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"The continued tension of nerve, the uncertainty and the feeling of utter helplessness, affect all classes of the community and paralyse almost all business."

Words written over a hundred years ago, by Dr. Albert L. Long, Professor of Natural Philosophy at Robert College in the wake of the earthquake that hit İstanbul on July 10 1894...

It is a fascinating account of a city in shock (p. 16), sadly familiar to all of us in Turkey since the events of the late summer.

This issue of the RCQ inevitably focuses on the devastating earthquake that hit the Marmara Region on August 17, 1999. There are highlights of the various ways in which the RC community has responded to the disaster. Vice President Nigar Alemdar A C G 66, chronicles relief efforts through the Alumni Association and other NGO initiatives where numerous alumni are actively involved (p. 2). RC Registrar Bengii Shepard and Library Assistant Şiir Tursan A C G 70 summarize the extensive work undertaken by a faculty and staff committee. An interview with founding member of AKUT, the search and rescue organization that became a symbol of hope during the tragedy, Sarp Yelkencioğlu RC 91, exemplifies the vital role civil initiative has assumed in the country(p. 23).

Present RC students will soon have the opportunity to get involved in a "sister school" project. At press time, several schools in need of help in the disaster area were in the process of being identified. All the constituencies of RC have joined forces to provide long-term support to the victims of the earthquake through these educational institutions. We will continue to keep alumni informed as to how they can help in the upcoming months.

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Araştırma ve geliştirmeye
ayrılan milyonlarca dolar...
Her ihtiyaca cevap veren
geniş ürün gamı... Çevre,
kalite ve teknoloji
ödülleri... Hepsî sizin daha
rahat yaşamanız ve
hayata daha güler yüzlü
bakmanız için...

45 yıldır bu felsefeyle çalışıyoruz.

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* Yukarıdaki cümle "Vinenet"e aittir.

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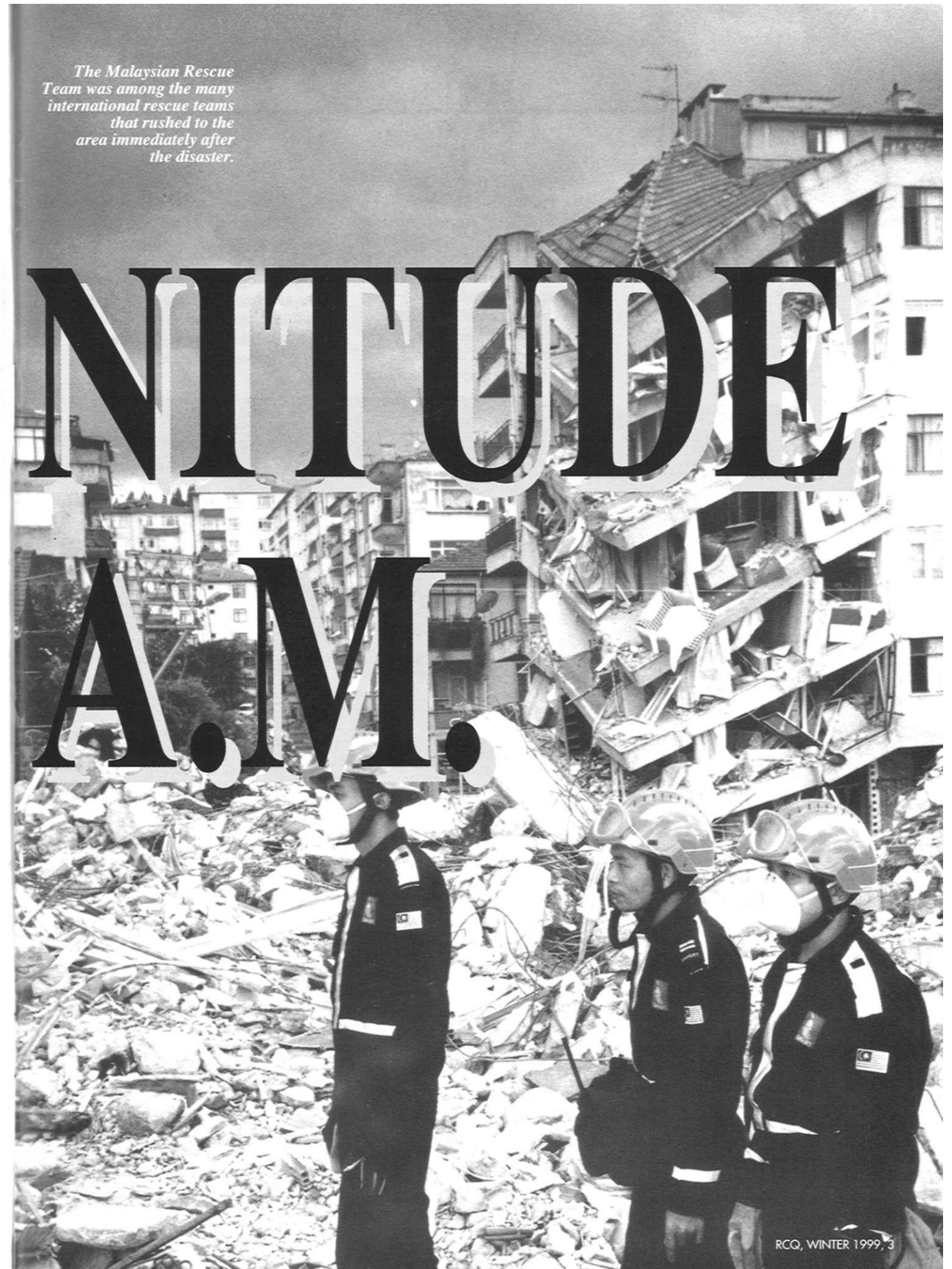
Nigar Alemdar A C G 66, Vice-President of the Alumni Association, chronicles the events during and following the earthquake of August 17.

400 sq. kilometers of North West Turkey shook for 45 seconds on August 17, 1999 under the beds of about 20 million Turks asleep in their homes. Those near the epicenter did not even have a chance to get out, while those of us further away in Istanbul made our way

outdoors in pitch dark, very frightened but little aware of the devastation the quake had caused in the Marmara region, namely Gölcük, Yalova, and inland at Adapazarı and Sakarya. As news of blood chilling reality unfolded, we, while thankful to be alive and safe, began to feel the helplessness and guilt of not being able to do anything to reverse the consequences of one of the worst natural disasters of the twentieth

century. Because such a wide area was hit, no one, including the officials, knew where to focus the initial rescue efforts. Town after town in summer residential areas, as well as the industrial complexes of the region, had been hit. Communications had gone dead. Worst of all, the navy base at Gölcük was also in ruins. Consequently, there was no immediate response from the armed forces either.

The Malaysian Rescue Team was among the many international rescue teams that rushed to the area immediately after the disaster.



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Getting Over the Initial Shock

As TV cameras and commentators brought the dark news to light, the Istanbul Alumni Association Board decided to immediately allocate about \$2350 to the purchase of the most urgently needed relief materials and

send them off to the disaster areas. On the same weekend, alumni present at Bizim Tepe contributed about \$1900 in cash, thus enabling the A.A. to make a larger shipment:

* Alumna Dr. Lebriz Yüksel, RC 76 acted as liason to the A.A. for our shipment to reach the Adapazarı Traffic Victims Hospital, converted

into a children's hospital by the Istanbul Cerrahpaşa Hospital's Children's Emergency Department doctors. Baby food, sanitary materials, underwear, children's clothing and toys were included in this first batch that filled a large van (August 23,1999). Koç Holding Crises desk

directed by alumnus Rahmi Koç's son Mr. Ali Koç was another reliable liason for the A.A. Through their organisation Alumni Association donations including sanitary materials, blankets, raincoats, etc. were sent by boat to what were once beautiful coastal towns on the Marmara (August 24,1999).

Disaster Strengthened Domestic and International Cooperation

In the days that followed, Bizim Tepe indeed lived up to its name as "our hill" and became a center for collecting clothes, blankets, linen, toys

pots and pans. As more and more alumni heard about the A.A. efforts, donations in money and in kind started pouring, as well as the news of individual graduates or groups of alumni training and/ or organising field groups setting out for the disaster areas.

*Along with RC counselors Neylan



RC faculty member Mehmet Uysal and İhsan Emre from the RC cafeteria went to Gölcük on August 21 to give some much needed aid to the earthquake victims.

REPORT OF THE RC EARTHQUAKE AID COMMITTEE

By Bengü Shepard, Registrar and Şiir Tursan, Library Assistant

The Robert College Earthquake Aid Committee, was formed by members of various sections of the RC community - mainly faculty and staff, and started to function on August 18, right after the disaster. At the very beginning, we defined short and long term goals. Our first priority was to try and provide immediate relief for disaster victims. However, the long term goal of the committee remains establishing a major edu-

cational project, on which all constituencies of RC -including our students- will focus their energies. At press time, we were close to identifying the several sister schools from the disaster area we hope to support in the future. We will keep you updated on our progress. How we managed to address our short term goals since the earthquake, however, is described below.

1) We provided:

- financial aid to AKUT
- medical equipment to hospitals (both in Istanbul and earthquake areas)

- support for the weekly emergency lists of ÇYDD (Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği)
- beds, blankets, sheets to the camp sites in Adapazarı
- generator, masks, gloves for debris removing activities
- food for the region

2) Our school hosted a seminar " Post-traumatic psycho-social support for children in earthquake areas",for 90 psychologists between August 27 -30. Our members who also participated in this seminar, as well as several other volunteers from our school trained by our members, started to work in İzmit Çamlıtepe camp area. Several stations were set up in the area where earthquake victims were supported.

3) Our team regularly visited the İzmit area every week and met with other RC friends from the

area. We visited the campsites, determined the needs ourselves, and provided what was necessary. Our friends in İzmit helped us to forward the right commodities to the right places. For example: We have twice visited the Municipal of UzunCiftlik, helped 300 families by taking them the food products we have collected at Robert College. Among all our efforts, what we have experienced at the Cephanelik camp is worth mentioning.

During our first visit to this camp, we started to build a theater tent with a group of people who joined us from the camp itself. The handicrafts workshop set up for the women here was indeed very impressive and it was not a very common sight in other camps we have visited. We helped this workshop by providing all kinds of materials they needed, also books, a computer, tables and desks for a library. We are trying to maintain our contacts with this camp hoping to help them with more comprehensive projects they hope to carry out.

Our most recent project is working with residents of the Yarımca Kabakoz Camp. A group of volunteers is carrying out activities in this camp similar to those of Camlitepe, with workshops, stations, etc. Our committee is planning a concert in November,



The handicrafts workshop set up for women at the Cephanelik camp site.

The games and entertainment tent for the children of the camp site.



which will be a fund raising project for earthquake victims.

The efforts of our committee have been extensively supported by all members of this great family who responded instantly to all our calls for need, right from the beginning of the tragedy. The activities of the committee will continue for 7-8 months or more depending on the circumstances. **We would like to extend our gratitude to Soydem, especially to Tufan and Erdem Demirel**

who have always been a great support to us, and to Tuna Emre and his personnel for their assistance in carrying our materials. We hope to share our experiences- through which we have learned something new every day, our emotions, thoughts and ideas with all other Robert College community members. We trust that such solidarity in our endeavors will establish the basis of our operations that may be vital for similar disasters in the future.

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Arif Akdag RC 88, pictured here with the Malaysian Rescue Team, spent two weeks at the disaster area as a volunteer rescuer.



They say a photograph can say a thousand words.

Özdemir, Güliz Kurt and Serhat Türktan and well-known Turkish psychologist Leyla Navaro, graduate Aida Abdullah RC 72 doing volunteer work for the Beşiktaş Chapter of Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Foundation, (Foundation for Supporting Contemporary Life) helped to organise a four-day seminar at Robert College on Post Earthquake Psycho-Social Support for Children. Sixty psychologists who were due to go out to the field were trained by an Israeli team led by Professor Mooli Lahad. (Note: Toys brought by alumni families to Bizim Tepe are forwarded to the

play therapy tents run by the these volunteer psychologists).

* Graduate Sema Süvarioğlu RC 76 was another psychologists who joined forces with an American team of psychologists in organising a two-day seminar for her Turkish colleagues on "Post Earthquake Psycho-Social Support for Adults". Simultaneous interpretation for both seminars was provided by volunteer graduate conference interpreters Nur Camat ACG 56, Gülseren Albatros ACG 58 ex, Nigar Alemdar ACG 66, and their colleagues of Uluslararası Konferans Tercümanları A.Ş. as well as Zeynep Bekdik RC

Yük 70, Belgin Dolay RC Yük 65 and Verda Kıvrak RC 83 from Enterkon.

*Alumnus Arif Akdağ, RC 88, whose on sight photographs we have printed in this article, served as a volunteer rescuer working together with the Malaysian Rescue Team. He spent two weeks searching for the living trapped under mountains of rubble. He is probably one of our few graduates who experienced the aftermath of the disaster closer than any of us.

*International rescue teams also included the US Navy, Israeli, Greek, Italian, Spanish, Swiss, French, Belgian, Russian, Georgian, Azerbaijan teams, and other teams all of whom worked with great sacrifice. All Turks are thankful to them. Now we know in Turkey that we are not alone in the world, as we sometimes feel when international politics displays sharp turns.

What next?

There is no doubt the after effects of the Marmara earthquake will last for a long time. Psychologists and doctors will have their hands full. Engineers and architects who had been, for decades, bitterly complaining about the uncontrolled growth of the Marmara region can now expect to find more ears that will take things to heart and listen to their scientific explanations and warnings. Hopefully, politicians will also begin to lend their ears to experts as well as to NGOs. As a nation we will have to learn to live with an earthquake zone, much like the Japanese. There will need to be better supervision of constructions, more rescue training, organisation, and equipment put to more effective usage.

Hope for the Future

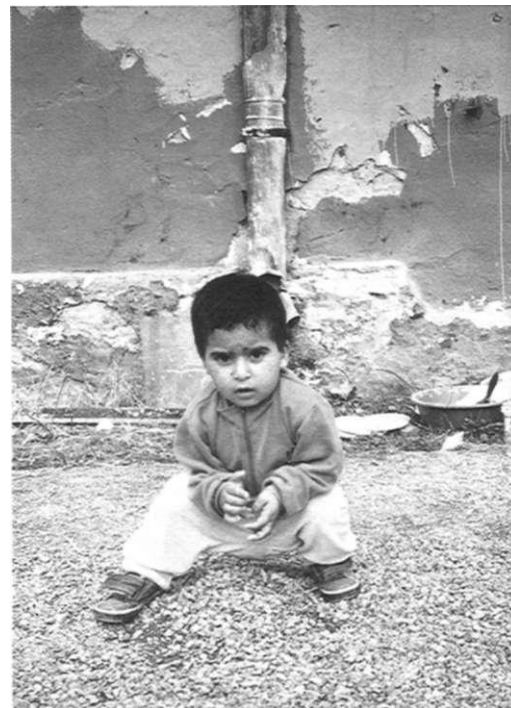
In our previous Alumni Association article "Save Arnavutköy" in the Spring 1999 issue of RC Quarterly we had written that things were changing fast in Turkey, and as one of the fastest changing things, we had mentioned the increasing strength and influence of non-governmental organisations or

NGOs. The August 17 earthquake in Turkey has been a turning point in the awareness of the role of NGOs in Turkish society. A volunteer rescue organisation, AKUT won the hearts of all Turks with the unbelievable effort, organisation, and success they displayed. Dr. Feridun Çelikmen, RC physician is also the co-founder of AKUT alongside RC 91 graduate Sarp Yelkencioğlu (interviewed in this Issue) who is on the team of volunteers.

The education foundation, Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Vakfı where many ACG and RC graduates serve, set up field stations in disaster areas, offering psychotherapy and organised distribution of relief materials, thus supporting the state's efforts. Ordinary citizens are now expecting more from quick-to-respond NGOs than from the slow-moving bureaucratic state organisations.

On September 4, 1999 Robert College Alumni Association ,too, undersigned the September 2, 1999

Three year old Serhat has become a well known and much loved resident of the Cephanelik camp site.



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R Istanbul Alumni Association would like to thank the RC Alumni Association of Greece for their kind message of sympathy extended to us following the Marmara earthquake disaster. We would like to extend our sorrow for the loss suffered in Athens due to a similar cause. As two nations we do not only share the two opposite shores of the Aegean Sea ,but also similar subterranean conditions and associated "fate".

declaration of a very large number of professional organisations, foundations, associations, and other volunteer organisations that called on the state to recognise and include NGOs in the restructuring endeavors of the country. That effort was initiated to a large extent through Açık Radyo, the local radio station headed by Ömer Madra RA 64. The radio where a variety of RC alumni volunteer as programmers (www.acikradyo.com), immediately set up a Coordination Center for Earthquake Relief at the Station, playing a key role from the very beginning in matching the needs at the disaster area with the resources, through NGO's.

Another important foundation, Türk Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı TEGV or Turkish Education Volunteers, headed by RC 64 graduate Ibrahim Betil and whose board includes several other renowned alumni actively involved (Suna Kırac ACG 60, Nuri Çolakoğlu RA 62, Burhan Karaçam RC 68) is working on a longer term program, the Hayat or Life Project. TEGV is setting up permanent housing for teachers in five different locations in the disaster area, for 50 families each, all centered around teaching units where people will not only receive education but also psychological treatment. Two will be in the Bay Area, the other three in

Adapazarı, Yalova and Gölcük respectively. A group of young alumni led by Taner Aksel RC 87 and organised as Sivil İnisiyatif Gurubu (Civil Initiative Group) is giving their support to TEGV, too.

At this point in time, we are sure that there are many more names that we have not been able to recognize from the RC extended family - the graduates, faculty and staff as well as students and parents - who are very active in other facets of the current aid campaigns. We sincerely appreciate their work and thank them. In the coming millenium, we believe that Turkish NGOs will become a strong partner of the Turkish state and the Turkish nation shall benefit from the cooperation of the two forces.

RC Alumni Association Executive Board, Istanbul would like to extend their condolences to the families of the victims of the unfortunate earthquake and call on all alumni to continue their support to all those who are working hard to help lessen the suffering incurred.

Nigar Alemdar ACG 66
Vice-President
Alumni Association

CORRECTION:

We apologize for the printing error that occurred in Nigar Alemdar's article, "Save Arnavutköy", in the Spring 99 issue of the RCQ. Page 5, line 7, should read

"This means that one will be able to park his/her car in Erenköy..."

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FUND RAISING

IN MEMORY OF
SALİH BOSNA RC 76

Friends of Salih Bosna have gotten together to set up an endowed scholarship fund in his memory. This fund will generate income to enable deserving RC students to receive scholarship aid in perpetuity.

Salih Bosna spent many days of his 42 years travelling. From the USA to Australia there were very few places left that he hadn't travelled to yet. He had always enjoyed living life to the hilt and it was after one of his many travels that death caught up with him. Salih Bosna was returning from a "blue journey" in June when the taxi he was in skidded off the road on the way to Dalaman airport. The untimely death of Salih Bosna, RC 76, was deeply mourned by all those who knew him. (see *Obituaries page 38*) A much loved figure among all those who ever came in contact with him, it was only fitting that his classmates and family chose to cherish his memory with an endowed scholarship fund set up in his name. Salih Bosna, who was a regular high honor donor to the Annual Giving Campaign for many years would have been the first to contribute to such a cause.

The endowment fund is aimed at \$50.000. So far, a total of \$27.600 has been raised. RC 76 class agent Nedim Ölçer indicates that this effort was initiated and will be accomplished through the deep bonds of love, friendship, and joy



for life that Salih Bosna had and that he spread around him.

Contributions have been made by his classmates, as well as members of RC 73, RC 74 and RC 75. His family, business associates and his friends

from various social circles were also enthusiastic in their support of this fund.

Once completed, the income of the endowed fund will go towards the scholarship of a student at RC in perpetuity. The fund will continue to grow through the efforts of all those who knew him and who felt his contagious "joie de vivre".

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the Salih Bosna endowed scholarship Fund can do so by contact-

ing class agent Nedim Ölçer Tel: 212 257 6407

e-mail: nolcer@tekfen.com.tr or the Alumni & Development Office

Tel: 212 263 42 39

e-mail: alumni@robcol.k12.tr

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Other endowed scholarships have recently been established at RC in memory of the following individuals.

Gülsevil Nalbantoglu ACG 67

Fund endowed by Alumni Association, Parents Association, Parents Club, ACG 67, family and friends

Nejat Ezal

Fund endowed by Biilent Ezal RC Eng 56 and family

Tank Koyuturk RC 34

Fund endowed by family

Giiler Topkaya ACG 51-Ozer Salmur

Fund endowed by family

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To those of you who have already given this year, WE THANK YOU

KENDİM İÇİN BİRŞEY İSTİYORSAM NAMERDİM

Yaşamının 34 yılını Robert Kolej'de, hem audio-visual direktörü hem de yatakhane amiri olarak geçiren ve Haziran 1999'da emekli olan Aydın Ungan, "Baba", sevgi dolu anılarını, şimdiki yatakhane amiri ve Türkçe öğretmenini Mehmet Uysal'a anlattı.

Mehmet Uysal: Robert Kolej'de çok sevilen bir hoca olmak nasıl bir duygu?
Aydın Ungan: Bunun tarifi mümkün değil. Nasıl bu noktaya geldim bilemiyorum ama ben mesleğimi seçerken insanlarla bir arada olmanın benim için çok önemli olduğunu düşünüyordum. ACG, bana bir teklif getirdiğinde çok mutlu oldum çünkü bir okul içerisinde yüzlerce kişiyle beraber olacağımı, onlara vereceğim ve onlardan alacağım bir sürü bilgilerin olacağını düşünerek çok sevinmişim. İçimdeki başkalarına karşı olan sevgiyi paylaşmak istemişim. Sanıyorum sevgi alışverişi sonucunda bu noktaya geldim.

M.Uysal: Öğretmenliğin, sizce en zevkli yönü nedir?

A.Ungan: Bana göre, mesleklerin en kutsalı, en mükemmeli, en ulaşılmaz olanı öğretmenliktir. Bütün hayatım boyunca bunu ilke edinmişim ve bu yolda yürüdüğümü sanıyorum. Sevgiyi, bilgiyi ve hatta hayatı birlikte paylaştığımız insanları, seneler sonra, mesleklerini başarıyla bir şekilde icra ederken gördüğünüzde aldığınız zevk herhalde başka hiçbir meslekte hissedilemez.

M. Uysal: RC'de geçen 34 ydda pek çok yeni şey yaptınız. Bunlardan sizce en önemli olanları hangileriydi?

A.Ungan: Benim RC'ye getirilme amacım audio-visual merkezinin Türkiye'de belli standartlar içerisinde, belli teknolojileri kullanarak kurul-

maşıydı. Türk-Amerikan hükümetleri arasında bir anlaşma yapılmış, bu için o zamanki ACG'de kurulduktan sonra bir Türk tarafında yönetilmesi istenmiş. Ben bu görevi kabul ederken Türkiye'de bunun eğitiminin verilmediğini, mutlaka dışarda eğitiminin yaptırılarak bu işin başına getirilmemi önermişim. Arizona State Üniversitesi'nde audio-visual konusunda master yapıp buraya geldim, Amerika'da kullanılan o günkü teknolojiyi bu okula taşıdım.

Bütün modern yöntemleriyle çeşitli audio-visual gereçlerini okulda kullanmaya başladık. Hatta, o tarihlerde Türkiye'de renkli film banyoları yapılmazken biz burada yapıyorduk bile. O günkü şartlarda, Türkiye'nin çok ilerisinde bir eğitim merkezi kurulmuştu. Bundan etkilenen çevremizdeki bazı okullar, bizden örnek alarak kendi merkezlerini geliştirdiler. Hatırlıyorum, ilk başladığımızda haftada üç-dört kişi audio-visual merkezine ya gelir ya gelmezdi. Daha sonraki aylarda bu sayı arttı. Bu kullanımda o karşılıklı sıcak ilgi, sevgi ve saygı, beni çok mutlu ediyordu.

M.Uysal: Audio-visual merkezinin en önemli bölümü herhalde fotoğrafçılık. Fotoğrafçılık sizin için neyi ifade ediyor?

Ungan: Fotoğraf RC'nin hayatında da çok önemli bir unsur. Ben buraya geldiğim zaman fotoğraf malzemeleri ayarladık. Karanlık odalarımız dahil, çalışmalarımız için olanaklar hazır. ACG halindeyken biz yıllığımızın bütün fotoğraflarını bu merkezde oluşturuyorduk. Daha sonra bu oluşum devam etti. Delikanlılar geldiği zaman ben şaşırdım, bunlara nasıl cevap vereceğim, bilgim yetiyecek mi diye düşündüm. Onlarla beraber çabalar göstererek belirli bir seviyeye geldik ve fotoğraf çalışmalarımız çok ileri boyutlara geldi. Şimdiki video imkanlarımız olmadığı için slidelarla senkronize, programlar hazırlamıştık.

Bu çalışmalarda çocuklarımız kendi bölgelerine gittiği zaman oranın ilginç özelliklerini fotoğraflarla saptayıp geliyor burada onları yeniden kompozit edip sosyal derslerde kullanıyorlardı. Nasrettin Hoca'nın türbesinin tanıtımı, Karagöz programının hazırlanışını hep birlikte gerçekleştir-

dik. En büyük zevkimiz bir programı bitirdikten sonra karşısına geçip keyifle başarımızı kutlamaktı. Tabii artık çok şey değişti. Özellikle belirtmek istiyorum. Bana göre dijital fotoğrafı fotoğraf değildir. Bu herhalde yaşlılığım ile ilgili olsa gerek. O karanlık odanın mis gibi kokan ilaçlarını hissetmeden, siyahını, beyazını hissetmeden fotoğraf bana göre biraz fotoğraf dışı birşey oluyor.

Fotoğraf çalışmaları benim öğrencilerimle hayatı paylaşmamı da beraberinde getirdi. Fotoğraf dersini almayan öğrencilerim, ayrıca kulüp çalışmalarına katılırdı. Bu kulübün yüzün üstünde üyesi olurdu. Verdiğim ödevleri yapmayan öğrencileri zaman zaman kulüpten çıkarırdık. Amacımız daha az sayıda insan ile daha kaliteli çalışma yapabilmektir. Çok sevdiğim öğrencilerim, onları kulüpten çıkartmak durumunda olduğum zamanlar yanıma ağlayarak gelir beni de ağlatırlardı. Dolayısıyla bu uygulamadan hiçbir zaman netice alamadığımız için aynı sayıda öğrenci ile ça-

lışmalarımıza devam ederdik. Bu öğrencilerimizin içinde bugün fotoğraf dalında mesleki çalışmalar yapanlar, mesleklerinde, aldıkları fotoğraf bilgisini kullananlar var.

Boynuz kulağı çok çok geçmiştir. Benim de kendi ölçülerim içerisinde fotoğraf sanatıyla ilgili çalışmalarım vardı. Ama öğrencilerimin eserleriyle ben daha çok mutlu oldum, gurur duydum.

M. Uysal: RC da nasıl bir hocadınız?

Ungan: İçimden gelen bütün sevgiyi çocuklarımla, öğretmen arkadaşlarımla paylaştım. Aldığım her görevi en titiz şekilde yapmaya çalıştım. Konu ne olursa olsun öğrencilerime hep eşit davrandım. Hiç birinin sevgisi öbüründen daha az veya daha fazla değildi. İş konusunda bir hayli titizdim.

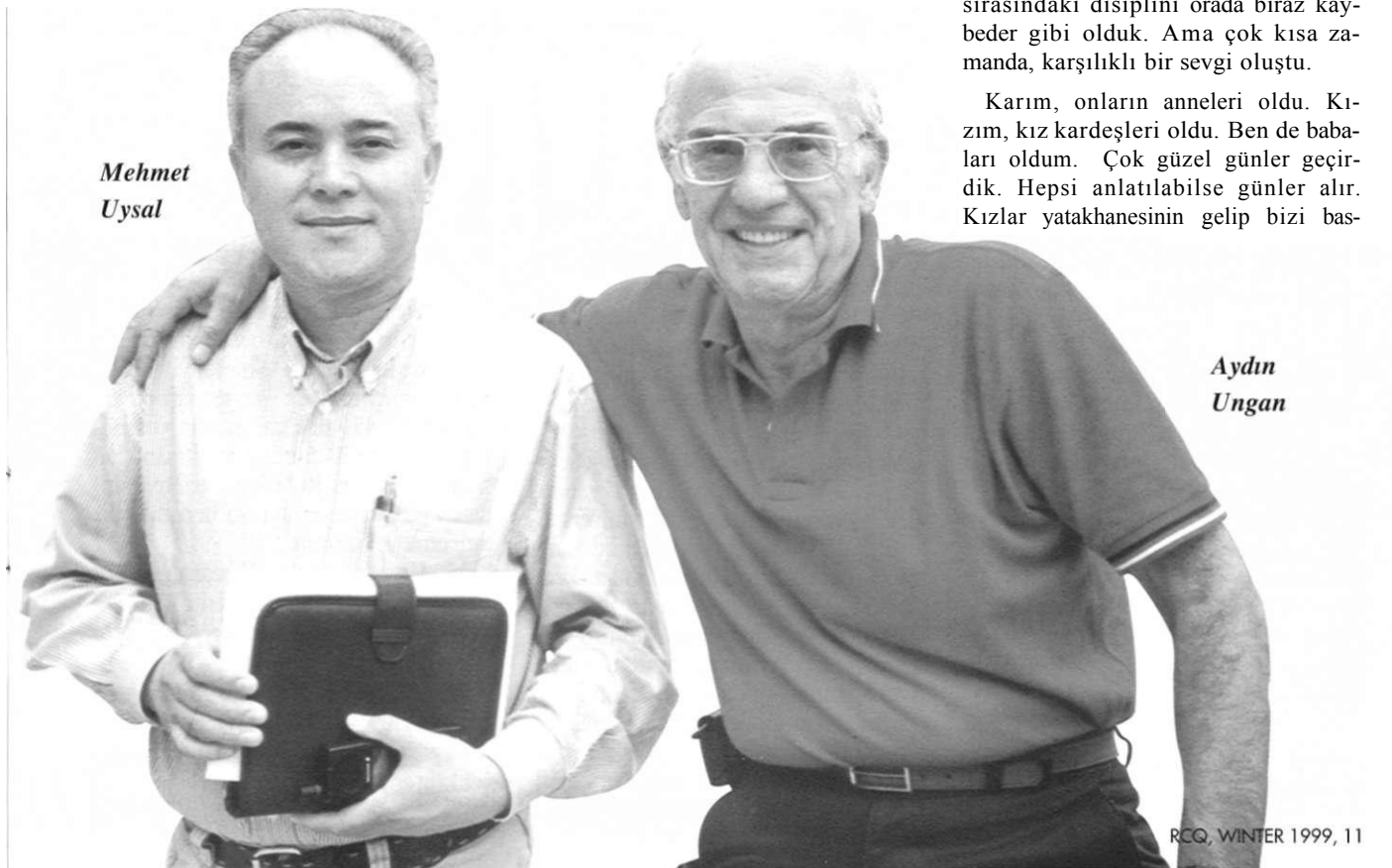
Son diploma töreninde söylediğim gibi, kendim için birşey istiyorsam namerdim. Yatılı öğrencilerimin veya audio-visual'ın menfaati söz konusu olduğunda biraz hırçındım galiba.

Zaman zaman aşırı boyutlarda çıkışlarım olmuştur. Bunlar öğrencilerim, audio-visual merkezim veya yatakhane içindi. Zaten bunu bilen arkadaşlarım bana 34 yıl sabır göstermişlerdir.

M.Uysal: Yatakhane ve yatılılar nasıl bir yaşam biçimi?

Ungan: Tüylerim diken diken oldu. Her zaman her yerde söyledim. Allah herkese çalıştığı işten benim yatakhane aldığım zevki nasip etsin. Bulunmaz bir hayat deneyimi, sevgi, saygı dolu bir on üç yıl geçirdik. Çok güzel günlerdi. Bir gün, hukuk müşavirimiz Ertuğrul Bey dedi ki, Aydın, gözün aydın. Bir sürü çocukların oldu. Ankara'da Milli Eğitim ile ilgili bir toplantıdan gelmiş, o toplantıda benim erkekler yatahanesinin başına getirilmem kararlaştırılmış. Önce irkildim tabii. Çok yabancı bir çalışma şekliydi benim için. İlk günü hatırlıyorum. Baktım bir sürü adam. Okul sırasındaki davranış şeklinin dışında bir takım davranış biçimiyle karşımda. Kılığı, konuşması değişik. Okul sırasındaki disiplini orada biraz kaybeder gibi olduk. Ama çok kısa zamanda, karşılıklı bir sevgi oluştu.

Karım, onların anneleri oldu. Kızım, kız kardeşleri oldu. Ben de babaları oldum. Çok güzel günler geçirdik. Hepsini anlatılabilsen günler alır. Kızlar yatahanesinin gelip bizi bas-



Mehmet Uysal

Aydın Ungan

Konu ne olursa olsun öğrencilerime hep eşit davrandım. Hiç birinin sevgisi öbüründen daha az veya daha fazla değildi.

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ması, bizim onlara karşılık vermemiz, kızlar yatakhane amirinin bunlardan çok ürküp okul müdürüne haber vermesi, okul müdürün, başlarında kim var? Aydın Bey varsa tamam birşey olmaz deyişi gibi çok güzel şeyler paylaştık.

Yatakhane hayatı, benden sonra sen bu işi götürüyorsun ve beni çok iyi anlıyorsun, bulunmaz bir nimet. Karşındaki çocuğun ızdırabı senin ızdırabın, onun sevinci senin sevincin oluyor. Herşeyi birlikte yaşadığımız için çok güzel anılar oluyor. Örneğin sucuk partisi bir tatilde ortaya çıktı. Her tarafkar, kimse bir yere gidemiyor, okul tatil olmuş, bu eşkiyalan zapt etmek mümkün değil. Haydiii, indik aşağıya; sucuklar, sütler... Mehmet Kavadarlı'yı hatırlıyorum. Neredeyse bir kilo sucuk, iki ekmek, iki büyük şişe süt... Neresine, nasıl sığdırdı? Hayretler içerisinde kalmıştık. Ondan sonra sen bunu geleneksel bir hale getirdin. Şunu da belirtirim. Yatılı çocuklarımız bizim onlara vermek istediğimiz tüm sevgiyi, saygıyı iyi şekilde özümstediler ve karşılığını verdiler. Onlar seyahatlerim sırasında, Anadolu'nun herhangi bir yerinde karşıma Baba! diyerek çıktıkları zaman bunun manevi değerinin hiçbir şekilde ölçülemeyeceğinin bilincindeyim.

M. Uysal: Kampus ile ilgili özel bir anınızı bize anlatır mısınız?

Ungan: Aman Yarabbim. O kadar çok var ki. Bunların içinde, gece yansı bütün yatakhaneyi kaldırıp şimdi Tiyatro binası olan alanda sabah 2'lere, 3'lere kadar mini futbol oynamamız; okul müdürünün (o zaman John Chalfant idi) çok telaşlanması, bekleyi göndermesi, başında benim olduğumu öğrendiğinde rahatlaması güzel anılarımdır.

Bir tanker patlaması olmuştu. Gece saat 11'i geçiyordu. Çocuklar yatırıldıktan sonra ben de yatmak üzereyken birdenbire bir gümbürtü duydum. Hatta pantolonumun bir paçasını çıkarmış öbürünü de çıkarmak üzereydim. Pencereden baktığım zaman bütün karşı sahilin pembe bir ışıkla aydınlandığını gördüm. Çok korktum. O yarım paçayla koridora koşup çocuklara, korkmayın,

birşey yok diye bağırdığımı hatırlıyorum. Bir anda bütün çocukları, surveillantlarla beraber, kanatlarımızın altına aldık. O korkumuzu çok iyi hatırlıyorum.

Bunların haricinde, yatakhane zaman zaman tansiyon yükseldiğinde, o tansiyonu düşürebilmek için bir takım özel çalışmalar da yapıyorduk. Bunlardan bir tanesi Önder Dalkıran nezaretinde su savaşları idi. Bu arada bize olan hınçları birkaç bardak suyla giderilmiş oluyor, yatakhane de güzelce yıkanmış oluyordu. Amerika'dan gelirken yanımızda çok büyük bir su tabancası getir-



miştım. Sabahları zamanında kalkmayan öğrencilere su tabancamla uzaktan uyandırmaya çalışırdım. Bir gün Adnan Cezayirli, İbrahim Akdemir ve birkaç öğrenci daha, bana pusı kurmuşlar. Beni aldılar, kocaman çamaşır sepetinin içine taktılar, bir hayli ıslattılar ve o halde lojmanımın kapısına bıraktılar. Eşim kapıyı açınca da ortadan kaçtılar.

M.Uysal:Peki, Audio-visual anılarınız?

Ungan: Audio-visual konusunda, diyebilirim ki Türkiye de master yapmış ilk kişi bendim. Türkiye'deki üniversitelerde bu konuda eğitim veren herhangi bir fakülte yok idi. Türkiye de bu konulara ciddi boyutlarda başlamış ilk kuruluş bizim okul idi. Çalışmalarımızı gören çevre okullar bizden yardım aldılar. Ayrıca, karanlık oda çalışmalarında bazen sabahladığımız zaman duyduğumuz zevki anlatmak mümkün değil.

Çevre okullara posterler, atlaslar gibi şeyler hazırlar onlara götürdük.. Fakir okulları görüp, ihtiyaçlarını hazırlayıp kendilerine sunduk. Ayrıca, gene audio-visual imkanlarından faydalanarak Cem Boyner'in bir fotoğrafını kemeste sattık. Parasıyla da burs komitesine yardımcı bulunduk.

M.Uysal: RC'yi nasıl hatırlamak istersiniz?

A.Ungan: O kadar çok fiziki değişikliği oldu ki. Bütün bu değişimlerine rağmen, bu eğitim kurumunun bu güzellikler, yeşillikler ve güzel insanlarla beraber büyük bir anıt olarak yüzyıllarca sürmesini diliyorum. Robert Kolej'i, ömrüm olduğu sürece hep böyle görmek, böyle hatırlamak istiyorum. Mutlaka üzüntülü günlerimiz de oldu ama onlar da hayatın bir parçası. İnşallah, gelecek insanlar da benim bu kutsal yuvadan aldığım zevki devam ettirirler, aynı şeyi yaşarlar.

M. Uysal: Bundan sonraki planlarınız nedir?

A.Ungan: Benim Robert Kolej'in bir üyesi olmam hiçbir zaman bitmez. Kolej'in bir gün bana bir ihtiyacı olursa, her an yardıma hazır olduğumu söylemek isterim. Biliyorsunuz, çevre ile, Anadolu'nun güzellikleri ile birlikte büyüdüm. Bu çizgide devam etmek istiyorum. Sağolsun, benim özelliklerimi tanıyan birtakım arkadaşlarım yeni açılan bazı üniversitelerde görev alabileceğimi söylediler. Ben bunun bir iddia olduğu kanısındayım. Eğitim teknolojisi o kadar süratle değişti ki ben bunun biraz gerisinde kaldım. Bu teknolojiyi yakalayabilmek için büyük gayret sarf etmek gerekiyor. 47 yıllık çalışmanın yorgunluğunu biraz üstümden atayım ondan sonra ilk sırada RC olmak üzere, benden yardım isteyen olursa herkese yardım etmeye hazırım.

M. Uysal: Aydın Hocam, Aydın Baba, Aydın Ağabey... sizin için çok sayıda değişik ifadeler var. Bunların herbiri değişik zenginlikler ifade ediyor. ... Öğrencileriniz ve biz öğretmen arkadaşlarınız bizleri ihya eden sizlerle yaşadığımız her şey için binlerce teşekkür ediyoruz.

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THE ORDEAL OF AN RC ALUMNA



Last May, Belgin (Taşkın) Şahin RC 72, visited Fügen Gülerterkin A C G 71 in a very unlikely place for an RC alumnus to be: In an American jail. She is serving an eight year term in the Marysville Womens Reformatory of Ohio for child endangerment.

Fügen's story is similar to the stories of many of our alumni with the exception of its ending. Fiigen (Alpay) graduated from A C G in 1971 and married Erdal Gülerterkin, RC 69. The newlyweds got their college degrees from Bo-gazici University and went to the States for their graduate degrees. Ftigen received a Masters Degree in Early Education from Ohio State University. After struggling for many years while raising two daughters and a grand-daughter, she moved on to establish one of Columbus's most sought after home daycare centers in 1994. Her services were very much in demand.

Unfortunately, on June 12, 1997, one of the babies she was taking care of choked on his curdled formula. Fiigen tried very hard to save the life of the baby, including administering artificial respiration several times. The baby was revived and taken to the hospital for further treatment. Thus, began Ftigen's ordeal. Fiigen was asked if she shook the baby, and she innocently said yes unaware of the impact of the British nanny case upon the American public opinion and the distorted interpretation it could be given. At around the same time, in Boston, the British aupair Louise Woodward had been accused of violently shaking to death the baby she was taking care of. What Fiigen meant by shaking was nothing of the sort, just tossing and turning the baby to clear the blockage from his throat. Most important difference of all was the fact that this baby recovered and is now leading a normal life.



*Marysville Women's Jail
Ohio, USA May 1999*

The British nanny, known as the foreign baby-sitter was released from American prison partly as a result of a well organized British campaign. This caused an uproar in America. But, just at that time, they had another foreign baby-sitter in their hands, namely Fiigen Gülerterkin, who had no such support behind her. Fiigen was given the maximum penalty; eight years in prison without parole. What is even more outrageous was the fact that her bail bond was set at 10 million US dollars, a record for the State of Ohio. Yes, even though she had been a law-abiding resident of Ohio for 17 years with no criminal record, she was treated worse than a serial murderer!

Her treatment in the hands of the Ohio criminal system has outraged many American lawyers. Former Ohio State University law professor Nancy

S. Erickson has stated that Fiigen has been a victim of vicious discrimination in Ohio. Other lawyers have admitted their utter disbelief about the way she ' was harassed by the police and legal enforcement officers. Imagine: One police detective went so far as stating to television cameras in front of their house that this family is not wanted in this neighborhood! The Gtilertekin's have been the subject of racial slurs and even outright attacks and have worried about their safety.

Fiigen Gülerterkin, who is a proud RC alumnus, continues to fight on even though she is severely handicapped by her imprisonment. Her lawyer is in the process of applying for a new trial. This is a lengthy and costly process. She would appreciate all the help, financial or moral, she can get.

I have no doubts that she is a victim of injustice and unfortunate circumstances beyond her control. For those in doubt, I suggest my husband's recent book: Haluk Şahin, *Elektronik Prangalı Kadın: Fügen Gülerterkin (Doğan Kitapçılık, Ekim 1999)*. All proceeds from this book will go to the Fiigen Gülerterkin Defence Fund.

I call on all RC alumni to rush to the aid of this friend in need.

Belgin Şahin RC 72

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*Fiigen Gülerterkin 42100 ORW. HALE 1479
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MEMORIES



*Albert Long,
Professor
of Natural
Philosophy
at Robert
College in
1894*

THE EARTHQUAKE OF 1894

The earthquake of 1894 in Istanbul was described in an article in Zion's Herald, an American Protestant newspaper, in the issue of October 10, 1894. The author was Dr. Albert L. Long, Professor of Natural Philosophy at Robert College. Dr. Long describes the earthquake and its aftermath in vivid detail, first setting the scene in an Istanbul that we can now hardly recognize, the picturesque city of late Ottoman times, which was still known in the West as Constantinople.

Researched and contributed by John Freely

THE EARTHQUAKE IN CONSTANTINOPLE... The date Tuesday, July 10, 1894 will be long remembered by the inhabitants of Constantinople. The day was beautifully clear, the air balmy and unusually pure, with nothing whatsoever of that murkiness and that peculiar electrical condition

attendant upon what is popularly called 'earthquake weather.' No brighter day had been seen through the whole season. The gangs of workmen upon the buildings, the porters and dock laborers upon the quays, and all busy men wherever toiling in associated labor had stopped work, for, according to the customs of

the country, the welcome call of 'paidos' had sounded forth from sturdy lungs calling 'from labor to refreshment.' Some had already finished their repast of bread and olives and had stretched their weary limbs under the shade of some archway or wall for a quiet sleep. The shopkeepers in the bazaars were also either dozing or eat-

ing their frugal lunch in some retired corner. The muezzins from the lofty minarets of the mosques were crying out to the four corners of the heavens the call to prayer. Local mean time showed twenty two minutes past twelve.

Suddenly there was heard a peculiar rumbling, grating and grinding noise, compared by some to the sound of a railway train passing through a tunnel, by others to the sound of a steamboat blowing off steam under water; but after all a sound of such unique character as to make it always remembered once heard. The terrifying noise was followed by a rising and sinking of the ground, such as one feels under foot upon the deck of a ship when riding the crest of a wave. Then came a terrible vibratory motion or shaking as though some mighty vindictive force were shaking the earth as a terrier does a rat. Along with this came the crash of falling walls, the crumbling of chimneys, and the falling in of vaulted structures centuries old, clouds of dust, groans and cries from the wounded, piercing shrieks of women and children, and the roar of an insane crowd calling out in most of the languages of Europe and Asia and madly rushing for the few open spaces. The old and the feeble were trampled underfoot; strong men fell down dead from fright; some became violently insane; and others are hysterically sobbing, laughing and crying.

All this change is affected in less time than it takes to read this imperfect description of it. The actual shocks, three or four in succession, spread over about ten minutes, did not, perhaps, all taken together, occupy more than one minute....

The next thing was to find out who

were missing and what was the damage done. Naturally enough, the panic prevented all exact estimate and caused the wildest and most extravagant exaggerations of the results of the catastrophe. It soon became apparent, that the seismic movement, while extending through the whole city and the whole extent of the Bosphorus, diminished its intensity to the north. The Prince's Islands in the Sea of Marmara, suffered severely. A line drawn from these islands striking Stamboul at the quarter called Koum Kapu, and passing the Hippodrome through the Grand Bazaar and along the high ridge by the Adrianople Gate, would indicate the line of the greatest

During one month we have now had about forty shocks.



disturbance, but there is hardly a street in Stanboul or in Galata where there are no ruined buildings.

The heaviest blow to the business

of the city is undoubtedly in the destruction of a large portion of the Grand Bazaar. This famous mart has for centuries been one of the chief attractions of the imperial city. The labyrinths of covered streets, so narrow that in most of them the shopkeepers could hand goods across to their opposite neighbors, were generally thronged with purchasers or with curious travelers for whom the profuse display of all kinds of tissues, embroideries, jewelry, old porcelain, armor and bric-a-brac of all description had an indescribable charm. The entrance to this Bazaar is through massive gates from the principal streets. These are in charge of special porters and are closed at night. No access is allowed to any one after the closing. Property of an enormous value is thus left in the confidential charge of those faithful guardians.

When the fatal shock came and the stones from the vaulted domes and the glass from those roofs began to fall with a cloud of dust from the mortar and plaster, one may imagine the panic which seized the thousands of people who at that time were within that structure. Fortunately the number

of gates allowed of exit in different directions, but there were many places from which more than one hundred yards of distance would have to be traversed before a place of exit would be found. The loss of life must have been terrible; but its extent will probably never be known.

The circumstances were very peculiar. The task before the authorities was an exceedingly difficult

one. There were many diamonds and jewels and objects of great value which had been abandoned by their owners, all lying open at the mercy of

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thieves. Cries for help were sounding from the wounded and those imprisoned under the arches of the ruined structures. What was to be done? With our western ideas of the sacredness of human life and the claims of the wounded for first attention, we would have said, 'Save first the lives. Take out these wounded men. Lift up and bear away tenderly those mangled women and children; and as to the property, trust that to the owners to look after it.' In the difficult circumstances under which they were placed, let us not blame too seriously the authorities for acting more in accordance with Oriental ideas and looking after the property first. Quickly the gates were closed. Where the gateways had fallen, barriers were thrown across the street and 'No Thoroughfare' declared, and in an incredibly short period of time that whole structure, embracing miles of covered streets, was under the charge of the police and everybody who was able to crawl out of the ruins had come out and no one was allowed to return under any pretext whatsoever. What was going on within that strictly guarded enclosure was not the business of the public to know. It was not thought best for the press to publish details which might increase the public uneasiness. As no official report has yet been made, there are no reliable data upon which to base any statement as to the number taken out dead. One who professed to know gave me with apparent exactitude the number as 134; while another with equal pretensions to accuracy gave me the number as 1,127. Perhaps the average of these two might not be far out of the way.

As to the saving of the property, it was admirably managed and eminently successful. I have made careful inquiries and have not learned of any well-authenticated case of serious loss



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from theft. Some of the dead bodies taken out had quantities of diamonds in their pockets, but they were their own; they were not stolen. The unfortunate owners had hastily taken from the glass case before them what they could find and started for the gate, and had been overtaken by the falling stones. In fact, the examples of fidelity to trust which have come to my knowledge in this connection, have been to me in the highest degree encouraging, and have given me an increased confidence in my fellow-man, for which in these days of pessemistic croaking I am devoutly thankful...

As to the damages suffered by the historical and art monuments of the city, they are not as extensive as was at first feared. There are several bad cracks in St. Sophia. Large pieces of plaster and the mosaic work have fallen, but after being closed for a few days and thoroughly inspected by experts, the venerable building was opened to the public. The Kariye Mosque, however, with its beautiful mosaics, has fared worse. Many of them, it is feared, are ruined. The Imperial Museum with its priceless Sidon Sarcophagus, escaped serious damage. Vezir Khan, one of the largest and oldest khans of the city, is a complete wreck. Many of the public baths of the city are also injured. The minarets of many of the mosques are deprived of their pointed caps. The land walls of the city, which have

withstood many earthquakes, have suffered very severely. The Adrianople Gate is in ruins and large sections of the massive wall in that vicinity have been thrown down. From the Seven Towers along the Sea of Marmara to San Stefano many buildings were ruined and a number of lives lost by the falling in of dwelling-houses or by the crumbling of high garden walls. The curious fact was there noted of the water being thrown out of the garden reservoirs and the fish scattered around upon the grass, thus showing a vertical movement of considerable extent.

...During one month we have now had about forty shocks. The continued tension of nerve, the uncertainty and the feeling of utter helplessness, affect all classes of the community and paralyze almost all business.

...The Robert College buildings bear a few marks, but have suffered no serious injury. The American College for Girls, situated in Scutari, has, I am sorry to say, suffered very seriously; many of the ceilings and partition walls having to be renewed before the buildings can be re-occupied. Workmen are busily at work on it and there is every prospect that it will be ready for occupancy by the first of September.

...The different European communities, business firms and banks are sending in handsome contributions for the relief of the destitute. The Sultan and his ministers have generously contributed to the same object; but while individual cases of suffering may be relieved, years may pass before the city can recover commercially from the disaster.

Albert L. Long LL.D.
Robert College, Constantinople,
August 15, 1894

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TAKE THE INITIATIVE

Sarp Yelkencioglu RC 91, is a "ten talents on ten fingers" type of person. It was quite a feat finding Sarp in one place long enough to be able to interview him for the RCQ. Between his rescue efforts as a member of AKUT during the earthquake relief operations in the Kocaeli region and in Athens, and his busy schedule as a radio disc jockey as well as the owner of a music production and consultancy firm, we finally caught up with Sarp on campus.

R C Q: Your name has been in the headlines lately as a volunteer at AKUT. What exactly is AKUT and what was your training that enabled you to be a member of this group?

Sarp: AKUT is a search and rescue organization which I've been involved in since its beginning three years ago. It was initially founded by six mountaineers and one caver. These were people who did extreme sports as a hobby in Turkey. Even though we had people doing these sports we didn't have any search and rescue teams. What happened was that eventually whenever there was a need for rescue which needed special skills all this was done by these mountaineers. Basically it was friends saving friends. There was no assigned team. The 'jandarma' showed up, called teams from the army who weren't trained for civilian rescue. In the end all these civilian mountaneers would end up getting called.

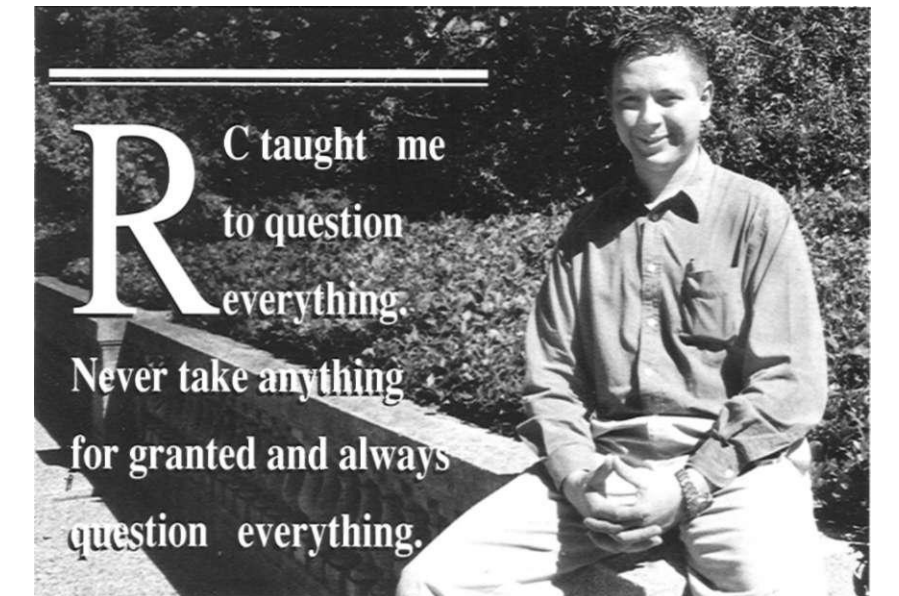
When I was attending college in the USA I worked in the 911 emergency operations. I have an EMT (emergency medical technician) degree. I also have firefighter skills that I obtained through certain training sessions.

RC Q: Were you always interested in these sorts of things?

Sarp: In the States you're kind of lonely, you have no past there .

The college life scene seemed so unreal to me. College life is a life of its own. It depends on the college of course, and I don't want to put college life down but it didn't suit me and I wanted to do something with myself. I was also the representative of a radio station. I worked as a technician for sound and lighting which started at RC.

One day I was driving in front



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of the fire department, I knocked on their door and asked them how the system worked. They told me that in the US, 60-70% of emergency help is based on volunteers. I asked them if I could join and they said, yes. Of course, I had to get some training. You see some incredible things when you are doing this kind of work. Once its in your blood, you can't do without it. It's such a different feeling to be able to help somebody to be a part of a team rescue effort. Then I came to Turkey. I was so disturbed to realize that if there was an accident or any kind of disaster, it took hours at times to get any relief effort started. The medics couldn't come on time, and now that I'm in the system I know that was because there wasn't enough personnel to meet the demand. I was thinking of what I could do and figured the best I could do at the time had to do with radios. I had a lot of business relations with radio stations, and said I wanted to do a radio program to tell people that we shouldn't expect everything from the government and that if we envy other systems we shouldn't complain but rather do something of our own. I started a radio show every Friday at Hür FM at midnight.

RCQ: This brings up another question. In reality you are not a full-time paramedic. What is your real job?

Sarp: I was doing a lot of paper work, sales etc. in the radio world so I was never an on-air disc jockey. When I started doing this show itfaiye (Fire Department) there were a lot of negative reactions in the first few months. People were saying we have a lot

more serious problems in Turkey, why bother with fire fighting? I basically got the concept of fire-fighting into peoples's minds. Search and rescue, fire response are all part of the fire fighting response or should be.

That show lasted six months and during the show I met Nasuh Mahruki and Feridun Celikmen and got involved with AKUT during its early stages. Someone liked the way I talked on the radio so I got transferred to another station and started climbing up the stairs of the radio world.

RCQ: Do you have your own company, too?

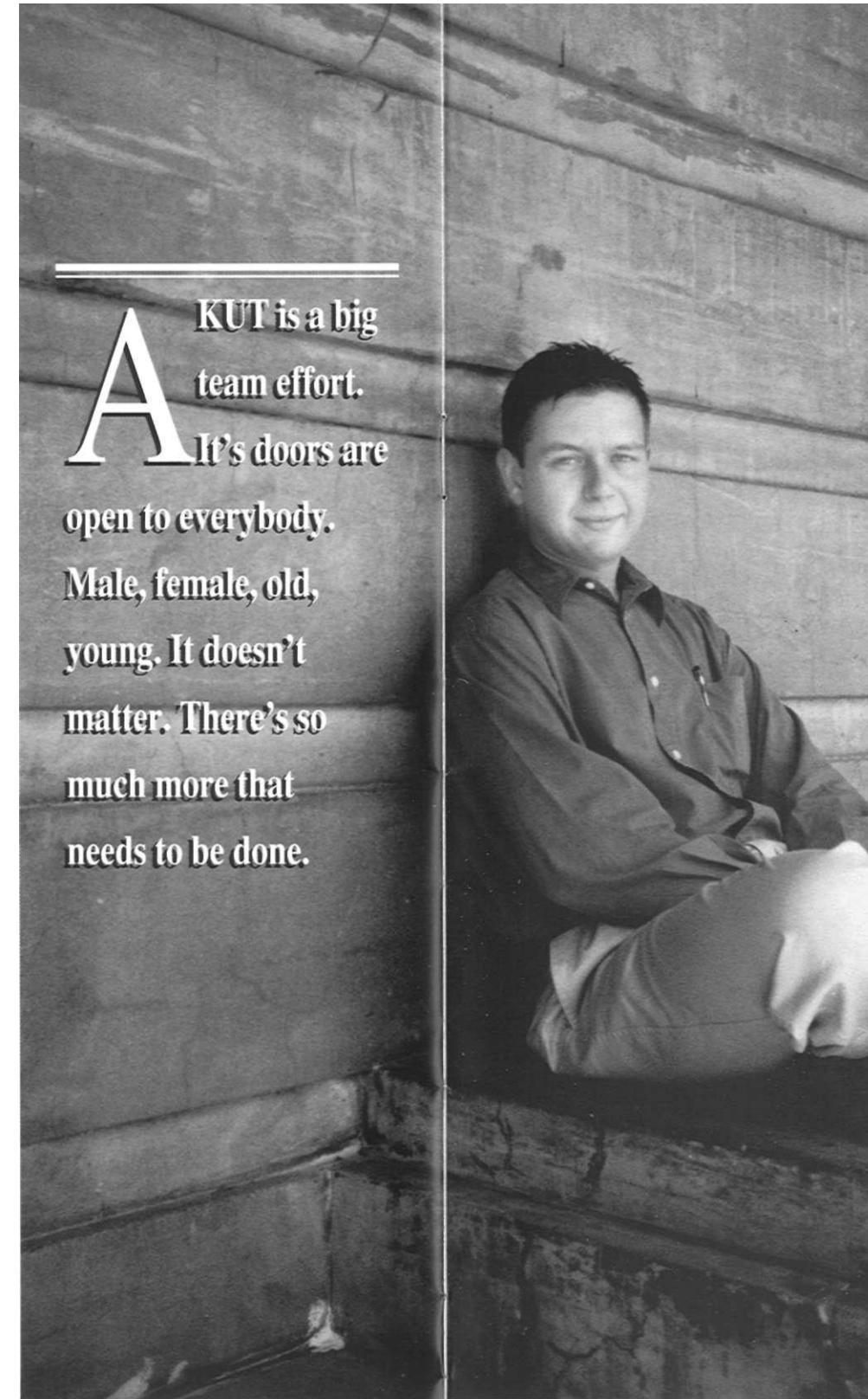
Sarp: These efforts for AKUT (which is three years old now) started and got under way. I was a big plus for AKUT initially because I had a lot of experience in volunteer emergency organizations. Meanwhile I launched my own company with all the experience I'd gained in the US and all the contacts I'd made.

Five days a week I have a show at Power FM (16:00-19:00) and during the day I've got my company called Radikal Music Production and Consultancy.

I always wanted to be my own boss and my company is my priority. The remaining times are for AKUT. Of course when there is a disaster, it is only AKUT. You have to organize a search and rescue effort and it is a lot of work.

RCQ: What were you involved with at RC that got you interested in all the things you are doing now?

Sarp: There's one thing that stands out. I think RC taught me to question everything. Never take anything for granted and



always question everything. When you start to ask why you tend to start seeing things other people might not see. Of course, I was so involved in the theater, the

sound and lighting system. The theater was built during my years there and I remember the lighting technical team was the same team that did the movie *Dirty Dancing*.

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I learned a lot from them. This was before Gerard Kennedy was involved. I have to emphasize that. I remember at one time I had all the keys to the theater and we did a lot with Mrs. Iz. I also played the drums when I was in Orta school. A couple of years before graduation I was more involved with the technical aspect of entertainment. I knew the play scripts by heart; you have to when you do theater lighting. I formed a theater club. We had ten people in it and I trained most of them. During my last year Mr. Kennedy joined us.

When I went to the USA I worked in the technical crew of my college. In fact I got paid for it! We did a lot of serious sound and light projects outside of college, too. I also always liked to read a lot. I still read a lot. I follow a lot of periodicals, like Popular Science, Popular Mechanics. I've been a subscriber since I was fourteen years old. The main thing however, is the fact that my questioning of everything got me involved in the things I do.

RCQ: Is there a particular faculty member that had a big positive influence on you?

Sarp: First of all please note that my memory is pretty bad! I definitely remember Mrs. Dorothy Iz for getting me involved with the sound and light system. She was a big support. Mr. Kent was also very supportive of my efforts. Mr. Kennedy motivated me with his enthusiasm and high energy. He was always happy and positive.

RCQ: There are so many unsung heroes that have done an incredible amount of work during earthquake relief opera-

tions. Are there any RC members that we are unaware of that we can reveal here?

Sarp: Within the core group that formed AKUT and brought it to its present state, I don't know of any RC graduates that I can name. When AKUT started growing as an organization, especially during the relief operations I met a lot of graduates. I know a lot of them have done their best to help out. I also know there were a lot working behind scenes; for every active search and rescue team member you need to have at least ten behind the scenes participants. They need to do the logistics. It's just like managing a company there is so much that needs to be done. I'm not talking specifically about during the disaster. We spent three years for AKUT to be what it is. We first did mountain rescue, now we do flood rescue, avalanche rescue, collapse rescue, confined space rescue. It's a lot of training and obtaining expensive equipment requires extensive coordination so I have come across a lot of RC graduates during these efforts.

RCQ: What kind of message would you pass on to fellow RC members?

Sarp: Take the initiative. Use your common sense. There's a problem. Everyone knows the problem and everyone complains about the problem, but what are you doing about the problem? You have to get involved. You have to take the initiative. That's what happened at AKUT. AKUT is a big team effort. It's doors are open to everybody. Male, female, old, young. It doesn't matter. There's so much more that needs to be done.



▲ One young man, Selim Güleşçi RC 99, is flanked by RC 99 ladies (from L to R): İrem Oral, Zeynep Şener, İpek Özgül, Ahu Kürk, Duygu Taşdelen and Suna Kalafat.



▲ Former teacher Brigitte Işıl (far left) with RC 99 members (from L to R) Pirgün Akınal, Kutlu Erdoğan and RC 98 members Ali Yalçın and Serhan Koçaklı.



▲ Former faculty members Rahel Çikvaşvili, who came to Homecoming for the first time and Münir Aysu, who never misses the occasion, caught up with former students in the hallways.



▲ RC 97 members on the steps of Gould Hall, (from L to R): Gökçe Manav, Egemen Edgü, Cenk Gümüşçüoğlu, Batu Şat, Sinem Yelkikanat



.....▶ The Class of 49 were special guests of honor at Homecoming 99. Their 50th reunion was a weeklong affair and several classmates travelled from abroad to join the festivities. Headmaster Chris Wadsworth and Lori Wadsworth joined the group for a celebratory lunch where each Class of 49 member gave a short talk about their past fifty years!



SCENES FROM HOMECOMING 99



.....▶ This scene is a classic. An alumni gathering at Homecoming - a time of reunion for all ages - in front of the ivy covered sturdy and awe inspiring walls of RC.

.....▶ Nesime Morali, ACG 29, was the first director of the Alumni Office at ACG (1957-1972). The campus was once again graced by the presence of Mrs. Morali, guest of honor, celebrating her 70th reunion at HC '99.



.....▶ Kutsi Beğdeş RC 38 with Gülsen Göcek ACG 55 on his right and Göksel Kortay, ACG 55 on his left.

.....▶ Three generations from one family: From L to R: Didem Sezer Epikmen RC 90, Oya Erenli Sezer ACG 69 and Nimet Ebussudoğlu Erenli ACG 43.



.....▶ Recep Şakir Uğurel, RC 31, is a loyal alumnus who hasn't missed Homecoming for the past several years. He always wins a prize for being the oldest RC graduate present and is proud to state that his granddaughter Esra Arson Esat is an RC 86 graduate. Here are a few lines from the poem he wrote for HC 94:

"Boğaziçinde Alma Mater'e
Layiktir her türlü sevgi, minnet!
Yalnız torunum değil, onun da
Torunu olsun sana emanet!"



RC REUNION



Class of 49

The Class of 49 prepared a very full and colorful week to celebrate their 50th reunion. Their week kicked off on a Friday night with cocktails and dinner at Bizim Tepe. The premier of the 50th reunion video, sponsored by Şakir Eczacıbaşı RC 49 and prepared by Ali Taygun RA 61, was held on that evening. The video was also shown to visiting alumni on Homecoming day.

The Bosphorus Cruise lunch held the next day was open to all family members and friends. The festivities continued on Sunday, October 10 during Homecoming 99, a tradition that brings together graduates of all ages as well as creating an occasion to honor 50th year alumni. *(more Homecoming news on page 26)*

The celebration was not yet over by any means. A three day tour to G A P (Southeastern Anatolia Project) open to all Class of 49 members as well as family and friends, was a perfect way to finish the celebrations.

While the Class was joined in

this wonderful reunion they were also sensitive to the earthquake relief issue. They raised 400 million TL as well as \$300 and made a donation to the Alumni Association earthquake relief fund.

Class of 69

69 sınıfı 30.yıl RC buluşması 16 Ekim cumartesi gecesi Bizim Tepe'de

neşeli bir atmosfer içinde gerçekleşti.

Artemis(Tuncer) Karaali, Ayşe Baturay, Davut Ökütçü, Deniz (Zallak)-Selçuk Erden, Erkut Yucaoglu, Faruk Sayit, Filiz (Balköse) Mustafa Öngay, Gülen

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Mehmet-Sever
İpekçi, Münip-
Semra
Gümrükçüoğlu,
Dilek Ongan*



(Kefeli)-Özkan Esmer, Gülenay(Onan) Gorbon, H.İbrahim Yılmaz, İbrahim Merttürk, Kari Nişel, Kayhan Akduman, Kudret Tan, Kutay Özaydın, Lale (Akçam)-Hilmi Bekyel, Mario Rodrik, Mehmet İpekçi, Münip Gümrükçüoğlu, Nihat Dilber, Orhan Demirdağ, Ralf Arditti, Salih Dinçer, Selma (Bozok) Üstündağ, Serra(Sipahi) Akpolat, Sıtkı Gözlü, Süheyla Uzman, Ufuk Muhsinoğlu, Uğur Paksoy, Uluç Ongan, Ümüt Somer ve Viktor Benşuşan'ın eşleri veya yalnız olarak katıldıkları buluşma, kokteyle başladı. Bazıları bunca yıl sonra ilk defa karşılaştıkları arkadaşları arasında, genç kalma, şişmanlama, saç ağarması, saç boyama şakaları bolca yapıldı.

Kokteylden sonra yemeğe geçildi. Solist Şafak Yaprak güzel sesi ile geceye özel bir tad kattı. Bu arada, Kudret Tan Şafak hanım'ın dinlenme süresi içinde söylediği şarkılarla bir nostalji rüzgarı estirdi. Fakat 1969'daki mezuniyet gecesinde bize bol bol E.Humperdinck şarkıları söyleyen Viktor BenşuşanT bu kez sahneye çıkartamadık. Yemekten sonra dans pistinde ruhu genç kalanların güzel dans figürleri izlendi.

Geceyarısını geçen bir saatte evlerine gitmek üzere ayrılırken, gelecek yıl buluşmasının daha fazla katılımı yapılması herkesin ortak dileği idi.

RC NİON



gathering are at <http://library.mustl.edu/~roz/acE.html>, a website created by Roz Kohen.

RC74

The 25th reunion of the Class of 74 took place in Istanbul on Saturday, July 3rd 1999. A group of nearly 80 graduates (just a few short of 50% of the class total) turned up, most with spouses.

There were cocktails on the steps of Marble Hall followed by dinner at Bizim Tepe. Some of the group toured the new library, which none of the class had seen in its present state.

The reunion prompted quite a stir among old friends, between which is an extensive communications network comprising of an e-group; a web site (under construction) as well as a concentrated effort to create an endowed RC 74 scholarship fund. Any graduate interested in contacting classmates regarding any of these efforts can do so through the Alumni & Development Office.

ACG69

The A C G Class of 69 spent their 30th reunion at Halki Palas Hotel in Heybeliada on May 29, 1999. It was a very successful get together with the added plus of wonderful weather. Fifty-five reunioners spent time taking long walks, being driven in horse carriages, swimming and finally getting together for dinner and breakfast the subsequent morning.

Some of us had come a long distance for this occasion. Betiil Aydmir travelled from Fethiye, Şengül Ercan from Trabzon, Ester Arditi and Coya Eskenazi from Tel-Aviv, Anna

Mateosoğlu from Geneva, Roz Kohen from Missouri, Tülin Saraçoğlu from Texas, Nesrin Asya from New Jersey as well as Sylvia Mestiçyan and Mary Kamberk from Montreal. Details and more pictures of this colorful



**REZAN (TORUNLAR) ÖZBERK
ACO 49**

A graduate of the University of Istanbul, Mrs. Özberk continues to teach English at the Nairn Süleymanoğlu Primary School in Akçay, near Balıkesir. She says she is having great fun there and is in good health after having had a pacemaker put in five years ago.
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**ARMAN MANUKYAN
RC51**

Graduated in 1951 and started teaching accounting at RC from 1958 onwards. At the same time he ran his private business of trade and Financial consultancy. Manukyan has earned the title as the most experienced teacher at RC/BU since this will be his 42nd year at this institution. As a matter of fact, special celebrations were held in his honor for his 25th, 30th and 40th year anniversary of teaching and the last celebration was



Arman Manukyan (center) pictured with his assistants on the Bogaziçi University campus

even televised. Manukyan who is pictured here at Bogaziçi University with his assistants is the father of Roy Manukyan and Gilda Manukyan.

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**MORIS FARHI
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Author Moris Farhi has written to let us know about his new novel. In July, Farhi published his fourth novel, entitled, Children of the Rainbow (publisher: Saqi Books, London). The novel, he says, deals with the persecution of the European Gypsies which, having reached its darkest hour under the Nazis, threatens to erupt yet again and just as venomously. Farhi adds that the novel has received excellent reviews.

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RC ENG 54**

Ozbilen is a mechanical and textile engineer. He has done extensive travelling in the Far East, USA and Germany. He also operates a fish net factory which he says is the second largest in Europe.



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Kankat is the Vice-Chairman and General Manager of Endeks Aviation & Tourism Inc. based in Üsküdar, İstanbul. He has done extensive travelling all over the world and his interest in car racing also extends to model making and collecting antique

model cars. Kankat also enjoys reading and music. He is pictured here with his daughter Ceylan Tan and his grandson Can during his birthday celebration this past spring.

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RC YÜK 63**

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from the states of Washington, Michigan and Colorado and is a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). Gökeri's special interests include rotary wing aircraft (helicopters) and artificial intelligence (research subject). The father of two boys, his hobbies include ancient history, military history, chess and skin diving.
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**JOHN THOMSON
RA 65 EX**

Thomson attended Robert Academy as one of a group of American military and civilian dependents and received a certificate of completion as a special student in the Orta III class of 1961-62. He recently wrote to the RCQ from

California to inquire about the present RC and to say that he often wonders about his fellow students and recalls Turkey with fond memories, adding that his time in Turkey was one of the best and memorable experiences of his life. Fellow classmates can write to John at
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**RAFFJ BEDROSYAN
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Robert College Reaches Out

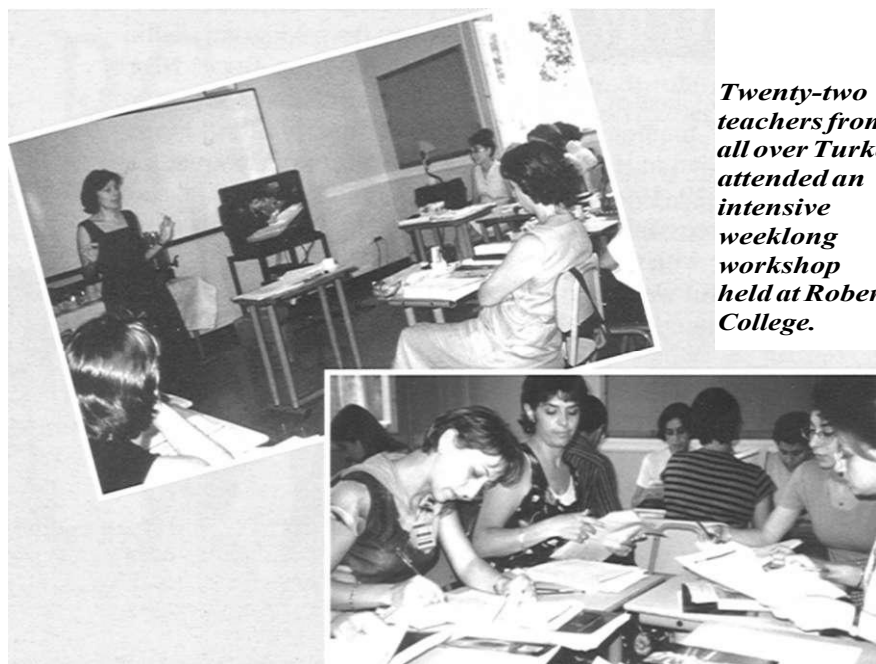
During the third week in July, the first annual SWETA was held at Robert College. SWETA (which stands for the Summer Workshop for English/ESL Teachers from Anatolia) was an intensive weeklong workshop for Lise Prep teachers. Twenty-two teachers, mainly from Anadolu Lises or Super Lises attended from all over Turkey. The workshop was totally free for participants. Robert College provided room, board and free tuition. Oxford University Press provided free transportation to and from İstanbul and a closing banquet/ Bosphorus cruise. The aim of the weeklong intensive workshop was to share the methods that are used at Robert College with teachers outside of İstanbul. Teachers

22 Teachers from Anatolia discover RC and new teaching methods. Robert College teams with Oxford University Press to hold the first annual SWETA Teacher Training workshop.

outside İstanbul were targeted since they, for the most part, do not have the resources to update their methodology. The course was organized and taught by RC English teacher, Jennifer Sertel with the help of fellow English teacher

Amy Callahan. Jennifer reported that: "The teachers had pinpointed on the first day that their main problem was 'we know how to teach grammar rules and the students really learn them well but they can't use the grammar.' So for a week Amy Callahan and I showed them different activities and methods that we use here at RC to get their students to use their grammar. (reading logs, journals, portfolios, video as teaching tool etc.) The outpourings of gratitude were almost embarrassing to me, to Amy and to the College.

I hope these teachers will tell others about RC and the methods they have learned will do a bit toward improving education in the parts of Turkey outside İstanbul."



Twenty-two teachers from all over Turkey attended an intensive weeklong workshop held at Robert College.

DR SİNAN CAYARA 71

Dr. Caya, kolej'in eski öğretmenlerine göndeme içeren bir manzume yazdı ve tüm mezunlarımız ve öğretmenlerimiz ile paylaşmak istedi.

Mizah Büyük Çeşnidir

Kolej'de öğrenciydim.
Bir sene sonrasında
Yabancı öğretmenler
Bir vampir öyküsünü
Müzikleştirerek
Sahneye koymuşlardı.
Tok sesli bir "müzikçi"

Kont Dracula idi!
Pelerininde içinde
Çok heybetli durmuştu!
Yakışmıştı başrole!..
Bir Aralık "Cim Baba"
(Hazırlık sınıfının
Mr. Johnson'u yani)
Ara rolde gözükte.
O sahneden çıkınca
Dracula odada

Tek başına şöyle bir
Uzaklara bakındı...
Nefis bir doğaçlama
Geldi birden aklına
Basbariton Hoffman'ın:
"Zavallı adam!" dedi,
"Eskiden Amerika
başkanıydı; halbuki
İstanbul'da öğretmen
olmuş şimdi sadece!"



Oyunun içerisinde bir paran-
tez, küçücük...
Realiteye dönüş!
Lyndon Johnson'a atf...
Çok "avant-garde" bir
buluş!
O yıllar için hele!
Önce bir kahkaha ve
Ardından bir alkış ile
Ödüllendi bu hamle...

ment and on city infrastruc-
ture of roads, sewers and
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**ESİN USLU
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moved abroad and worked
in an American university
as the student services
director. Her next move
had her in İstanbul, work-
ing at Dogal Hayati

Koruma Derneği (Turkish
associate of WWF) where
she acted as the education
director for five years.
Esin is currently working in
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director. You can call her
for company agreements,
check-up programs and
any other related issues.
She says she is there ready

Exhibition of the Century

'The Unforgettables: Portraits of the 20th Century'
Photography Exhibit can be viewed between Nov. 24, 1999 - Jan. 4,
2000 at Bilgi Atölye 111, Sıraselviler Cad. 111, Taksim

The 20th century has been an extra-
ordinary era in all spheres of life,
be it science, art or sport. This exhi-
bition is intended as a tribute to the cre-
ators of this wonderful century who
enabled us to lead such privileged lives.
The exhibition aims to bring forward the
beauty of the foregoing age. Yet there
are sorrows still unforgotten. Their per-
petrators are also included. However,
they are overshadowed by the heroes
who searched for the better by their dis-
coveries, inventions and struggles, or
through their writings, paintings and
music.

"The Unforgettables: Portraits of the
20 Century" exhibition consists of the
photographs of these icons who per-
formed and produced in fields as
diverse as science and technology, cine-
ma, sport, plastic arts, politics, design,
music and dance. The bulk of the 270

images in the exhibition are supplied
from the Hulton Getty Archives in
London. The rest was sourced from the
Archiv für Kunst und Geschichte in
Berlin, Magnum in Paris and ABC in
İstanbul. Rarely seen images of icons
like Marconi, Brigitte Bardot, James
Joyce, Jimmy Hendrix, Picasso and the
like are assembled for this show.

A book with the same title and content
as the exhibition will be launched simul-
taneously and sold at selected outlets.
The co-curators of the exhibition, Suay
Aksoy RC Yük 72, is the editor and
Bülent Erkmen, the art director of the
book. Each image and its explanation
occupy a single page. Both the design
and the content of the book make it an
album of the 20th century. Even the cal-
ligraphy on the cover belongs to Marcel
Duchamp, one of the famous avant-
garde artists of the century.

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**DR ELİF ARIOĞLU
RC 86**

A doctor living in Bethesda
Maryland, Dr. Arioğlu
spent her yearly time off in
Turkey, working to ease the
suffering of the August 17
earthquake victims.

Dr. Arioğlu, went to the
USA immediately after she
finished her education at
the Faculty of Medicine in
Turkey. After six years there
she had no experience at
all practicing in Turkey.
However, the suffering she
witnessed on television and
the desire to help at all
costs prompted her arrival
to the earthquake zone on
the ninth day of the disas-
ter.

Upon her arrival at the
İstanbul airport, she met
the assistant head of the
Kadıköy municipality, İnci
Beşpinar who told her
about the tent city in need
of a doctor. This village
was Kirkpınar, near
Sapanca, a beautiful green
village with the scent of
pine trees in the air.
Dr. Arioğlu's efforts there



earned her the title of
guardian angel. She and
other young volunteers
worked relentlessly to ease
the suffering of the those in
need. Dr. Arioğlu is back
in the USA now, but the
people she lent a helping
hand to will be sure to
remember her.

**TEVFİK YOLDEMİR
RC87**

After graduating from RC,
Yoldemir studied medicine
at the Faculty of Medicine
at Cerrahpaşa. He started
his residency in obstetrics
and gynecology at the
Aegean University Faculty
Hospital. He says moving
from İstanbul to İzmir was
hard for the first year but
he soon adapted. This past
March he finally became a
specialist in Obs & Gyn.
During the past five year
period, he tried to attend
most of the congresses held
in Turkey. During 1998, he
also spent two months in
Brussels learning endoscop-
ic gynecologic surgery.
Yoldemir is now planning
to move back to İstanbul
and thinks he will most
probably start working at
the Şişli Etfal Hospital. His
main interest lies in infertili-
ty and endoscopic surgery.
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**CANDANTURHAN
RC87**

A quest for good food and
great service resulted in a

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Thanks again to Münir Aysu
we have an update of
marriages for you. Here
are the latest of which the
wedding dates span from May
to mid-September of 1999

- Gürkan Taviloğlu RC 85 married
Lauren Rae Boglioli,
- Mahmut Ünlü, RC 85 married
Ece Güner,
- Serra Aldıkaçtı RC 84 and Ahmet
Erelçin RC 80 tied the knot,
- Değer Yalaza RC 85 got married to
Hande Ersolmaz,
- Burak Pekcan RC 87 had a lovely
summer wedding with Esra Güner
- Ali Alpacar RC 86 joined his life
with Yasemin Akaydin.

cafe that offers both. Here
is Candan's story in her
own words:

After graduating from RC in
1987, I studied chemical
engineering at Boğaziçi
University, which was quite
demanding but a lot of fun
as well. Not being able to
pinpoint what I wanted to
do, I went for an MBA at
the University of Southern
California, Los Angeles. By
the end of my MBA educa-
tion I had finally realized
that I didn't aspire to be a
businesswoman. What I
did want to be was still a
mystery, though.
Upon coming back to
İstanbul in autumn 1994 I
started as a reporter at the
foreign news desk at Yeni
Yüzyıl daily, which was just
being born. After one year
at Yeni Yüzyıl I continued
my journalism career as
Osman Ulagay's RA 61
assistant at Milliyet, where
we were the pioneers of
'small and medium enter-



prises', 'NGOs' and 'your
pets' pages. This went on for
three peaceful and enjoy-
able years, until my café
idea blossomed.
Gündüzsefası is the result of
my quest for impeccable
service and creative cuisine.
Everything you can have
here, from café mocha to
fresh strawberry lemonade,
from mint lamb chops to
mozzarella veggie sandwich
is the product of my stom-
ach and my brain. Our
cuisine at Gündüzsefası is
evolutionary and you can
find combinations of my
mother's and Emine S.



Güler Hill (left) and Belinda Atay, the first and second recipients of the Jane Page chair.

Reflections of the Recipients of the Jane Page Chair

To honor the dedicated service of Trustee Jane Page, the Board of Trustees set up the Jane Nichols Page Faculty Chair at Robert College in 1996. It was a great loss for RC when Mrs. Page passed away in December 1998,

yet her name lives on through the first named Chair at RC. This Chair rewards faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in their careers at Robert College. In their own words, first recipient of the Chair in 1997, math teacher Güler Hill tells RCQ readers how she benefited from this award.

It certainly was an honor for me to be the first recipient of the Jane Page Chair not only because of the recognition but also because Mrs. Page was a person I greatly admired. The award came at a very propitious time in my professional development. With the swift change towards using technology in the teaching of mathematics, the funds I received enabled me to attend two summer institutes learning about the Geometer's Sketchpad at Berkeley during the

summer of 1998. The remaining funds were used to get TI-83-plus graphing calculators, which are upgradable, for members of the department.

I feel the award money has been well spent in that it has enabled me to become a better teacher and it has been instrumental in enhancing our teaching of mathematics at RC. Güler Hill's successor to this chair is Belinda Atay from the English Department. Atay, told us about her thoughts on receiving this recognition.

Anyone receiving the honor of the Jane Page Chair would be delighted, honored, probably overwhelmed, maybe stunned and certainly humbled. Stunned in the sense that each faculty member knows that all the teachers in the school are outstanding and dedicated. Humbled in understanding that

the selection was a very difficult one and yet one was recognized in the process.

Being honored in the memory of a gentle soul who gave so willingly, freely and generously to the school has energized and renewed my commitment to the philosophy of the school. Being aware of Jane Page's devotion to the RC community has inspired me to more eagerly and more earnestly carry on with the pursuit of excellence and with the development of students as individuals who are charitable, respectful, courageous and international. How can I acknowledge her and the school but with my continued contribution in aspiring towards excellence? Excellence in thought, motivation, and conduct both in and outside of the classroom.

Beder's recipes as well as Cordon Bleu's and Café des Artistes'. That's where the challenge and the fun lie: putting things together and adapting them to everyday

Palates. I remember my feelings on our opening day; I was thinking, 'Wow, so many people are eating my recipes and enjoying and praising them!'

My clientele is mostly people working in the area (Zincirlikuyu, Levent, Esentepe, Gayrettepe) We're open for special gatherings, parties etc. as well and I'm hoping to get our Class of 87-which has historically been notoriously unorganized-to get together periodically at the café. Maybe this can help us get

the spirit back!

Address: Büyükdere Cad. 153/F, Zincirlikuyu (back side of Kurdoğlu Pastanesi) Tel: 212 274 6590

ERDEM HELVACIOĞLU RC 94

Erdem is now an industrial

engineer and he is busy running the family business as well as being even more involved in his music. He has started his own professional music studio and is composing theater and film music. His latest project involved working on the

soundtrack of Haluk Özenç's (RC 88) film **Fasulye**.

Erdem is also a member of the music group Too Much. Anyone who wants to discover their music can find one of their songs in the CD from A'da Müzik; **Sesimizi**

Former student council president Emre Özcan sent the RCQ an e-mail to

introduce the Class of 99 website. Özcan, who is a freshman at Yale University this year, wrote to say that the RC 99 website was launched in the beginning of the summer of 99 (www.rc99.com). The founder and manager of the site is Asim Alp, a freshman at Purdue University this year. Emre continues by saying that the aim of the RC 99 web page is to keep the relations between class members alive and to organize frequent reunions and keep communication up to date. They also aim to set an example for future graduating classes. The site was expected to reach completion by the beginning of December so as you read this, an up to date site should be ready for your viewing.

This site was also introduced to all graduates who came to Homecoming on October 10. Part of the assembly hour was devoted to demonstrate the developing homepage. During the founding phase, this effort was financed by the Parents Association. At present time, the class is busy with fundraising efforts in order to keep this web site active.



The Sound of Music was performed in the Robert College theater in May 1999, by a group of 60 students from Orta and Lise. There were also four faculty members in the chorus of nuns. This picture is a scene from the Music festival, where Captain von Trapp (Basar Eraksoy) was singing Edelweiss. Donations totalling 445.000.000 TL were collected at the performance for the Childrens Diabetic Unit at Capa Hospital.



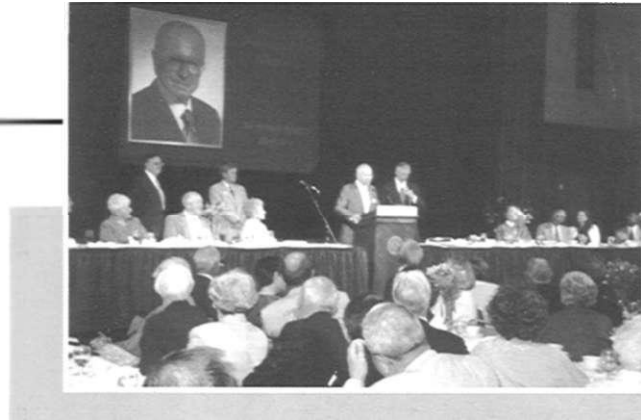
WHEREABOUTS OF THE CLASS OF 99

RC 99 graduates staying in Turkey for further studies, have chosen to go to the following universities.

University	Number of graduates		
Bilgi	9	Middle East Technical	3
Bilkent	7	Mimar Sinan	3
Boğaziçi	22	Uludağ	1
Hacettepe	1	Yeditepe	2
Istanbul Technical	11	Yıldız	1
Istanbul	1	Sabancı	8
Koç	17	Bahçeşehir	1
Marmara	9	Osmangazi	1

Members of RC 99 studying in the USA are freshmen at the following institutions.

Nedim Ağalar	Colgate	Banu Demirkıran	Smith	Remi Onur	UC at Irvine
Tules Akıncı	Duke	Mehmet Eryılmaz	Knox	Işıl Öge	Johns Hopkins
Volga Aksoy	Knox	Emine Fişek	Swarthmore	Merve Özal	Syracuse
Asım Alp	Purdue	Tolga Gönenli	UMass at Amherst	Murat Özalp	California Berkeley
Ardan Araç	Princeton	Selin Günal	Stanford	Emre Özcan	Yale
Metin Aslantaş	Lafayette	Leo Halepli	Franklin & Marshall	Burcu Öztürk	Syracuse
Ceren Atmaca	Hampshire	Oğuz Karahanoğlu	Illinois at Urbana	Koray Pamir	Brandeis
Melis Başarır	Johns Hopkins	Burak Kesimoğlu	Johns Hopkins	Yakut Seyhanlı	Yale
Kerim Bayer	Connecticut College	Elçin Kıtıpçı	WPI	Eren Soyak	Northwestern
Reyhan Baylan	Johns Hopkins	Hande Kolçak	Macalester	Nehir Sönmez	Syracuse
Ceren Canal	Univ.of Penn	Harun Küçük	St. John s	Fuat Tanman	Univ. of Rochester
İzge Cengiz	Bucknell	Selin Küçükoğlu	Duke	Beril Tan	Columbia
Esen Çelik	Franklin & Marshall	Aysel Madra	Johns Hopkins	Özge Taşdelen	Babson
Burcu Çetinkaya	Babson	Sinan Mısırlı	Hamilton	Ali Tonak	Bard
Emre Demiralp	Clarkson	Güneş Mutlu	Franklin & Marshall	Nazlı Turan	Duke
Beril Demircioğlu	RISD	Zeynep Nuhoğlu	Carleton	Bade Uysaler	Georgetown
Ayşe Demirel	Brown	Süleyman Okan	Alfred	Onur İnal	UC Davis



Kutsi Begdes. giving his acceptance speech for his Distinguished Alumnus Service Award.

Distinguished Alumnus

Kutsi Begdes RC 38 received a Distinguished Alumnus Service award from the University of Indiana in June 1999. This prestigious award, presented at a luncheon in Bloomington, Indiana is given to a select number of alumni of the university each year to honor their contributions to their alma mater. Kutsi Begdes was proclaimed a distinguished alumnus

for his professional accomplishments and exemplary service to Indiana University. Mr. Begdes has also been a most distinguished alumnus at RC. He has been an instrumental figure in the birth of the Annual Giving Campaign at Robert College and his generous and enthusiastic support throughout the years continues to be a source of motivation for the RC community.

Yükselliyoruz. They are now searching for big producers in order to produce their own CD. Erdem says that if you enjoy good solid rock music you will definitely enjoy 'Too Much.' In addition to the above Erdem says he is also into creating jingles so if your advertisement needs a good jingle you can reach Erdem at:

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Yıldızposta Cad. Çiğdem
apt. no. 11 D. 23, ' '
Gayrettepe
Tel: (home) 212 275 08 53
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MERHABA FROM RCAA

Contributed by:
Sayra Külen Erkan A C G 59

Robert College Alumni Association of America (RCAA) was founded forty years ago in 1959 at New York City, two years after Robert Kolej Mezunlar

Derneği came into existence in Istanbul. Today RCAA has more than 400 members and has become a major link among the alumni in the USA. All volunteer Directors and Regional Representatives maintain an active pace to promote the RC spirit and the friendship within the RC community and act as a common base to unite the alumni in the USA. RCAA publishes a Directory every four years. The last Directory printed in 1997 lists 1240 alumni.

Here are some of the activities of RCAA from the past year.
•At the Annual Meeting of RCAA held in NYC in December 1999, Sanem Alkan RC 90, Sayra Erkan A C G 59, Gündüz Erkan RC 60, Seniğ Fikriğ RC 46, Nur Günüşen RC 71, Cengiz.Hatipoğlu RC 81, Ahmet İnal RA 61,

Özlenen Kalav A C G 67, Kaan Okurer RC 92, Mete Tuncel RC 90 and Tolga Ünüsan RA 66 were elected to serve on the RCAA Board. The elected officers are:

Ahmet İnal-President
Nur Günüşen-Vice President
Seniğ Fikriğ-Treasurer
Mete Tuncel-Secretary
•As in the previous years, RCAA contributed \$1000 to the Sait Halman ComputerCenter.

•Our Host Mentor program has successfully finished its first year. We were able to assign a host mentor for most of the RC 98 alumni attending US colleges. RC 99 incoming freshmen to the US universities who would like to request a host mentor can contact Nur Günüşen at GUN@worldnet.att.net. We are also trying to match the alumni seeking guidance with the career mentors. This year our

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mentor list is bigger and more diverse, covering many areas of expertise. For any specific career related questions please contact RCAA.

•The annual RCAA Spring Dinner was held in March 1999. Fifty alumni from classes 1936 to 1998 enjoyed each others company and the music of İlhan Erşahin and his trio.
•Genco Erkal RC 57 performed *İnsanlarım* by Nazım Hikmet in April 1999 in NYC. This sold out play was conceived adapted, directed and performed entirely by Genco Erkal.

•In its seventh consecutive year, RCAA "Welcome to USA Assistance Awards" were presented to Volga Aksoy, Ardan Araç, Esen Çelik at the graduation ceremony on June 20, 1999.
•The popular NYC Bar Nights continue on the first Tuesday of every month at Deniz Restaurant, E 57 St. and 1 st Avenue. If you are in the area join us for an evening of good food and great company.
•Murat Doğruer RC 87 rejoined the RCAA Board of Directors after completing his MBA program at the University of Michigan.

•We are utilising the e-mail system and the RCAA home page to post news and announcements of our coming events, in addition to news of common interest to all. You can reach us at: <http://www.erols.com/ainal/rcaa/index.html>

**OP. DR. BELKIS
CANFESCI
ACG 34**

Passed away in September 1999.

**FERZAN ENER
ACG 35 ex**

Passed away during the summer of 1999.

EMİN SEYREK RC 36

Passed away in August 1999.

**CELAL TEKELİ
RC 37**

Passed away in Istanbul in the fall of 1999.

**AYLA BAKO KING
ACG 55**

Koray Bako'nun ablası, Selahattin-Banu King, Selim-Sebla King'in sevgili anneleri, Sena King'in babaannesi, Sinan King'in eşi Ayla King Ekim 1999'da vefat etti. Peri *masalı gibi başlamıştı yaşam Robert Kolej yıllarımızda Yan yolda bırakıp gittin bizi. Yüce* gönüllü, iyi, güzel insandın. Seni çok sevdik... seveceğiz. Can dostumuz, *biricik kardeşimiz, güzeller güzeli sevgili Ayla King'imiz. Sevginle, anılarımızda hep yaşatacağız seni. Çok özleyeceğiz. Nur içinde yat. Göksel Kortay, Manolya Kural, Evin Maraşlı*

**SÖNMEZ KANTMAN
RC58**

Selda Kantman ve Minsan Kantman'ın kayınpederi, Hazal Kantman'ın dedesi, Nihat Kantman ve Kanat Kantman'ın babaları ve Tülin Kantman'ın sevgili eşi, ressam, arkeolog, yorumcu, yazar Sönmez Kantman 16 Ağustos 1999 günü vefat etti.

**GÜLAY YÜMER
ACG 59**

Passed away in October 1999.

**AYDIN TUĞRUL
RC 60**

Passed away in 1999.

**EVREN GÜNDEM
RA 66
RC YÜK 70**

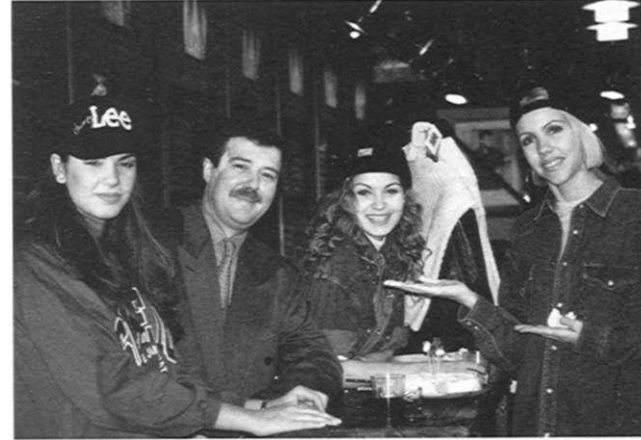
His close friend and class-mate Ali Candoğan wrote: On May 5, 1999, our beloved Evren Günden passed away suddenly but not so unexpectedly. He had been suffering from lung cancer for over two years. It is only possible to say nice things about Evren. He was a cool, joyful, unselfish intelligent, kind and loyal friend. We shall miss him very much. May his soul rest in peace.

**ERGUN PEKAKÇAN
RC 70**

Died in April 1999 at the age of 48. He was a businessman as well as an accomplished artist and musician who performed several years with Bülent Ortaçgil. The two had



created the popular song *Benimle Oynar mısın*, together. A decent and real gentleman, Ergun Pekakçan will be greatly missed by his many friends and family members. He is survived by his wife Asuman and his son Burak.



**SALİH BOSNA
RC76**

Neyin daha acı olduğuna karar vermek kolay değil. Salih'i, Domuz'u daha o hayata biz ise ona doymadan pisipisine kaybetmiş olmak mı, imkansızlıktan cenazeye katılamamak mı, yoksa o kahredici görevi yerine getirmek için camide, ardından mezarlıkta toplanarak onu toprağa teslim edenler arasında bulunmak mı? Salih Bosna, sıradanlığın egemenliğine bizzat varlığıyla meydan okumuş bir adam, sıradışı bir beydi. Cenaze namazından bir saat önce musallat taşı başında dua eden çiğerci, sütunlarında onu anan siyaset yazarı, barmenler, sanatçılar, krupye kızlar, yazarlar, Çalgıcılar, iş yaptıkları, taksi şoförleri, akrabaları ve ille de sınıf arkadaşları arasındaki kendilerinin bile bilmedikleri bağ hiç kuşkusuz bu farklılığın farkında olduğu için kurulabilmişti. Yaşam çizgisi bir şekilde Salih'inkiyle çakışmış herkes kendi gönlünün derinliklerinde bir yerde

kaybın tüm boyutlarını hissetmişti mutlaka. Salih'in içkisiz, pejmürde veya neşesiz görülmesi pek sık rastlanacak olaylardan değildi. Durup espri patlatmaması, olmadık şekilde arkadaşlarının başını, örneğin borsada zora sokmaması da pek beklenmezdi ondan. Tuhaf bir şekilde herşeyi yapma hakkına sahip biriydi. İçinde kötülük bulunduğu kimsenin inanmadığı, bir kaygusuz abdal, yani bilgeydi. Sosyoloji hocamız Hayat hanımın bile Salih'e gerçekten kızdığına inanmak mümkün değil sanki, ölümüyle Salih yalnızca bizim olmaktan da çıktı. Arkasından yazılan ölüm ilanlarından akseden duygular, bunların metinleri basının da ilgisini çektiğinden biz dostumuzu tanımadığımız, bilmediğimiz, dergi okurlarıyla paylaştık. Kıskançlık göstermedik, zira bu ülkede Salih Bosna'yı tanınması gereken o kadar çok insan olduğuna inanıyorduk ki. Salih'i son yolculuğuna uğurlayışımız biraz ırlan-

da usulü ama tam Salih'e yakışır bir şekilde yapıldı. Ona verebileceğimiz en güzel armağan da herhalde buydu. Onun evinde, onun sevdiği şarkıları dinleyerek, kah ağlayıp kah aktarılan veya bininci kez tekrarlanan bir anıya gülerek, dansederek ve onun şerefine içe içe bitiremediğimiz içki stoklarıyla kafayı iyice bulup kendisini andığımızı gittiği yerden seyrediyor idiyse eğer, hem partinin başarılı oluşuna sevinmiş hem de orada olmadığına hayıflanmıştır herhalde. Salih artık bizimle değil. Belki de bundan böyle daha önce hiç olmadığınca bizimle olacak. Bir eğlencede, buluşmada, içki sofrasında "Salihlik" tınlar yaşadığımızda içimizde bir sızı hep kalacak, zaman hükmünü icra edip bunun şiddetini tızaltsa dahi. Belki son sözü şaire bırakmak en doğrusu. Cenazenin kaldırıldığı Teşvikiye camimin duvarının yanına çömelip, mezarlığa gidecek güç, toplamaya çalışan can dostunun ölüm ilanına koyduğu mısralarla... *Olur mu gecemi yeşile*

*çalmak
Yıldız çivilemek parmak uçlarıma
Ölüm kadar çabuksa eğer yaşamak
Hiç doğmamayı isterdim ama
Bir kere doğmuşum ölmek yasak*

RC 76 adına Soli Özel

Salih Bosna anısına bir burs (onu oluşturulmaktadır. **(Delafta için bakınız sayfa 8)**)

**ÇAĞATAY ALIVARCI
ORTA II ÖĞRENCİMİZ**

RC Resim öğretmeni Nermin Polat'dan 17 Ağustos depreminde kaybettığımız öğrencimiz Çağatay'a:

"Senin derse gelişlerini, dersten çıkarken bana 'iyi günler öğretmenim' deyişini hatırlıyorum. Şaşırtıcı bir çocuktun benim için, gerçekten olgun bir halin vardı. Çok sevecen ve girişkendin. Eminim ki ailen seni çok seviyordu ve sen kendinden emin küçük bir adam gibi davranıyordun. Seninle konuşmak, espirilerin, sııftaki halin beni mutlu ediyordu. Senin



rahatlığın, kendini ifade biçimin bana keyif verirdi. Yokluğun çok büyük benim minik öğrencim. O güzel yüzünü, kocaman gözlerini hatırlıyorum. Seni çok seviyorum."

PELİN UYANIK

1999/2000 öğretim yılında yeni Lise Hazırlık öğrencilerimizden Pelin Uyanık'ı, Robert Kolej'e kaydını yaptırdıktan bir hafta sonra, 17 Ağustos, Marmara depreminde kaybettik. Ağabeyi Faik Uyanık, tanımaya fırsat bulamadığımız yeni RC'li kardeşimizi anlattı: **Ailenin beşinci ve en küçük çocuğuydu Pelin. İlkokula başladığında okuma** yazma



biliyordu. Kalabalık bir ailenin en küçüğü oluşu ona hem bir olgunluk hem de fazladan bir çocukluk katmış. Ortaokulu Değirmendere Anadolu Lisesi'nin Almanca bölümünde okudu ve aldığı ekstra Almanca dersleri ile de 1999 yılına gelindiğinde Pelinin Almancası çok iyiydi. Bu arada eğilimi hep yabancı dil ve sosyal bilimler olan Pelinin rüyası Kolej idi. 27 Temmuz günü Robert Kolej'i kazandığını öğrendiğimiz gün ailece en mutlu olduğumuz gündü. 11 Ağustos günü de okulun bahçesinde hem güneş tutulmasını izlemiş hem de okula kayıt yaptırmıştık. 17 Ağustos'da Pelin'i annesi ve babası ile beraber Gölcük'te kaybettik. Ülkemizin ne kadar büyük bir kaos içinde yaşayıp gittiğinden haberdardı ve bundan çok rahatsızdı. Diplomat olacaktı diye tekrarladım içimden. Uluslararası ilişkiler'e gidecekti, Türkiye için diplomat olacaktı. Robert Kolej'e gidecekti...' Pelin Uyanık'n ölümünü öğrenen Lise Hazırlık velilerinden bir grup, RC camiasında bu konuya duyarlı kişiler ve onların arkadaşları Pelin'in adını

Robert Kolej'de yaşatabilmek için girişimde bulundular. Onun anısına, bir burs fonu oluşturdular. Bu fona yatan yardımlar depremde ailesi zarar görmüş diğer RC'li öğrencilerin okul masrafına yönlendirildi. Fona yardım toplamaya devam ediliyor. Yardım etmek isteyenler Mezunlar ve Gelişme Ofis'ine başvurabilir. Tel: 212 263 42 39 e-mail: alumni@robcol.kl 2.tr

**VECİHE YALKIN
(former faculty member)**

Retired RC faculty member Vecihe Yalkın passed away in August 1999. She was a muchloved geography and social studies teacher who worked at Robert College between 1969-1976.

BİZİM TEPE

In the spring 99 issue of the RCQ we inadvertently wrote the name of the new Bizim Tepe Director wrong. The new director appointed to Bizim Tepe as of January 1999 is Birgü Bulutay Somel, ACG 67. Our sincere apologies for this mistake.

RC ESSAY

GÖLCÜK: A CLEAN SLATE?

Nükhet Sirman, RC 72, Boğaziçi University, Sociology Department

I went to Gölcük for the first time in my life on October 6 as a member of a team, which had to investigate into the possibility of opening the schools that were still shut after the earthquake. We were all social scientists, each with experience in carrying out qualitative research and especially focus group interviews. None of us had been there before and all the information one got through personal channels, newspapers and the internet seemed to suggest that we would find not only pain, but also and above all, chaos. That we certainly did see, but what was most interesting about it all was that it was a very orderly and predictable sort of chaos.

The moment we drove into Gölcük, we found ourselves in the middle of a huge and permanent traffic jam. Lorries of all shapes and sizes cluttered the main thoroughfare that links İzmit in the east to Yalova in the west. Gölcük town lies on both sides of this road. The southern side comprises of slow rising hills at the foot of which stretch apple, quince and peach orchards. The northern side of the road towards the sea is the new part of town where the navy base and modern apartment buildings of the middle classes are situated. It is here that you see whole neighbourhoods razed to the ground. The lorries are busy here carrying the rubble, and as the mayor explained, clearing all the damaged buildings will not be completed until the New Year.

The mood among the principals and teachers of the 39 schools we interviewed can be described as a general apathy that can from one minute to the next turn to extreme anger. This mood is shared by the rest of the town population. They project themselves as impotent victims and expect others, whether the state, NGO's or international relief organisations to come

to their help. Rumour and hearsay are the basic channels of information and it is always other tent cities, other towns and other schools, which have managed to receive the bulk of the aid coming to the stricken areas. The distribution of the aid pouring into the area seems to be everyone's main concern. Psychological help is constantly demanded too, and this new need is communicated as if it was the most intimate kind of information. The normal channels through which people operated to carry on normal life seem to have been shattered. Various NGO's and

In effect, none of the problems brought up by the earthquake are new, they are just magnified now.

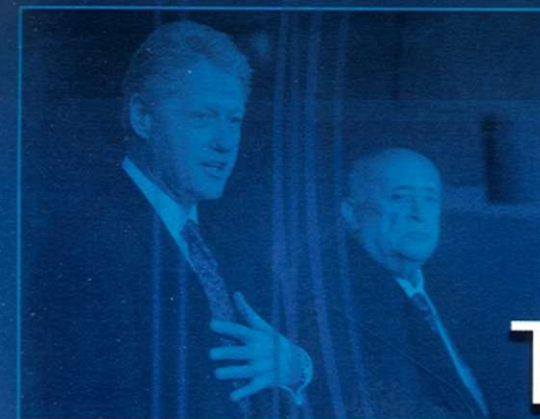
philanthropic organisations attempt to fill this gap without much knowledge of local conditions, relations and above all without much attention to the pre-existing channels through which resources and information flowed before the disaster.

It is only possible to see the order behind the apparent chaos in Gölcük by situating the earthquake within the social and political context of Turkey. As in most of Turkey, state institutions such as health, housing, education, and the navy provided the most stable and predictable framework around which daily life and work was organised. This great machine did not work well, was full of holes and caused a lot of frustration, but its mechanisms were well known; tested ways of coping and

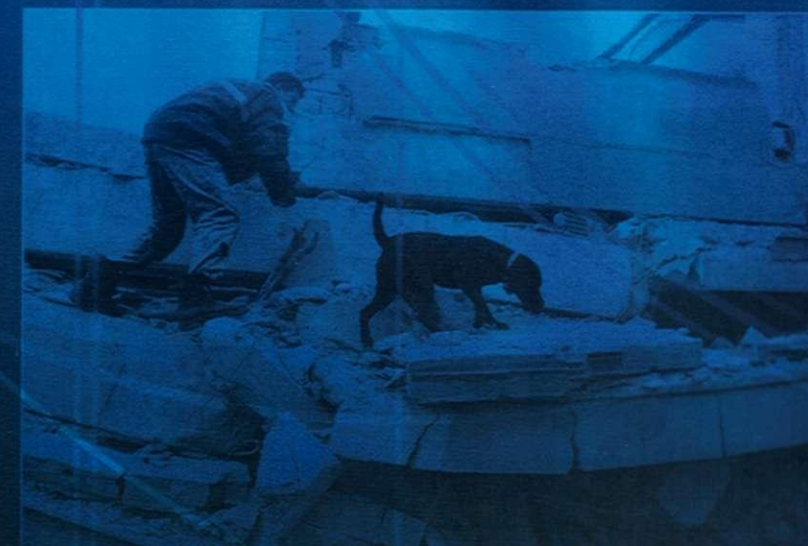
using it had for long been devised, and social relations, conflict and cooperation could be organised around it. A few days after the earthquake, this machine slowly began to establish its authority over the area. Local bureaucrats and administrators, who knew the structure of the society well, managed to form links with local community leaders on the basis of relations formed before the earthquake. In effect, none of the problems brought up by the earthquake are new; they are just magnified now.

The people in Gölcük who seem best to understand what to do are those people who are able to use their knowledge of local social relations to fill the huge gaps that appeared in the wake of the earthquake. They are the ones who are best able to mediate between the locally significant actors; the victims, the bureaucracy and outside help. They are the ones who told us, for example, that most of the orchards we saw were private property, that there was very little treasury land in Gölcük that might be used for the building of larger tent cities. They are the ones who refuse to see Gölcük as a clean slate on which rational models of the good society can be introduced ex nihilo (as many of the national and international relief agencies seem to do). They do not regard the victims as citizens in need of protection from undesired political influences (as the higher level bureaucrats seem to think), but see them for what they are: real people situated within complex social networks who have specific needs that vary according to specific conditions.

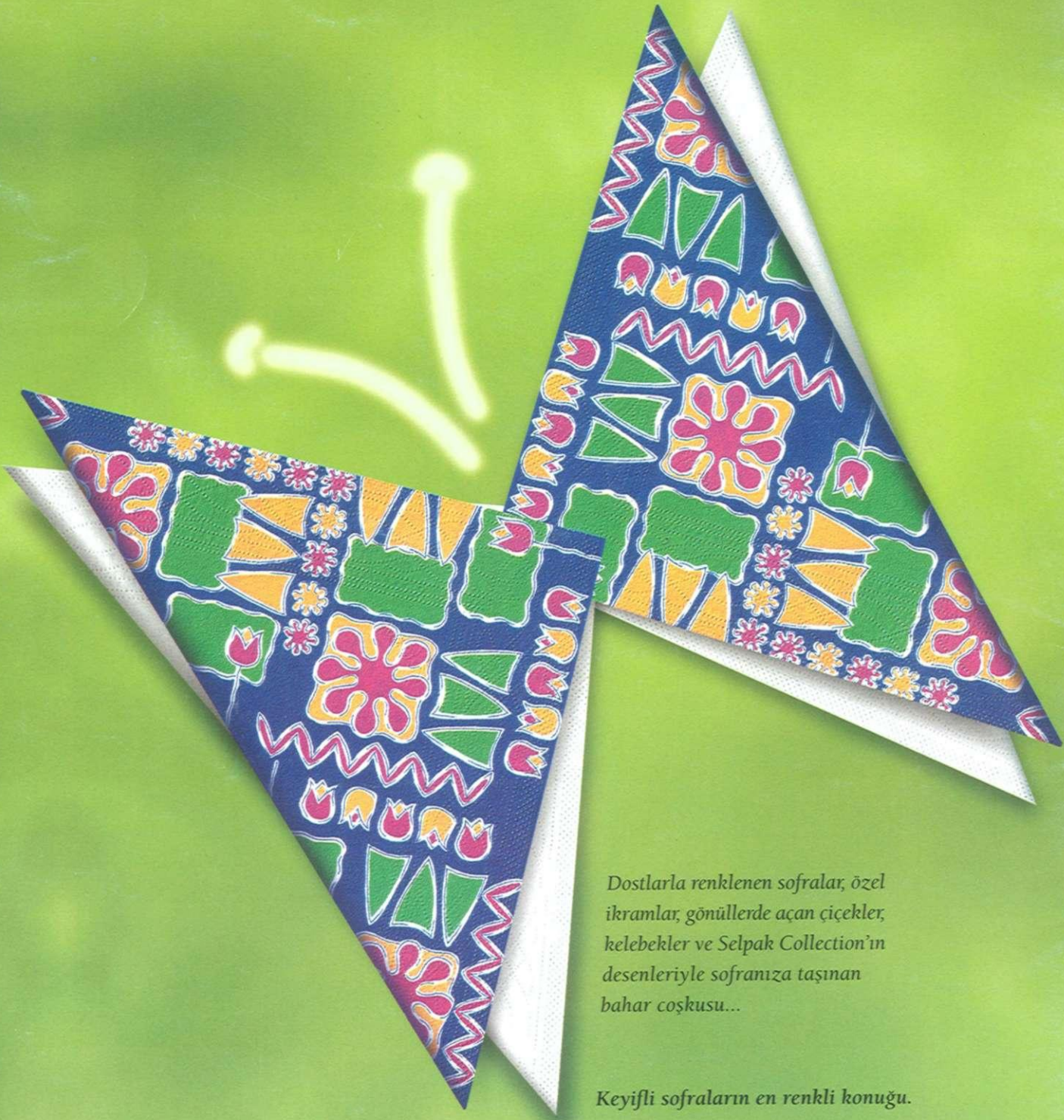
It will take time to institutionalise ways of dealing with the disaster. I would just like to remind the readers that these ways are not going to be perfect. The earthquake shattered buildings and lives but did not yet do much to reshape the ways people imagine how lives should be lived, nor it seems how buildings should be built.



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