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hen the RCQ editorial board met a few months ago, it was easy to decide that the "cover story" for the fall issue would be the 140th anniversary of the College. What we found far from easy, however, was how to depict the illustrious history of our Alma Mater. After devoting 25 pages to highlighting milestones and anecdotes, we ended up barely skimming the surface of the fascinating story of RC and ACG.



It is a well-known fact that on September 16, 1863, Cyrus Hamlin opened the school in Bebek with four students. The rest is history, indeed. This year's opening ceremony in the Maze on September 8, 2003 was held with a student body of 928. Currently, the Alumni & Development Office records boast over 9,000 alumni, living all over the world, assuming leadership roles in a wide variety of chosen fields.

It is impossible to pay tribute in a few pages, to the countless men and women who have given so much to create and maintain one of the most influential educational institutions in Turkey and the world. It is thanks to their momentous collective effort that the school has been able, in headmaster Livy Merchant's words, "to reinvent itself" over 140 years to adapt to the needs of a changing world.

Mary Mills Patrick, the first president of ACG, wrote in her 1934 memoir, *A Bosphorus Adventure*, "No institution can make real progress without an efficient board of trustees. That no other type would appoint an up-to-date faculty goes without saying. Initial incentive to progress may originate either in the minds of the trustees or in the thought of the faculty members. Without a strong urge in one or the other of these bodies no college can survive."

The fact that Robert College has survived and thrives is a wonderful testament to both these bodies. We gratefully dedicate the 140th anniversary commemorative issue of the RCQ to the trustees and faculty, past and present, of Robert College.

Leyla Aktay RC 72
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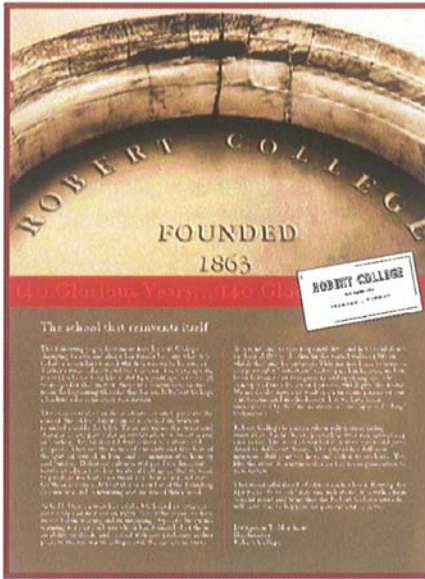
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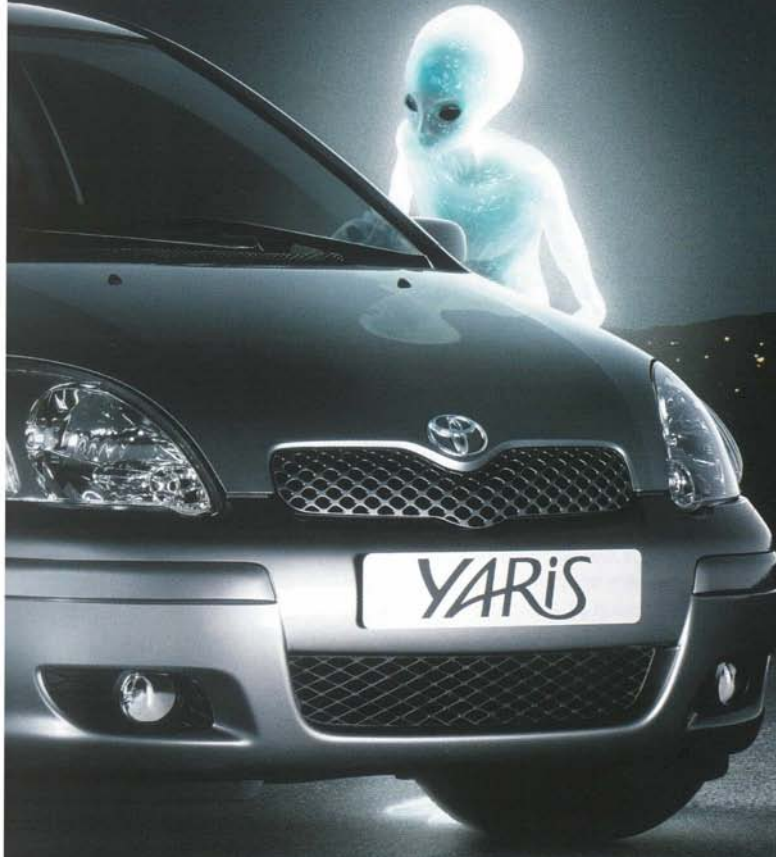
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RC NEWS

INTRODUCING RC'S NEW TURKISH DIRECTOR

Güler Erdur, the new Turkish Director of RC, exudes positive energy. Even at first sight. But it is only when you hear the inspirational story of how she got here, that you get a real sense of what she might contribute to the RC spirit in her new post.

Erdur is walking proof that it is never too late to pursue something you love. Her life changed almost overnight, when she was 40 years old. One evening, the housewife and mother of two walked into her son's room and saw a post-it above his desk, which read: "The biggest failure is not to have tried." The words struck her to the core. Erdur was a 1970 graduate from Izmir American Collegiate Institution (ACI), and despite her love affair with literature, had not been encouraged to go to university because of the political upheaval in university campuses at the time. Instead, she got married and had two children, a son and a daughter. Yet even during many years at home, she kept apace with developments in Turkish and world literature, attending conferences, reading papers and studying the classics. After she tried solving her son's university exam questions published in the newspaper, she felt it was high time to give it a go herself. Backed by her family, in a year's time, she was back at school, in the Faculty of Literature at Izmir Ege University. Four years later, she graduated valedictorian of the year. "When you do your work with full awareness and dedication", she says, "success is bound to follow."

Her career took off after that. After a year teaching in a private high school in Izmir, she was offered a job at Izmir American High School. Happy to be back at her alma mater, she taught literature for a year, where, in no time, many of her students started calling her "Güler Anne". That was followed by another offer as Lise Dean



Güler Erdur, the new Turkish Director of RC

at the same school, and she remained in that post for four years. Before long, her administrative skills earned her the post of Turkish Director at Izmir American, where she served for three years. This year, when she was invited by Robert College to be the Turkish Director, she felt a little sad to be leaving her alma mater, but was nevertheless excited to move on.

Erdur says she warmed instantly to Robert College and the friendly atmosphere among the faculty and staff. "I am proud to be accepted by a team of this caliber," she says. Her mission is to change the image associated with Turkish Directors, who are often seen as the Ministry of Education's rule-maker, distant to the faculty and the students. She hopes that her perspective on positive disciplining and her belief in close communications will help change that. She stresses that sound counseling and helping kids learn to experience difficulties by themselves should be the primary aim of any high school education.

Welcome on board, Ms. Erdur!

RC HOSTS NATIONAL LIBRARIAN'S CONFERENCE

On July 5th, 2003 Robert College held the first School Librarians' Conference on a national basis. It was a full day, with 10 sessions. The main subjects were school libraries and education, Internet and the library media center. Conference topics and speakers were:



"Evaluating Web Sites" by Ayşe Yüksel
"The library's contribution to quality in education" by İnci Önal
"Diffuse Libraries" by Mehmet Küçük
"Problems of school libraries in Turkey" by Sevim Cevizbaş
"Subject headings in school libraries" by Şeyhmuz Ortaç
"Collection development" by Jennifer Nelson
"The teacher's role in the school library relationships" by Hasan Keseroğlu
"Early stages of reading" by Mine Soysal
"Web pages for school libraries" by Osman Torun
"Cooperation of public and school libraries" by Bülent Yılmaz.



RC Librarians before the conference.

The sessions took place in the theater and the library. There were 80 participants. Those who came from Izmir and Ankara stayed in the school dormitory. The day ended with a dinner on the library terrace. The event was sponsored by Yapı ve Kredi Bankası, Dünya Aktüel A.Ş., The Alumni Association, EBSCO, Follett, Oğlak Yayınları and 3M.

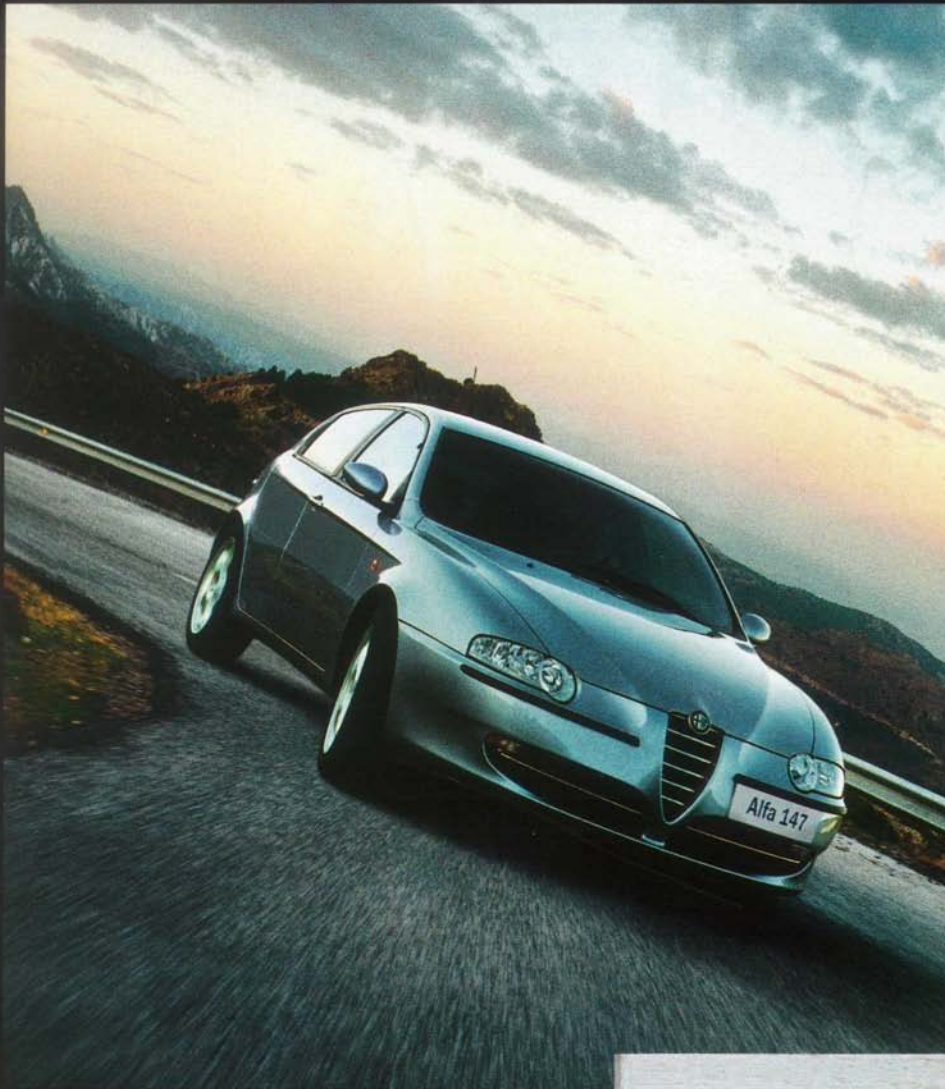
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NEW FACES ON CAMPUS

Doruk Gürkan English teacher

The youngest among this year's new faculty members, Gürkan is also the only male Turkish national among RC's English teachers. For this reason, and also because of his relatively young age, he says he was happily surprised to be offered the job, and hopes to survive the challenge. This is his fourth year teaching; he has previously taught at Yüzyıl Işık Elementary, Koç High School and Yıldız Technical University. Gürkan, who is going to be a Prep teacher, will also run the MUN program, which he was actively involved in at Koç.

Şükran Başarır Counseling

The latest addition to the Counseling Department, Başarır finished her MA in Counseling at Bosphorus University in 2002. She's worked as a research assistant at BU for two years, and after the completion of her master's degree, worked at Kemerköy Elementary School, in the Counseling Department. She remembers meeting some of the Robert College students at RC's career days a year ago, and says she was especially impressed by their intelligent questions and attentiveness. She says she is thrilled to be starting her most challenging job so far.

David Close Art teacher

A ceramic artist by training, the new art teacher from Hamburg is sure to bring a fresh perspective to the art studio and contemporary art classes. Having been a post graduate tutor for Art & Design at the Surrey Institute, and an IB Art Program teacher at the International School in Hamburg, he says he is now excited to be teaching art to students in a school with such a strong academic reputation. Art offers great opportunities

for self development through self-expression, he reminds us, and hopes that the work he does with students will help them complement the strong academics in other fields.

Alexander Ammerman English teacher

The new Oral English and Art, Science and Literature teacher thinks working in Istanbul has been a natural continuation of the work he has been doing firstly in Athens, then at the Cairo American International School, and for the last three years, at the International College in Beirut. He says he will do his best to get the job done, and is especially excited to contribute to *Kaleidoscope*, the Lise Literary Magazine.

Kathleen Oliverson English teacher

Oliverson has been working as an English teacher at the American College in Sophia, a school with close historical

ties to RC. Apart from a shared history, ACS and RC also share teachers, and Oliverson says that when she was working in Sophia, she met many teachers who had formerly worked in RC. She stresses that she is already very excited to be working with students who are interested in learning and challenge themselves as students. Apart from teaching in the English Department, Oliverson will also contribute to the extracurricular theater activities and musicals.

Murat Özyiğit P.E. Teacher

A basketball player of many years, after a serious injury, Özyiğit continued as a basketball coach and a P.E. teacher at several teams and schools. His last job was at Istanbul Boys' High School where he both taught and coached. He says he is especially excited about the superb facilities for sports at RC.

Serhan Öktem

Computer Science teacher

Just back from his military service, Serhan Öktem will be the computer science teacher for the Prep classes. He has two sound years of teaching experience at the Yüzyıl Işık Elementary School between the years 1998-2000, and says he is very excited about teaching at Turkey's best high school.

Burçin Balkaş

P.E teacher

After 21 years as a P.E teacher, Burçin Balkaş spent the last three years working as an administrator at Koç High School. Though she admits to loving the work she did as an administrator, she says it was high time to go back to teaching again. In her long years at Koç -which, in feel, she likens to RC- as well as other schools, she also coached girls' basketball and athletic teams. At RC, Balkaş will also run the "Creativity Action Service", the extracurricular extension of the new IB Program.

Paul Murphy

Math teacher

An Australian national, this will be Paul Murphy's fourth year of teaching in Turkey, after three years at Üsküdar American High School. When asked what impelled him to switch to RC, he says the trees, the view and the kids! He is also happy about the opportunity to be teaching with his wife Carol Murphy, who has been a math teacher at RC for several years now.

Amy Callahan

English teacher

Amy Callahan, who taught at Robert College before she moved to California and then Islamabad, is back with us again. She was not there at the orientation, but says she's excited to be back.



New faculty and staff members on the first day of their orientation.



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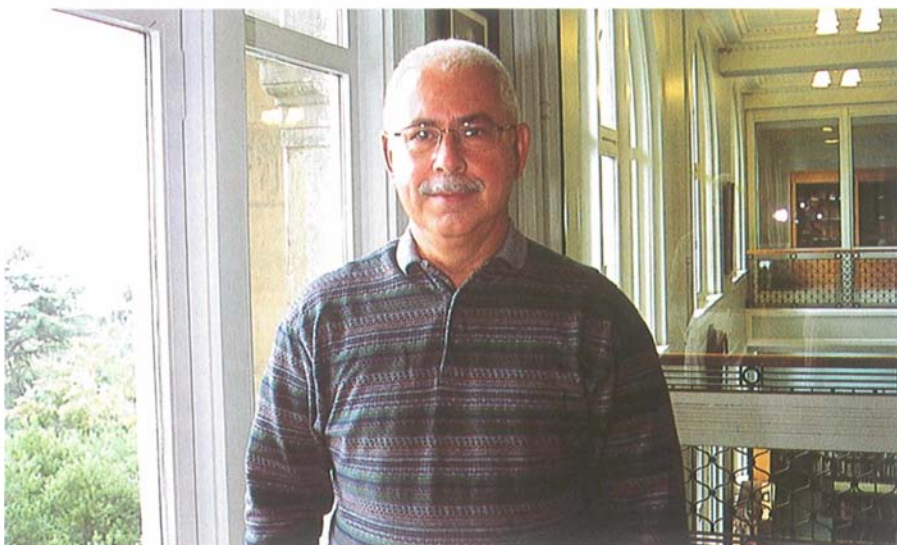
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TRUSTEE AWARD HONORS ENGLISH TEACHER ESPOSITO



This year's Jane Page Award went to Philip Esposito, a much-loved English teacher who has been a member of the RC faculty for the last three decades. Given every two years, the award honors faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in their careers at RC.

Mr. Esposito says that getting the award has not really changed his feelings toward the school, but it has come as a pleasant surprise near the end of a very satisfying career teaching at RC.

"Without a doubt, the students at RC have been the most satisfying aspect of my teaching career," he says. He is particularly proud of having been instrumental in helping to set up the new Lise Preparatory program, created in 1998 after the school was forced to phase out its Middle School (Orta) due to a change in education laws. Another highlight has been creating the film courses

at RC, "I feel especially happy especially when I hear about former students who have gone on to work in the movie industry, he adds".

Mr. Esposito, who is well-known among students for the original and quirky sense of humor he first introduced to College English classes 29 years ago, plans to remain at RC until he retires to his house in Gelibolu, where he will work in his garden. He says he is also looking into working part time at a university after he retires, maybe in Edirne or Çanakkale.

The Board of Trustees set up the Jane Nichols Page faculty chair at RC in 1996 to honor the dedicated service of Jane Page, who served as a trustee of Robert College from 1943 until she passed away in December 1998. This was the first named chair at RC. Past recipients of this award have included math teacher Güler Hill and English teacher Belinda Atay.

NEVIN TORKAK RETIRES

Secretary of the Alumni and Development Office from 1978 to 2003, Nevin Hanım, the well known staff member of the Alumni Office retired at the end of June 2003. Mother of two daughters and grandmother to four, Nevin Hanım started working in the Alumni Office during the time of Zeynep Man ACG 57, then director of the Alumni Office.

She has since then become a well known and much loved figure of the alumni community. Her graceful presence will be missed. The good news is that even though Nevin Hanım has retired from active office duty, she has promised to help the Alumni Office out, especially during Homecomings.



Alumni Development Office moves to new location...

The Alumni & Development Office and the Alumni Association Office have moved: We are now located on the third floor of Gould Hall, on the same level as the Heritage Museum, above the library.

Take the elevator next to our former offices, go to the third floor, walk straight through the Heritage Museum to the opposite hallway and you will find us there.

OR

Walk up the stairs to the third floor on the library side of Gould Hall.

A black and white photograph of a man and a woman lying down, smiling and looking upwards. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right. They are both wearing light-colored, textured clothing. The woman's hand is visible in the foreground, wearing a ring with a pink and red floral design.

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RC CLASS OF 03 MOVES ON

As fall sets in, members of the class of 03 turn to a new page in their lives. Those who chose to attend university abroad have caught their flights and are beginning classes. Those who chose to stay at home have committed themselves to top universities in Turkey.

RC students typically don't rely on luck or on someone to pull strings for them. They are bright and self-aware; they estimate the level of risk they are prepared to tolerate; they work hard to get where they want to be. This year's graduates are to be congratulated for their hard-earned achievements.

"The facts are indisputable," says US college counsellor Paul Krajovic. "Getting into the 'best schools' in the U.S. is getting more difficult each year." While the cost of an education abroad is climbing steadily, financial aid is increasingly limited. The RC class of 03 saw a familiar scattering of acceptances from Ivy League schools, and from other highly regarded universities, such as Stanford, the U of Chicago, Duke, Brandeis and UVA. Students have not only been accepted but were awarded highly selective scholarships and positions in highly competitive programs like the Cornell Presidential Research Scholar Program and the Jerome Fisher Program at U Penn. "Against tough odds, students have, by dint of their own great efforts, won financial aid grants that make it possible for them to complete their educations abroad," says Krajovic.

In terms of the Turkish universities, RC students again reaped the fruits of their hard work. Many of them won places in prestigious universities like Bosphorus University and Sabanci University, schools which will provide them with a sound foundation before they focus on their chosen fields. Interestingly, fields like medicine and law have been in much more demand this year; 4 graduating students are on their way to be doctors, whereas a high number of 7 have chosen law for their future careers.

Listed on the right are the university choices made by this year's graduates. Please note that while we list the ÖSS university exam results, they do not reflect the students' final decisions, which had not yet been made as the magazine went to press.

We wish the Class of 03 the best of luck, and have full confidence that they will earn their own 'places in the sun.'

ÖSS EXAMINATION RESULTS / 2002 - 2003

BOSPHORUS UNIVERSITY		ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY	
Construction Engineering	1	Mech. Engineering	3
Physics	3	Mining Engineering	1
Philosophy	3	Env. Engineering	1
Int. Relations	3	Chemistry	1
Chemistry	1	Economics	1
Sociology	2	Architecture	1
KOÇ UNIVERSITY		SABANCI UNIVERSITY	
Law	3	Faculty of Engineering	9
Economics	2	Faculty of Economics	7
Industrial Engineering	1	Business Administration	1
Int. Relations	1	Electrical Engineering	1
MARMARA UNIVERSITY		İSTANBUL UNIVERSITY	
Economics (English)	1	Business Administration	1
Medicine	1	Medicine	1
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Sociology	1	Biology	1
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BİLGİ UNIVERSITY		KOCAELİ UNIVERSITY	
Psychology	1	Geology Engineering	1
ANKARA UNIVERSITY		HACETTEPE UNIVERSITY	
Public Administration	1	English Philology	1
YEDİTEPE UNIVERSITY			
Dentistry	2		

STUDYING ABROAD

School	No. of RC 03 attending	School	No. of RC 03 attending	School	No. of RC 03 attending
Alberta-Canada	1	Duke U	1	Skidmore C	1
Amherst C	2	Florida Inst of Technology	1	Stanford U	2
Bates C	1	Franklin & Marshall C	3	Syracuse U	1
Bentley C	5	George Washington U	1	U of Chicago	3
Berea C	1	Georgetown	1	U of Nottingham-UK	2
Boston U	3	Gettysburg C	1	U of Pennsylvania	4
Brandeis U	4	Int U of Bremen	3	U of South	1
Bryn Mawr C	1	Lehigh U	1	U of Wisconsin-Madison	1
Bucknell U	3	Macalester C	1	Union C	1
Carleton C	1	McGill-Canada	1	UVA	2
Carnegie Mellon U	3	Middlebury C	1	Vassar C	1
Central St Martins-UK	1	Mt. Holyoke C	1	Warwick-UK	1
Columbia U	2	Northwestern U	1	Washington U	3
Cornell U	8	Princeton U	1	Whittier C	1
Dartmouth C	2	Purdue U	1	Williams C	1
Davidson C	1	Rhode Island School of Design	1	WPI	2
Denison U	1	School of the Art Inst/Chicago	1	Yale U	1
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GRADUATES IN THE NEWS

UK-BASED RUG DESIGNER WINS TOP AWARD

Esti Bilen Barnes ACG 71, founder and owner of UK-based rug design company Top Floor, won the 'Best Flooring Product' award at the UK's Design and Decoration Awards held in June. Her hand-knotted rug design, EPIC, beat off competition from over 40 leading designers and manufacturers to nab the award, while another design, ROCKS, was also one of the finalists.



Esti Bilen Barnes' hand knotted rug.

Founded in 1998, Top Floor has built a strong UK and international reputation for contemporary rugs. Its particular emphasis is on the innovative use of textures and mixed materials such as wool, silk, linen, jute and leather to create unique floor coverings.

After graduating from ACG, Esti Bilen Barnes studied graphics arts at the Istanbul School of Applied Arts (Tatbiki Güzel Sanatlar Yüksek Okulu). Prior to Top Floor, she owned and managed an interior furnishing business and showroom in Istanbul.

To cope with growing demand, the company moved in 2002 to a new showroom at the Chelsea Harbour Design Centre in London, a premier location for high-end interior furnishing products.

The company designs and manufactures rugs for both the residential and commercial sectors, working with many leading designers, decorators and architects. Clients include top multinational companies, luxury hotels and deluxe residential developments. Top Floor rugs are sold at selected retailers such as The Conran Shop (in the UK, New York, Japan, and Paris), Heals, House of Fraser, B+B Italia.

Current projects include a 250-room luxury hotel in the Middle East, a chain of boutique hotels in the UK and the development of a collection for a major European contemporary furniture manufacturer.

Esti can be contacted at esti@topfloorrugs.com



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NEW HIGH RISES IN A POST- 9/11 MANHATTAN TO BE BUILT BY ARCHITECT ABADAN

A In a post 9/11 Manhattan, where massive high-rise projects are harder to come by, Turkish architect Mustafa Kemal Abadan RC 75 was awarded perhaps the most momentous project of his career - two 55-storey high rises in central Manhattan, commissioned by Time Warner AOL. The new high-rises, situated in Manhattan's Columbus Circle, will cover more than 260,000 square meters.

Rising above Central Park, the buildings will house AOL Time Warner's media business as well as restaurants, shopping centers, spas, a hotel with 250 rooms and a large-scale art center. There will be also first class offices and apartments, a performance center and a concert hall. The buildings will be opened before the end of this year.

Upon his graduation from Robert College, Mustafa Kemal Abadan received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in architecture from Cornell University. In 1983, originally planning to stay for just a few years, he started working as a designer at Skidmore, Owings and Merrill (SOM), a corporate architecture company, soon becoming the head of his department. In a couple of years, he won international acclaim for his creative approach to the planning and the construction of New York's first mosque, the Islamic Cultural Center. The mosque managed to combine the cultural heritages of all current Islamic states by using abstract geometric shapes with a modern architectural approach.



M. Kemal Abadan RC 75

In 1987, he won the American Architects Chamber Award, and earned an associate partnership position at SOM. In 1995, Abadan

became the youngest and first foreign partner of the company. In addition to his award winning designs all over the world, Abadan also contributed to the last Venice Biennale with plans for a visionary office building in Singapore.

Abadan is married to lighting designer Susan Brady and has a son, Taner. He travels extensively, and says he hopes to work on projects in Turkey as well.



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GRADUATES IN THE NEWS

FIRST FILM BRINGS FLYING COLORS TO YOUNG PRODUCER



Crude owes a lot to good team synergy, Eryilmaz said.

Youthful film producer **Mehmet Eryilmaz RC 90**, featured in our "Ones To Watch" section in the Spring 2003 issue, has already made it to the news.

His first foray into film production, *Crude*, directed by Paxton Winters, won the Best Narrative Feature Award in the 2003 International Los Angeles Film Festival. The festival's award of \$50,000 is the largest cash prize bestowed by a major US film festival. *Crude* also won the Jury Award at the prestigious International Seattle Film Festival, and was covered in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Variety* and *Hollywood Reporter*.

Shot on location in Istanbul, southeastern Turkey, the Aegean Coast and New York,

just settle on faking their own kidnapping. Enter one hard-partying local, a pretty girl, and a whole lot of unexpected trouble.

Eryilmaz says he first read the script in 2001, but it was a recent six month stay in New York that compelled him to go ahead with the project. In a post 9/11 Manhattan, Eryilmaz was especially concerned by emerging con-

Crude is a timely look at West meets East. In this DV feature, actors Paul Schneider and David Connelly portray two hapless, slightly dim backpackers making their way through Europe. After losing their money in Turkey, they hatch a scheme to find and interview a terrorist, in hopes of selling the results. When this proves tougher than they figured, they

servative attitudes towards non-US citizens. Walking around Manhattan in February 2002, Eryilmaz and Winters decided to go ahead with the project. At every stage, Eryilmaz recalls, there were unexpected difficulties. "The process of making a film is like a short-lived phase of madness," he says. The film took a year to be completed, and benefited greatly from good team synergy, Eryilmaz said.

All in all, the film's budget, which included extensive traveling expenses in and outside of Turkey, was less than that of all the other films competing with *Crude*. Eryilmaz is currently negotiating with distributors for international sales. The film is being screened in Turkey in September.

When asked what's next, Eryilmaz takes a deep breath, and says, smiling: "Yet another feature."



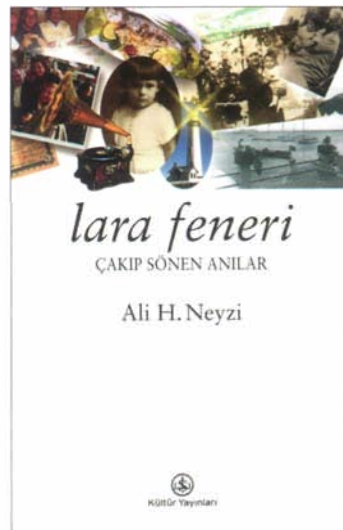
Boss, I brought the tourists.

GRANDFATHER'S E-MAILS BRIDGE GENERATIONS

Ali H. Neyzi RC 46 has published a book of memoirs, *Lara Feneri-Çakıp Sönen Anılar* (Lara's Lantern- Flashing Memoirs) (İş Bankası Yayınları), which brings together e-mails written to his granddaughter, currently studying in the US. An entertaining read, *Lara Feneri* is a sincere and often humorous correspondence between a grandfather and a granddaughter. On another level, the anecdotes related by Neyzi provide a fascinating insight into the

changing norms and values of one Turkish family over the course of the last century.

Since graduating from RC, Ali H. Neyzi has spent 50 years enjoying the best of two worlds. In the world of business, he has been a leading man in insurance and has developed many young companies into successful corporations. As a man interested in literature and drama -he wrote his first "novel" when he was eleven years old- he has produced work in various literary



genres, ranging from novels to memoirs, plays to essays. He has also published translations; some of which have won awards.

Neyzi is well-known to many RC graduates for his contributions to his alma mater during his years as a trustee. He famously managed to convince Turkish bureaucrats that the RC Campus was indeed granted to the College by helping to unearth a Sultan's Decree dating back a century. He was also among the leading founders of the Hisar Education Foundation, the non-profit organization founded by local graduates in 1970 to help raise funds for the school.

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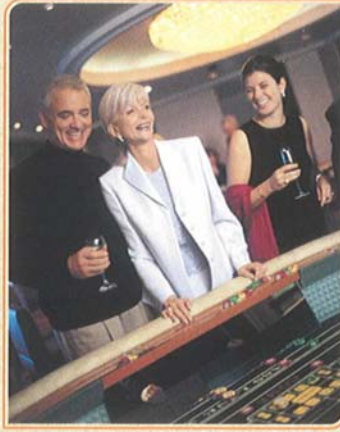
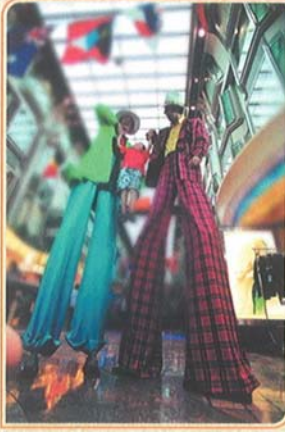
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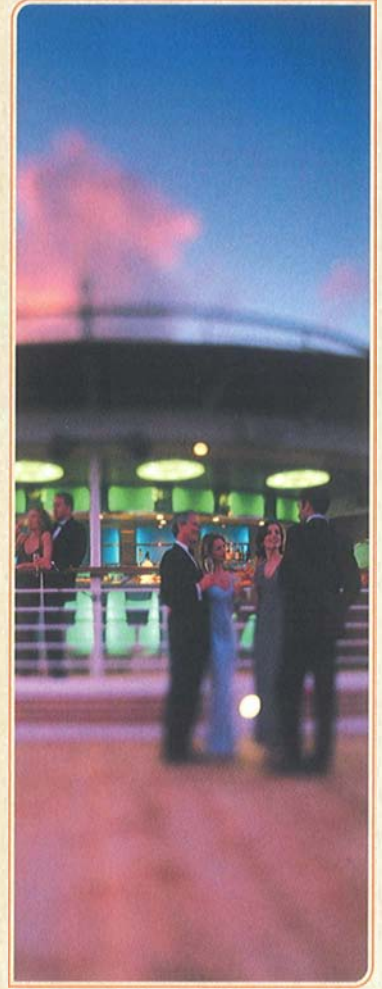


Karayipler'den Hawaii'ye, Güney Amerika'dan Kanarya Adaları'na... Yaz mevsimini yaşayan dünyanın en egzotik coğrafyalarına büyüleyici gemilerle unutulmaz seyahatlar... Gizemli kentler, bembeyaz kumlarla, palmyelerle kaplı sahiller, adalar... Dünyanın en seçkin cruise şirketlerinin sunduğu bu tatiller için yapmanız gereken tek şey, Türkiye'nin cruise uzmanı The Cruise Line İstanbul'u aramak...



Rüya gemilerde, benzersiz bir konfor içinde...

Manzaralı ya da balkonlu suite'ler, dünya mutfaklarından lezzet festivali sunan restoranlar, vücudunuza tazelik ve zindelik katan Spa'lar, güzellik ve bakım merkezleri, Monte Carlo'yu aratmayan casinolar, Broadway Showları, discolar, açık-kapalı yüzme havuzları, tenis, jogging, golf gibi spor olanakları ve daha bir çok seçenek sizi geminizde bekleyen güzellikler arasında yer alıyor. Üstelik seyahatiniz boyunca her sabah yeni bir limanda uyanıyor, trafik problemi, valiz aç-valiz kapa derdi, stres ve yorgunluk yaşamıyor, eğlenerek ve dinlenerek yol alıyorsunuz.



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Batı Karayıpler

NORWEGIAN SUN*****

NORWEGIAN

Gün	Liman	Variş	Hareket
1. gün	Istanbul - Miami (Tatilleri Seferler ile +)		
	Hilton Fountainbleau / Sheraton Bal Harbour (Konaklama)		
2. gün	Miami		16:00
3. gün	Denizde		
4. gün	Ocho Rios, Jamaica	07:00	17:00
5. gün	George Town, Grand Cayman	08:00	16:00
6. gün	Costa Maya, Meksika	12:00	19:00
7. gün	Cozumel, Meksika	08:00	20:00
8. gün	Denizde		
9. gün	Miami - Istanbul (Tatilleri Seferler ile +)	07:00	
10. gün	Istanbul'a varış		
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VOYAGER OF THE SEAS*****

Royal Caribbean

Gün	Liman	Variş	Hareket
1. gün	Istanbul - Miami (Tatilleri Seferler ile +)		
	Hilton Fountainbleau / Sheraton Bal Harbour (Konaklama)		
2. gün	Miami		17:00
3. gün	Denizde		
4. gün	Labadee, Haiti	08:00	16:00
5. gün	Ocho Rios, Jamaica	09:00	17:00
6. gün	George Town, Grand Cayman	08:00	17:00
7. gün	Cozumel, Meksika	10:00	19:00
8. gün	Denizde		
9. gün	Miami - Istanbul (Tatilleri Seferler ile +)	07:00	
10. gün	Istanbul'a varış		
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GRAND PRINCESS*****

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Gün	Liman	Variş	Hareket
1. gün	Istanbul - Miami (Tatilleri Seferler ile +)		
	Hilton Fountainbleau / Sheraton Bal Harbour (Konaklama)		
2. gün	Ft. Lauderdale		17:00
3. gün	Princess Cays, Bahamalar	09:30	16:30
4. gün	Denizde		
5. gün	George Town, Grand Cayman	07:00	16:00
6. gün	Costa Maya, Meksika	10:00	19:00
7. gün	Cozumel, Meksika	07:00	18:00
8. gün	Denizde		
9. gün	Miami - Istanbul (Tatilleri Seferler ile +)	07:00	
10. gün	Istanbul'a varış		
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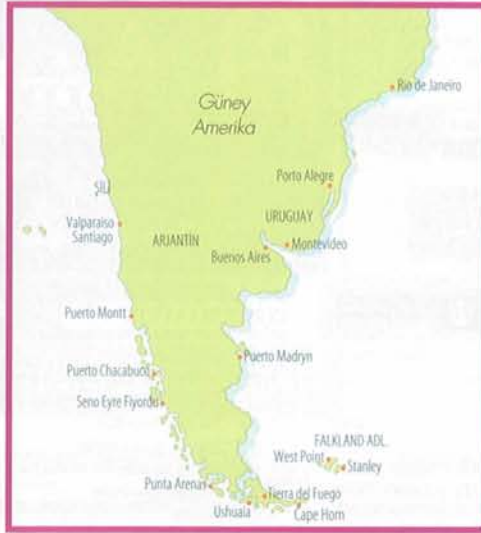
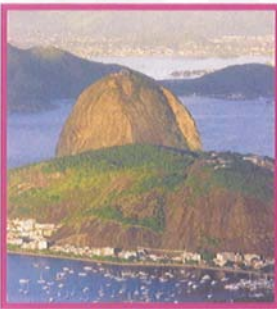
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Carnival

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2. gün	Miami		16:00
3. gün	Denizde		
4. gün	Cozumel, Meksika	07:00	12:00
5. gün	Denizde		
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9. gün	Miami - Istanbul (Tatilleri Seferler ile +)	08:00	
10. gün	Istanbul'a varış		
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NORWEGIAN CROWN****

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Gün	Liman	Varış	Hareket
1. gün	Istanbul - Santiago (Tarifeli Seferler ile +)		
2. gün	Santiago Crown Plaza Hotel (konaklama)		
3. gün	Valparaíso, Şili		17:00
4. gün	Denizde		
5. gün	Puerto Montt, Şili	08:00	17:00
6. gün	Puerto Chacabuco, Şili	12:00	19:00
7. gün	Patagonya Kanalı		
8. gün	Macellan Boğazı		
9. gün	Punta Arenas, Şili	06:00	18:00
10. gün	Ushuaia, Arjantin	14:00	22:00
11. gün	Cape Horn		
12. gün	Puerto Stanley, Falkland Adaları	10:00	16:00
13. gün	Denizde		
14. gün	Puerto Madryn, Arjantin	07:00	16:00
15. gün	Denizde		
16. gün	Montevideo, Uruguay	19:00	19:00
17. gün	Buenos Aires InterContinental Hotel (konaklama)	06:00	
18. gün	Buenos Aires - İstanbul (Tarifeli Seferler ile +)		
19. gün	İstanbul'a varış		

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Gün	Liman	Varış	Hareket
1. gün	Istanbul - Buenos Aires (Tarifeli Seferler ile +)		
2. gün	Buenos Aires InterContinental Hotel (konaklama)		
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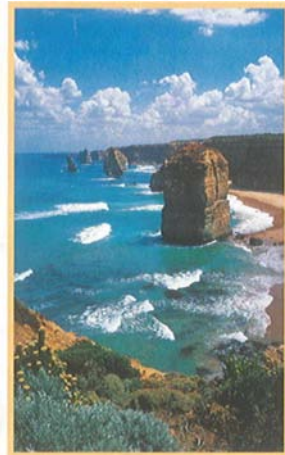
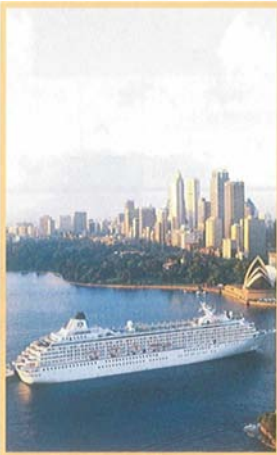
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Gün	Liman	Varış	Hareket
1. gün	Istanbul - Auckland (Tarifeli seferler ile +)		
2. gün	Auckland'da 5 yıldızlı otelde konaklama		
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5. gün	Auckland, Yeni Zelanda		18:00
6. gün	Denizde		
7. gün	Wellington, Yeni Zelanda	08:00	18:00
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10. gün	Fjortland Doğal Parkı (Transit Geçiş)	08:00	18:00
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18. gün	Denizde		
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20. gün	Sidney'de 5 yıldızlı otelde konaklama		
21. gün	Sidney - İstanbul (Tarifeli seferler ile +)		
22. gün	İstanbul'a varış		

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MISTRAL ****

FESTIVAL

Gün	Liman	Variş	Hareket
1. gün	Istanbul - Ceneva (Tartifeli Seferler ile +)	—	19:00
2. gün	Marsilya, Fransa	08:00	17:00
3. gün	Valencia, İspanya	12:00	19:00
4. gün	Denizde	—	—
5. gün	Casablanca, Fas	08:00	20:00
6. gün	Agadir, Fas	12:00	19:00
7. gün	Lanzarote, Kanarya Adalari	08:00	17:00
8. gün	Denizde	—	—
9. gün	Malaga, İspanya	08:00	17:00
10. gün	Denizde	—	—
11. gün	Ceneva - Istanbul (Tartifeli Seferler ile +)	11:00	—

Şeker Bayı: 15 Kasım 2003

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FESTIVAL

Gün	Liman	Variş	Hareket
1. gün	Istanbul - Ceneva (Tartifeli Seferler ile +)	—	19:00
2. gün	Denizde	—	—
3. gün	Barcelona, İspanya	08:00	22:00
4. gün	Denizde	—	—
5. gün	Malaga, İspanya	08:00	19:00
6. gün	Cadiz, İspanya	08:00	19:00
7. gün	Casablanca, Fas	08:00	21:00
8. gün	Tangier, Fas	09:00	15:00
9. gün	Denizde	—	—
10. gün	Marsilya, Fransa	15:00	19:00
11. gün	Ceneva - Istanbul (Tartifeli Seferler ile +)	08:30	—

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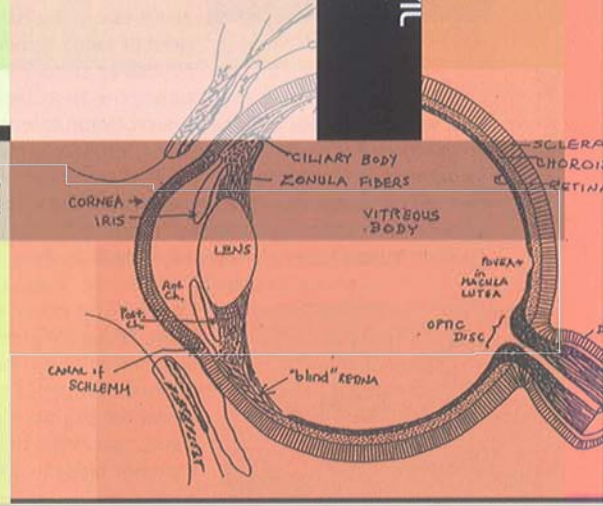
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GRADUATES IN THE NEWS

AUTHOR PUBLISHES NOVEL UNDER HER OWN NAME FIFTY YEARS AFTER FIRST PUBLICATION



Nihal Yeğinoğlu ACG 45

Fifty long years have passed since Nihal Yeğinoğlu ACG 45, then a young woman of twenty, published her first novel, *Genç Kızlar* (Young Girls). She must have been a forceful personality -- not many girls of her age would have been able to talk a publishing company into printing her translation of a new and exciting book by an American writer, a writer who never existed.

Yeğinoğlu, a keen young writer at the time, wanted to write a novel about life at a girls' college, but was tired of being turned down by publishing companies who kept telling her that she was too young to be a writer. She also felt that the eroticism in her writing might be an overdose for readers of the time, especially coming from a young woman like herself. Aware that translated novels were much more in demand than work by new Turkish writers, she plotted, and convinced a publishing company to expect a chapter of translation (!) from Vincent Ewing's book each week.

The book hit the best sellers list in no time. Though Yeğinoğlu was initially planning to reveal her identity, after the book came out to so much attention, she decided to keep at her game, and enjoy the commentaries from her hidden corner.

Finally, this year, to coincide with a reprint of the novel by Can Publishing, Yeğinoğlu decided that the time had come to add on her own name next to that of Vincent Ewing's. The book's new issue is among the publisher's best selling novels.

Yeğinoğlu was born in Manisa and moved to Istanbul when she was eight years old. She attended ACG, and upon graduation, went to

the US to study literature in New York. When she returned to Turkey, she began publishing translated works, of which she has more than a hundred now. She recently wrote her memoirs, *Cumhuriyet Çocukları* (The Republic's Children), published by Can Yayınları. Spanning the first ten years of her life, Yeğinoğlu's memoirs provide the reader with a vivid picture of life in a small Anatolian town during the very first years of the Republic. Filmmakers are currently interested in her two other novels *Mazi Kalbimde bir Yaradır* (1988), and *Sitem* (1997) which suggest subtle readings of suppressed sexuality in Turkish society.



Huma Gruaz RC 85

ART SHOW IN CHICAGO BY ARTIST AND CURATOR GRUAZ

June 2003 saw the opening of an art show curated by Huma Gruaz RC 85 at Gallery 415 in Chicago and featuring the works of artist Ed Paschke, recognized as the leading artist of Chicago Imagist movement, an offshoot of Pop-art.

In addition to Paschke's works, the exhibition included art works by Huma Gruaz, Nancy Rosen, Robert Stanley, Jullianne Ingles and Shannon Workman.

After her graduation from RC, Huma Gruaz moved to the US. A graduate of Bryn Mawr College and the Rotterdam Academy of Fine Arts, Gruaz has made a career as an artist in Chicago. Last March, her works were displayed with other female Turkish artists, including Fatoş Aktas, Meltem Tunar, İnci Arslan, Yasemin Kackar, Pelin Yazar Canez, in an art show organised by the women's branch of Turkish American Cultural Association in Chicago. Gruaz's works are in private collections throughout the U.S. and Europe.



"Tribute to Vermeer - Oriental Window" by Huma Gruaz.

In other news, Gruaz has joined forces with classmate Koray Yılmaz RC 85 to develop the first and only online Turkish megastore in the United States, www.tulumba.com. The online store was officially opened on September 17th in Chicago, with the Turkish Consul General in attendance. Yılmaz is president and CEO of the company, in which Gruaz and three others are partners.



"Coin, Modern Dance and Leonardo" by Huma Gruaz.

FEMINIST PHILOSOPHER BENHABIB RETURNS HOME FOR WORLD PHILOSOPHY CONGRESS



Seyla Benhabib ACG 70

Renowned feminist philosopher Seyla Benhabib ACG 70 returned to her hometown Istanbul to participate in the World Philosophy Congress held in August. Among the most prominent philosophers who attended this year's conference, Benhabib spoke at the plenary session "Democracy and its Future: Citizenship and Civil Society". Her comments were widely reprinted in the Turkish media.

The first World Congress of Philosophy was held in 1900 in Paris, organized by a group of renowned philosophers. After the establishment of UNESCO and along with it, the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP) in 1948, the organization of the world congresses has become one of FISP's main activities. Since 1948, FISP has organized ten world congresses in collaboration with one of its member societies. These congresses, in which thousands of philosophers participate, are the most important events in the life of the world philosophy community. They are open to all philosophers, irrespective of race, nationality, religion or political opinion. This year, in Istanbul, the main theme of the congress was -appropriately enough- "Philosophy Facing World Problems".

Benhabib went to the United States after her graduation from ACG, and received her BA in philosophy at Brandeis University and her MA and PhD in philosophy at Yale University. She has been a professor at Harvard University since 1993, and taught at the New School for Social Research before that, from 1991 to 93. Well known for her work on feminist philosophy and critical theory, Benhabib's latest book *The Claims of Culture: Equality and Diversity in the Global Era* (Princeton U Press, 2002) offers invaluable insight to all those, whether students or scholars, lawyers or policymakers, who strive to bridge the gap between the theory and practice of cultural politics in the twenty-first century. Asking the timely question of how liberal democracy can best be realized in a world fraught with conflicting new forms of identity politics and intensifying conflicts over culture, Benhabib once again brings fresh insight and analysis to the ongoing debates over multiculturalism.

NEW WORLD BANK TURKEY DIRECTOR BRINGS REFORM AND EU ACCESSION EXPERTISE

The World Bank has appointed Andrew Vorkink RA 65 country director for Turkey, effective from August 15, 2003. Formerly country director for South Central Europe (Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania) Vorkink replaces Mr. Ajay Chhibber, Turkey director for the last six years.

Mr. Vorkink, a United States national, joined the World Bank in 1977. Since then, he has been working as an expert in the Middle East, Asia, Eastern Europe, and the former Soviet Republics. Mr. Vorkink has valuable experience in the Bank on operations, with a special emphasis on reform in countries in the Europe and Central Asia region, including Turkey. For the last five years, while working on the Bank's program in the South Central European countries, an important feature of his work has been assisting member countries in meeting the challenges of integrating into the European Union.

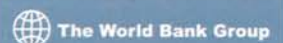
In addition to his responsibilities as country director, Mr. Vorkink has also chaired or co-chaired groups in the Bank's Europe and Central Asia region on anti-corruption, the Black Sea and learning programs.

Mr. Vorkink's interest in and knowledge of Turkey dates from his secondary and university days at Robert College when he lived in Turkey and majored in Turkish history and the reforms of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. Mr. Vorkink attended the Orta, Lise and Yüksek, followed by degrees from Yale University (B.A.) and Harvard University (J.D.)



Andrew Vorkink RA 65.

Mr. Vorkink relocated from Zagreb to Ankara in the fall with his wife, Patricia, a psychotherapist, and family.



KARAMERCAN NAMED CEO OF ECZACIBAŞI

Erdal Karamercan RC ENG 73 was named CEO of leading pharmaceutical conglomerate Eczacıbaşı Holding in June. Karamercan began working at Eczacıbaşı in 1977 after completing his doctorate in chemical engineering at the University of Virginia. In his 26 years with the holding, he has served in numerous

Eczacıbaşı firms, most recently as head of the consumer medicinal products group. An engineer by training, Karamercan made his mark early on when he took over from Bülent Eczacıbaşı as general manager of İpek Kağıt, introducing a quality control system that would earn the company numerous quality

awards both in Turkey and abroad.

In addition to his new responsibilities, Karamercan also holds positions as member of the board at the Foreign Investors Association, founding member of the Advertisers Association and deputy head of the Turkish Paper Employers Union.



Erdal Karamercan RC ENG 73

GRADUATES IN THE NEWS

AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY *SEARCHING FOR PARADISE* UNITES RC ALUMNI

Filmmaker Binnur Karaevli's RC 84 documentary *Searching for Paradise*, about cultural identity and the director's search for her roots, won two Best Documentary awards at the Moondance International Film Festival and Winfemme Film Festival. The film follows Karaevli from Los Angeles to Istanbul on a search for her memories and roots. Throughout this journey, she explores a possible reconciliation between an Eastern heritage and Western life; self-identity and family ties.

The film was also presented in three special screenings with discussions afterwards in which several RC Alumni were on hand. Sharing the stage with Karaevli were Professor Sabri Sayari RC 62 in Washington DC, author Alev Croutier ACG 63 at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and Professor Engin Akarlı at the Brown University screening.

Initially, Karaevli planned to make an intellectual documentary, not a personal

one. "But when I finished shooting in Istanbul and reviewed my footage, I realized that I was dealing not with a rational subject matter but more with a "feeling". "How do you make a documentary about "feelings and sensations?" she said. "After a lot of hesitation, I decided that the audience needed a character to identify with, someone to root for, someone to care about."

Karaevli interviewed many authors, scholars and artists for the documentary. Novelist Orhan Pamuk RA 70 speaks about how the shift towards the West has caused a spiritual vacuum in modern Turkey. Journalist Stephen Kinzer recites Shakespeare and points out how Europeans always felt the need to defend their values against the Terrible Turk. Painter Bedri Baykam concludes, "...you can see the imprints of the Byzantines and the Ottomans in Istanbul. The city is a melting pot. It is a big soup." The interviews reveal how Turks have been grappling with the



Binnur Karaevli RC 84

questions of identity since the last century of the Ottoman Empire.

In the end, Karaevli sees the dilemma of belonging to multiple cultures, countries, languages and faiths as both a problem and a blessing of our times. She quotes T.E. Lawrence (a.k.a Lawrence of Arabia) who wrote, "...madness would be near the man who sees things through the veils at once of two customs, two educations, two environments." But she concludes that at this moment, rather than go mad, we can use our multi-cultural identities to create a more tolerant and peaceful world.

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A LEGEND REMEMBERS

Talat Halman RC 51 is something of a living legend. Turkey's first ever culture minister, a literature professor, the first Turk to become

head of a Middle Eastern Studies depart-

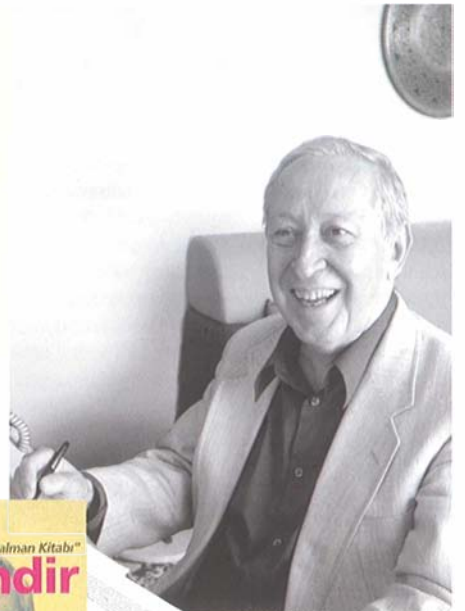
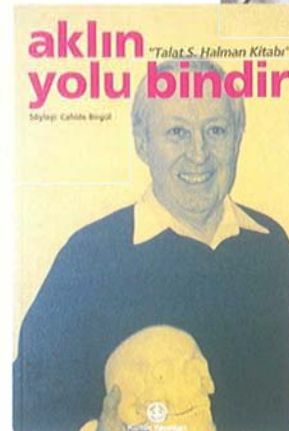
ment at a US university, a renowned translator and a poet. The list of his achievements is endless.

Fortunately for the armchair reader, vicarious participation in this eventful life is now possible. Halman recently published his memoirs in the form of a series of interviews with up-and-coming author Cahide Birgül.

The book, called *Aklın Yolu Bindir* (İş Bankası Yayınları), reads like a Who's Who of Turkey's turbulent recent political and cultural history. Politicians such as Erdal İnönü, Süleyman Demirel, Bülent Ecevit, Nihat Erim and Turgut Özal all feature. Many of the anecdotes Halman recounts have never before been made public. Naturally, the book

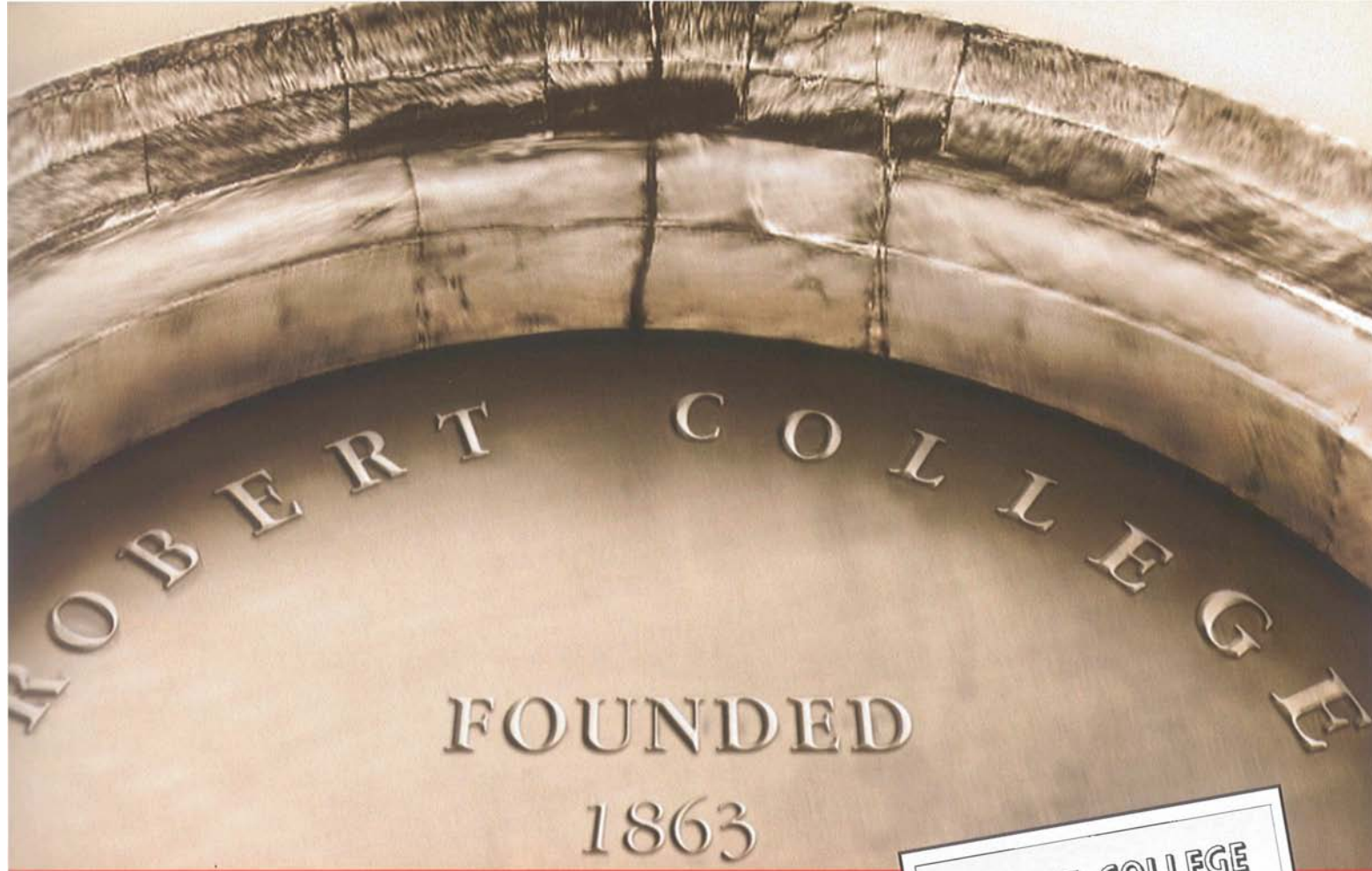


Halman with actress Yıldız Kenter.

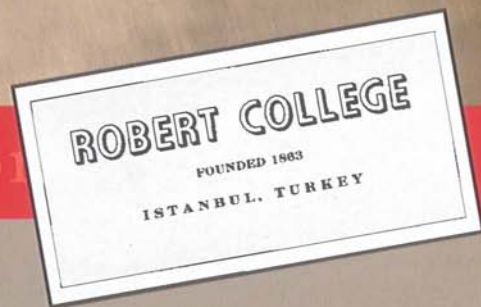


Talat Halman RC 51

also includes tales of cultural figures such as Yaşar Nabi Nayır, Yaşar Kemal, Aziz Nesin, Mümtaz Soysal, Heinrich Böll, Arthur Miller, Yusuf İdris, Fazıl Hüsni Dağlarca, Yıldız Kenter and others.



40 Glorious Years... 140 Glorious Years... 140 Glorious Years...



The school that reinvents itself

The following pages document how Robert College changing its size and shape has finally become what it is today: a secondary school which is known to be one of Turkey's finest educational institutions. Even though the school looks nothing like it did 140 years ago, or even 35 years ago for that matter, there is a continuous theme from the beginning till today that has made Robert College a leading school in every generation.

The values instilled in the students are what preserve the school, the oldest American educational institution founded outside the USA. These are values that transcend changes of any particular administration in America and in Turkey; they transcend differences of culture and religion. They are the values of curiosity and freedom of thought, of critical analysis, and a commitment to honesty and justice. Different cultures will produce different forms of education, but we should all agree that we need to produce students that think for themselves and care for their societies. At least that is how I read the founding documents and continuing statements of this school.

As G.H. Dorr, a member of the RC board of trustees succinctly summarized in 1970, "Over the years, we have succeeded in creating and maintaining a type of educational training for our students which has demanded of them an ability to think, and to deal with new problems as they present themselves in college, and thereafter, to make

decisions, and to take responsibility, and have confidence in their ability to do this in the varied walks of life in which they may be engaged. This has not been because of any particular "American" technique, but because we have been fortunate in recognizing and applying age-old concepts of the educational process which give this result. We no doubt have our weak spots in some phases of our curriculum and methodology, but we have been unhampered by the "memorization" and "spoon feeding" techniques ..."

Robert College is a miraculous self-perpetuating institution that is like the proverbial river you cannot step into twice. The river always has different water and gives drink to different thirsts. The school has different missions, different teachers and different students. Yet, like the river, it nurtures this nation from generation to generation.

This wonderful flood of education has been flowing for 140 years. As we celebrate this milestone, it is with a firm commitment and trust that the Robert College miracle will continue to happen for generations to come.

Livingston T. Merchant
Headmaster,
Robert College

BEBEK CAMPUS

Perkins Hall

Originally started as Gates Hall in 1910, was never completed and abandoned in favor of erecting an additional section in a different location. The building, designed by Dr. Aptullah Kuran RC 48, was named after former RC trustee George Perkins and inaugurated in May 1963, during the centennial celebrations. Today it houses the School of Engineering.

Van Millingen Hall

Built as a library, it was named after Alexander Van Millingen, Professor of History at Robert College from 1879-1915, who was renowned for his collection of books on Istanbul's Byzantine monuments. He bequeathed all his books and 1,000 pounds sterling to the library on his death. The building was opened in 1932 and cost about \$75,000. When the new library on the university's North Campus was finished in 1984, the collection moved there, and Van Millingen became the office of the President.

Gates Hall

Originally built to house the Engineering School. Named after Dr. Caleb Gates, RC President from 1903-32, who proposed the idea when funds became available from the bequest of John S. Kennedy, Chairman of the RC Board of Trustees from 1895-1909. Since 1963, has served as the main administration building.

Sloane Hall

Originally an infirmary, the gift of William Sloane, a former RC trustee. The cornerstone was laid in 1913, and the building opened for use in 1925. In 1967 it became a men's dormitory. It was renovated in 1999, and now houses the Psychology and Sociology Departments.

Albert Long Hall

Designed by Alfred Hamlin, son of Cyrus, the building was completed in 1891 for \$35,000. Originally known as the Science Hall, it was re-dedicated in 1904 in memory of Albert S. Long, who joined the faculty as a Natural Sciences professor in 1890, and remained at the College until 1901. The building was also known as "Santli Bina", the Clock Building, because of the large clock on its facade. The building underwent major renovation in 1999.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN THE HISTORIES OF ROBERT COLLEGE AND THE AMERICAN MISSION

Dec. 1838

Cyrus Hamlin, born in Maine on January 5, 1811, sails for Turkey with his wife, Henrietta Loraine Jackson, having been commissioned by the American Mission Board to start a seminary for boys in Istanbul.



1840

Cyrus Hamlin's school for boys opens in a rented house in Bebek.

Cyrus Hamlin

1853-56

During the Crimean War, Hamlin shows his ingenuity by establishing in Istanbul a laundry and bakery for soldiers hospitalized in the Kuleli and Selimiye Barracks.

Anderson Hall

Built as a dormitory-classroom building for the RC Preparatory department, later to be called Robert Academy, with funds from the bequest of John S. Kennedy, Chairman of the RC Board of Trustees from 1895-1909. Named in honor of Professor Charles Anderson and his wife Abbie (a daughter of Cyrus Hamlin) for their devoted service to the school between 1869-1919. It now houses part of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Theodorus Hall

Originally built as a dormitory and classroom for the RC Preparatory Department, later known as Robert Academy. It was funded by Mrs. Olivia Phelps Stokes, who donated \$49,000. The building was named Theodorus, meaning a gift of God, because she was too modest to name it after herself. Work on the building began in 1900 and was completed in 1902. The building is now the women's dormitory.

Dodge Gymnasium

The Gymnasium was financed by William E. Dodge and his son Cleveland H. Dodge and completed in 1904. It was destroyed by a fire in 1955 but rebuilt soon afterwards, largely through funds donated by local alumni. For many years it was the first modern gymnasium in Europe and had the only indoor running track in Turkey.

Social Hall

Henrietta Washburn Hall or the Social Hall as it was later called, was financed by Cleveland H. Dodge, Chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1909-1926. It was completed in 1914 and named after Henrietta Loraine Washburn, daughter of Cyrus Hamlin and wife of George Washburn. Used as a recreational hall by the students, it contains a theater, lounges, club rooms and a canteen.

Washburn Hall

Washburn Hall was financed by Mrs. William E. Dodge. This classroom-office building was completed in 1906 and named after George Washburn who had resigned from the RC presidency in 1903. Washburn Hall was built of the blue limestone quarried on the campus. The top floors once housed a Natural History Museum of great value. Today, it is the Economics and Administrative Sciences Building.

Hamlin Hall

The oldest building on the campus, named after Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, founder and first president of Robert College, who supervised its construction. The building—made from the same limestone Sultan Fatih Mehmet II used in the nearby Rumeli Hisar fortress—was first occupied in 1871. Hamlin Hall was designed in the shape of an old Turkish *han*, and is a nearly square rectangle with a central courtyard which was later roofed in. It now houses the university's men's dormitory.

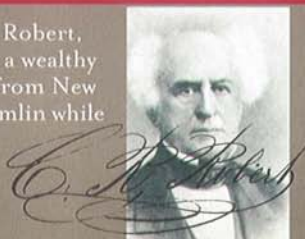
Robert College, 1863-1971 Bosphorus University, 1971-Present

IN COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

Christopher Rhinelander Robert

1856

Christopher Rhinelander Robert, born on March 23, 1802, a wealthy merchant philanthropist from New York, first meets Cyrus Hamlin while on a visit to Istanbul.



1857

Brothers James H. and William B. Dwight visit Robert in New York to interest him in funding a secular college for boys in Istanbul but meet with no apparent response.



ARNAVUTKÖY CAMPUS

Sage Hall

A gift from Mrs. Margaret Olivia Sage, widow of Russell Sage, a famous 19th century financier and associate of Jay Gould. A philanthropist, she donated \$100,000 for the building, built as a dormitory. Today, the building houses the girls dormitories, infirmary and art studios.

Woods Hall

Completed in 1914, the building was a partial gift from Mrs. Henry Woods, of Boston, who donated \$58,000, with Helen Gould supplying the remaining \$25,000 required. It was used as a Science Building until 1990, and is today home to offices and classrooms.

Mitchell Hall

Originally home to the school kitchens and dining room, it was a gift from Miss Olivia E. Phelps Stokes, who donated \$100,000. A modest woman, she asked for the building to be named in memory of her friend, Sarah Lindlay Mitchell. Today, the building houses classrooms, the Salt Halman Computer Center and the audio-visual center.

Gould Hall

A gift from Helen Gould Shepard, daughter of the famous 19th century Wall Street financier Jay Gould. She donated \$150,000 for the construction, which began in 1911 and was completed in 1914. Today it houses classrooms, the main administrative offices, the library and cafeteria.

American College for Girls, 1871-1971 Robert College, 1971-Present

→ 1859

Robert appoints Hamlin, who resigns from the Mission Board, to look for a site for a college for boys in Istanbul and donates an initial \$30,000 towards the funding of the school, which is to be comparable to any college in New England.



1861

Land for the school is finally purchased on the heights of Rumeli Hisar from Ahmet Vefik Paşa, statesman and scholar.

Sept. 16, 1863

Despite several setbacks, Robert College opens with four students in temporary quarters in Hamlin's old school in Bebek, pending the issuing of a building permit for Rumeli Hisar. Hamlin becomes the first President of Robert College.



Feyyaz Berker Hall

Feyyaz Berker Hall, which today houses the science labs and classrooms as well as the math department was completed in 1990 and named after its largest donor, leading Turkish businessman and RC Trustee Feyyaz Berker, RC Eng 46.

Suna Kırac Hall

A state-of-the-art theater building completed in 1990, which includes a large stage, make-up rooms, modern sound and lighting system and can seat 512 people. It was named after its largest donor Suna Kırac ACG 60, a leading Turkish businesswoman and RC Trustee.

Nejat Eczacıbaşı Hall

The modern school gym was opened in 1990 and named after its largest donor, prominent Turkish biochemist and businessman Dr. Nejat Eczacıbaşı RC 32.

Bingham Hall

Originally built as a medical school building, financed by William Bingham in memory of his mother, Mary Payne Bingham. Housed the Orta, Middle School, from 1925 to 1992. Today is home to the boys dormitories, as well as business and administrative offices.

140 Glorious Year... 140 Glorious Year.

1864

Robert College is granted a Charter by the board of regents of New York with the power to confer BA degrees.

Dec. 20, 1868

The Ottoman Imperial "İrade", a permit to build and run a school on the Rumeli Hisar site, is received.

1869

George Washburn, married to Hamlin's daughter Henrietta, joins the RC faculty as an administrator, having in previous years done substitute teaching at the college.

July 4, 1869

The cornerstone is laid for the first academic building on the Hisar Campus.



A Scrapbook of 140 Years

A chance meeting - Hamlin and Robert

"Christopher R. Robert, Esq., of New York, had visited Constantinople in 1856 just at the close of the Crimean War. Seeing along the shores of the Bosphorus, a boat laden with bread, the appearance of aroma of which drew his attention, he inquired where it was made, and this led to our acquaintance, out of which has grown Robert College. But for that incident, secluded as I was in the village of Bebek, five miles from the city, we should never have met. The lost screw and steam engine before spoken of (at Bowdoin), the steam mill and bakery, the work provided for the persecuted, the laundry, the churches, the college, are all links in that chain which seems to be chance, but is as strong and sure as the will of God."

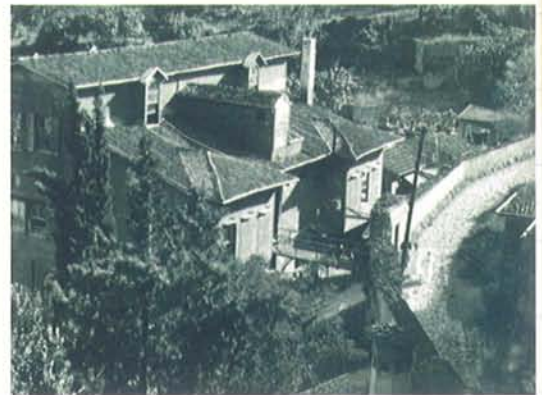
From Cyrus Hamlin, "My Life and Times", p.423

Finding a name for the College

"When we came to make out the program, which I wished to distribute, in some five or six languages, it became necessary to have a name for the college. The advisory committee objected to the name "American College", as being too much tainted with democracy. "The College of Constantinople" was proposed, but objected to, as being too assuming. "The Oriental College" (le College d'Orient) was objected to by some as being untrue, because it was an Occidental College. And so every name proposed was objected to by one or two persons. I said to them: "Well, gentlemen, this is very singular, if we can have a college, but cannot find a name for it! I propose that we call it 'Robert College'" This was received by acclamation. It was run through the various forms that it would take in Turkish, Greek, Armenian, etc., and it seemed to fit them all. To the multitude it would mean nothing; it would offend nobody—it would be merely a name. When Mr. Robert heard of it he protested against it. But it was in vain; the name had already gone forth, in six or seven languages."

From Cyrus Hamlin, "My Life and Times", p.434

Robert College opened
its doors in temporary
quarters in Bebek,
September 16, 1863.



The Imperial "İrade" received on December 20, 1868,
granted by Sultan Abdülaziz and authorizing the establishment of
Robert College on the Hisar site.



- Completion of Hamlin Hall, named in honor of Cyrus Hamlin.

- Cyrus Hamlin leaves RC and remains President in name only.

Mary Mills Patrick

→ May 17, 1871

- A group of Boston ladies headed by Mrs. Albert Bowker, having raised an initial sum of \$3,000, found a girls school in rented quarters in Gedikpaşa, a suburb of İstanbul. It is called "The Home School".
- Mary Mills Patrick, born on March 10, 1850, begins teaching in a school in Erzurum, in eastern Turkey.

1873

The "Pişmişoğlu Estate" in Üsküdar is purchased with \$50,000 in gold, which was raised for the Home School campus.

1875

- Completion of the first academic building on the Üsküdar campus, Bowker Hall, named for Mrs. Albert Bowker.
- Clara Catherine Pond Williams become principal of the Home School. Mary Mills Patrick joins the teaching staff of the Home School.

The origins of Constantinople Women's College

"The Constantinople Woman's college had its real origin in 1867. The idea of a inaugurating such a movement for the education of women occurred to a number of people almost simultaneously. One of the first of these was Mrs. Albert Bowker. A remarkable personality, with a vision beyond her time, she came into prominence in connection with a new world movement in Boston in the year Vassar graduated its first class: Mrs. Bowker was the first president of the Woman' Board of Missions founded in 1868 and incorporated in Boston. As a side issue, she was deeply interested in international education, and was probably the first person who thought of establishing a school for girls in Constantinople."

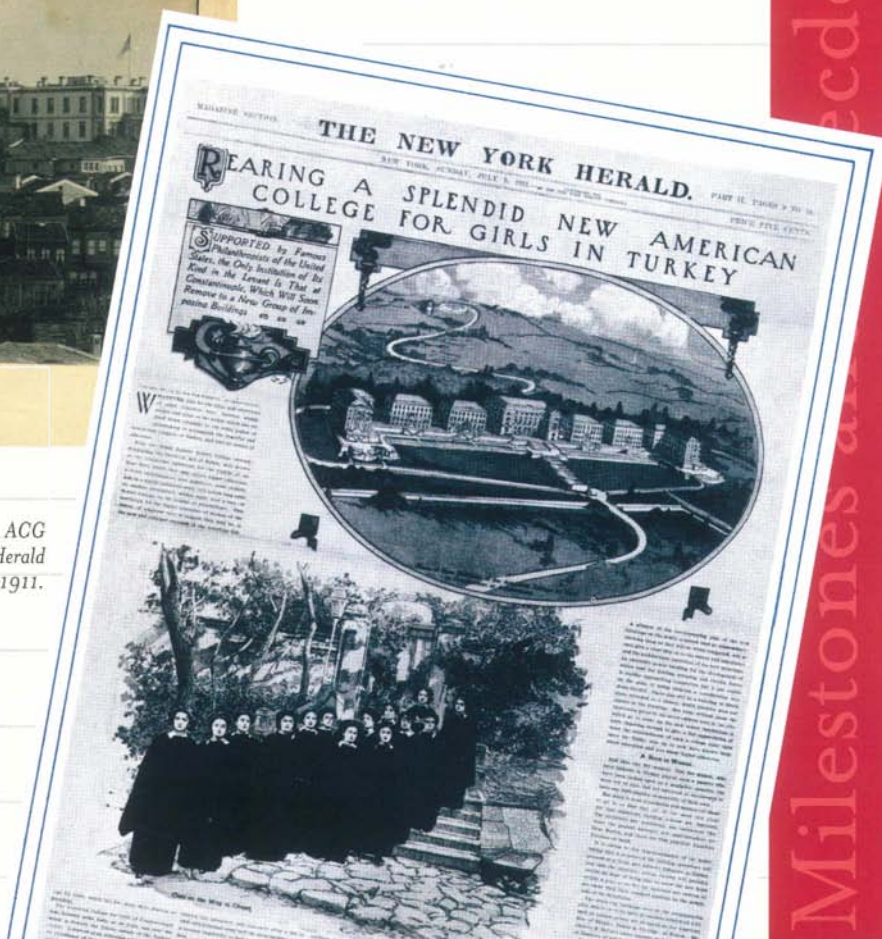
From Mary Mills Patrick, "A Bosphorus Adventure", p. 29

View of the College
from just below
the haunted
house.



The Home School in Üsküdar.
After a fire in 1905, the school relocated
and expanded in Arnavutköy.

An article on ACG
in the New York Herald
July 9, 1911.



Mary Mills Patrick

1877

- Last meeting of Robert and Hamlin. As a result, Hamlin turns in his resignation.
- George Washburn takes on the responsibilities of President.

1878

- Christopher Rhinelander Robert dies in Paris at the age of 76.
- Dr. George Washburn is officially appointed President of RC.

1882

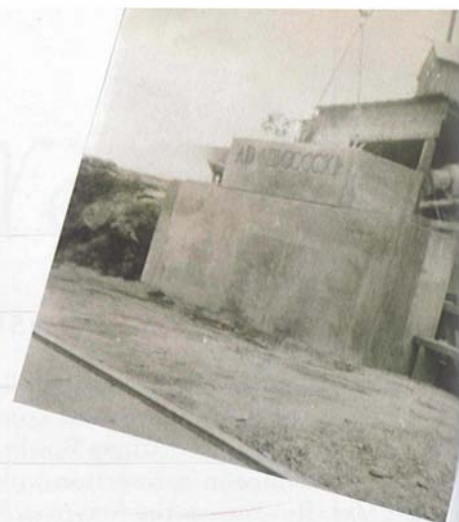
Completion of the second academic building of the Home School in Üsküdar with a gift of \$20,000 donated by William Chapin of Providence, Rhode Island.



Cornerstone ceremony, Bebek campus

"When the works were ready for the corner stone, we had a great assembly, and the American minister, Hon. E. Joy Morris, performed the ceremony of placing it, with a very interesting speech. This was on July 4, 1869. His address was followed by an address by Sir Philip Francis, judge of the English Supreme Consular Court; next, an able address by J. P. Brown, Esq., United States secretary of legation; fourth, the address by Rev. Canon Gribble, chaplain of the British embassy; the fifth, the most rhetorical and eloquent of all, was in Greek, by Philip Apostolides, Esq., a Greek lawyer; the sixth was by Hagop Efendi, Vekil of the Armenian protestant community, in Armenian; the seventh, in Bulgarian, by Mr. Petco Gorbanoff, professor of Slavic languages in the college; the eighth, in Turkish, by Pastor Avedis, of Northern Syria; the ninth, by Rev. Dr. Pratt, missionary."

Cyrus Hamlin, "My Life and Times", p. 456-457



The corner stone for the academic buildings on the Arnavutköy property was lowered on November 9, 1911.

The construction of the Arnavutköy campus

"In August 1910 an American contractor, accompanied by five American foremen and several assistants, arrived in Constantinople with machinery valued at ten thousand dollars.

A temporary pier was erected on the shore of the Bosphorus for the purpose of landing shipments, and these importations were taken, one after another, up the steep hill. None of the American foremen or assistants spoke any Turkish or had any knowledge of the Eastern mentality.

The language of signs, however, can accomplish much. The first demonstration was dragging the large stone-crusher brought from America up the long, steep grade to the new site. This was accomplished by ten pairs of great oxen, bedecked with beads and bright colored cords and tassels and with flowers behind their ears, according to custom. It was a difficult task for the oxen, even though they had flowers behind their ears. They patiently dragged up other heavy loads also before all was in readiness to start building operations. There was an abundance of stone on the premises, which was utilized in the concrete of which our buildings are constructed."

From Mary Mills Patrick, "A Bosphorus Adventure", p. 142



Construction begins at the Arnavutköy campus in 1910 and is completed in 1914.

→ 1883

Principal of the Home School, Mrs. Williams, resigns because of ill health. Mary Mills Patrick and Clara Harriet Hamlin become co-Principals of the Home School.

1888

Founders' Day is established at RC.

1889

Upon Clara Hamlin's departure, Mary Mills Patrick becomes sole principal of the Home School.

1890

- The Home School is granted a college charter by the commonwealth of Massachusetts under its new name, "the American College for Girls" (ACG).
- Mary Mills Patrick becomes the first president of ACG.

ACG's first Turkish graduate

"During the early history of the college Turkey was still a vast empire and we received many students from all parts of the near East, Southern Europe and Northern Africa. (...)

The education of women was still a moot question, and General Tewfik Bey' decision to send his daughter to an American School met with much opposition. Some said, "What's the use of teaching a girl to read and write? Will she be a secretary at the Sublime Porte?" And still others advised, "Teaching as far as the recitation of prayer verses is quite enough. " And some gibed, "Yes, teach her to write, that she may use it for mischievous purposes such as writing love letters!" (...)

General Tewfik Bey felt that in the American school at Scutari he had found something which exactly met his needs. Apparently, the College justified his confidence. A number of years later, before Commencement exercises, I heard a loud knock on my door. When I investigated, I saw a general of the Turkish army in uniform with his heavy sword clanging at his side. It was General Tewfik Bey. "I wished to see you," he said, "before the exercises to thank you for all you have done for my daughter."

In 1890, when Gulistan, a palace-freed girl, was graduated, customs in Istanbul were still tightly bound by tradition. Gulistan, closely veiled, sat with her mother in the audience and did not go to the platform even to receive her diploma. She held out her hand for it. Instantly, a perceptible change was noticeable in the crowd. There was a tenseness, an ominous undercurrent of excitement, and a mutinous whisper here and there. For a moment, those of us who were on the platform were uneasy."

From Mary Mills Patrick, "A Bosphorus Adventure", p. 228



An early "Quarterly" meeting at ACG.

Halide Edip, the first Muslim girl to receive a BA degree from an American college, graduated from ACG. Later, as Halide Edip Adıvar, she was to become one of Turkey's outstanding intellectuals.



Halide Edip- first Turkish woman to receive a BA degree

"World relations in education have been well illustrated in the brilliant career of Halide Edip (1901), the first Turkish woman to receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Madame Edib has become distinguished. One may truly call her great. The power and quality of her thinking were striking even when she was very young."

From Mary Mills Patrick, "A Bosphorus Adventure", p. 229

Theodorus Hall

1891

- Completion of Kennedy Lodge, a residence for RC's president, on the Bebek campus with funds donated by John S. Kennedy, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of RC.
- The first seven graduates of ACG receive BA diplomas.
- An Alumni Association is organized at ACG.

1900

Cyrus Hamlin dies in Lexington, Massachusetts at the age of 89.

1902

Completion of Theodorus Hall, the RC Preparatory building. It was erected with funds donated by Olivia Eggleston Phelps Stokes.



Theodorus Hall from the South.



Boys will be boys...

"Some of my early tasks at the College were difficult because they demanded drastic action. I desired as much as possible to introduce reforms and innovations gradually, but there were certain things that had to be accomplished immediately and without compromise, or not at all. During the academic year 1903-1904 we expelled eleven boys, all but one for immorality. It was a matter of deep regret, but the faculty agreed with me that the College must make it plain that it would not condone immoral acts. The moral standards are very low in many schools. Salacious literature and obscene pictures circulated among their students, and illicit sexual relations were lightly regarded. We felt that we must guard the boys committed to our care against such influences, and we were pleased to find that the rigorous measures we took had a salutary effect, for the next year, there were few cases demanding disciplinary action.

If we were to raise the moral standards of the student body, it was clear that one of our duties was to provide plenty of recreation for the boys' leisure hours. With this obligation in view, I did everything I could to encourage physical education and the playing of games. Our principal playing field lay in the midst of the campus, and I resisted all attempts of architects to encroach on that athletic field for building sites. The boys learned to play games with great zest and developed strong teams in soccer, and later in basketball, volleyball, track and tennis."

From the memoirs of Dr. Caleb Gates, RC President from 1903-1932, as quoted in J. Freely, Vol. 1. p. 161-162



Robert College athletes, 1910.

The Balkan Wars of 1912-1913

"While the Engineering School was getting under way, the storm clouds of war were gathering. Few cities present such difficulties for a foreign school as Constantinople; and few institutions have had to face —through long years—such a succession of perplexing problems as confronted Robert College.

It can easily be imagined what a severe test was imposed upon the students of Robert College by these events. Their respective nations were at war with one another. Students and teachers were being called for military service, and many were anxious to know the fate of their families. [...]While this war was raging, a boy from one Balkan country said to a fellow student from an enemy country: "If I were to meet you in the mountains of Macedonia it would be my duty to shoot you, but here we live like brothers." Students frequently told one another that when they graduated they would do their best to prevent such wars".

From the memoirs of Dr. Caleb Gates, RC President from 1903-1932, as quoted in Freely, p.184.

→ 1903

George Washburn leaves RC. Dr. Caleb Gates, born on October 18, 1857, becomes President of RC.

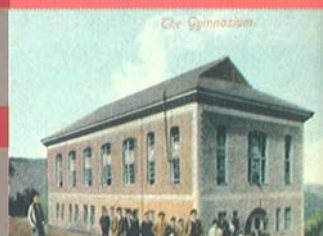
1904

Completion of RC's Dodge Gymnasium, erected with funds donated by William E. Dodge and his son, Cleveland Dodge.

1905

Fire destroys Barton Hall at ACG in Üsküdar, causing much damage but no casualties.

Dodge Gymnasium



Surviving World War I

"The [U.S.] ambassador advised against our staying. He believed that we should not be allowed to carry on our work for more than a month or two, and that then the College would be closed and we might be interned in a prison camp. There would be no opportunity to leave after the embassy closed. My own feeling was that, if I left, the College would surely be closed and its buildings given over to soldiers who would loot and wreck them. I could not assume responsibility for such a disaster. I trusted in God for protection".

From the memoirs of Dr. Gates, as quoted in Freely, p.222.

"There were two subjects which did not require discussion in our college classrooms at the moment - history and geography. They were constantly outlined before us without the need of lectures. Turkey and other nations were diligently making history and transforming geography as well as the science of government day by day, offering laboratory work in those lines to eager students."

From Mary Mills Patrick, "A Bosphorus Adventure", p.184.

"When the United States entered the conflict, we were technically in an enemy country; yet, we never excluded from our social circle those who belonged to the nations against which our country was fighting. Our sympathy and open doors in that period of stress were much appreciated, and created lifelong friendships of a deeper character than could develop under ordinary circumstances. Many of the best of the people of the different nationalities of the city turned to us with friendly expressions of sympathy. The social contacts in that time of struggle and suffering awoke in us all the deepest human feelings."

From Mary Mills Patrick, "A Bosphorus Adventure", p. 174

"War to a small community is like a fever to a patient; our college showed a starved and wasted face in the January of 1919. Roofs leak, tough patched with tar, they bled black blood during the hot summer, and leaked again in the fall, cracked and fallen plaster indoors, waiting the return of the day when plaster and lumber could again be purchased.

We six of the American staff, with what resignation, or courage, or what humor we could muster, held the fort for better days."

From the memoirs of Lynn Scipio, head of the Engineering School at RC from 1912 to 1942, as quoted in Freely p. 234.



Turkish army unit sent to protect Robert College, 1915

"I find many changes, not only in the City, but at the College. Along the road leading up the hill, there are flourishing vegetable gardens which yield nearly all the fresh fruit and vegetables used at the College table. There are beans, tomatoes, peas, vegetable marrow, egg-plant, Indian corn, and melons. With food costing five times as much as it did in pre-war days, a war garden is indispensable".

Written by Eveline Thompson, ACG Class of 1909, upon her return to Istanbul in the summer of 1919, as quoted in Freely p.236.

Washburn Hall

1906

Completion of RC's Washburn Hall, designed by Alfred Dwight Foster Hamlin, son of Cyrus Hamlin, and named in honor of George Washburn (RC President, 1877-1903).



1906-1907

- Basketball is introduced in Turkey on the RC campus with two teachers' teams staging a demonstration game.
- Nellie Beatrice Summers (ACG 1906), born in Istanbul in 1885, becomes a science instructor at ACG. From 1935-48 she is the registrar and acting Principal of the Orta School. From 1948-53 she is Principal of the Orta school.



A vibrant music, dance and stage tradition

"In November 1919 an amateur theatrical group known as the Hisar Players was founded at Robert College by Professor E. Bradlee Watson, who in January of the following year directed a production of Galsworthy's *The Pigeon*. Thus began a tradition which lasted for more than half a century, during which time the Hisar Players put on one and sometimes two or even three productions nearly every year, failing to do so only three times, including two years during World War II. Professor Watson was president of the Hisar Players until the end of his tenure in 1923, after which he became Professor of English at Dartmouth College and founder of the Dartmouth Experimental Theater."

From J. Freely, Vol. I, p.238.

"I thank the RC Players, each and every one separately. I do not know how I refrained myself from putting my arms around them all. In thanking them, I leave to the end Mr. McNeal and the other producers who directed everything behind the curtain. I realize that nothing could have moved on stage, nobody could have acted and nothing could have been arranged without the deep knowledge of the masters who directed the performance and from whom I profited much. I am greatly thankful to them all for this and for their services to art in my country."

Letter dated Dec. 1, 1930, written by Muhsin Ertugrul, legendary Turkish theater and film director. Ertugrul was so impressed by an RC performance of *The Merchant of Venice* that he arranged for it to be performed in Darülbedai (then the state theater), where he was a director.

A scene from "*She Stoops To Conquer*"
ACG, exact year unknown.

An early ACG musical production



→ 1908

- ACG is granted a second charter by the legislature of Massachusetts making it a completely independent college for women.
- ACG purchases land on the height above Arnavutköy for a new campus. The property belongs to Düz and Musurus Families and includes the Plateau, Barton Hall, the Maze and the cedar of Lebanon, believed to be many centuries old.

1908-1909

First Student Council is formed at RC.

May 1910

Construction begins on the Arnavutköy campus.

Sept. 1910

The Orta Division (formerly known as Preparatory) moves to the former place the Musurus family on the Arnavutköy waterfront as temporary quarters.



"Inherit the Wind",
an RC class play
performed in the 1960s.

"Productions of class plays every year, led to the formation of the RC Players in the spring of 1924. These productions of class plays continued with, of course, all female roles played by the boys. In 1930, the cast list of *The Private Secretary* reads: Mrs. Stead - Orhan Fikri, Miss Asford - İbrahim Zeki. "

Dorothy Iz, Drama and English teacher at ACG and then RC, 1956-1991, RC Quarterly, Spring 1991.

The Robert College Orchestra
1933-34



The keys to the Arnavutköy estate presented
to President Patrick at the opening.

Nov. 9, 1911

Laying of the cornerstone for the four new academic buildings to be erected on the Arnavutköy property.

1912

Completion of RC's Anderson Hall, a dormitory/ classroom building designed by Alfred Dwight Foster Hamlin, son of Cyrus Hamlin, and named after Charles Anderson (RC 1869-72, 1888-1918).

1914

Gould, Mitchell, Woods and Sage Halls are officially opened on the Arnavutköy campus. They are gifts of Helen Gould Shepard, Olivia E. Phelps Stokes, Mrs. Henry Woods and Mrs. Russell Sage respectively.



New regulations ban education in Armenian or Greek

"According to the new regulations issued by the Ministry of Education, the College will not be allowed to offer courses in Armenian or in Greek to the students of those nationalities. The Bulgarian language, however, we shall still be allowed to teach on the condition that the Bulgarian students take up Turkish history and geography. Neither shall we be allowed to have any national literary societies such as we have had heretofore in the college, for the government is most desirous of breaking down all national differences and treating all its citizens as Turkish rather than as belonging to various races."

Annual Report 1924-25 by Kathryn Newell Adams, p.15



ACG girls in native costumes of their nationalities, early 1920s.

The RC Senior Class of 1924 was one of the the last truly diverse classes, including 2 Russians, an Armenian, Bulgarian, 7 Greeks, an Albanian, 2 Jews, a Turk, 2 Syrians, a Persian and a Rumanian.



Hüseyin Pektaş RC '03, the first Turkish graduate of the college.

→ 1920

The Musurus property, including the shore front palace and the surrounding grounds but excluding the family chapel, is purchased by ACG.

1922

- President Caleb F. Gates and Hüseyin Pektaş (RC '03) attend the Lausanne conference.
- Construction is begun on the Arnavutköy campus for a medical building, the funds donated by ACG trustee William Bingham II.



1924

- Because of lack of adequate funds, the ACG Trustees decide to discontinue the Medical School.
- Mary Mills Patrick returns to the U.S. after 53 years in Turkey.
- Dr. Kathryn N. Adams, head of the ACG English Department since 1920, becomes President of ACG.

Suggestions to students on manners / 1935

Do's and Don'ts pamphlet by RC-February 1935; entitled 'Suggestions to Students on Manners'

IN THE CLASSROOM

Do : If you wish to speak, catch the teacher's eye and then wait. If the teacher does not shortly give you an opportunity, catch his eye again.

Do not : Do not snap your fingers, wave your hand, or call, 'Please Sir,' to attract attention.

IN THE DINING HALL

Do : Keep your mouth closed when you eat. Sit erect; raise the food to your mouth. Hold your fork with your fingers. Pick up with your hands only bread, food and nuts. (Many circles forgive fish bones.)

Do not : Do not speak while you have food in your mouth, even if you are asked a question. Do not bend down over your plate; do not shovel the food into your mouth. Do not put your knife into your mouth. Do not hold your fork with your fist; hold it with your fingers.

IN SCHOOL GENERALLY

Do : Always be neat and clean. Keep your hands uncovered in the buildings. Stand erect when conversing with your elders. Call teachers and visitors, 'Sir,' or 'Madam' unless you know that they like you to use their names. Remember that everyone really dislikes hearing vulgar expressions.

Do not : Do not let your habits be a nuisance to other people. Avoid strong scents. Do not wear hats, skull caps, hair nets or other contraptions indoors. Do not have your hands in your pockets. Do not lean. Do not giggle. Do not snigger. Do not laugh at other people's mistakes unless they laugh too.

IN PUBLIC PLACES

Do : On the streets walk in very small groups. Subdue your voices. Talk quietly. If you wish to speak to someone go up to him. In public conveyances occupy only one seat. Do your share to keep public places tidy.

Do not : Do not walk four or more abreast in a busy thoroughfare. Do not walk with your hands in your pockets. Do not advertise your abilities to general public. Do not shout across, especially if there are people in between. Do not take up with your clothes or packages room wanted by other passengers. Do not throw nutshells under the seat. If you are on a boat throw your rubbish overboard. Always put the rubbish where it will annoy no one.



Pictured in the 1940s, the ACG dining room in Mitchell Hall, since 1985, the Sait Halman computer center.

1925

The ACG Orta is established in Bingham Hall, having completely vacated its quarters in the former Musurus Palace.

1932

- Dr. Caleb Gates resigns from the presidency of RC at the age of 75. Dr. Paul Monroe becomes the first joint president of RC and ACG.
- The RC Library is completed on the Bebek campus and named Van Millingen Library in honor of Alexander Van Milligen, RC professor from 1878 to 1915.

1935

- Dr. Walter Livingston Wright succeeds Dr. Monroe as President of the colleges.
- Hüseyin Pektaş (RC 1903), the first Turkish RC graduate, becomes the first Turkish Vice-President of the colleges.



RC celebrates 100 th anniversary

"Through the education of succeeding generations of students, Robert College has assisted the economic and social progress in the Near East. It has also brought direct benefits to several generations of Americans- faculty members, trustees, students, contributors, and other friends of the College. Their close association with the heroic and hospitable people of Turkey has led to a greater appreciation of Turkish life and culture and the strong foundations on which the Republic of Turkey, our close friend and partner in peace, has been built.

I send my cordial congratulations to the officers and friends of Robert College on the century of service you are so deservedly celebrating"

U.S President John F. Kennedy, 1963

"Robert College stands as a token of the close cooperation between Turkey and the USA. It is an institution which has made important contributions to the cultural life of this country and will continue to play a valuable part in the promotion of culture and education."

Tribute by Cemal Gürsel, then Turkish President, sent during Centennial Celebrations.

Program and menu for the Centennial Dinner,
October 17, 1962.
The Waldorf Astoria, New York.



Program

PRESIDING

ALFRED OGDEN
Chairman of the Board of Trustees of
Robert College of Istanbul

OZER ERTUNA '63
Senior at Robert College

The İstiklal Marşı
The Star-Spangled Banner

PATRICK MURPHY MALIN
President of Robert College

THE HONORABLE W. RANDOLPH BURGESS

INTRODUCING

THE HONORABLE GEORGE C. MCGHEE
Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs
and
Former Ambassador to Turkey

Music during Cocktails by Ahmet Yatsun, Uri Hrant and Tarik Bulut

Menu

Fruits of the Season
Roast Prime Ribs of Beef, au Jus
Roast Potatoes
Petits Fours
Petite Marmite Henri IV
Jubilee Salad
Frozen Souffle Alaska
String Beans Saute
Demi Tasse

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Robert College of Istanbul, now incorporated as the American College for Girls, reaches its centennial anniversary as a leading symbol of the close association of American citizens and organizations in the Near East throughout the world.

The founders of Robert College were always conscious of the significance of higher education as a means of helping others to help themselves. The concept we are following today in our Peace Corps and foreign aid programs, as well as in our assistance to Robert College and other American-sponsored schools abroad.

Through the education of succeeding generations of students Robert College has assisted economic and social progress in the Near East. It has also brought direct benefits to several generations of Americans- faculty members, trustees, students, contributors and other friends of the College. Their close association with the heroic and hospitable people of Turkey has led to a greater appreciation of Turkish life and culture and of the strong foundations on which the Republic of Turkey, our close friend and partner in peace, has been built.

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→ 1940

Dr. Mary Mills Patrick dies in Palo Alto, California at the age of 90.

1944

Dr. Floyd Black succeeds Dr. Wright as President of the colleges.

1951

The AGG Orta Library starts a modest collection of audio-visual equipment, including recordings of music and the spoken word, filmstrips and film projector.

1955

- Dr. Duncan Ballantine succeeds Dr. Black as President of the colleges.
- April 3: Fire destroys the Dodge Gymnasium on the Bebek Campus.

"I was chosen by the administration to represent Robert College students at the 100th year dinner. At that time I was a senior, and quite a successful student. It was a huge honor to have been selected. They gave me my air ticket, and off I went. It was a scary prospect when I first heard about it, but once I was there, I lost my apprehension.

The dinner at the Waldorf Astoria was sumptuous, there were many leading American politicians and dignitaries in attendance. Even today, when I think about it, having spoken at the same event as someone like Averill Harriman, still feels momentous. I spoke about what it was like to be a student at Robert College, what it meant to me. Afterwards, several people told me they were very moved by my speech and that they felt all their efforts towards supporting the school really meant something. I stayed with one of the trustees and was given things which -at that time- I had never heard of, like my first tuxedo! It was wonderful."

Özer Ertuna, RC Eng 63, now a professor at Bosphorus University, recalls the Centennial Celebrations, he attended as a student representative.

Centennial Dinner, The Waldorf Astoria Hotel
October 17, 1962.



1957

- RC is granted permission to become an institution of higher learning: the "Yüksek" is established as the Academy (Orta) is phased out.
- Beginning of co-education on the Bebek campus, at the "Yüksek" level.

1958

- The ACG Child Study Center is established in Hillside House under the direction of Dr. Rebeka Shuey for children between the ages of 4 and 6. An experimental project, it is the first of its kind in Turkey.
- November: The Board of Trustees of ACG and RC are incorporated under the chairmanship of Alfred Ogden.

Nov. 28, 1960



General Cemal Gürsel, future President of the Republic of Turkey, visits the two colleges.

The end of an era - Bebek Campus becomes Bosphorus University

"Without US aid funds, it was impossible for the board to continue the graduate school. The endowment of the college was being depleted and trustees were clutching at every straw that showed a glimmer of hope. [...] The decision was made to merge the schools. The concept of separate schools for boys and girls had in any case become a thing of the past.

In 1970, local graduates under the leadership of resident trustees set up a Turkish foundation with Bülent Yazıcı as its first chairman. Since it would have had political connotations to name it a "Foundation to Save Robert College", it was named Hisar Education Foundation.

The (then) minister of education, who had been one of the members of the military contingent that enjoyed crash courses in English at the Rumeli Hisar campus was Colonel Şinasi Orel. When the plight of the colleges was explained to him, he immediately offered to push through the National Assembly a special law nationalizing Robert Graduate School and changing it into a nationalized university. Quickly, a name was found for this new institution: Boğaziçi University, in English, The Bosphorus University."

From "Alma Mater and the Story of Robert College", by Ali H. Neyzi RC 44, p. 29-30.



Farewell to Bebek.



How students symbolized the RA-ACG merger in the RC 72 yearbook.

→ 1961

- Dr. Duncan Ballantine resigns from the Presidency of the colleges.
- Dr. Harold L. Hazen becomes Interim President.

May 15, 1961

The first references to co-education and the possible merger of ACG and RC appear in the "Stevenson Report".

1962

Dr. Patrick M. Malin succeeds Dr. Ballantine as President of the colleges.

1963

- ACG's Lise Library moves to improved quarters in Gould Hall and is named the Ann Taylor Case Library.
- May 11-18: RC Centennial Week celebrations in Istanbul and New York.
- May 18, 1963: Dedication of Perkins Hall, the new Engineering building, named in memory of George Perkins, a former president of the Board of Trustees.

The boys move to Arnavutköy

"The boys were reluctant to leave Bebek, especially the Lise III's to be. For all of us, Bebek was a non-stop "köşebaşı", a busy, stimulating and exciting university campus, where boys could test themselves against the "big boys", could ogle the lovely co-eds, could experience the "forbidden delights" of the political rallies, the smoke-filled kantine, the "mature" discussions. The ACG campus was isolated, unknown, quiet, and "had too many trees."

The ladies, for their part, viewed the boys coming with all the distaste of Roman patricians watching the vandals climbing over the estate walls. The girls were more sophisticated than our boys, were better trained -both academically and socially, and being more mature, they must have been both appalled and amused. As the older Lise girls had their sights set on university boys, our lads quickly zeroed in on the Orta girls."

John C. Chalfant, RC Headmaster during the merger, RC Quarterly, Summer 1991.

"The summer of 1971 was hectic.

While Robert Academy was moving and vacating its quarters on the Bebek campus, the Arnavutköy campus was preparing for co-education mid dust, furniture shifting, and a general scramble for space...Indeed, no one who witnessed the move of those days could easily forget the conglomeration of empty bookcases, dressers, standing lamps, beds, mattresses, and carpets of all sizes and colors that were stacked in the corridors, in the gymnasium, or whatever space could be found as they waited to be claimed after they had taken on the appearance of a giant flea market, with even an enamel bathtub abandoned outside Bingham Hall.

To everyone's amazement, however, in spite of all the confusion, the irritations that gave rise to occasional losses of temper, the shifting and the re-shifting of offices, and the hurried preparations, the first academic year of the 'new' Robert College began as planned on Monday, September 20th, 1971, with John C. Chalfant as the first headmaster of this co-educational institution."

From May Fincanci, "The Story of Robert College", p. 196.



Headmaster John C. Chalfant, who presided over the merger.

JOHN C. CHALFANT

Principal

Took over on December 25, 1970 until when he was Assistant Principal... came to the Academy in 1964 as English teacher... presently Housemaster of Theodoros Hall... founder of Varsity Letterman Association and Saturday night film series.

The first co-ed yearbook, 1972.

1964

- Dr. Patrick Malin leaves the colleges because of ill health.
- James I. Brainerd becomes Acting President.

1965

- Dr. Dwight Simpson becomes President. He reveals merger plans to the faculties of ACG and RC.

1966

The "Yalı", the "Konak" and the "Blue House" are erected on the ACG campus for faculty housing.

1967

- The Clarke Audio-Visual center is established at ACG with funds donated by Goldthwaite Higginson Dorr, Trustee.
- Dr. Howard Hall succeeds Dr. Simpson on an interim basis.



125th year: Celebrating the past, building for the future

"For the first time in more than sixty years, permission has been granted for the construction of new school facilities. Robert College has responded to this opportunity and has designed a plan to address four urgent educational program improvements for science education, theater and music programs, competitive sports and recreation, and outdoor areas for informal and social activities.

With the construction of these four facilities -science building, gymnasium, theater/auditorium, and forum- the college will have successfully undertaken the first phase of a most ambitious modernization of its campus.

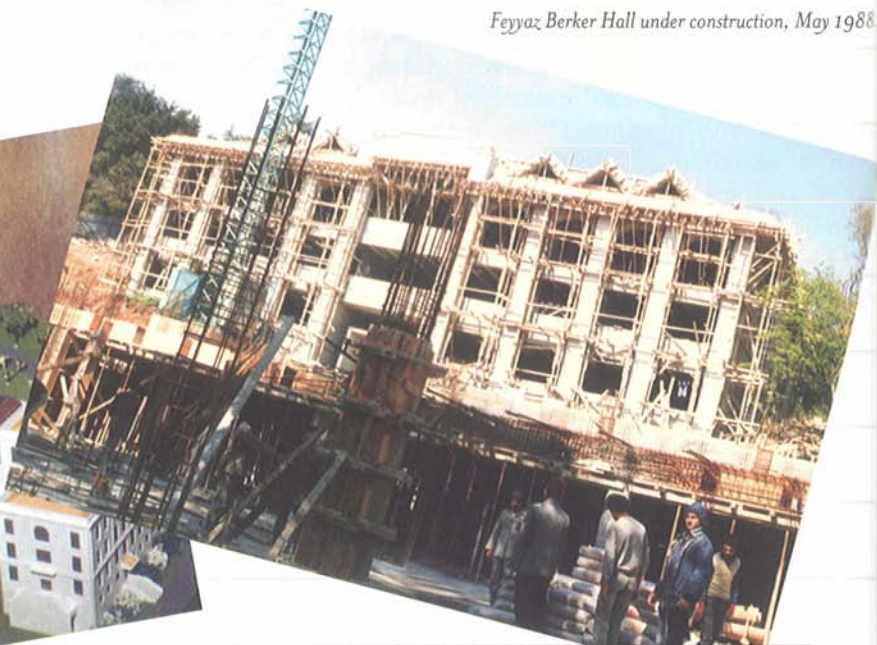
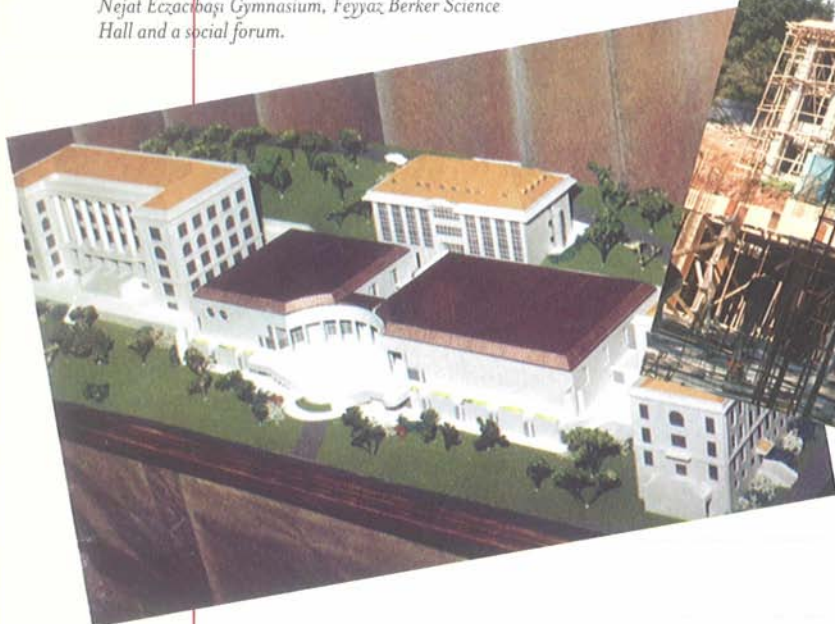
This is a beginning."

From "Celebrating the Past, Building the Future", RC 125th year brochure, 1987

Feyyaz Berker Hall

Feyyaz Berker Hall under construction, May 1988

A model of the new buildings- the Suna Kıraç Theater, Nejat Eczacıbaşı Gymnasium, Feyyaz Berker Science Hall and a social forum.



Ground-breaking ceremony for the new buildings, 1988.

Seated from left to right:

Hüsni Özyeğin RA 63, Headmaster Harry Dawe, Feyyaz Berker RC Eng 46, Bedrettin Dalan (then Mayor of Istanbul), Rodney Wagner (Head of the Board of Trustees at the time).



→ 1968

Dr. John Everton becomes President of RC.

1970-71

The 4-year Lise at ACG is reduced to 3 years to conform with Robert Academy's curriculum.

March 18, 1971

The "Yüksek" is officially

1970

The Hisar Educational Foundation (Hisar Eğitim Vakfı) is founded.

March 30, 1971

ACG celebrates its 63rd - and last- Charter Day.

Sept. 1971

The merger of ACG and RA as a co-educational lise on the Arnavutköy campus is officially confirmed.

Suna Kıraç Theater opens



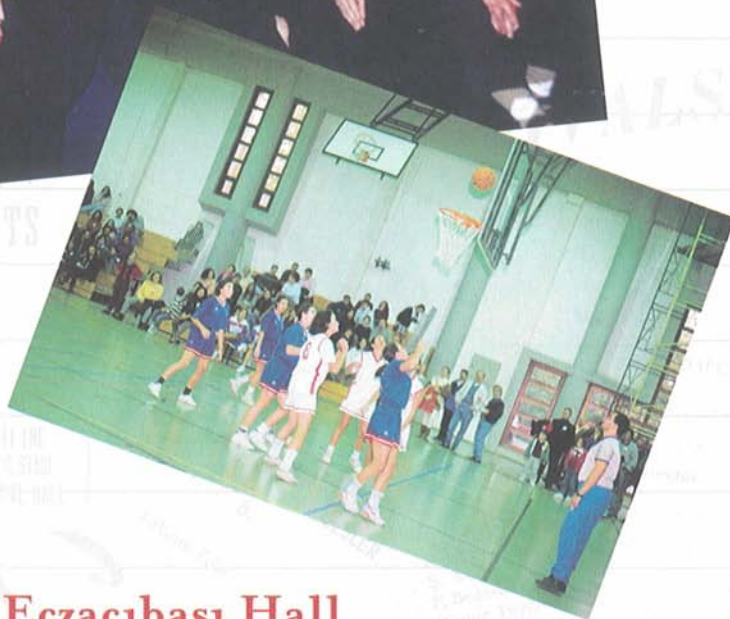
The opening of the Suna Kıraç Theater, featuring an all-star show by famous alumni in theater, directed by Dorothy İz, 1991.

Standing from left to right:

Dorothy İz, Nedim Göknil RC Yük 65, Genco Erkal RC 57, Gökseil Kortay ACG 55, Engin Cezzar RC 55, Can Gürzap RC 62 ex, Ali Taygun RC Yük 66, Esin Eden ACG 57.

Seated from left to right:

Nüvit Özdoğan RC 45, Neura Serezli ACG 65, Oya Başak ACG 55, Haldun Dormen RC 49, Yağz Tanlı RC 59



Nejat Eczacıbaşı Hall

In 1990, Robert College gained a spacious, modern gymnasium, Nejat Eczacıbaşı Hall. Male and female teams are coached by faculty members for both basketball and volleyball. The PE program includes floor hockey, football, tennis and table tennis.

1971

John C. Chalfant, born in 1928, becomes the first head of the co-educational Robert College.

1972

A Parent's Association is founded at RC.

1975

After much controversy, the "Bubble" -an outdoor covered gymnasium -is erected in the area formerly known as the "Rose" or "Sunken" Garden.

1977

Former ACG faculty member James Maggart succeeds John Chalfant as Headmaster of RC.

1981

- James Maggart leaves RC. Elizabeth Dabanovitch becomes interim Headmistress.
- May 17: Construction is begun on "Bizim Tepe", a club for ACG and RC graduates.

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ACG auditorium becomes RC library

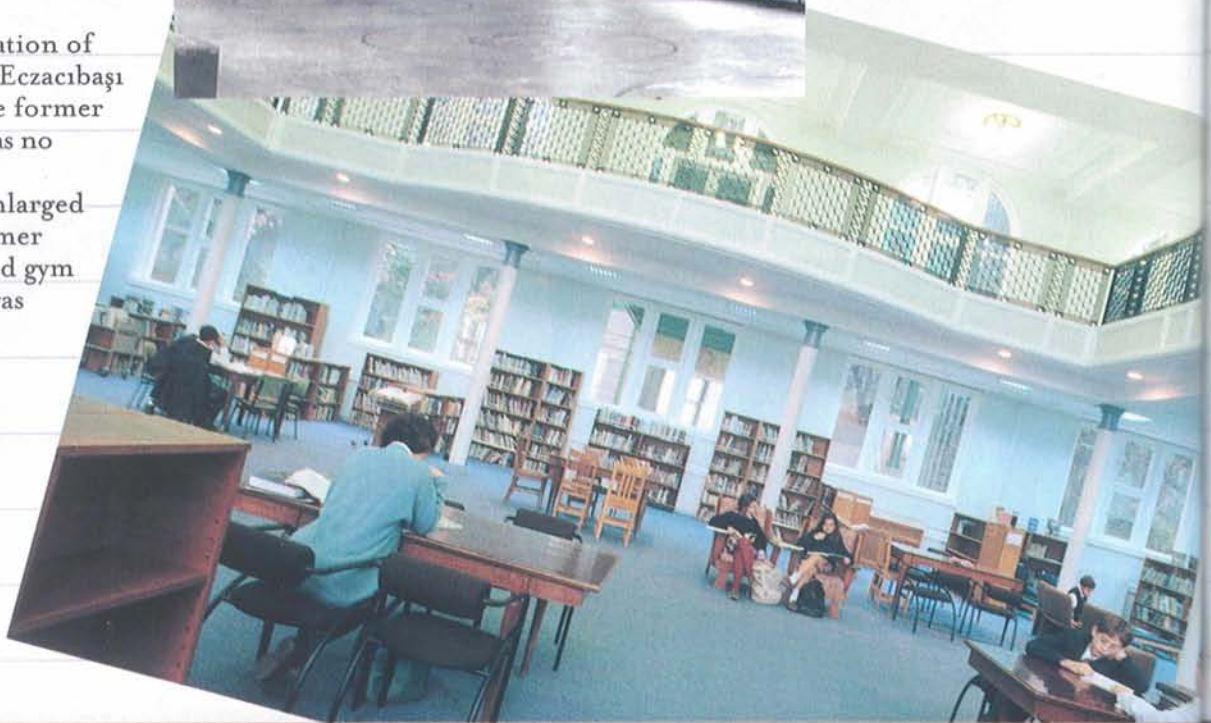


The ACG auditorium in Gould Hall was converted into a gym in 1969.

The merger of ACG and RA as a co-educational lise on the Arnavutköy campus made it necessary to make changes in the physical plant. One of these changes was the conversion of the auditorium into a gym.



With the inauguration of a new gym, Nejat Eczacıbaşı Hall, in 1990, the former "gymnasium" was no longer functional. The library was enlarged to occupy the former auditorium turned gym and the balcony was reinstalled.



That gym became today's library, which was remodeled between 1993 and 1996.

Bizim Tepe, the RC Alumni Club.

Jan. 1982

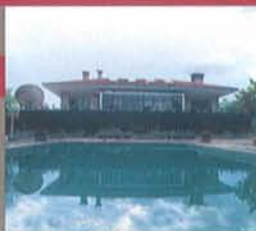
Dr. Allan Donn Kesselheim becomes headmaster.

June 1983

"Bizim Tepe" is officially opened.

1984

Margaret Johnson succeeds Dr. Kesselheim as Interim Headmistress.



May 9, 1985

The Computer Center is opened in Mitchell Hall and named in memory of Sait Halman, son of Talat Halman (RC 51)

1986

Harry Dawe succeeds Marg Johnson as Headmaster.

1988

- 125th anniversary celebrated
- RC Annual Giving Campaign launched.

Clinton lauds RC in historic address to Turkish MPs

"I have come to express America's solidarity with the Turkish people at a time of national tragedy, and to reaffirm our partnership for a common future. We have been friends for a very long time. In 1863, the first American college outside the United States, Robert College, opened its doors to the youth of Turkey. It was the only foreign institution allowed along the Bosphorus, precisely because America had never encroached upon Turkish sovereignty. I'm very proud that Prime Minister Ecevit is an alumnus of Robert College".

From a speech delivered by US President Bill Clinton to Turkey's parliament during a visit in November 1999. Clinton's visit came in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake in western Turkey on August 17, 1999.

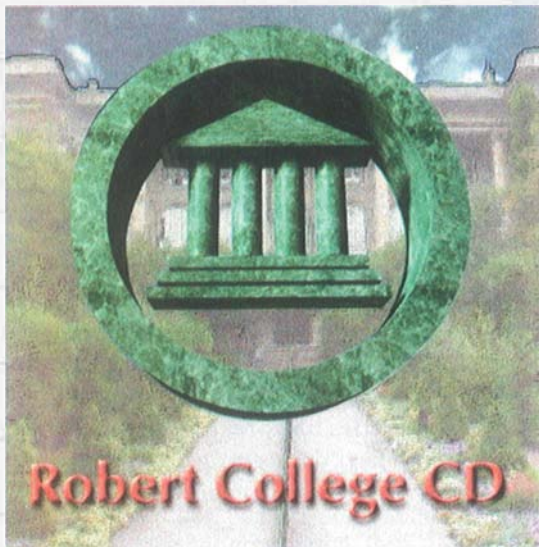
Going digital-Students produce first ever RC CD-ROM

"In a letter to Cyrus Hamlin written in 1861, two years before Robert College was founded and the undertaking was but an idea, Christopher Roberts asked that his correspondence be saved: "...preserve my letters and all others in relation to the College...keep copies of all your letters relative to the enterprise...the two will form a history of the effort, which if our lives are spared, it will be very interesting for us to look over a few years hence, and still more to those who come after us 50 or 100 years hence."

Hamlin did as he was told and the correspondence of the two men has been stored in Robert College archives for over a century.

Foresighted as Robert and Hamlin were, however, could they possibly have envisioned that the students of the school they started would, 136 years later indeed "save" the very letter dated Sept 28, 1861 on their first CD-ROM of Robert College?"

By Leyla Aktay, editorial in the Spring 1999 issue of the RCQ.



Founder's request honored, virtually: RC history and letters are "saved" both in the archives and on disc.

1989-90

As a result of the major fund-raising campaign sponsored by the Hisar Educational Foundation, three new buildings -science, gymnasium, and theater -named for Feyyaz Berker (RC 46), Nejat Eczacıbaşı (RC 32), and Suna Kıraç (ACG 1960) respectively are inaugurated.

1992

- The Orta is moved from Bingham Hall to Woods Hall.
- Benjamin Williams succeeds Harry Dawe as Acting Headmaster.

1993

Christopher Wadsworth succeeds Benjamin Williams as Headmaster.

1993-1996

The Library in Gould Hall is enlarged and modernized. A balcony is installed on the third floor to replace the balcony of the former Auditorium.



Farewell to the Orta: RC becomes a Lise only

"It is difficult to express my feelings when we had to change from a seven-year middle and high school to a high school. Emotionally and historically we wished that there were a way that we could retain our identity. We felt that we did a great job with our Orta students, for many years in Bingham and then in Woods. The excitement of the Orta Preps was always infectious and the pride with which they finished their Orta years and entered the Lise are still a precious memory. Our Orta students were sheltered from external exams and had four long years to develop their English. They also were able to prepare themselves for the rigorous Lise academic program.

As head of the Lise, my responsibilities were to help plan for the future. After much soul searching and committee work, a new program for a 5-year high school was developed. New students were admitted into the program and the first graduates emerged in June 2003 alongside of students who had attended the Orta school. All of us treasured the past and our Orta school. We also were realists and had to work for the future. The graduates of 2003 are a symbol of Robert College. They too treasured the past, many of them having an Orta year at RC. They also are part of the future many of them having entered Robert College as Lise Preps. I treasure the past and the Orta school that we had at Arnavutköy, but I also treasure the future and am proud of all graduates and am sure that they will represent their school exceptionally."

Whitman Shepard, RC Lise Director 1994-2001



Headmaster Livingston Merchant addresses students at the Opening Ceremony for the 140th academic year, 2003-2004.



We've come a long way

When the school first opened its doors in 1863, it had just 4 students and 5 faculty members. Today, at the start of the 2003/2004 academic year, Robert College is home to 928 students from across Turkey.

Number of Prep students 198

Number of boys 468

Number of girls 460

Number of boarders: 152

The school's international faculty is composed of teachers from all over the world, including the USA, Canada, Great Britain, Germany, New Zealand, Ireland, South Africa and Australia.

Number of Turkish faculty 40

Number of foreign faculty 49

There are around 75 extra-curricular activities offered to students during club hours and after school. In addition to sports, these also include activities like organic chemistry, stagecraft, floor hockey, dance, yoga, ethical values and contemporary events.

→ May 1997

Largely through the efforts of the Alumni Association, the Dodd Archeological Collection becomes permanent display in specially designed cabinets on the Library balcony.

Sept. 1997

Inauguration of the newly re-modeled Library.

1997

Eight-year compulsory education is legalized by the Turkish parliament. The Robert College Orta is consequently to be phased out as Robert College becomes a four-year Lise with a one year Pre-Lise program.

Did you know that...?

A collection of interesting facts about RC and ACG

RC founding president Cyrus Hamlin lost two fingers during the construction of the first Hisar building in 1869. "The buzz saw proved its efficiency by cutting off two of my fingers, and also the little finger of one of my workmen. Thus I "fought, bled" but did not "die" in the college service!", writes Hamlin, a true stoic, in his memoirs, *My Life and Times*.



The first College building, Hamlin Hall, was built from the same stone as Rumeli Hisar, the fortress built by Sultan Mehmet the Conqueror in 1452, some four centuries earlier.

Samuel F.B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph, sent Robert College two of his original machines as a gift in 1863. These are still on view in the Heritage Museum.

The first ever Student Council in Turkey was established at ACG in 1892.

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's famous signature was designed in 1934 by a Robert College teacher, Vahram Çerçayan, a calligraphy expert.

Robert College is the only school in Istanbul to have survived the Balkan Wars, World War I, Turkish Independence and World War II without once closing its doors.

Five of Bulgaria's early prime ministers were RC graduates. Every Bulgarian cabinet before WWI included at least one RC alumnus.

The first medical school for women was initiated at ACG (in Bingham Hall). However, due to financial problems this division was shut down four years later in 1924.

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Leyla Aktay,
RCQ Editor-in-chief

1998-1999

New curriculum goes into effect for incoming students from schools other than the Robert College Orta.

2000-2001

New outdoor gym, the "Fieldhouse" is installed in the area formerly occupied by the "Bubble".

June 2001

Last Orta graduation.

July 2001

Dr. Livingston T. Merchant succeeds Christopher Wadsworth as Headmaster of Robert College.

September 2003

140 th academic year begins at RC.

RC AROUND THE WORLD



Iraq - Jordan Border (May)

Iraq

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Tales From the Front - Reporting Live from Iraq

Two years ago, Arwa Damon RC 94 quit her job as head of U.S. operations for a Turkish textile company, to become a journalist. Travel was always a passion for the biology and French major, who took time off after RC to see the world, and then again after university to attend the Sydney Olympic Games.

Based in New York, Damon was in Iraq as a freelance TV news producer up until two days before US President George W. Bush issued Saddam Hussein his ultimatum. She spent the war in Jordan and Syria, before returning to Iraq in May.

Below, the intrepid reporter recounts her impressions of a country in chaos.

I stumbled into our workspace this morning, making my usual beeline for the coffee machine when my morning daze was interrupted by gunfire. "Starting early this morning aren't they?" I thought to myself and joined the crowd on the balcony to see what was going on. The military that guards the hotel all had their weapons pointed through the concertina wire towards the roundabout - the infamous "Freedom Square" where Saddam's statue came toppling down for the world to see. The story crossed the wires a couple minutes later. Thieves had tried to rob the moneychangers; two Iraqi police and two civilians were killed. "Do we have video on that?" someone asked. Just another day in Iraq. Another shooting,

another attack, another life senselessly lost. "Normal" in Baghdad these days. Apache choppers patrol the city, military convoys drive through the eerily empty streets after curfew, sporadic gunfire is heard throughout the day, and red and green tracers color the sky at night. Traffic lights don't work, gas lines still endless now due to power cuts rather than a lack of petrol, and electricity is irregular at best.

The Iraqi street is no longer willing to listen to the rationale and reasoning of the coalition, unable to understand how it can take a super-power like America so long to fulfill its promise to bring them a better life. "We are waiting. We are waiting to see what the Americans bring us," says Talib, an employee of the

state-owned Tobacco and Cigarette Factory. In an effort to jump-start the economy, the coalition reopened some of Iraq's state run companies. Of the 2000 workers that the tobacco factory used to employ, only 800 actually are needed to report to work since the factory's main plant is currently a US base. All workers are receiving \$60 a month, in part to keep them quiet. But nothing is that simple in this battered nation.

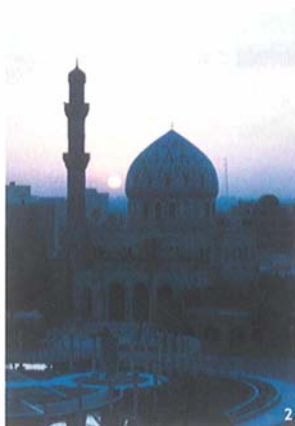
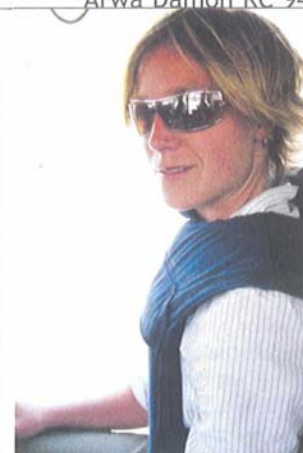
"The Iraqi person is not used to sitting back and having someone spend money on them. This \$60 is considered charity. "We don't want charity from the Americans. As though we did not want to work, and this was not our country and it was not our factory that they occupied," says Talib, to explain the

aggressive behavior of his colleagues, who upon seeing a TV crew had decided to hold a protest. The situation is escalating. I feel it more and more as each day goes by. Or maybe its just the little voice in the back of my head - the one that warns me that every time I step out that I may be the next reported casualty out of Iraq - getting louder and louder. It is intensely frustrating. I can't help but hold my breath as we go by a pile of trash because it may contain an IED, or feel my stomach clench each time we head towards a checkpoint, wondering if a nervous soldier is going to shoot.

It was actually in Tikrit a couple days ago where I happened upon a story that gave me hope for this nation. It was an unlikely relationship to see in Saddam's hometown where anti-coalition sentiment is at a peak. Cooperation and understanding between a US military officer and an Iraqi.

Captain Daryl Carter, a stocky, red-faced, hard-nosed military man and Dr. Sami Sharif, a 66-year-old former minister of oil exploration and senior Ba'ath party member. Quite the odd couple. Two men who have chosen to put their differences aside for a greater good. Together they got the Beji Oil refinery restarted, providing gasoline and LPG gas, used for cooking in all households, to the region, as well as fixing power plants, water pumping stations, gas stations, and schools.

"I would say that we would not be half as far as we are now if we had not developed the relationships like the one that I have with Dr. Sami and I think that if a lot of people could develop those relationships as they came it would do us a lot of good and perhaps we could get our job done faster", Captain Carter said in an interview. Both have



1- Burnt and damaged Iraqi dinars after central bank looting. / 2- Baghdad skyline from Sheraton roof after sunset. / 3- Surface to air missiles found north of Baghdad in a field filled with munitions.

accepted each other for their differences. Their dynamic is a blend of father-son with a touch of mafia. "You scratch my back, I'll scratch yours". It goes something like: "Carter! You know that white Mercedes you confiscated the other day? My friend would

like that back." Dr. Sami says in his raspy voice, his hand waving yet another cigarette. Or "Carter! Your people don't understand the Iraqis. They must not be so brutal during the raids." Or "I am talking to the Sheiks about giving them responsibility of guarding the pipeline."

And so the Doctor gets his weapons, and permits, and cars. And the Captain learns about Iraqi culture and gets access of influential Iraqis in the region. Not a conventional relationship, but one that gets the job done. Two men, polar opposites, have developed a mutual respect, and in some ways, a friendship. "I think I will miss him when I go back to America," admits the Captain. "He reminds me of that character Yoda of Star Wars."

"We became good friends. Like a family," replies Dr. Sami. Putting their politics aside for a common goal, perhaps setting an example for the types of relationships that the U.S. military needs to forge. Two men with colorful and distinct personalities somehow able to take a couple steps forward in the kaleidoscope of clashes that makes up Iraq today.

Protest in front of hotel complex that houses most press right off of Freedom Square.



REUNIONS

ACG 68

The ACG 68 "Girls" held their 35th reunion on June 21-22 at Saklıköy Country Club in Polonezköy. After meeting in Gould Hall on Saturday afternoon they took a fun-filled ride on a minibus to Polonezköy. Tea and coffee in the greenhouse, cocktails in the garden and dinner on the terrace were followed by a "wild!" after dinner party, which lasted until the early hours of the morning. On Sunday everyone rested by taking a swim in the pool or a walk around the club. Classmates came all the way from USA, Israel, Switzerland and Ankara to join their friends and re-live the great times they had at ACG.



ACG 68 girls in Polonezköy for their 35th.



RA 68 - 35 years on!

RA 68

RA 68 got together at Klassis Resort Hotel on June 28. A total of 80 graduates and spouses had a great time which included cocktails, dinner and unforgettable music from the 1960s. Around 10 people came from the USA just for this event. A special t-shirt, and a Who's Who album was prepared for the occasion. Güngör Başaran wrote a poem especially for the reunion and Behçet Demircan dedicated one of his previously written poems to his classmates.

RC 73 PROVES TO BE STILL KICKING AT 30TH REUNION!

*"Those were the days my friend /
We thought they'd never end;
We'd sing and dance forever and a day /
We'd live the life we choose
We'd fight and never lose /
For we were young and sure to have our way."*

This was just one of the songs that took a group of over 110 joyous RC 73s thirty years back to those happy days together on June 27, 2003, their 30th reunion.

Out of 200 plus RC 73s, more than a half turned up at the Alma Mater premises, and almost a third of the participants traveled from overseas and outside Istanbul to join the reunion. A large group came from the U. S. and Canada, and there were others joining from France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Israel, Kosova, and, Russia, as well as those who came from Adana, Ankara, Bursa, Izmir, and Izmit.



RC 73 30th Reunion kicks off at Marble Hall.

Thanks to the efforts of Cengiz Akaltan who founded the RobCol73 e-mail group to gather the classmates under a roof. The electronic network expedited communication and made it possible to connect almost the entire gang

of RC 73s to one another. The class representatives Harika Erler and Nevzat Fresko were acknowledged for their years long efforts to keep the class spirit alive. The reunion organizing committee included Ayşen Ertür,

Faika Erler, Harika Erler, Hasan Teoman, Melike Ateşoğlu, and Şevket Günter who worked hard to make the reunion an unforgettable one. The treats as a memento of the occasion were greatly appreciated by the young-forever-in-spirit RC73s who received a silver pill-box with the college seal on the lid and black t-shirts, manufactured by Ayşen Ertür with a "still kicking" logo on them. Muvaffak Bayramoğlu, a RC73 towel manufacturer in Bursa, presented each classmate a towel appliquéd with an RC seal.

It was quite a "meeting of old friends to share thirty years, all loving a hill with a view, living memories and dreams, as it was once," as inscribed on the invitation designed by Şevket Günter. The gathering began with a reception in front of the Marble Hall contin-

ued with dinner by the pool at Bizim Tepe. As the night progressed into cooler hours, the melodies of old-time songs compiled into 21 CDs by Selim Ardalı resonated the same warmth of the years spent together.

The reunion became more meaningful as Lale Yücel, a painter, Selma Kenter, a patchwork artist, and Serdar Arat, an artist in New York, donated their unique artwork to the auction for the RC 73 scholarship endowment fund-raising. The goal of 50 000 dollars was more than half way achieved with nearly 30 000 dollars pledged during the night. A smaller group of boarders, 'boys and girls', spent the night at Bingham Hall commemorating good old boarding years. The highlight of the dormitory experience was to stay up till dawn and watch the

sunrise at Plateau; the group scheduled a rendezvous to meet at the same place at their 60th reunion!

The 30th Reunion celebrations went on the next day with a brunch at Bizim Tepe where spouses and children of some of the graduates joined the party as well. Those who could not participate in one of these milestone reunions for various reasons were missed greatly and wishes were sent their way to see them at the earliest occasion possible. All the participants in the reunion agreed that the RC spirit and the camaraderie of thirty years was truly alive and to continue to keep it alive for at least another thirty years to come.

Yasemin Alptekin RC 73

RC 78



June 28th, 2003. Marble Hall. All RC78 graduates are invited. No spouses, dress code informal. We are going to have cocktails, dinner and party all night long. You may also stay in the dorm if you wish and have brunch on the plateau, the next day.

REUNIONS



On June 28th, greeted by a welcome banner at the bridge, 98 graduates of RC 78 climb up to Marble Hall. Surprisingly, for many of us, it is the first time in 25 years. Previous reunions have taken place at Bizim Tepe but there are some us who did not attended those either. We register and get our gift packs and name tags (to the great relief of those staring at the newcomers, trying to guess who they are).

Cocktail time in front of the stairs. Usual conversations, "you haven't changed a bit", "girls look younger than boys", "she was (is) so beautiful, did you date her?", "what is this building?", "what happened to the tennis court?" Once everyone has gathered, the group picture is taken and we move forward to the candlelit dinner area in front of Suna Kırac Hall. The food and the service are impeccable. Big thanks to Tuna Bey's team, İhsan Bey and everyone who stayed up with us until the small hours of the morning. The campus is magic, as it has always been especially at this period of the year. Many of us are discovering the new buildings. The school also has changed (like us) yet it's still so close and familiar (like us). After dinner, we move down to

the amphi-theater which has been decorated by many colorful cushions and candles. Our DJ turns the music on. We are sitting on the stairs, talking, dancing, singing. I see on so many faces an expression of immense happiness. They are just looking at each other, at the school, at the garden, at the stars. They don't want it to end. And it doesn't. Some decide to continue to talk at the dorm. At 5 a.m., a group of ten decides to watch the sunrise from the plateau. This is a truly magic moment to conclude the party. The next day, those of us who stayed in the dorm (around 50) and others who have come back (some with their families) go up to the plateau. We sit at a big table and have breakfast with "çay, simit, açma". We talk on and on. It is now time to say goodbye. We are sorry to see the end of this magic moment but we don't worry too much because we are determined to meet more from now on. The next day, there are so many moving messages on the net that we know it has been a success and that June 28th 2003 will take a place of honor in our gallery of fond memories...

Thank you class of 78 for attending this event and making it so special.

THE DAY AFTER...

Everything was perfect, nobody wanted it to end. Memories evoked by a single stone, a window, an engraving on a bench, a missing goal post, the road to the plateau, a plum tree (and the list goes on ...) became alive, leaving knots in our throats.
Saba Başbuğ Kocaaydın

It was indeed reminiscent of an antique car Rally..... bodies slightly out of shape yet elegant, attractive and comfortable with themselves and on the road....and familiar.... familiar more than anything actually.... we have been on the road together for a long time....almost throughout our entire history....memories do brush the same years.... these older but new faces can't seem to replace the younger but familiar faces that fill up our memories....the eyes and what's behind them never change...the magic of RC campus...despite the new buildings .. remains the same as well...and the friendship...as if it was not 25 years ago that we were kicked out of Eden.....right on from where we left.....
Doğan Şenocak

I keep looking at the pictures I took at the reunion to make sure it really happened and rejoicing when I recognize people I did not ten days ago, imagining my memory is better. I am less connected to places than most of you and the places have changed. Still, some (the back stairs to the Orta School) bragged "we are still here". Ghosts of others (the Rose Garden) said "do not forget us". As if to keep my connections intact. I thanked them all. My interest is people. We have changed, needed to change. I actually enjoyed not recognizing everybody at first glance, I enjoyed looking for clues in those I did not recognize at first glance. The clues (Gökhan Nural's voice, David's cheeks) reminded that we are still here, somewhere under the changes. I first wished we had another twenty-four hours so I could have talked to everybody at least once. Then again maybe it was good to leave with that yearning. It will prevent me from a silly and false sense that seeing each other once every 25 years will be enough.
Nadi Fındıklı

I arrived on campus a little early on Saturday, and had a chance to walk around all alone. I paused for a long time at many spots and got carried away in memories. My eyes watered. I even had a hard time holding back my tears at some places. We really were in paradise and were not aware of it. Then, I remembered realizing this as early as my first year in university. It was too late. We were already out of paradise. Overall the reunion on campus was a fabulous experience. It was amazing to find everybody having the same feelings. None of us wanted it to end...
Albert Sarda

RC 78 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

We decided that the best way to perpetuate the memory of this reunion and of our class was to create an RC 78 endowed scholarship. Raising 50,000 USD from a class whose annual giving performance at its best has been 10 contributors is quite a challenge. We launched the campaign in November 2002 and have reached 34 000 USD in July 2003. We hope to reach our target before year end and trust that our class will not let us down.

RC 83



Class of 83 celebrate 20th reunion.

The Class of 83 had its 20th anniversary reunion on the 19-20 July weekend on the RC campus. For a class which has not re-united very often over the years, attendance was quite high with 71 of us present. 10 came from abroad, namely the US, the UK, France and Italy. The 83 class reunion committee had spent weeks planning the events and with cooperation from the Alumni office and the RC plant office, everything went as planned. As one of our friends pointed out after the reunion, the weekend at 'Robert Tatil Köyü' was a fabulous event that everyone, without exception enjoyed to the last drop!

We met Saturday in the late afternoon on the Marble Hall Steps. Many of us had really not seen each other for 20 years, but except for one or two exceptions, everyone recognized one another. I noted that most of us had changed little and those who had changed had changed for the better. We had a fabulous cocktail and dinner party on the Marble Hall Steps, and moved to the new Forum, which some of us had not seen yet, to have our class picture taken.

In the middle of the dinner, the DJ started playing 80's favorites, which really hit the right nerve and dancing began. Although, our spouses did not join us on this evenings' gala dinner, we did not have a hard time finding dance partners! Even Can (now a THY pilot) who had come with crutches, due to a cast



on his leg, was on the dance floor. Dr Taylan Köseoğlu, who is now a pediatric ophthalmologist in California, was the keynote speaker. He reminisced of our days on campus and extracted some roars of laughter from the crowd. The committee had also put together a video show of our old days, which was projected on a big screen. Our pictures from the early 80's, when we were still very young and innocent, accompanied by music starting with 'Those Were the Days' brought tears to our eyes. But what touched everyone most was video footage of our late classmate Raffi whom we lost to leukemia a few years ago.

The evening continued until 4 am on the steps and later at the Sage Hall dorms. One floor occupied by the ladies and the other by the gentlemen (where did our two RC 83 married couples end up I still wonder?) Many of us chatted in the lounge until daybreak, while some of us visited the plateau at 6 am. Waking up to the song of RC campus birds was difficult after a short nights' sleep! In the morning after our poğaça-çay breakfast in the dorm lounge we

ended up at the plateau, where everybody's family joined the crowd. Our teachers Aydın Bey and Münir Bey also joined us; many other faculty members we had contacted were out of town for summer holidays.

The reunion continued with a picnic barbecue at the Maze. The children were entertained by the magician and clowns hired for the occasion; while the parents enjoyed introducing husbands and wives to one another. The children were wonderful, ages ranging from 6 months to 17 years old. Apo had the youngest, Karen the oldest present that day. Tuba, visiting us from Atlanta with a brood of three children!

Esra spent her time selling t-shirts prepared for the occasion. We had each received one with our welcome pack, which also contained an up-to-date list of addresses and occupations of our classmates, but had to buy an extra one for our family and friends. The proceeds from these sales were combined with a collective donation from RC 83 and were turned in to the alumni-giving fund. The Class of 83 has been providing a scholarship in memory of Raffi Küçükaltunyan for the past 4 years.

Some of our friends who could not attend also contributed to this donation. The Class of 83 promised not to lose touch over the coming years and guaranteed this by forming a yahoo group on the Internet. We also decided to have mini-reunions every year.

The Reunion weekend was a smashing success, worth all the troubles taken by the committee, who not only gave their time, but also used the resources of their businesses. The committee has a confession to make: we had almost as much fun planning the weekend as we had at the actual reunion!



Enjoying a fun-filled weekend.

ALUMNI NEWS

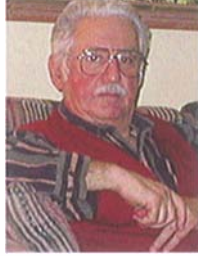
MARCEL GABBAY RC 43

Wrote to us from France to say, "Many thanks for the RC Alumni Magazine. I was delighted to see the photo of my class-mate Eli Benezra who was also a childhood friend in Büyükdada. I was sorry to hear Professor Louis Jaquet had died. We were his first students when he arrived in 1939 to replace M. Rivière. He was horrified by our local accent and insisted that we exaggerate our "r" s in the French manner which we did in his presence and thought it great fun. He introduced us to Baudelaire, Rimbaud, Verlaine and Madame Bovary etc. and often entertained us with anecdotes from his experiences in Africa some of which would be considered "politically incorrect" nowadays. I emigrated to England in 1943 and graduated from Manchester University in 1948 where I met my wife Vera Beck (we celebrated our golden wedding in December 1998). We have two sons, John (b.1949) who is Professor of Public Health at Southampton University and Mark (b. 1958) who is a Senior Lecturer in Medicine at Liverpool University. After a short career in textiles, I became a Management Consultant in 1956 in England where I worked until 1970 when I joined the UN and worked in Central America, the Caribbean, Colombia, Zambia, and since my early retirement in 1980 I have been sent on missions to Madagascar, Rwanda and Liberia. We moved to the South of France in 1981 where I joined the Rotary Club of Ste Maxime/St Tropez (President 1987-88 and 2002-03). I keep busy by occasionally giving courses at our local Computer Club. For the past 15 years I have been taking people on walks around Ste Maxime every Wednesday from September to June but most of the forest tracks I used have been devastated by the recent fires. I also represent the UN retiree associations in the South of France and organize 4 reunions a year. mgabbay@wanadoo.fr and marcelgabbay@yahoo.co.uk Tel No (+33)(4)94964304

LILLIAN LEYLA (SEYMAN) MCGOVERN ACG 49

Wrote to us from Oregon where she and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Her friend Bella Kalvo, also ACG 49, joined them from Seattle for the event. Lillian Leyla has been professionally giving private piano lessons and is the mother of Noreen, Eileen and Jim. Last summer, she

and her son Jim were in Istanbul and enjoyed visiting the campus, especially the plateau and the library.



İSKENDER MERİÇLİ RC 49

Immediately following my graduation in 1949, I worked as a Field Engineer in the expansion of the Istanbul International Airport at Yeşilköy. In September 1950 I came to the USA to study at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. In June 1951 I received my MS in Structural Engineering. After graduation I worked as a civil engineer for Green Engineering Company in Sewickley, Pennsylvania where I met my wife Mary Jane McDonald. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on August 29, 2003. Mary Jane and I have six children and nine grandchildren. The oldest grandchild will be a Junior in college and the youngest is in the 4th grade. In 1955 I returned to Turkey for my military service. My time in the Turkish Army gave me an opportunity to see most of Anatolia. Returning to the States in 1957, I worked as an engineer for 24 years for Koppers Company. This is the company that designed and built the Ereğli Steel Works in Turkey. I worked on this project and when I saw a photograph of the plant I saw the two identical Bleeder Stacks and remembered I had designed the first one. In 1966 I served as a "tour guide and interpreter" when two Turkish newspapermen visited Koppers Headquarters in Pittsburgh. In 1984, when Koppers Company closed, I worked for other engineering offices, including Kaiser Steel, Comstock Engineering, and Dotter Engineering in Pittsburgh, PA. I always enjoy reading the RC Quarterly and have fond memories of my Robert College days. Although I have no musical ability, my family will attest to the fact that Turkish music is always playing in my home and car. It brings back memories of happy days. 139 Sheldon Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15220, USA Phone: Home: 412-922-1255 e-mail: mericli@comcast.net

PROF. DR. TEOMAN ONAT RC 51

After his retirement from Cerrahpaşa Pediatric Clinic in November 1998 he devoted himself to the arts; that is, playing and composing on his electronic keyboard, sculpting, writing poems and his autobiography. The latter, *Çocukluktan Hekimliğe, Öğretim Üyeliğinden Amatör Sanatçılığa* which was published in June 2003 deals with many aspects of his rich memories about his versatile life starting with all phases of the training he got in Şişli primary school, German school in Tünel, as a boarder at RC, at the Medical Faculty of the University of Zurich, Switzerland (1951-57), training in pediatrics (Zurich, 1957-61). This is followed by his academic career experiences at the University of Istanbul. His devoted efforts in modernizing the pediatric clinic and founding of pediatric cardiology, his pioneer research works on growth and development, especially on skeletal and sexual maturation during adolescence were his achievements. His critics and comparisons of different methods of teachings in Turkey, in Switzerland and at Robert College in those years are very absorbing. Prof. Onat narrates vividly the stages of his development from early childhood throughout adolescence to adulthood with a psychologist's and pediatrician's analytic evaluation; reports of his achievements in sports (table tennis, tennis, badminton, skin diving), of his unique hobby as a medical philatelist, experiences in bridge and in contract bridge, his family life and social life in the island of Büyükdada are some of the highlights.

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ZEBERCET COŞKUN ACG 53

Author Zebercet Coşkun has been in the literary world after her graduation from ACG. Married with two children and living in Istanbul, Mrs. Coşkun's first short story appeared in *Bitlis* newspaper in 1966. Her essays *Efsaneler Şehri Bursa* and *Efsanelerle Anadolu* were published in *Eflatun* magazine and *Tarih içinde Gemlik ve Havalisi* was published in the *Gemlik Körfezi* newspaper. She is best known for her novel *Haçın* which won fourth prize in the 1975 Milliyet newspaper Novel Competition.

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Save this date!

Homecoming 2003 will be on Sunday, November 16.
Invitations are on their way.

OYA BAŞAK ACG 55

First recipient of BU's Aptullah Kuran "Outstanding Service" award



The graduation ceremony of Bosphorus University this year saw the presentation of a new award in memory of late Prof. Aptullah Kuran (RC 48), the founding rector of the University. The newly established Aptullah Kuran Award went to Oya Başak ACG 55, RC trustee and the head of the Department of Western Languages and Literature at BU, for her "excellent service

to the university". Prof Aptullah Kuran was also a member of RC's Board of Trustees between the years 1974-1998.

MİHRİCAN ÖZDEMİR HAVENS ACG 55

After 38 years as an educator in the American public school system, she retired in June 30 and says that she looks forward to not waking up at 5 am every morning! She planned a trip to Istanbul in September 2003 to see her classmates and to visit her relatives. Mrs. Havens lives in Brandon, Florida and has a son and daughter. Tel: 813 685 3624

ÖZKAN ESMER RC ENG 69

Married to Gülen Kefeli ACG 65 who he met at RC Yük. Özkan Esmer was supposed to have graduated in 1966 but a scooter accident in Austria caused him to finish in 1969. He continued with a master's degree at the University Of Strathclyde in Glasgow. Gülen Kefeli, who he married in 1968 was with him during his travels to Scotland. Their son Engin is an RC 86 graduate while their younger son Derin finished the German high school and Swarthmore College.

HURİ TÜRSAN ACG 71

Huri Türsan wrote us to say: "After finishing my B.A. in Turkey, I went for an M.A. in International Relations to Johns Hopkins University Bologna Center in Italy. Then I received my Ph. D from the political science department, European University Institute, Florence, Italy. In 1988 I married Belgian Lieven De Winter, Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. While by marriage I am a De Winter in Turkey, I continue to use the surname Türsan in Belgium, as name change is not required in Belgium. I have been living

and working since then, in Brussels. In September 2000, I started to teach "Politics of the European Union" At Vesalius College, Free University of Brussels. Currently I am also a senior researcher in the department of Political Science at the Catholique University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. I can be contacted at the present e-mail, and at htursan@spri.ucl.ac.be after September 2003 and at huritursan@hotmail.com"

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ÖMER BİROL RC 82



Having completed his Industrial Engineering degree at Bosphorus University, Ömer Birol received his MS in Computer Science at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. Upon graduation, he moved to Toronto, Canada and worked for Procter & Gamble until 1992. He returned to Turkey that year and founded a start-up company: SYS Sesli Yanıt Sistemleri. SYS is a hi tech company which provides computer telephony and call center solutions. After 11 years, SYS has over

50 employees, 4000 clients and over 75 percent market share. In 2003, Sinan Inel RC 82 has joined SYS as VP and CTO to help grow the company in the international markets. Ömer has also co-founded CMC Customer Management Center in 2000, again with another class-mate, Cem Bilge. CMC provides outsourced CRM and call center services to clients such as Unilever, Nokia, Marks & Spencer, AC Nielsen etc. Ömer is married to Damla (Yaraş) RC 82 and has a son, Kerem, born on April 17, 2001. Ömer can be reached at: omerb@sys.com.tr or (532)314-8926 (mobile) or (212)337-5000 (office).

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SİNAN İNEL RC 82



After RC, Sinan Inel earned his BS and MS degrees in Civil Engineering at Bosphorus University. Then, he moved to Los Angeles and completed his PhD at UCLA. Although his

degrees were in Civil Engineering, he had specialized in the IT sector. After having worked for several companies in California, he joined Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting) as a senior manager in their Los Angeles office. He lived in Helsinki, Finland for 1,5 years when he was heading an IT project for Nokia. In 2003 he returned to Turkey to join SYS, a hi-tech company, as VP and CTO. SYS is headed by classmate Ömer Birol. Sinan, in his role as chief technology officer, will be responsible for product development and R&D. Sinan & Ömer also share a common past time: sailing. They frequently spend time together to sail in the Mediterranean, last of which was from Gruissan, France to Bodrum, where they had to cross the Corsican channel under the worst gale conditions experienced in that area since 1964. Sinan can be reached at: sinani@sys.com.tr or (532)382-2211 (mobile) or (212)337-5000 (office).

TEVFİK YOLDEMİR RC 87

After completing his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Ege University Hospital he started working as a chief assistant in Şişli Etfal Teaching and Research Hospital, Ob & Gyn Clinic. He had training on endoscopic pelvic reconstructive surgery in Eastridge Hospital, Chattanooga and Northside Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia. He also had infertility and assisted reproductive technologies training at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney University and

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Women and Infants Hospital, Brown University, RI. Dr. Yoldemir is presently at Kadıköy Şifa Hospital.
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KORHAN AYDIN RC 91

Wrote to us to say: "I recently started receiving the RCQ. The magazine is very well presented, has perfect articles and is a true page-turner in all aspects. I wish you continued success in your vital role of bridging the past and the present of RC legacy." Korhan married Gülay Özcan on August 8, 1999. Their son, Kevin Bora was born on September 12, 2002. At present, Korhan is CEO of Karma Telecom Consulting, Miami and is featured in the 2003 International Who's Who of Professionals.
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AHMET EKER RC 92



Ahmet Eker RC 92 who, together with his sister Nevra Eker RC 93, runs the successful Bursa-based Eker Dairy Products, married

Ece Ceylan in Bursa this August. In attendance were many of Ahmet and Nevra's classmates. We wish the newly-weds a lifetime "on the same pillow".

VOLGA AKSOY RC 99

Volga Aksoy graduated from Knox College with a computer science BA. Volga says his AP credits from RC helped him skip a whole year, allowing him to graduate in three years. Volga has been working at Electronic Arts at Maitland, Florida as a Software Engineer, programming games for the Xbox and PlayStation II.
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ON THE BABY FRONT

İKLİM VIOL RC 92 - DİCLE TÜRKOĞLU - PETERSON RC 94

İklim is a proud mom - her son Kaan Konrad Viol was born on May 1, 2003. "It's a very surreal situation. For a while he was in my tummy, kicking around. Then he emerged



İklim&Kaan
Konrad Viol.

into my world. Tiny, crinkled and screaming! He is so helpless and dependent. It is both scary and exhausting. Always hungry, always weeing - it's a full-time job. But then, he smells of milk, he's adorable, cute enough to eat and infinitely kissable." İklim is

currently in Turkey, but lives in Zimbabwe, where she worked as a pharmacist while starting her doctorate studies researching the antiviral properties of native Zimbabwean plants. İklim also sent us a picture of her sister Dicle Türkoğlu-Peterson's RC 94 baby daughter Ela Hayal Peterson, who will turn 1 on October 25. Dicle is currently completing her PhD in Clinical Psychology in the University of Vermont.
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ASLI & AHMET UYSAL RC 90



Aslı and Ahmet Uysal (RC 90) are the proud parents of Anka, their first child, born in August.

NEWS FROM RC FRIENDS



FAY LINDER

PE teacher and Dean of Students at ACG between 1964-1971, Ms. Linder came to the RC campus in June 2003 for a visit. She says she comes

to Istanbul every summer because she has been writing the history of Üsküdar American Academy which she started writing in 1992 when she retired from there. Linder worked at Üsküdar after RC and said she "wore three hats" there because when she retired it took three people to do her job.

Ms. Linder has been living in Pilgrim Place in Clairmont, California since 1994. This is a retirement community where she has been asked to organize and make recommendations in the building of the swimming pool. She was then asked to be the Chairperson of the Aquatic Fitness Committee. She held the position for four years and was reelected for a second term. She organizes the fitness program in which they hold classes in the mornings for arthritic types of exercises as well as water aerobics. Fay Linder's book, *History of Üsküdar American Academy* was published by Redhouse Press in May 2000.

F. Linder:

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IRENE P. GILMAN

Former head of the English Department (1990-93) Irene taught in the American School in Japan from 1994-99 and traveled extensively in the Far East. She visited Australia, Bali, Singapore, India, China, Korea and Malaysia. Presently Irene is semi-retired and teaches in the American Language and Culture Department of Fordham University, Lincoln Center Campus. She enjoys the New York theater and cultural activities as well as discovering and delighting in Turkish restaurants wherever she can find them. She also participates in RC activities in NYC when possible. Irene praises Alp Can RC 93 as a talented musician and says they were together over Easter with her family and enjoyed a music festival together.
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- your e-mail address • name and graduation year • mobile phone number
- business phone & address • profession

Thank you. RC Alumni & Development Office

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TATIANA BOYACIYAN ERKMEN ACG 26

Born in Tbilisi, Georgia in 1908, Tatiana, one of the oldest ACG alumni passed away in Istanbul in the Spring of 2003. She was 95 years old.

Born to a Russian mother and an Armenian father from Trabzon, Tatiana came to Istanbul from Tbilisi in 1920. At the time, history was in the making and Georgia was a boiling pot of politics, and she was never to return there. Her father, a prominent and wealthy businessman in Tbilisi, was very involved in the education and future of his daughter. His business travels took him to Europe frequently and during a stopover in Istanbul, he met Dr. Mary Mills Patrick who encouraged him to send Tatiana to ACG.

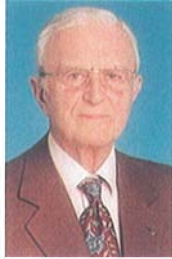
She came to ACG at the age of 12. "It was really hard at the beginning," she said in an interview she gave in 1998. "The school gave me everything: education, protection and care. I will always remember that until the last breath of my life." And remember she did. Tatiana was always devoted to Robert College, and until her final days at the Bomonti retirement home "Little Sisters of the Poor" she always spoke with devotion of RC, her days as a student and as a volunteer of the Alumni Association's early days, and of Dr. Mary Mills Patrick who took the young Tatiana under her wings. Tatiana worked most of her life, at the Ionian Bank, at the Ford Motor Company (1930-1945) and 12 years at Pepsi Cola as well as some other private firms. In 1946 she married Necati Erkmen, also an RC graduate. She was left alone after 42 years of marriage when Mr. Erkmen died in 1988.

One of Tatiana Erkmen's last visit to RC was during Homecoming 1996 when she was still able to leave the retirement home for short visits. There she received a standing ovation from the hundreds of RC alumni gathered that day for being the oldest ACG alumna present during Homecoming.

Tatiana, with her excellent English and Turkish, her sweet smile and elegant manners and her devotion to RC was a colorful figure of RC history. With her passing away, another era has come to an end.

TURAN MUŞKARA RC 45

Died in İzmir on June 6, 2003. Turan Muşkara was born into a family very much involved in recent Turkish history. He was the son of Küçük Telat Muşkara and his grandfather was one of the founders of İttihat ve Terakki Cemiyeti (Committee of Union and Progress) Dr. Reşit Bey.



After studying at RC, he received his MS from Michigan University and worked in Detroit and Los Angeles before returning to Turkey and getting married to Gülen Muşkara. Upon completion of his military service he worked as a project engineer for

the İzmir Cumaovası airport and then founded the EKLO company together with his two schoolmates from RC, Nikita Guber and Hayri Yorgancıoğlu. This company was the first one in İzmir to specialize in air conditioning and central heating units.

From 1967 onwards he was also involved in the founding of İMAS A.Ş., Türboterm A.Ş., Elda A.Ş. as well as being on their various boards. Muşkara was active in the İzmir Chamber of Commerce and the Aegean Chamber of Industry as well as being an active member of the Rotary Club (President 1988-89), also serving as President of the İzmir National Library and the Aegean Tourism Association. Passionate about nature, plants, and all living creatures as well as classical music, he enjoyed reading and had a library

made up of over one thousand books. Turan Muşkara is survived by his wife Gülen and his three sons, Tufan, Telat and Aydın Muşkara.

DR. R. SELÇUK GEREDİ RC 46

Dr. Selçuk Gerede died on June 14, 2003 in Istanbul. He is survived by his wife Canan Gerede and his children Şiva and Benu as well as four grandchildren.

SEMİRAMİS KESKİN ACG 46

Beloved classmate and class representative of ACG 46, Semiramis Keskin died of breast cancer in June 2003. Her close friends described her as a lovely person, devoted to her family and friends. For years, she brought all of her classmates together, usually at her own home and kept the bonds of friendship very much alive. Full of love and compassion for her fellow beings, she never spoke of her illness and it was a shock to her friends when they learned of her passing away. Members of ACG 46 say they will remember her with much love.

Semiramis Keskin is survived by her husband Prof. Ahmet Keskin, a daughter, a son and grandchildren.

TOMRİS UYAR ACG 61

Tomris Uyar, prolific author and acclaimed translator, died of cancer at the age of 62 in June.

After graduating from ACG, Uyar studied journalism at Istanbul University. Her first short story, "Kristin", was published in 1965. From that year onwards, she published extensively in literary magazines such as *Varlık* and *Papirüs* and was a leading figure in the 1970s renaissance of Turkish short fiction. Her unadorned language and storytelling technique earned her great acclaim, and she is counted among a generation of writers who transformed the genre. "There was no flowery language or multi-layeredness in her writing. Her stories were always as light as a feather, but also weighty enough to withstand the test of time," wrote critic Hasan Bülent Kahrman after her death. "This quality in Tomris Uyar's writing came from her education. There was an irony in her writing that did not leave readers empty-handed and which... stemmed in large part from her Anglo-American background".

Uyar was also an award-winning translator of some 50 books, mostly from British, North American and Latin American

writers. She counted Katherine Mansfield, Edgar Allan Poe and Jorge Luis Borges among her influences. Her dedication and perfectionism were well-known. "I do a lot of research about the writers I translate. What

they wore, who they hung out with, their politics", she once said. "After I have got all these down, I try and situate their language within the topography of the Turkish language."

Uyar's major short story collections include *İpek ve Bakır* (Silk and Copper/1971), *Ödeşmeler* (Settling/1973), *Diz Boyu Papatyalar* (Daisies Knee High/1975), *Yürekte Bucağı* (Fetter in the Heart/1979-winner of the 1980 Sait Faik Short Story Award), *Yaz Düşleri/Düş Kışları* (Summer Dreams/Dream Winters/1981), *Gecegezen Kızlar* (Maidens of the Night/1983), *Yaza Yolculuk* (Voyage into Summer/1986), *Sekizinci Günah* (Eighth Sin/1990).

She is survived by a son.



SEVGİ GÖNÜL ACG 60 EX

Leading Turkish business-woman Sevgi Gönül, Vehbi Koç's beloved daughter, passed away at 65 on September 12, 2003 after a struggle with cancer. Gönül was a member of the Koç Holding Administrative Board since 1964.

She was also an active promoter of Turkish arts and culture. A member of the Vehbi Koç Foundation Administrative Board since 1970 and Chief Executive of the Sadberk Hanım Museum, she supported a wide variety of projects in the arts, culture and history. For the last three years, Gönül was also a commentator for the daily Hürriyet, where she wrote a column called "Sevgi'nin Diviti".

A frank and witty woman with a passion for social issues, Gönül was known as "Principessa Industriale" to her friends. She was a founding member of the Koç University Advisory Board and in 1987, founded the Geyre Foundation to support the restoration and excavation of Afrodiasias. She died just two months after her beloved husband of 41 years, Erdoğan Gönül.

SADI ABRA RA 62 RC ENG 66

Sadi Abra passed away on May 30, 2003. He is survived by his wife Zümrüt, his daughter Nihan (27) and his son Ömer (23). Sadi, after graduating as a chemical engineer, went into the textile industry. He took over the textile factory from his father and enlarged the business by establishing Hasteks Mensucat Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş. in Çerkezköy. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the factory, which is a dyeing and finishing factory. Sadi was a very active and well-known figure in his school days (most of us know him as Dr. Abra). He was the editor in chief of the Orta School newspaper ECHO in 1959. He was also a member of staff of the Orta Yearbook Reflections in 1959. He was a distinguished player of the football varsity and a well-known member of the "babalar" group in Robert Academy.

Sadi, "with his heart open to everybody and his jokes that all of us like" (Reflections '59), will always be remembered by his friends with affection.

HALUK DÜRÜST RC 76

Only son to Ayşen and Hamdi Dürüst (RC 47 d.Oct.2001) died of a brain tumour in July 2003. After RC, Haluk Dürüst studied at the Istanbul University Faculty of Business and received a degree from the Zurich R. Kennedy University, School of International Law in 2001. His working experience included Enka, Saudi American Bank, Trans-Arabian Investment Bank and Finansbank. In his last years, he was the

**SHELDON WISE**

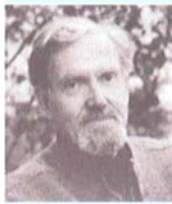
Former RC faculty member and English Division Director Sheldon Wise died in the USA on February 19, 2003 at the age of 79.

Wise, who had been at the

Bebek campus from 1956-1971 and then at the Arnavutköy campus from 1971-1977 was known to be a very remarkable person and teacher whose book "Spoken English for Turks" was the standard for Yüksek preps. The 20 volume book was described as "a work of genius" by former headmaster John Chalfant.

Sheldon Wise received his BA, MA and Ph.D from Yale University. His undergraduate education was interrupted by World War II when he served in the Signal Corps in London, Africa, Sicily and Italy, decoding, using his lifelong facility with language. After a Fulbright Fellowship year at the Sorbonne, he attained from Yale his doctorate in linguistics and he later refined TFFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) Mr. Wise taught in Indonesia for two years under a Ford Foundation before coming to teach at RC. He returned to the USA in 1977 and published many books in the many languages he knew.

Wise's last visit to Istanbul and the Arnavutköy campus was back in the summer of 2000 when he travelled to Turkey for a brief visit. He is survived by his sister Marinette D. Putnam and his niece Anne P. Rostow.

**JAMES LOVETT**

James Lovett, a former teacher of English at Robert College, died on June 11, 2003 in the Veteran's Administration Hospital at Togus, Maine. Jim was born in 1922 in

Albany, New York, the only son of Karl and Ann Lovett. He interrupted his undergraduate education to serve in the U.S. Army from May 1943 until March 1946. After his dis-

General Manager of Finansbank (Suisse) SA and loved his job and his family. He was especially fond of Robert College and his classmates, so much that he was a regular high honor donor to RC's Annual Giving Campaign. To the people for whom he worked, Haluk Dürüst was a real gentleman with a remarkable talent for management, who created brilliant projects that captured very high levels of success. His passion for hard work, his talent for planning and organizing was extraordinary. Everywhere he went, he made many lifelong friends and made a huge impact on the people working with him. His sense of humor and his endless energy carried him through all the difficulties he faced. He even managed to transform his sickness (using psychological penetration - in his words, "conveying the inner joy"). He is survived by his wife Nur Dürüst, a son and a daughter.

charge from the army Jim returned to Columbia University, from which he received a B.A. in 1947, graduating with honors distinguished by a Phi Beta Kappa, followed by an M.A. in 1948. He then received a Fulbright Fellowship, which he used to study in France for two years at the University of Montpellier. Jim came to Istanbul in 1959 to teach English and literature at the Marif Kolej in Moda. There he met Carla Schmidt, a fellow teacher. They were married in 1961 when they began teaching at the Darüşşafaka Lisesi in Istanbul.

In 1964 Jim took up a position teaching English at Robert Academy and Carla began teaching at the Community School. Jim taught at RC until his retirement in 1986, when he and Carla returned to the U.S. finally settling in Friendship, Maine. Jim was a gifted poet as well as a novelist and painter. His published works include six volumes of poetry, as well as two novels now being prepared for publication. Only his students knew how good a teacher Jim was. I remember a conversation I had in Boston with Cemal Kafadar RC 73 and his wife Gülrü Necipoğlu RC 75, who are now on the faculty of Harvard. Jim's lectures were brilliant, they said, and led his students to share his love of literature. What is more, he often invited them to tea in the afternoon, and in his apartment at RC, they listened to the classical music and opera that were such an important part of his life. No other teacher ever had a greater influence on them than did Jim, they said, and their cultural lives are all the richer for having known him.

Jim was buried in the Seaside Cemetery of Friendship on June 20, 2003. The simple but moving ceremony that preceded the burial ended with this remark by the minister. "One day a marker will be placed on this site saying, as James had requested: Poet, Artist, Traveler. Were it up to his wife, she would add Teacher to that list, a list that serves well to describe the things he loved to do. We shall never forget him."

Submitted by John Freely

CANSIN BARLIK RC 06

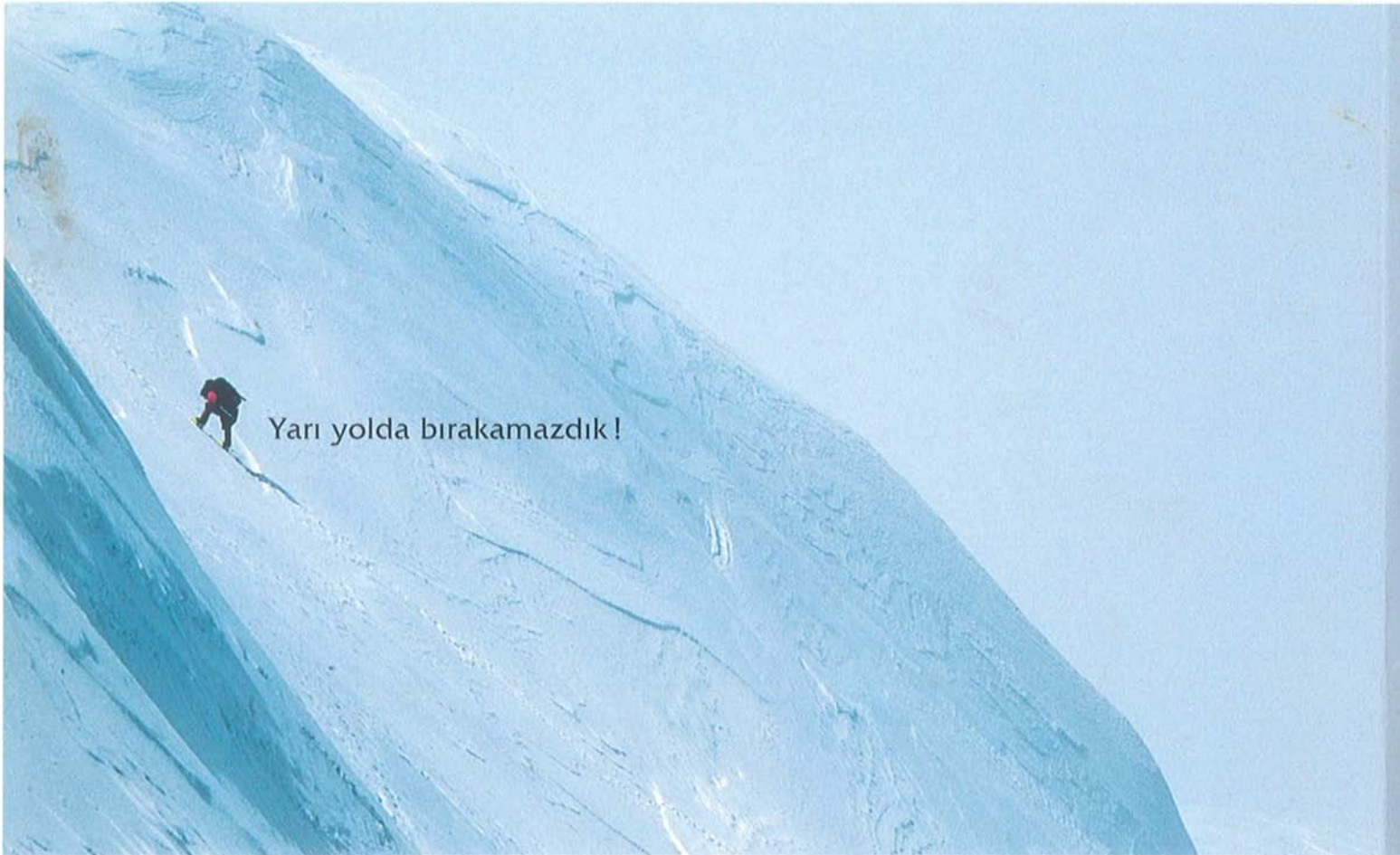
The tragic death of Lise 9 student Cansin Barlık in a traffic accident last June, deeply affected the entire school community. In the two years Cansin was a student at RC, he made close friends who loved him for his cleverness and keen sense of

humour. His teachers also appreciated these qualities in him in addition to his unique personality and intelligence. Great sadness and grief have been felt by those who knew him well.

To Cansin's parents and relatives, the entire RC community extends its heartfelt condolences.

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Nasuh Mahruki, 1996'da

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