity for every hour) and some very large auctions conducted in financial markets (for example, the US government auctions around 2 trillion dollars of debt every year). Bidding in these auctions



is considerably more difficult to model mathematically -- but Hortacsu says his mathematical models of strategic behavior (derived using game theory) can explain bidder behavior "extremely well". "The nice thing about having a mathematical model that can fit observed data is that you can then use the model to answer all sorts of questions like 'what will happen if we change the bidding rules?'" he says. Methods developed by Hortacsu have been used by researchers studying monetary policy

operations of the European Central Bank and Treasury auctions in Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic and Korea to assess the prospective gains/losses from reforming auction rules.

It is not that far a conceptual leap from these studies to online dating, Hortacsu says, as it is not "a big stretch to think about the process of finding a spouse as participating in a 'market'".

He explains: "I started my research on online dating to study how this market clears in the absence of prices. Basically, what we observe are a round of e-mails by men (and sometimes women) to initiate contact and to (hopefully) get a date. Some of these e-mails lead to a conversation, which may turn into a first date or even a marriage; some of the e-mails may fall on deaf ears, or be responded to with a polite "No." What my collaborators and I quickly realized is that the patterns of who decides to e-mail who, and who replies affirmatively to who, reveal a lot about how each side of the market values the attributes of a potential match. Moreover, we can also analyze the trade-offs between different attributes -- for example, how much more income a man has to have in order to compensate for being shorter than average (yes, it's a very shallow world out there); or how much income is needed to overcome racial boundaries (a lot). We also are able to compare the revealed preferences (based on people's e-mailing behavior) regarding race vs. stated preferences -- what we document is that people who state that race is not a factor for them make choices (when endailing and/or replying) that are no different from those who express a preference for a same-race match. In this market, as in others, actions speak much louder than words." Hortacsu hopes to be able to apply his findings to aid online dating companies to provide better recommendations to their users as to who they should consider asking out for a date. Today, the number of people registered on a company like Match.com, especially in large metro areas, is getting far beyond the number of profiles that an average user has time to browse through. Their results can help companies like Match.com make personalized recommendations to their users, and search more efficiently.

"I never thought that getting a Ph.D. in economics would place me squarely in the matchmaking business," he says, laughing. "But I think the marriage market is one of the most important markets in the world, and I'll be very happy if some of my research can help make this particular market operate more efficiently."



or someone who graduated from Robert College as recently as six years ago, Aslı Abbasoğlu, RC 2000, has ensured her star has begun to sparkle by making her mark in the cutthroat world of fashion in Turkey.

An exceptional student, Aslı received her degree in Fashion Design from the prestigious Parsons School of Design in Paris, having been awarded the accolade of "Sophomore of the Year" for her first two years, which led her to pack her sewing machine and head for the lights of New York where she completed her final two years. In New York, she participated in various design competitions organized by the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA), where her greatest achievement was to reach the semi finals. Not content with this result, Aslı went on to participate in the "Design in Denim" competition jointly organized by Calvin Klein and Nylon Magazine, which not surprisingly, she won.

Under the tutelage of young designer to the stars Patrick Rzepski, Asli finished her thesis which was inspired from the ballet of Scheherazade and Bakst, for which she was ultimately awarded the "Parsons Golden Thimble" award. World famous department store Saks Fifth Avenue was so impressed by the quality of the designs displayed at the fashion show at the end of the semester that some creations were displayed in the store's windows.

Armed with her knowledge, experience and drive, Aslı decided to return to the innovative fashion scene in Istanbul. After working for a year and a half for Abbate as assistant to famed designer Ümit Ünal, she has just transferred to Beymen Club. At Abbate, her work took her regularly to Como, Italy, home to many famous tie-makers, where in a short space of time she selected designs and then adapted them to the Turkish market. Aslı has also been given the opportunity to develop herself further by working on Ümit Ünal's out-of-office projects such as organizing fashion shows.

Aslı told the RCQ that she emphasizes at every opportunity how important it has been to be an RC graduate. She said "At RC students are given the opportunity to nurture talents and are encouraged to develop their interest in specific subjects. Students can develop skills through the wide variety of lessons that are available. I had the opportunity to develop my creative side by taking lessons such as film making and film analysis, which prepared me thoroughly for when I went on to study fashion. Robert College has an excellent reputation overseas which has always been to my advantage and RC taught me to be able to develop my thoughts and to be open minded."





REUNIONS





RA 66 Celebrates 40th Reunion

"On my graduation day, I had dreams larger than the universe but they soon proved to be no better than summer rains. Yes, I was aware of the simple recipe for success in life, ambition and intuition, of which I had a lot. Yet, it was much easier said than done. The road was long and full of hurdles. I doubted my abilities and lost trust in myself times and again but perseverance paid its good dividends!" With these words, my now plump cheeked and grey haired class mate summarized his 40 years abroad. I would not be able to recognize him if the organizing committee had not pinned his graduation photo to his collar.

Then I began to tell him my story. Before we knew it, we

had surrendered to the captivating taste of our drinks, mine wine and his, the very much missed "rakı". It was 7:30 PM, Friday evening, June 16, 2006. Celebration of the 40th anniversary of the graduation of the Class of RA 66 had begun with cocktails on the "Semiramis I" boat over the Bosphorus. Most of the graduates were there. Many had flown from various places around the globe where they live. Though some of us were meeting occasionally and seeing each other here in Istanbul, there were quite a few whom we had not seen for forty years. The nostalgic evening continued with dinner at the "Feriye Restaurant" in Ortaköy. We were so occupied with school memories that we did not mind our wives enjoying the magnificent view, the delicious food and the live music. The hottest table was, of course, the bachelors' one, where also our beloved teacher Münir Aysu was hosted. Enthusiasm reached its peak when the CD featuring the campus life was shown. The CD was dedicated to the eleven RA 66 graduates who had gone to eternity. Next day we gathered in the Anderson Hall study wearing T-shirts displaying the class picture taken 40 years ago on the seats in front of that very same building. As I entered the building I breathed in deeply the beautiful scent of the past. We, who have been drifted to all walks of life throughout these years, had gathered under the same roof again joined by the mere fact of all of us being class mates in the best years of our lives. There, Mr. Richard Reid led us through an interesting debate on the political, social, and cultural changes that our country has gone through since 1966. Feeling somewhat depressed we left the Anderson Hall but the moment we got on board of the boat which was going to take us to the hotel in Heybeliada we managed to cheer up again, "Merit Halki Palas Hotel" was an architectural beauty with a majestic atmosphere but it did not meet our expectations about being embraced by young and hot beauties as we entered our rooms. Nevertheless, each and every one of us enjoyed the dinner at the pool side and the "mavra" over the night.

Our motto for this reunion was "kirk yilda bir" so the organizing committee, had wanted it to be very special. It turned out to be very special indeed not because it was extravagant and spendthrift but because it was a REUNION of the hearts filled with the love and joy of those beautiful old times. As a member of the Class of 66, I enjoyed every moment of it and as a member of the organizing committee, it was worth every effort. When would we dare do it again? Only time can tell... Contributed by Rifat Tokyay RA 66



Class of ACG 71 - 35 at Heart

Yes!! We all felt 35 at heart at our 35th reunion this year!

July 1-2 was a special weekend for the class of ACG 71. Coming from all over the world for this occasion, we embraced each other with affection and joy.

From Ankara came Ferhunde Us, Solmaz Dora, Meral Pinar. From Antalya Nimet Kalkay; From Izmir Sevinc Bozok and from Bodrum Füsun Doruker.

From USA came Perlette Abuisak, Lale Gerçel and Marie Kibrityan; From Germany Banu Yakar; From

Switzerland; Bibis (Simone) Adato; From UK Elian Acıman and from Greece Ekaterini Köseoğlu-From Istanbul/Milan and 5 countries that she has to visit each month, came Neriman Tar.

And those of us living in Istanbul.... Although some of us see each other occasionally, this was different.

After the meeting on the famous steps of Gould Hall, the group proceeded to a beautiful boat for dinner on the Bosphorus where each one of us was greeted with a red rose sent by Kubilay, husband of Gülay Aybarlas Dörter. Kubilay was nominated and selected a "husband of ACG 71".

We spent the night in the dorm. The living room in the dorm was filled with laughter, tears and emotion that night

Breakfast at Bizim Tepe the next morning was crashed by some "breakfast crasher" husbands. We got the chance to meet Marie Kibrityan's husband and two children who came from the USA. Hülya Ozar's daughter, who lives in Italy, was also there. But the most touching surprise was to see the baby grand-daughter of Nadire Hattatoğlu who passed away so young.

Throughout the weekend the greatest activity was talking: We talked all at once or in groups or tete-a-tete because we were so eager to catch up with each other.

We remembered with sorrow those of us whom we lost. We were concerned about those who were sick. Good news of children made us happy for each other. We realized with joy that some of us are already grandmothers.

And of course we took pictures! Literally hundreds of them. We are sharing the pictures with each other and with those who wish to see the memories of this wonderful weekend at http://photos.yahoo.com/s bibioglu. Contributed by Şafak Uzunova Bibioğlu ACG 71



RC 76 Celebrates 30th Reunion

RC 76 celebrated its 30th reunion on June 29th at the Sait Halim Paşa Yalısı, with 92 graduates from as far away as the US, Israel and various European countries in attendance. The venue had special significance - 30 years earlier the class had held its graduation ball on the same premises. In addition to the usual suspects, Asuman Türkün, Leyla Bali, Selim Çetiner, Ceyda Ergin, Nejat Eğilmez, Işıl Şenel Barlan, Yasef Tovya and Karen Gerson were among first-time attendees of our reunions. Organizers chose not to book live music for the event and the group preferred to chat and catch up on years past.

Some of our classmates sponsored parts of the evening. Ayşen Zamanpur, of Silk & Cashmere, had special 30th year t-shirts printed and distributed to the class free of charge. Referring both to our maturity and our exceptionally well-connected class, the T-shirts had the popular whisky slogan "well blended, well aged" written on them. The music was provided by Tansı Yıldırımer while the film and photographs from the evening were financed by Serdar Koçtürk.

It was unclear who exactly sponsored the female dancers! Although it was announced as Hilmi Kayhan, who was unable to attend, suspicion fell on AA and BB. This piece was contributed by Nedim Ölçer RC 76, who added, "I've never been great at writing. Dear Ekrem Yirmibeşin used to say when tossing me back my papers - "it's like rabbit dung, neither smelly nor does it spread." I always got 5 out of 10. So that's it from me."







25 Years On - The Class of 1981

The Class of 81 celebrated their 25th anniversary this summer. The reunion took place on the 15th and 16th of July on campus. It required around two months of organization, thanks to all involved, especially Şebnem, Erdem, Birgül and Banu. The classmates who came from all over the world, USA, Germany, Italy, Bursa, izmir and Bodrum, had so much to discuss that the two days were not enough and thus the reunion was followed by mini reunions in Istanbul and Bodrum. On the 15th, the class met at the steps in front of Gould Hall for a cocktail and tiring (!!) reunion photographs. We had so much fun as you can see at the photograph here. The dinner was served on the terrace in front of Suna Kıraç Hall. Ahmet Uluğ organized the DJ and the marvelous music during the dinner which took us back to good old 1980s. The multi vision show reminded us again of our school days and our long chats continued until early morning hours, first on the plateau and then at the dorm. Forty of us stayed at the new boys' dorm in Bingham Hall, and went back to Orta school days when we learned to become 'young adults.' The new day brought more excitement and joy as we met with our families on the plateau. Ice cream was the favorite among kids of all ages at the picnic brunch. There were plenty of us -around 130- plenty of food and of course plenty of talk and laughter again. Everyone was happy, there were so many things to be shared and the time passed too quickly. So, until the next get together. Contributed by Şebnem Yaşarol, RC 81



REUNIONS





Class of 96 Celebrates 10th Year Reunion

It was only yesterday we held our graduation day at the Maze. The Class of 96 crying their eyes out, getting ready to go to various different places after seven years of being together. And then we blinked... After 10 years, with the help of our RC 96 yahoo group -which hardly ever got any postings, our group moderator Erez Navaro and myself, by pure luck; with this I mean running into people I hadn't seen for 10 years at Akmerkez, managed to collect en mails, decide upon the date, the venue and the event in a matter of two weeks. Unfortunately many classmates lived abroad and could not make it at such short notice, but a mental note was made that we should plan and organize at least a year in advance so everyone could plan their vacations accordingly. We had lunch at our beloved Plateau on June 25th. Catering was by the RC Cafeteria since we wanted to remember the taste of the famous meatballs (in memory of the lost cats of the campus) once again. Even Bilal from "the Yemekhane" was present and he remembered every one of us by name which came as a shock to some of us who had difficulty remembering the way to school. Fifty people showed up with girlfriends, boyfriends, husbands and wives. This was a very small number, but a promising start. We even had an unborn visitor along with our classmate Melike Gürkaynak Erbaşı who is due to give birth in October 2006.

After satisfying our longing for the Plateau, we wanted to check out Bizim Tepe and drink some cold beer on this very hot day. We managed to re-live a high school flashback yet once again, after being kicked out (!!) of the bridgeroom by our older schoolmates. The day began at 11.00 and lasted until 18:00. We didn't want to part, gave promises to meet at least once every year and to keep track of each other. Deep inside we all knew these were promises we were not going to be able to keep, but we are going to try...

Contributed by Mehveş Dramur Yardımcı RC 96



The Foundation runs a series of fascinating courses on art history, arts and culture, open to anyone. A selection of upcoming courses includes: Art and Architecture in Byzantium's Eastern Neighbours - I

Art Historian HAYRİ FEHMİ YILMAZ 8 Hours / Thursdays / 19.00 - 21.00 / 02.11 / 09.11 / 16.11 / 23.11 Cost: 180 YTL Registration deadline: 20.10.2006 World Religions of Antiquity

Doç. Dr. KÜRŞAT DEMİRCİ 8 Hours / Tuesdays / 19.00 - 21.00 / 07.11 / 14.11 / 21.11 / 28.11 Cost: 180 YTL Registration deadline: 20.10.2006 Art and Life in Russia - II

Doç. Dr. ERHAN BÜYÜKAKINCI 10 Hours / Wednesdays / 19.00 - 21.00 / 08.11 / 15.11 / 22.11 / 29.11 / 06.12 Cost: 225 YTL Registration deadline: 20.10.2006





REACHES OUT

S.O.S - Protecting Turkey's Cultural Heritage

Rich in cultural heritage and history, Turkey doesn't always act like it knows it. A series of recent scandals involving the theft of archeological treasures from museums around Turkey has brought home once again the lack of cultural awaress about protecting our heritage.

Fortunately, since 2003, the Cultural Awareness Foundation, created by a group of 148 prominent academics, business people, artists, archeologists, architects and art historians has made it a mission to raise awareness of this key issue. Leyla Sürmeli, RC 72, general manager of the Foundation says: "Our mission is to make sure our cultural heritage is transmitted in a healthy way to the next generations, and to raise social sensitivity and awareness about protecting our cultural and natural resources."

The foundation takes a multi-dimensional approach to its work. On an eduational level, it has been expanding a Cultural Ants (Kültür Karıncaları) program which aims to enhance the cultural values of primary school children through a variety of creative acitivites. The activities are conducted by volunteers and students. Some of the schools they work with are Beylerbeyi Türkan Sedefoğlu ilköğretim Okulu, Kağıthane Zuhal ilköğretim Okulu, Kocaeli Rahmiye ilköğretim Okulu, Bursa Nuri Erbak ilköğretim Okulu, Fener Tarık Us ilköğretim Okulu and Balat Kırımlı Aslanbey ilköğretim Okulu

A second major project area is the European Union- İŞKUR "Active Labor Programs Project, A Plan for New Opportunities". The Project is designed to revive wood worksmanship, to ensure that correct renovation techniques for wooden buildings are passed down through generations and to increase the longevity of wooden buildings.

At the end of the course, 26 participants received the Wood Worksmanship Expertise Certificate. Two buildings in the Zeyrek area which were restored by the participants as part of their field work were given by the Foundation to the Fatih Municipality to be restored to their owners.

The foundation also works outside istanbul. In the antique site of Perge, they run a campaign to help re-erect the marble columns along the famous Kings Walk and around the Agora. Through the campaign, in 2004, 16 columns, in 2005, 37 columns and in 2006, 21 columns were erected. Donors are given a plaque on site in thanks.

How you can get involved

The foundation is non-profit. All its running costs are met by donations from trustees and other individuals, institutions and companies. Project-specific funding opportunities exist, as do corporate sponsorship opportunities. Seminars are one way the foundation can raise funds as course contributions go directly to fund the foundation's work in other fields. In addition, volunteers are always welcome to help out with the Culture Ants (Kültür Karıncaları) activities. For more details, contact Leyla Sürmeli. Cultural Awareness Foundation Barbaros Bulvarı Pınar Apt No 135 K:4 D: 7 Balmumcu istanbul Tel: 0212 347 2425 Email: lsurmeli@kulturbilinci.org www.kulturbilinci.org

ALUMNI NEWS



Şiar Yalçın RC 43

A very colorful and energetic RC graduate, Şiar Yalçın is a retired judge and public prosecutor. Born in istanbul, he finished the English High School for Boys before entering RC. He studied law in istanbul and Paris. He is not only fascinated by law but also literature and languages, arts and sports, history and bridge and has translated 50 plus books on various subjects. He lived in Paris for six years and has traveled all over Europe.

Yalçın can be contacted at siaryalcin@hotmail.com

Peter Engelmann RC Eng 44

Peter Engelmann and his wife Judy visited istanbul in May 2006 and had a chance to catch up with Turkey, the Engineering Department on the Boğaziçi University Bebek campus and the present RC at Arnavutköy. After RC, Peter Engelmann headed for graduate study at M.I.T. Soon after his arrival there, he was drafted and sent to Germany to join the occupation forces. After being discharged, he completed his studies under the G.I. Bill, and spent 17 years working as a civil engineer in designing industrial and transportation projects with consulting firms in New York. He worked for the U.S. Department of Commerce on the Northeast Corridor Study (Washington-Boston) in 1963 and 1964.

Peter moved to the Washington area in 1964 and joined the staff of the World Bank. During 20 years with that organization he held various positions and traveled widely in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, assisting in the planning and financing of development projects. After retiring in 1984, he formed a small consulting firm with six former colleagues and continued providing advisory services on preinvestment work for urban and transportation infrastructure projects in Latin America and the Caribbean until 1999. He is now fully retired, painting geometric abstracts in oil and writing his story for his two children and four grandchildren. Engelmann had not been back to istanbul since his graduation from RC so it was a real pleasure to have him tour both campuses. By sheer coincidence the Class of 44 was having one of their regular reunion lunches, this time at Bizim Tepe, on May 5. Peter and Judy, met with former classmates and caught up with the past 62 years, if that is at all possible within the space of 2 hours!

Uğur Terzioğlu RC 54

After serving as chairman between 1993-1995 of TABA/AmCham (Turkish-American Business Association) Terzioğlu was once again re-elected chairman in June 2006. This association, which has five branches in Turkey, acts to develop all kinds of relations between the USA and Turkey. Terzioğlu has been awarded the title of Chevalier by French President Chirac and the award of Cavalieri di Republica Italiano by the Italian Parliament in 2005.

He is presently acting as General Coordinator of Astaldi Construction. Married to Cavidan since 1973 they have a son Mustafa and two grand-children. Uğur Terzioğlu often enjoys a game of tennis and sailing.



M.Jack Ohanian RC Eng 56

Dr. Ohanian received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree magna cum laude in 1956 from Robert College in Istanbul, Turkey and his Master of Electrical Engineering and Ph.D. in Nuclear Science and Engineering degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1960 and 1963, respectively.

He is Professor Emeritus of Nuclear & Radiological Engineering at the University of Florida having retired on July 1, 2001. During the period July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2001, he was the Interim Dean of Engineering at the University. And during August 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999, he was the University's Interim Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School. Prior to that he was the Associate Dean for Engineering Research and Administration in the College of Engineering. He was the 1994 chair of the American Association of Engineering Societies whose 28 member societies represent the mainstream of U.S. engineering He was the 1990-91 national president of the American Nuclear Society. For the period 1990 to 2001 he chaired the five-member Board of Directors of the Florida Institute of Phosphate Research, an independent state research agency. He is a Fellow of the American Nuclear Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In May 1994 his alma mater, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, selected him as the 1994 Rensselear Alumni Association Fellow, recognizing him for his life's work, which set an example for Rensselaer men and women to emulate. In October 1984 he received the Florida Blue Key Distinguished Faculty Award in recognition of his achievements in the areas of teaching, research and service. He and his wife Sandy, have two daughters and three grandsons. They live in North Florida.

Mehmet Cemal Bolgil RC Eng 57

Bolgil, retired from his career in architecture and archeological reconstruction in 2002 after suffering a stroke. He wrote to the RCQ from the UK where he lives and says he travels when he can to Turkey and the USA, visiting old friends along the way. He is the father of Müfit and Mine. Email: mcbolgil@ntlworld.com



Fügen Yücesoy Ok ACG 61

After ACG, she graduated from Ankara Political Science University in 1965 and has been a diplomat in the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs since then. Ok has been an Ambassador of Turkey for the last 15 years. First she was in Vienna as Permanent Representative to the UN and other organizations in Vienna from 1992-1998; then she represented her country as Ambassador of Turkey to Denmark from 2001-2005. Fügen Ok is the second female diplomat to rise to the rank of ambassador in Turkey and is the first female ambassador from ACG. She retired from the Foreign Ministry in February 2006 and at present is teaching in several universities in Ankara.

Ok has two sons, Tulug, 37, and Tansug, 29 years old. Tulug Ok is an Assistant Professor at Bilkent University while Tulug Ok has followed in his mother's footsteps and become a diplomat as well.

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Yalçın Diril RA 65

Proud father Yalçın Diril was very happy to share news of his younger son Emir's success with the rest of the RC community. Emir finished high school at St. Joseph, istanbul and continued on to Yıldız Technical University, Department of Ship Building. However, it turned out that was not what he really wanted to do. In his fourth year there he informed his parents that he wanted to study music and specifically at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. His firm belief in his ability to succeed convinced his parents too. Emir has completed his first year and made the Dean's List for spring semester 2006 with a grade point average of 3.98. Yalçın Diril says Emir has chosen the field of Film Scoring as he continues his studies at Berklee. Yalçın Diril, who is also the father of son Emrah, 29, is pictured here with his wife Ferihan and Emir, age 24. Email: yalcind@yahoo.com



Fügen Gülertekin, ACG 71

As the RCQ went to press, we learned that Fügen Gülertekin, ACG 71, is to return to Turkey in October, having served an eight year prison sentence in a case that was protested by many in Turkey. As most of you know, she was sentenced to eight years without parole for allegedly harming a child in her home day care center. The prosecution claimed the baby - who is now 10, alive and well - suffered from "shaken baby syndrome," and that Gülertekin was responsible. We hope to have more information on Gülertekin in the next issue of the RC Quarterly.



Engin Selçuk RC Yük S7

After working for the Industrial Development Bank of Turkey and IBM Turkey as financial analyst, Engin worked for STFA Construction Co. as Financial Manager. He migrated to Australia in 1981, where he worked as a Budget Accountant for Olivetti for 5 years before starting his own public accountancy office. He sold the business in 2002 and semiretired. He works as a casual interpreter and translator when not traveling. Engin wrote, "I have performed as a folk dancer until 50 years old. I was hooked at RC Folklor Kulübü. After graduation I became a dancing member of D'ansemle R (Performance Group of Dutch Folk Dancing Association) in Rotterdam for two years in the late sixties. I joined The Academy of Turkish Music and Fine Arts in Sydney both as a performing and executive committee member before serving one year as President.

I have been married to Sunay (Bayel) since 1972. She is a graduate of School of Literature at University of Istanbul. We have two daughters, Zeynep (32) and Ayse (27) and a grand-daughter Koko Rose from Zeynep. Zeynep has worked on several film projects as assistant producer, including two of the last two Star Wars films, The Quiet American, Rabbit Proof Fence, Racing Stripes, Babe etc. Ayse is a remedial massage therapist. Apart from running our accounting office, we worked in amateur theatre and music groups. Since we enjoyed theatre very much, we were involved in organizing tours of prominent theatre companies from Turkey over the years, including Genco Erkal, Ferhan Şensoy, Ali Poyrazoğlu, Levent Kırca, and Istanbul Sehir Tiyatroları. However, our most serious hobby is traveling. Presently, we travel for 4-5 months every year camping in Australia and/or backpacking overseas.

We are looking forward to hearing from our school friends. If you are planning to travel to Australia please get in touch with us. We would love to come together again. We are also looking forward to attending the 150th Anniversary of Robert College in 2013."

Engin can be reached at: eselcuk@ozemail.com.au

Nur Dölay A C G 71

Went to Wellesley College after ACG and majored in Sociology, with a minor in political science. She continued at La Sorbonne in France and L'institut Française de Presse.

She has been working as a journalist since 1982.

In her own words: "I focused on Latin America for many years. Since 1992 I am in charge of Turkey and Caucasia for Le Monde's weekly publication of Courrier International. I have also written for Le Monde Diplomatique, the Turkish daily Cumhuriyet, and publications such as Birgun and Idea Politika. From time to time I prepare documentaries for the marine program Thalassa on French television's Channel 3."

Nur Dölay has two books published in Turkey; Latin Amerika Başkaldırıyor (Latin America Rebels) from Süreç Yayınevi, 1985, and Kafkasya Çemberi (Caucasian Circle), from Çiviyazıları in 2001.

Zeynep Kazgan Kızıltan RC 86

After completing her undergraduate degree in Economics at Boğaziçi University (1990), Zeynep Kızıltan attended the International Relations Graduate Diploma Program at the School of Advanced International Studies/Bologna Center of the John Hopkins University (1990-1991), after which she joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a career diplomat in 1992.

She has been appointed to the Permanent Mission of Turkey at the Office of the United Nations in Geneva (Switzerland), Turkish Embassy in Almaty (Kazakhstan), Consulate General of Turkey in Antwerp (Belgium) and Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the European Union (Belgium) respectively. She is currently working in the United Nations Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ankara, and has been married to ihsan Kızıltan, also a career diplomat, since 1997. They have two children; Alp, who is now six years old, and Defne, 15 months old.

Basat Tayfun RC 89

Wrote to the RCQ from Alexandria, VA where he lives with his wife of six years and a son, who is a year and a half old. Basat is a Principal Analyst at Project Performance Corporation (www.ppc.com) PPC is a consultancy firm specializing in environmental issues, health issues, information technology, and archive management. Its principal customer is the American Civil Agencies and Government but it also has a strong standing in the private sector and with charitable institutions. Basat can be reached at btayfun@ppc.com.

Bülent Omay RC 93

A surgeon, Dr. Omay is currently in Melbourne, Australia at this time of his life. After RC he completed the Faculty of Medicine at Istanbul University Cerrahpaşa. He later specialized in brain surgery at the same University. Omay then worked for one year at Yale University School of Medicine's brain surgery department. At present he can be found in Melbourne, working in a center well known in the field of brain tumors.

Dicle Türkoğlu RC 9S

Dicle and Keith Peterson welcomed a new baby into their family.

Nar Rosa Peterson was born on 6/6/06, and is a sweet natured little girl with big smiling eyes. Proud big sister Ela is almost four years old. She likes to refer to Nar as "my baby", and enjoys being mommy's little helper. Ela also loves princess stories, farm animals and picture books. When she is not taking care of babies, Dicle works on her dissertation in Clinical Psychology at the University of Vermont. She also likes gardening, and visiting orchards around Vermont. She wants to hear from not only her old friends, but also anyone in the community who would like to visit Vermont. She can be reached at dicle.turkoglu@uvm.edu



ALUMNI NEWS

Melis Óngün RC 98

After receiving her B.A. in Politics and International Relations from the University of Warwick, Melis decided she missed her fellow RC 98 grads in the U.S. and moved to NYC.

A short work placement at Saatchi's proved that advertising was her gig. She began her advertising career at Young & Rubicam Brands as a graduate



increasingly becoming digital advertising and she is now moving on to start a new position at Dare Digital in a couple of weeks time. She enjoys practicing yoga in her free time and travelling extensively in Europe now that she's back.

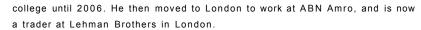


Erenşah Biçen & Orhan Ayanlar RC 96

RC 96 sweethearts Orhan Ayanlar and Erenşah Biçen finally got married on September 9th after their long journey -they were only sixth graders when it all started! The fairytale-like wedding took place in Bodrum, at the Ayanlar family house on the hills of Yalıkavak. The party started at 5:00 pm and went on until the sunrise. The guests danced for ten hours non-stop! The bride has been living in London, working at JP Morgan following her graduation from Koç University. The groom, who graduated from Boston University, moved to Istanbul in December 2002 after working in NY for several years. They have never lived in the same city since graduating from RC, so this marriage will be quite a change for the newlyweds who are now to decide where to live and work. This time, together...

Eda Yıldırım Büyükkayalı RC 95 and Olgay Baki Büyükkayalı RC 96

Eda completed her undergraduate degree at the Istanbul University Faculty of Law and worked for the Somay Law Firm for nearly three years before she went to London for an MSC in Law and Accounting at the London School of Economics. She came back to Istanbul in late 2003 and has been working for the Hergüner Bilgen Özeke law firm since then. Olgay, who received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Boğaziçi University, worked for Citigroup in istanbul as a strategist from his senior year in college until 2006. He then moved to London to work at ABN



In the meantime, Eda and Olgay got married in August 2005 and have moved to London where Olgay's new job is located. Eda has been traveling back and forth as she continues her work in istanbul.

Onur Zilberman RC 00





Lalin Anik RC 02

Lalin writes: "I graduated with a B.A. degree in psychology with high honors from Brandeis University in 2006. This fall, I will be starting my doctorate studies in business administration, specifically marketing, at Harvard Business School. I decided to continue with school rather than joining the work force, as I have grand thirst for learning, and researching.

My curiosity to explore career passions dates back to high school years at RC, when I worked as a research lab assistant both at Brandeis University and Duke University Marine Lab for two summers. Throughout those summers, I figured out what I did not want to do more than what I felt really excited about. I realized that my childhood dream of a life in the ocean with marine mammals would stay as an expanded hobby but I would seek ways in behavioral research. With a sudden jump from marine biology to psychology, I sought opportunities to get involved in lab research. As a freshman, I got involved in the eye tracking research in relation to cognition and emotion at adulthood and old age and continued for 4 years. In the last year, I combined eye tracking technology at the Brandeis University Psychology Department Emotion Lab with marketing and wrote my honors thesis titled "Assessing Attention to, Preference and Memory of Advertisements with Differing Emotional Valences." I also worked at the Sleep Hospital of Brown University Medical School during the summer of my freshman year. Yet, the turning point in my life was at London Business School, where I worked as a research lab assistant for Professor Tayassoli in the marketing department. looking at consumer behavior patterns. I was responsible for the first behavior lab in the history of LBS, and the planning, recruiting and running of the experiments therein. I followed my excitement n the applications of psychology in the business field through my experiences at Fenerium in relation to sports retail business and customer satisfaction during the summer before my senior year. I also interned at international advertising agencies such as McCann Erickson and Arnold in the past year. Exposure to possibilities in different branches provided me with a wider horizon and more clear vision of the future direction, which I want to pursue.

My senior year at Brandeis University was also important as I celebrated my 15th year in swimming, a life long passion that I started as a 7 year-old in Istanbul, followed in the National and International area as a member of the Turkish National Team and continued in the States with over fifteen records. As a senior at Brandeis University, I was awarded the Linsey Athletic Fellowship, which is a scholarship given to one student for top level accomplishments both in academics and athletics. It has always been very essential for me to balance swimming with academics, and I can now smile when I think about waking up at 4 am twice a week all throughout my life at Robert College and university. My aim is to continue swimming at Harvard, but also pass down my experience as a coach, which has fulfilled me as I have been working with young swimmers between ages three and thirteen since 2002.

I will be delighted to talk to and help any Robert College family member as much as I can as the advice and directions of older RC graduates have assisted me incredibly. Contact info: lanik@hbs.edu."

Salim Sağlam RC 03

Being an actor and a favorite of former faculty member and director Larry Roetzel, Salim's face was familiar to the RC community. He starred as the passionate lover Ferdinand in Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, a young neighbor and a king in *Nasreddin Hoca*, a cowboy in *The Majestic Kid*, among many other roles. He is a senior in Middlebury College, majoring in theater and economics. He works in the scene shop of the theater department, building sets for the upcoming student performances. His latest skills involve aluminum and steel welding. Over the summer he had an internship in Kabul, Afghanistan, working as an assistant financial consultant for tax reform in the Afghan treasury. He is also a French minor, and went to France as an exchange student, but due to student protests in France, his school did not open for 10 weeks, and he spent those weeks, as he calls it, "attending the school of life." He does not know what he is going to do after college, but life waits around the bend for this determined and creative man to come along.

ALUMNI NEWS

Pelin Seyhan RC 03

Pelin writes: "I did not have any idea that I would find myself strolling in the foreign streets of Shanghai, China. How I ended up here interning for a global company is a story to be remembered. After my acceptance to Lehigh University, I had a vision that this long journey to the States would open up the doors to others. Lehigh not only gave me a well founded education in the field of Honors Integrated Business and Engineering, Industrial Engineering major and Economics minor, but gave me a chance to enrich my soul with several community projects at Leadership Lehigh, taking parts in the musicals and theatre productions, publishing articles, taking leadership roles in many student organizations including Turkish Students Association, Team '07, Peer Tutoring and International Ambassadors.

I looked for ways to contribute more so I started working for the Dean's office. I have agreed to be a grader for Engineering Computations class. Last year, I added a third responsibility by agreeing to assist the Industrial Engineering Chairman. I have to admit that my available time has become very limited but the results have been rewarding. Not only have I established very strong relationships with my professors and my college, I have been nominated to receive the Outstanding Junior Women award, received the honor to be in Dean's List every term, announced to be the Hans Baer Scholar and was elected to be a part of the engineering honor society, Rossin Junior Fellows. I would guess that these were the accomplishments that have driven me to take on a bigger challenge: Tauck Scholarship.

After learning the tragic fact that I could not possibly study abroad and graduate at the same time because of my credit load, I was enthralled to see the cc-ed email from a professor. Business College was offering a Tauck Scholars Program that would elect three applicants and offer them the chance of interning abroad. Although it was a very challenging task to get selected, it got even more challenging when I learned that no international students were selected in the past due to their state of already being "international." However, I broke the record and that's how I am enjoying the chopsticks, the crazy KTVs, the enlarging economy, the cheap accommodation and the oriental culture of Shanghai. The things that I have learned and will continue to learn would fill up ten pages, but the most memorable thing that I am proud to indicate is to be assisting the senior manager of Business Development Department and work on \$100 M projects in addition to learning a totally different language: Chinese."

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Sayat Özyılmaz RC 04

Sayat spent his years in Robert College expanding his bug collection and founded the scientific magazine Kingdom Robertea. He went to Dartmouth College with a desire to study Evolutionary Biology. Along with age came survival concerns, and he decided to choose the well-trodden path of studying Economics, but on the side he still nurtured his passion for biology by getting involved in ecological agriculture in the Black Sea region of Turkey. He is going to Nicaragua during Christmas and Brazil in the spring to pursue his interests in ecological agriculture. He also performed a Dartmouth funded research project last summer researching the agriculture sector and marketing strategies. This past summer he did an internship in finance and performed economical consulting for a senator. On top of all this, he is only a junior in college. Sayat also works on campus, and can be found distributing college newspapers on his bike in the wake of day. His next venture might be in the ports of Morocco or in the forests of South Africa...



Yasemin Tingleff. She was born January 11, 2006 at Acıbadem Hastanesi in Kadıköy. Mrs. Tingleff spent the first eight months with Yasemin and took a leave of absence from the second semester of the last school year. Also, thanks to snow days and holidays Mr. Tingleff had a month long paternity leave. Yasemin is already an active member of RC and has even been on stage during a flag ceremony.



Ralph Jaeckel

Linguist Ralph Jaeckel, who taught at RC between 1959-1965 is senior lecturer emeritus in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at University of California, Los Angeles. In November 2005 the Middle East Studies Association honored him with its 2005 Mentor Award for his career as a teacher of Turkish and Ottoman with the words "With deep appreciation for his inexhaustible power to coax, encourage and inspire language learning from students of wildly different aptitudes; and His ability to instill such a love of the Turkish language and Turkish culture that details such as grammar, modals, agglutinative sequencing, and vowel harmony become seductive challenges rather than insurmountable obstacles,"

The MESA Mentoring Award was established in 1995 and first given at MESA's 1996 annual meeting. The award recognizes exceptional contributions retired faculty have made to the education and training of others.

Jaeckel wrote to the RCQ about his ties with RC and istanbul.

"While I was at Robert College, I taught only in the English

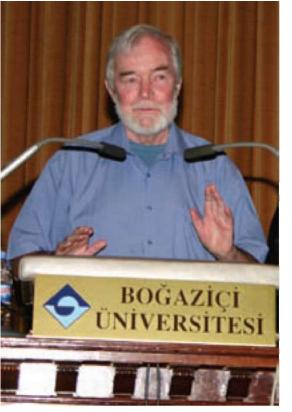
Language Division headed by Sheldon Wise. In my last years

there, I was a member of the team that produced the early volumes of the series

"Spoken English for Turks" and included, in addition to Wise, Hikmet Sebuktekin, our chief expert on all matters of the Turkish language, and Mathew Charles. In the summer of 1965 I helped train members of the Peace Corps in the teaching of English.

My fond memories of Turkey, some in the form of photographs I took in Istanbul and other areas I visited during those years, and my teaching experience at the college and elsewhere in Istanbul with many friendly, eager, and enthusiastic students, shaped my career when I returned to the United States."

Jaeckel's long awaited reference work *A Dictionary of Turkish Verbs* has recently been published by Georgetown University Press.



John Freely

Long-time Boğaziçi professor, Istanbul historian and writer John Freely celebrated his 80th birthday recently. A committee led by Boğaziçi rector Ayşe Soysal ACG 67 organized a special conference at Boğaziçi's Albert Long Hall on June 23rd in his honor.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries for RC Alumni

Nicholas Popov RC 33

Died June 26, 2006 at his home in Newmarket, surrounded by his family. After RC, he went on to receive his master's degree from Purdue University in 1935. From 1935 to 1978 he worked as a mechanical engineer with Babcock & Wilcox Co. based in New York City. After retiring he worked as a consulting engineer for eight years with Charles T. Main in Boston. He married Elizabeth Miller in 1939. They raised four children and enjoyed 59 years of marriage. Mrs. Popov died in 1998. An active volunteer in Newmarket, Mr. Popov served on many town boards and was a dedicated volunteer at the Newmarket Elementary School as well as being a longtime contributor to the Newmarket Public Library.

Mr. Popov enjoyed traveling and could speak fluently in at least six languages. The RC community in the USA was happy to see him attend the RC alumni reunion in Boston in February 2006.

He is survived by three of his children Dobrinka N. Popov, Peter N. Popov and Christopher N. Popov as well as five grand-children.

Güzin Berkmen ACG 34

Güzin Berkmen was born in Istanbul in 1914.1 After attending the Ecole de Notre Dame de Lourdes and the English High School, she entered ACG, graduating in 1934 as Güzin Sabri. She then studied English literature at Istanbul University. In 1936 she married Kenan Yalter, RC '32, and had two daughters, Nil Yalter



ACG '58 and idil Yalter

ACG '63, who survive her. Her brother, Ali Salim Berkmen,
1928-1992, graduated from RC in 1949.

Güzin Berkmen taught English at various high schools in Istanbul and ultimately retired from Istanbul University's Yabancı Diller Okulu. She also worked in the USIS Library. In addition to translation work and writing poetry in both Turkish and English, she spent much of life giving private lessons in Turkish to foreigners and in English to Turks. Diplomats from the UK, France, Israel, Yugoslavia, The Netherlands, Germany, Greece and Sweden were among her students. She also taught businessmen, journalists, housewives and others from countries as far afield as

Colombia, Malaysia, Russia, Japan, Australia and the USA. However, she is best remembered for teaching many UK consular and military personnel, several of whom went on to become ambassadors, such as Sir Kieran Prendergast and Sir David Logan, and who remained her good friends.

As a result of her long-standing connections with the British diplomatic world, she was granted an honorary MBE by Queen Elizabeth the Second in the year 2000. Güzin Berkmen died on August 26th, 2006.

Ibrahim Bodurgil RC 35

Died on August 7, 2006 at the age of 94 in his home in Bethesda, Washington D.C. He was a retired specialist at the Library of Congress, retiring in 1984 after 45 years as Head of the Turkish and Armenian sections of the library.

The following are excerpts from his obituary that ran in the Washington

"Mr. Bodurgil, was born in Istanbul and grew up in the village of Rumeli Hisarı.

After WWI, his father became a gardener at Robert College. The young Bodurgil was admitted to the school and distinguished himself as a champion javelin and discus thrower. He received his bachelor's degree in economics, with honors, in 1935.

He served with the Turkish army during World War II and then worked for 20 years at the American Consulate in Istanbul as a press attaché, gaining much respect and national reputation.

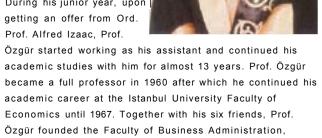
In 1959, he immigrated to the United States with his wife Eliza and son, Edward. He joined the Library of Congress, where he was responsible for the Armenian Collection in the Near East Section of the African and Middle Eastern Division of the library. He built up the Turkish and Armenian collections at the Library of Congress as well as authoring several texts on Turkey. These included "Turkey: Politics and Government, 1938-1975" and "Kemal Ataturk: A Centennial Bibliography, 1881-1981." He also served as an occasional Turkish interpreter for the White House and federal agencies. Tours with NATO, appointments to transalate for President Kennedy and Johnson, work for the UN and Voice of America rounded out his professional career. However, his position with the Library of Congress was the focal point of his attention and energies.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Eliza Bodurgil of Bethesda; a son, Edward Bodurian of Bethesda; and three grandsons.

Prof. Dr. Feridun Özgür RC 35

Prof. Dr. Feridun Özgür graduated from Kabataş Elementary School and then from Robert College in 1935.

After continuing his academic studies in England for a while, Prof. Özgür graduated from Istanbul University Faculty of Economics in 1942. During his junior year, upon getting an offer from Ord.



where he worked as a faculty member until his retirement in

Among his many achievements, two stand out as the most significant. Prof. Özgür was one of the founders of the first modern Graduate Business School (Istanbul University Business Economics Institute) in Turkey and he also pioneered in the establishment of the accounting vocation in Turkey. Until his retirement, Prof. Özgür continued teaching financial and cost accounting courses at the Faculty of Business Administration and the Business Economics Institute, which has been highly prominent in educating Turkey's businessmen in the last 50 years.

Prof. Özgür served as a visiting professor at Harvard Business School during the 1962-1963, and at Alabama University and New York University during the 1970-1971 academic years.

Between 1972-1974, Prof. Özgür served as the Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration, as well as the Director of the Business Economics Institute. He continued teaching at Eskişehir Academy of Economics and Commerce between 1963-1978, and at Şişli Economics and Commerce Academy between 1964-1970.

Accounting Department for 15 years published two books: "Financial Mathematics" and "Principles of Accounting".

Prof. Özgür, who was the chairman of the Financial

Prof. Özgür, who was fluent in English and German, was married, had one child and two grandchildren. He was one of very few graduates of Robert College to see both his

brother, his niece and her two chilren (Mithat Özgür '45, Füsun Özgür Madra'77, Aysel Madra '99 and Mithat Madra'04) and his son and grandson graduate from Robert College. (Nuri Özgür '70 and Eren Özgür '95).

He died on June 23, 2006.

Margaret Kamburoğlu Nomal ACG 39

Passed away on October 30th,
2005. She was always proud of
being a student at ACG. An avid
sportswoman, her numerous awards!
won in sports decorated the walls of I
her home. She was an an honor
student every year she was at RC J
and continued her studies at
istanbul University, Faculty of
English Language and Literature.
Later on, she worked as an English



teacher at istanbul University for 34 years.

Besides her career, she was also a dedicated homemaker and a mother. She also worked tirelessly for the establishment of several NGO's as well as being among the founders of Turco-American University Graduates

Association and the Gülhane Lions Club. She contributed actively, serving on its boards in various capacities.

Margaret Nomal is survived by Yusuf Nomal and her daughter Deniz Denker as well as a grandson Erdem who is a student at HEV Kemerköy Okulları.

David Rosenstein RC Eng 46

Died in March 2004 at the age of 80. His wife Lya Rosenstein wrote to inform the RCQ of his death and said "I must tell you how proud he was of Robert College . He appreciated the beautiful scenery and locale of the College and kindness of his classmates and Turkish people in general."

Ayser Özgen ACG 69

Died in Istanbul on June 25, 2006. Her friends mourn the passing of their classmate who they described as modest, calm and tolerant with a distinctive smile.

Hüseyin Avni Arcan RA 70

Passed away on September 20, 2006.
After RA, Arcan finished ODTÜ (Middle
East Technical University) in 1975, where
he studied Metallurgical Engineering, and
got married to his wife Sermin the same
year. He worked at Parsan for a short
stint before completing his MBA at
Northrop University in the USA. His work
experiences included Emek Sigorta, AIG,
SGS and was most recently at 7 Tepe



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Sigorta, working as a consultative authority on engineering

Hüseyin Avni, a loyal Fenerbahçe fan who loved football, was an intelligent, kind and loving father and husband who very much enjoyed his home and family life and was very fond of his daughters, Sümre and Seray. He had just recently become a proud grand-father two months ago when his daughter Sümre had a baby boy, Emre Efe.

His loss was unexpected and he shall be missed tremendously by his family and friends.

Gülten Üstünel RC 73

they could to get her back.

Passed away on August 1, 2006 She is survived by her mother, sister, nieces and beloved Cookie

Gülten and I grew up in the same neighborhood. Our parents knew each other well, but we were at the time only distantly aware of each other. Our friendship of nearly 40 years started in one of the taxi's of Tevfik Efendi whom most us would remember well. The last time I saw her, she was in a deep sleep. In a sleep that seemed (maybe because I hoped it to be so) peaceful and full of beautiful dreams. She was watched over affectionately by her beloved niece Fatoş and life mate Sinan who never lost their hope until the very end and who were desperately trying to do everything

Of course I will not forget that last day I saw her. Just like I will never forget the many days I've shared with her. Our teen-age years, our talks till dawn, our innocent flirtations or rather fantasies over potential candidates, the excitements and the heartaches of youth, and those inevitable fits of laughter

I will also remember her brilliant mind, her contagious, crackling laughter that would lift up your spirits no matter what. And of course her inescapable dreamy eyes which seemed to pierce into yours as if she wanted to read your

We were different in so many ways. I was the one who was in a perpetual state of chaos; you couldn't catch her in a wrinkled shirt or with messy hair. While I would be in pain when it came to speak my mind, she was always outright and to the point. If I was the scary mousy one when it came to trying out new things, her confidence and sense of adventure would be more than enough to carry both of us. would be inclined to embellish the unpleasant reality with and deal with them right there and then.

So how come we got to be so close friends? Thinking back I believe that in that age of innocence, without even being aware of it, we just accepted and loved each other for who we were.

Maybe that's why in spite of many years of separation when we got back together again we had not become

strangers to each other. I cannot say we took off from where we left but we found each other just as we remembered. We had gone through different joys and pains

but basically we had not changed for each other.

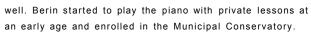
Now I am again separated from her and yet just like all my beloved ones she is still a part of my life. As long as I live she will live with me just as she will be there for those she left behind.

I only wish, oh how I wish, we had just a little more time to grow old together. Senay Haznedaroğlu RC 73

Berin Karlıbel RC 73

Her brother Aydın Karlıbel RC 76, wrote: "Berin Karlıbel was born on 13. 7.1954 in Istanbul. She finished the English High School and then Robert College. She later studied in the Istanbul Academy of Economical and Commercial Sciences. She held several positions in Borusan Holding

She was the daughter of Ruhan and Bedri Karlıbel ,the latter having been the director of Anadolu Klübü (Yacht Club) and Divan Hotel; and a teacher of the Kabataş Erkek Lisesi as



Through her formative talent and inspiring virtues, she has had a major influence on the artistic career of his brother Aydın Karlıbel, RC 76. As a young girl of 12, Berin had been the subject of two oil paintings by artists Nevzat Kasman and Kemal Zeren. One of her fondest memories of youth remained her presenting flowers to Farah Diba of Iran during her visit to Büyükada.

In 1992 she became founder-president of the Yeni Taksim Lions Club. Her energetic activities were acclaimed and awarded at the numerous local and international forums she participated in. She produced several memorable international classical music events and initiated prizewinning projects like the Lions TV-Europe. She later studied Iternative medicine at the Norbekov Institute, recently established in Istanbul. She was married to Dogan Özrodop and is survived by his sons Kaan (26) and Okan (23), who both studied Labor Economics at Marmara University. Berin was also fluent in French. Arabic and Russian.

She faced her illness with serenity and fortitude, kept her angelic smile and good humor right to the end before passing away on 5.7.2006."

Hüseyin Okuşluk RC 59

Hüseyin was born in 1940 and passed away in Dec.24, 2005 in Germany. He joined Prep 1 as a boarding student in 1951 and became a member of a fraternity group with Cent Ardan, Kürşat Sarıgöl and Ergun Dinçman. There were 2 other groups called "Cuval Spor" and "Postal Spor". We chose a better name "Atom Spor" which lasted long years. Nobody could



ever beat us in basketball! In Prep 1 and 2 we occupied a 4 berth dormitory in Anderson Hall. Hüseyin graduated in 1959 married a German, Marianne and they had a son, Can. He studied and practiced architecture in Germany and had been living in Germany since then. He was a true friend with a golden heart. We miss him a lot. May God bless his

Cent Ardan RC 59, Florida,

Obituaries for faculty & friends

Dr. John L. Espy

A former faculty member at RC, who taught in the Engineering School from 1947-1953 he died April 24, 2006 at the age of 84. A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. he later earned a DBA at Harvard Business School. Although he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and worked as a chemical engineer for the Eastman Kodak Company, Dr. Espy spent most of his career as a missionary and teacher for

the American Baptist Churches. He lived in Istanbul, Turkey for six years and in Rochester, NY for nine years before moving to Hong Kong in 1962. There he worked at Chung Chi College, which soon became part of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Apart from until 1989, when he retired and settled in Topeka. During his retirement, he taught business courses at Washburn University and was a member of West Side Baptist Church.

He is survived by two sons, Lincoln L. Espy, and John M. Espy, a daughter, Brenda Mitchell, a brother, Eugene Espy, Macon, GA; and six grandchildren.

Retired teacher Dr. Mediha Esenel died in August 2005. She taught Sociology at RC for 12 years, between 1960-1972. In her book Geç Kalmış Kitap (A Book Too Late), published by Sistem Yayıncılık in 1999, she also describes her years at Robert College.

Margaret R. Tregillus

Margaret Tregillus, Math teacher at ACG from 1959 to 1971 died on August 3, 2005. Robert College and her students continued to be on her mind at all times as she was a dedicated contributor to the RC Annual Giving Campaign from 1984 to 2002. When she died, RC received a bequest from her estate of \$29, 228. Her Alma Mater, Grinell

College also receieved

a bequest from her estate.

Margaret went to Grinell College, lowa from Clearwater, Florida. A 1947 graduate of Grinnell College she graduated with honors, winning the 1946 Linn Smith Prize for Excellence in Mathematics and the Andrew W. Archibald Prize for Highest Scholarship. She graduated with a major in Mathematics and minor in Chemistry.

She furthered her education at Harvard Graduate School of Education and received a M.A.T. in Teaching in 1948, and later received a MS in Teaching at the NSF Institute of the University of Illinois in 1959. Margaret began her teaching career in Istanbul and later returned to the states to teach Mathematics at The Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, Connecticut. Margaret never married and taught school until retirement, when she moved to Florida.

The obituary for James Wanders Smith Jr. in the Spring / Summer 2006 issue of the RCQ, issue 29. mistakenly states that his sister Mignon S. Martin can be reached for condolences at 167 Boxwood Drive, Franklin Indiana 37069. The correct address for Ms. Martin is in Franklin, Tennessee 37069. The RCQ regrets the error.



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