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Kemer Country'de  
Hayat Buldu...*

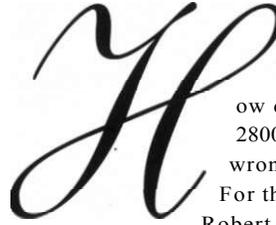


*Sınırlarını Mimar Sinan'ı günümüzde yaşatan su kemerleri ile Belgrad Ormanı'nın oluşturduğu bir hayal ülkesi... Küçük bir köy meydanı, kır kahvesi, göletler, golf sahaları, ormanda yürüyüş yapabileceğiniz, at binebileceğiniz özel parkurlar, keyifalacağınız dostluklar ve eşsiz bir mimari anlayış...*



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How do RC alumni get into history books?  
2800 Robert College graduates can't be  
wrong.

For them, the way to write history for  
Robert College is through the Annual Giving  
Report. Entering its seventh year, this campaign continues to make a  
significant impact on the financial future of the College, (p. 29)  
Thanks to the ever increasing support of loyal graduates, we are aim-  
ing to meet this year's goal of 20 billion TL. The deadline to get into  
the 1995 "book" is December 31; don't miss this historical  
opportunity.

"You are history!" said Whit Shepard, Lycee Director, addressing  
the audience of the Homecoming assembly made up of over 500  
graduates of all ages on Sunday October 22. "You are no longer in  
the classrooms, in the corridors... you have made way for others to  
take your place and for this we are grateful to you. All of us at  
Robert College ask you to continue to support us to make the way  
for others to take your place. You represent the past of the school,  
yet you are also very much its future."

An account of Homecoming 95 can be found on p. 16

We are grateful to Elsie Trask Wheeler, photographer and RC  
trustee, for joining us on that day, and spending a week of her time  
at the school to do a photographic essay of life at Robert College.  
We will be sharing her fine work with you in future publications. The  
images reflect the vibrant and exciting atmosphere on campus.  
Thanks to Mrs. Wheeler's contribution, this period of Robert  
College will go down in history books, "picture perfect".

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# Summer Diary

**T**he Robert College Summer Camp '95, sponsored by the Alumni Association brought together 120 children and counselors and enabled them to share a fun filled summer. Sports, art and drama made up a major part of the activities and as usual the RC campus created an impressive background for firm bonds of friendship to form.

This year the camp was run by RC 72 graduate Ülker Melek who was

assisted by Siir Ardemir RC 70 ex. A new addition to camp activities was drama taught by the Robert College drama teacher and theatre director Gerard Kennedy.

Campers and counselors alike benefited from these summer activities, Counselor Duygu Alptekin RC 92, wrote: "In my opinion, the most striking thing about my summer camp counselor experience was that I observed myself getting along with the

campers very well. I had been worried because I did not have much relationship with people of this age before and I wasn't even aware of the fact that they grew up just as I did, so every thing we did together was a pleasure for me.

I guess I couldn't have done anything better this summer. Thanks once again RC for another new perspective. It has just been wonderful!"



**T**he camp was run for one term of five activity filled weeks and even at the end, leaving camp was hard to do. Counselor Sinem Yıldızeli writes, "Addresses and phone numbers were exchanged. Bye bye's were said but nobody could leave RC. Promises were made to come again next year and finally RC was left empty and quiet."

**J**ournal writing time in the forum. Counselor Sinem Yıldızeli's observations on this part of the camp was interesting. "When I said it was journal time I saw frowning faces. Writing was not something campers really enjoyed, but what they didn't realize was that it enhanced the relationship between campers and counselors. Secrets, bad memories, problems, stories, happy events and jokes were written in these journals so eventually I realized that this was one of the most important and beneficial of activities."

The camp which is open to the 11-15 age group always welcomes back campers from previous years. There are even campers who have come four years in a row, ever since the camp program was first started. Counselors and campers of Summer Camp 95 are already looking forward to next summer, especially Melissa Eliyesil (first camper on the right.)



Hello, my name is Melissa. I was very lucky this summer. Lucky because I attended the RC Summer Camp. I have so many good things to write about but there would be no end. Everybody was very warm and friendly. We learned many new games and every day was different and every day we had lots of fun. The counselors were so sweet and nice they made us feel like friends. We had sports, art, games, friends and lovely counselors. I miss my camp. It was very sad to say goodbye. I am waiting for next year **M**elisa Eliyesil

Robert College Summer Camp is very different and better from any other summer camps. Because at this summer camp everybody speaks and practices their English during the camp. This summer was great for me because I came to Robert College Summer Camp for five weeks. I have had lots of friends and I played lots of different sports and games. Also we played lots of theatre plays at drama lesson. And we did lots of different things at art lesson. While we were doing these things our counsellors and teachers helped us very much. And I advise every children whose ages are 12-15 to come Robert College Summer Camp. And I'm sure that if you come you'll enjoy it very much.

Yigit Duzkoylu

Personal views of their summer camp experience from Melissa Eliyesil, age 12 and Yigit Duzkoylu, age 12.



Receiving her certificate from Sema Ozsoy (right) is Nihal Pulat ACG 47, who for many years has been a dedicated volunteer in the Alumni Association.

## Certificates of Appreciation

During the assembly hour of Homecoming 1995, Vice-President of the Alumni Association Sema Ozsoy made a short speech of gratitude to all those alumni who in the past had volunteered many hours of their time to contribute to the advancement of the Association. The practice of recognizing these volunteers was

started last year during Homecoming and will continue to become part of the Homecoming tradition. She awarded certificates to the following graduates: Süheyla Kunt ACG 37, Nihal Pulat ACG 47, Gilsiren Yelkenci ACG 47, Perran Ulagay ACG 43, Tatiana Erkmén ACG 26, Beril Eyüpoğlu ACG 55 and Perihan Zöbu ACG 41.

# The Green Voyage



This was the second time that the Bizim Tepe Travel Club organized a trip to North East Anatolia. We enjoyed all the tones of green, met with the local people from different regions that settled in the area hundreds of years ago but never quite mixed with each other.

We ate and drank their local specialties and danced "horon" with them.

Güner Benker, Emine Tmaztepe, Suna Eralp, Saynur Suskun returned to their dormitory years in Safranbolu Asmazlar Konak, iffet Azak and Ertem Kender were the champs in Yayla climbing.

Our guide Orhan Esen was perfect in giving the history of the regions but İnci Tarzi, Filiz Talay, Güner Fansa and Nurten Oget helped him by submitting papers that they had prepared at home on the history of Arganouts that were looking for the

Golden Post in the region. Anecdotes and jokes about Temel of course was the basic topic most of the time.

Tuncay and Azade Hısım brought back all the way to Istanbul the small pine tree that they found during their mountain hike as a souvenir of their trip. The green valleys in which small waterways rushed to the rivers as if they were in a hurry are still etched in the memories of all of us.

The friendliness and hospitality of the people in the mountain villages which consisted of houses at least a couple of hundred meters apart was the common characteristic of the region.

The climax of the trip was our visit to Çağlayan which is a true Laz village, where we chatted with the Laz girls that were collecting tea leaves and tried the special pear syrup. This is one of the few villages in the area

built on flat land and where the old konaks built by Armenian craftsman have been kept intact. To walk around and observe this beautiful village was an experience in itself. Experiencing this effected Gül Sertoğlu, Özlenen Kalav and Sema Ozsoy so much that they decided to buy a konak in the area and rebuild it as an apart hotel. Meral Çıkmoğlu's husband Yalçın Çıkmoğlu and Ayla Karacabey were entrusted the job of preparing the drawings and Ozbey Temel and Kayhan Yolaç were chosen as the contractors. The operation part of the project is still open to bidders.

As a summary we can say that "The Green Voyage", as the excursions to North Anatolia are now called, is a thrilling experience that everyone should live through at least once in a life time.

# A Night to Remember

The Bizim Tepe Board of Directors gave a pool side party for all of the Bizim Tepe members on June 23. The occasion to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the opening of Bizim Tepe was a very well attended, fun and laughter filled evening. President of the Alumni Association Board Prof. Üstün Ergüder gave a short welcoming speech and Candan Erçetin sang her English and French classics. We hope Bizim Tepe will continue to celebrate such occasions for many more years to come.



From L to R: İpek Uykul, Ayşe Tows and Tiilez Gabay came to wish BT a happy 12th birthday!

With hand on hip Oktay Özkan looks like he is ready to claim the first grilled köfte while Haksver Sunerprefers to give up his in favor of the camera!



# Match Point

Though not part of the Grand Slam quite yet, nonetheless, the Bizim Tepe Invitational Tennis Tournament continues to be one of the highlights of the season. When it comes to colorful personalities and exciting matches this year was no exception. The end of the tournament was celebrated with an awards presentation ceremony during which the championship cups and various gifts donated by generous sponsors found their new owners. The main sponsor for this years tournament was Nike, which is represented by Vepa in Turkey. The other sponsors without whom this tournament would not have been as big as success were Delta Air Lines, Robinson Select Club Maris, Arcelik, Shoe and Me, Perrier Soda, Naf Naf, Quicksilver, Emfa and Meto Catering. The results of this year's tournament were as follows:



Ladies doubles finalists receive their awards. From left to right İdris Turna (head referee), Sara Beceren, Ülker Melek, Vepa representative Faruk Sayit, Gürdal Arslan, Nurdan Ahuna and Temel Pürçek (assistant referee)

Men's singles under 30 years  
over 30  
over 40  
over 50  
Ladies' singles  
Men's Doubles under 45  
Men's Doubles over 45  
Ladies' doubles  
Mix Doubles

1. Metin Gürel  
1. Hüseyin Cimcöz  
1. Necati Aydın  
1. Demir Ataş  
1. Sara Beceren  
1. Mehmet Ergin & Avery Freizer  
1. Vartan Tetikbaş & Ziya Işıküstün  
1. Ülker Melek & Sara Beceren  
1. Ülker Melek & Celal Savcı

2. Mete Önol  
2. Lars Eric  
2. Bahattin Vatanserver  
2. Nafiz Duru  
2. İnci Menişe  
2. Hüseyin Cimcöz & Harun Tan  
2. Demir Ataş & Nafiz Duru  
2. Nurdan Altuna & Gürdal Arslan  
2. Vartan Tetikbaş & Sara Beceren

# Eğitim ve Politikada Doludizgin bir Yaşam

Bankacılık, eğitim ve politika gibi alanlarda isminden sözettiren İbrahim Betil RA 64, Canan Kadioğlu RC Yük 74 ile görüşti.

**C**anan Kadioğlu: RC mezunu olmak hayatta size neler kazandırmıştır?

**İB:** Kolej'de biz büyük ölçüde sorumluluk üstlenmeyi, düşüncelerimizi çevreden veya gruptan çekinmeden ifade etmeyi, birimizin düşüncelerine saygı göstermeyi, hoşgörülü davranabilmeyi öğrendik. Bireysel davranabilme ve insanların aynı zamanda bütün bunları yaparken de içinde bulunduğu grup ile işbirliği yapabilme gibi yetenekleri kazandırdığını düşünüyorum.

**CK:** Geriye baktığınızda yapmayı isteyip de yapamadığınız veya daha farklı yapsaydım diye düşündüğünüz birşey var mı?

**İB:** Bizim zamanımızda Boğaz'ı yüzerek geçme yarışmaları yapılırdı. Geriye baktığımda o yarışmalardan birine mutlaka katılmam gerekirdi diye düşünüyorum. Her yıl o fırsatı bir vesile ile kaçırdım. Bir de arkadaşlarım kız kolejiye çok sık giderlerdi, ben ise izcilik ve spor faaliyetlerine daha çok ağırlık verirdim. Bundan dolayı mıdır bilemiyorum, pek çok arkadaşıma oranla pek iyi dans edemem. Acaba ben de daha sık karşı tepeye gitseydim daha iyi dans edebilir miydim?

**CK:** Öğrencilik yıllarınızda politikayla ilgilenir miydiniz?

**İB:** Lise'den sonra Siyasal Bilgiler fakültesine gidip önce Kaymakam sonra Vali olup Türkiye'nin idare yapısını tanıdıktan sonra mutlaka siyasete girmek gibi bir arzum vardı. O zamanki müdürümüz Cornelius Bull bana okulun yüksek kısmına devam edebilmem için gerekli olan bursu ve Lise'de etüd hocalığı teklif etti ve ben de bu teklifler

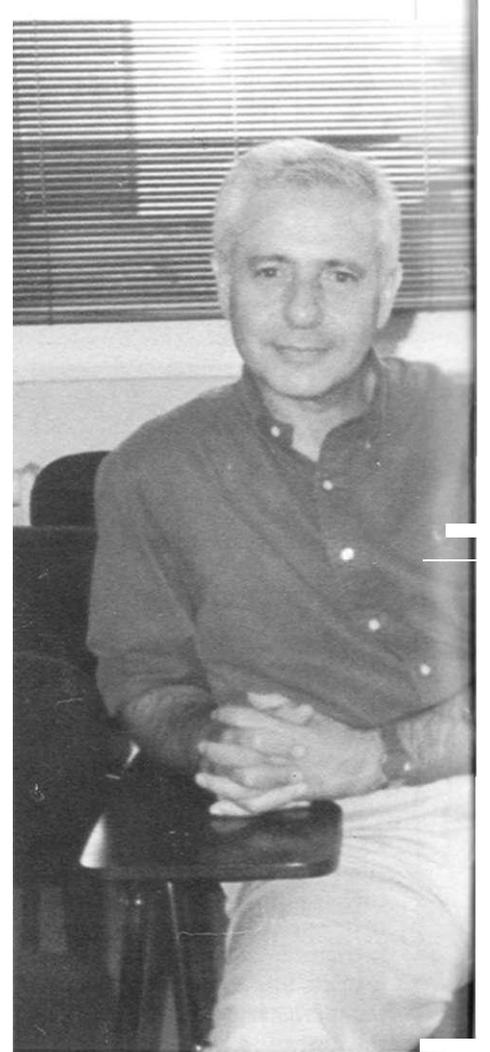
çerçevesinde birdenbire planımı değiştirdim, Siyasal Bilgilere girip siyasetçi olmaktan vazgeçtim.

**CK:** Okul döneminde extra-curricular olarak yaptığınız belirgin bir faaliyet var mıydı?

**İB:** Okul döneminde ben herşeye bulaşmaya özen gösterdim. Orta l'de başlayarak gazete çıkarttık. Küçük yaştan başlayarak izcilik yaptım, çok sık kamplara giderdik. Folklor kulübünde yer aldım. Yazları turistlere amatör rehberlik yapardım. Hem futbol hem voleybol oynardım, atletizm yapardım, 1500 metrede okul rekorunu kırmıştım. Herşeye bir şekilde bulaşmak istedim, derslerim de o kadar iyi değildi.

**CK:** Neden aktif bankacılığı bıraktınız?

**İB:** Ben bankacılık yaşamımda yöneticilik, üst düzey yöneticiliği, yönetim kurulu üyeliği, yönetim kurulu başkanlığı ve banka kuruculuğu yaptım. Bank Ekspress benim yaşam boyu götürmek istediğim, kendime bir son durak olarak gördüğüm ve her şeyini kendim büyük bir özenle kurduğum bir projeydi. Fakat kismet olmadı bunu sürdürebilmem çünkü Türkiye'de yaşanan çok ciddi bir mali kriz sonucu, banka'nın imajının ve kimliğinin zedelenmemesi için bankayı, diğer ortaklarımla da danışarak bir başka gruba devrettik. Bankalardan çok büyük paralar çekiliyordu, halkın devlete karşı ve dolaylı olarak da bankalara karşı bir güvensizliği ortaya çıkmıştı. Devletin bu konuda herhangi bir önlem almakta bir görüşü olmadığını gördüm ve olası bir zedelenmeyi önleyebilmek amacıyla bankayı daha büyük bir grubun bünyesine devretmeyi uygun gördük o günün ko-



şullarıyla. Nitekim biz devri yaptıktan iki gün sonra devlet bütün bankalara bir güvence verme ihtiyacı duydu. Şimdi bu noktaya kadar gelip insan kendi elleriyle kurduğu ve çok arzu ettiği birşeyi gerçekleştirdikten sonra kendi kontrol edemediği gelişmelerden dolayı tekrar elinden çıkarmak zorunda kaldıktan sonra artık bankacılıkta benim aktif olarak yapabileceğim birşey yok diye düşündüm. Bunu da mesleki yaşamını doğal bir başka durağı olarak değerlendiriyorum.

**CK:** Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfını kurmaktaki amacınız neydi?

**İB:** Tuhaftır, özlemlerimin temelinde yatan bir başka konu da eğitim olmuştur. Bankacılık ile birlikte mesleki faaliyetlerimi sür-



dururken en büyük özlemim eğitimi olarak yaşamımın bir noktasında bir yerde birşeyler yapabilmek idi. Okulumuzun mezunlarından ve eğitime en az benim kadar inanan sayın Suna Kıraç ile zaman zaman bu konunun sohbetini de yapıyor idik. Benim bankacılığı devretmem ve yaşam tempomun biraz yavaşlaması sonucu buna vakit ayırma imkanı doğdu. Kendisi bana Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfının amaçlarını özetleyen bir projesinden bahsetti. Bugün Türkiye'de eğitim konusunda en ciddi vakıflarından biri olarak faaliyetini sürdüren Türkiye Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfını hayata geçirdik. Bütün iş camiası, ağırlıklı olarak iş dünyasında önemli isimler, projeye başından beri destek çıktılar. Önemli kaynakları aktardılar. Yüz milyar gibi bir özvarlıkla başladı, şu

anda ikiyüz milyara yaklaştı. Türkiye'de Milli Eğitim Bakanlığı ile işbirliği yaparak okul kitaplarının tekrar yazılması gibi bir projeye soyundu. Ayrıca, eğitim birimleri, gençlik merkezleri yaptırmak, öğretmen çocuklarına burs vermek gibi değişik alanlarda da faaliyetlerini sürdürüyor.

**CK: İleride başka türlü faaliyetleri olacağını düşünüyor musunuz?**

**İB:** Pek çok hayırsever vatandaşımız, ciddi bağışlarda bulunuyorlar. Bu bağışlarla gençlik merkezleri, yurt yapımları gibi projelere başlıyoruz. Şu anda kişisel bilgisayarlarda interaktif sistemlerle bazı yabancı dil ve matematik dersleri verebilecek sistemlerin belirli yörelerde kurulması gibi bir çalışmayı başlattık. Anadolu Üniversitesi ile işbirliği başladı. İlk uygulaması da İstanbul'da Aksaray'da, yaklaşık 60

bilgisayarlık bir merkezde hayata geçirildi. Bu projelerle, eğitime çağdaş teknolojiyi devreye sokuyoruz.

**CK: Türkiye'nin en temel eğitim sorunlarından biri biliyorsunuz düşük okullaşma oranı. Bunu yükseltmek için alınabilecek sizce en etkili önlemler nelerdir?**

**İB:** Türkiye'nin eğitiminde temelde iki ciddi sorunu olduğunu düşünüyorum. Birisi devasa büyüklüğe gelmiş olan Türkiye'de eğitim sisteminin yönetiminin artık tek merkezden olmasını mümkün görmüyorum. Bunda ısrar edilmesi halinde Türkiye'de eğitimin gelişebileceğine inanmıyorum. O nedenle asgari eğitim ilkelerini korumak kaydıyla eğitim yönetiminin yerelleştirilmesini, hatta daha öteye okul yönetimine velilerin de aktif olarak katılmalarını sağlayarak okul yö-

netimlerinde belirli kararların verilebileceği bir yönetim modeline doğru gelinmesini doğru buluyorum. Bu yapılması halinde ikinci bir ciddi sorun olan kaynak sorununa da çözüm bulunabileceğine inanıyorum. Veliler okul yönetimine ve denetimine kendilerini yakın görürlerse ciddi kaynakları da aktarılır diye düşünüyorum. Şimdi aktarmaktan imtina etmelerinin esas nedeni verdikleri kaynakların nerede ne şekilde kullanılacağını bilemediklerinden, güven duymadıklarındadır. Bu kaynak sorunu aşılamıyor, aşılamadığı için de okullaşma oranı çok düşük seviyelerde kalıyor.

**CK: Sayın Betil, neden YDH?**

**İB:** Yeni Demokrasi Hareketi zannediyorum, Türkiye'de mevcut siyasi partilerden çok farklı birşey söylüyor. İnsanın birey olarak önemini ortaya koyuyor. Diğer tüm partiler devletin insandan daha önemli olduğunu vurgularken ve bir yerde insanların devlete neredeyse kul olmak gibi bir hizmet zorunluluğu yüklerken YDH devletin vatandaşın hizmetkarı olması gerektiğini savunan tek partidir. Bir kere bundan dolayı YDH. Tabii bunun devamı olarak da dünyada yükselen değerler değişik kültürlerin bir zenginlik olduğunu temelde küçümsenecek bir farklılık olmadığını ortaya koyuyor. Türkiye'de bunu dile getiren YDH'dır. Ayrıca düşünce özgürlüğünü, inanç özgürlüğü gibi kavramları temelde Türkiye'nin gündemine getirebildiği için büyük ölçüde YDH'nın görüşlerini benimsemiş durumdayım. Yerel yönetimleri, köklü eğitim reformunu savunan ve bunu çok ciddi dayanaklarla dile getirip Türkiye'de diğer siyasi partilere göre en ciddi eğitim programını hazırlayıp kamuoyunun tartışmasına sunan bir partidir.

**CK: Sizce Türkiye'de, yapamayacağı şeyleri vaat etmeyen, veya politikayı popülizme kurban etmeyen veya sadece maddi bir çıkar için değil hizmet için politikaya atılan kişiler hızla çoğalacak mı yoksa bunun biraz zor olduğunu mu düşünüyorsunuz?**

**İB:** Hepimiz bu işi düzgün yaparsak, dürüst yaparsak, kirlenmeden götürülebilmeyi başarabilirsek kirlendiğimiz noktada terketmeyi bilirsek bence bizi örnek alarak başkaları da cesaretlenecektir. İnsanların bizi alkışlamasını, takdir etmesini doğru bulmuyorum. Takdir edenlerin bize katılarak beraber çalışmalarını gerektiğini düşünüyorum. Yani şu anlayışa karşıyım. Takdir

bizden, gayret sizden felsefesini şiddetle reddediyorum. Bugüne kadar da pek çok siyasinin tavrını eleştirdiğimiz için biraz da kendimiz eleştirilenler arasında olmak gibi bir cesareti göstererek bu işlere girdik. Biz düzgün işler yaparsak özendirici olabileceğimizi düşünüyorum ve bizi taklit ederek değil bizi de aşarak bu işe soyunacaklarını düşünüyorum.

**CK: Ve böylece Türkiye'de politika kabuk değiştirebilir. Farklı kesimden insanlar politikaya bilfiil vaktini vererek katkıda bulunabilir.**

**İB:** Öyle olması gerekir. Biz politikaya maddi açıdan bir kazanç sağlamak amacıyla girmedik. Tam tersine kendi



## Türkiye'de Robert Lisesi'ni geçebilecek kalitede bir okul kurmak gibi bir sorumluluğu üstlendim.

maddi olanaklarımızı da seferber ederek, hatta çevremizin maddi olanaklarını da seferber ederek bu işe girdik. Bunu sürdürebilsek ve bu örnekleri çoğaltabilirsek politika çok farklı bir yere oturuyor olacak. İnsanlar o zaman politikadan maddi bir kazanç sağlamak için değil, burayı ticaret alanı, iş sahası olarak gördükleri için değil, tam tersine hizmet üretebilmek için bir merkez haline getirebiliriz diye düşünüyorum. Ümit ediyorum ki çoğalacaktır. Çoğal-

mazsa biz bir yerde hata yapıyoruz demektir.

**CK: RC yıllarına ait anlatmak istediğiniz ilginç bir anınız var mı?**

**İB:** Çok anım var ama beni etkilediği için şu anımı anlatmak istiyorum. Liseyi bitirirken kompozisyon dersinden bütünlemeye kaldım. Arkadaşlarımla birlikte mezuniyet cüppesini giyemedim. Ama aynı yıl kendi sınıfımın içinde faal öğrenci ödülüne layık görüldüğüm için sivil olarak diploma törenine katılma zorunluluğum vardı. Bu benim için çok buruk bir anıdır. Üstelik kompozisyondan kalmış olmam da yaşamımın ondan sonraki döneminde çelişki olarak kalmıştır çünkü ben yazmayı çok seviyorum ve hala yazıyorum, gazetelere yazıyorum, hikayeler yazıyorum. Bu burukluğu 30 yıl sonra yendiğimi söylemek istiyorum çünkü çok güzel bir raslantı olarak burukluğumun tam 30. yılında 1994 Lise mezuniyet töreninde beni konuşmacı olarak çağırdılar. Ben orada konuşmacı olarak liselilerle birlikte cüppe ve kep giyebildim.

**CK: Sevdiğiniz için vakit ayırabildiğiniz sürekli bir hobiniz var mı?**

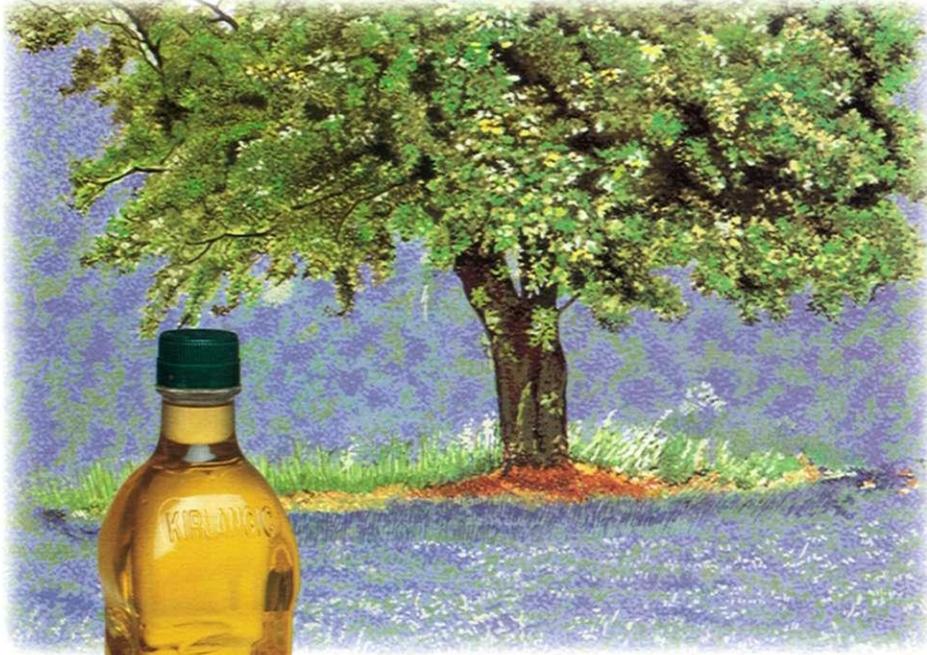
**İB:** Hayır, ben iş yaşamımla hobimi bütünleştirmiş durumdayım. Benim şu sırada en büyük hobim Enka Vakfı bünyesinde kurmakta olduğumuz Enka okullarını sıfırdan başlayarak kuruluş sorumluluğunu üstlenmiş olmamdır. İşin bütün ayrıntılarına hakim olmaya çalışıyorum. Çok iyi bir yönetim ve eğitim kadrosu kurma çabası içindeyiz. Çok çağdaş ve gerçekten Türkiye'de gençlere öğrenmeyi sevdirmeyi hedef alan, önlerine ders ve ders dışı her türlü imkanı heveslendirerek koyacak bir sistemi kurmak gibi bir faaliyete soyunduk. En büyük hobim şu sıralarda bu diye düşünüyorum. Zaman zaman seyahat edip kendi başıma kalmak istiyorum. Düzenli olarak bir dergiye, bir gazeteye yazı yazıyorum.

**CK: İleriye dönük somut projelerinizi sorabilir miyim?**

**İB:** İleriye dönük somut projem yok. Enka okullarına faaliyete geçirmek önemli bir proje. Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı Türkiye'ye yayıp her ilde hayata geçirmek somut bir proje. Bir de siyasi olarak üstlendiğim sorumlulukta YDH'yı güçlendirebilmek için insanların güvenlerini sağlayıp YDH'ya doğru çekebilmek istiyorum.

**CK: On yıl sonra kendinizi nerede görmek istersiniz?**

**İB:** Kendimi bu konumda hala eğitimle meşgul olarak görmek istiyorum.



Neyse ki  
hâlâ doğal  
bir şeyler var.

Evet, değişen dünyada, değişen yaşamlarımızda hâlâ doğal bir şeyler var. Doğanın yüzyıllardır hiç durmaksızın sunduğu, doğa harikası zeytinyağı gibi...Daha sağlıklı ve daha doğal bir hayat için, zeytinyağını siz de keşfedin. Kirlangic Zeytinyağı ile doğal lezzeti yaşayın!



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sizde ve solladığınız yıldızlarda buluşacak...



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# Share Your News

for the Robert College Quarterly

**e and your classmates enjoy keeping up with what's happened and is happening in your life. Please fill out this information sheet and drop it in the mail. (Add extra sheets if necessary.) Pictures are welcome and will be published in the future Robert College Quarterlies as they are received.**

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Address.....

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Children (and ages).....

Recent News (*Schooling, travel, interests, hobbies, field of special studies or research, family growth, vocation and avocations, accomplishments, education, degrees, musical talents, etc.*):



# Celebration and Remembrance

**I**t was a time for celebrating, a time for remembering and a time to reunite once again on the grounds of Robert College for Homecoming 1995.

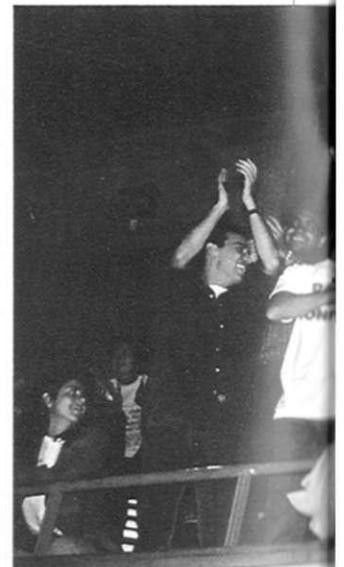
The 22nd of October was not exactly the sunniest of days, as a matter of fact it was raining, but it certainly exuded a wonderful sense of warmth and of belonging as over 500 alumni old and new gathered in its hallways

and cheered each other during roll call in the assembly.

Due to the involuntary absence of Headmaster Chris Wadsworth, Lycee director Whit Shepard gave the opening speech of the assembly and conducted the now famous roll call. He concluded by saying 'Today we are here to celebrate the history of Robert College, we are here to celebrate you'.



*All classes represented in the assembly that day stood up to be recognized. With the exception of very few classes most of them starting with the Class of 26 had members in the audience. The Class of 92 again won first prize for being the class with the most number of graduates present. The close second in that race was RC 95. The younger graduates continue to sit up on the balcony of the theater and create much fun and noise up there!*





*The Class of 45 were the guests of honor this year as they celebrated the 50th year anniversary of their graduation. In fact this was just a continuation of a celebration they had started earlier in the year, (see page 31 for more 50th year reunion news.)*



*The Computer Center was a major point of attraction for visiting alumni. They made a point to drop by and see what the latest developments were.*

*As Lycee Director Whitman Shepard conducted the roll call scenes like the one on the right were repeated over and over again. During roll call gifts were given out to the eldest alumni present as well as to those who had come from the farthest away. A multivision show concluded assembly hour. A procession of photographs celebrating each fifth year from 1945 onwards along with musical hits from each era made up the multivision which was made possible thanks to the contribution of Kemer Country.*



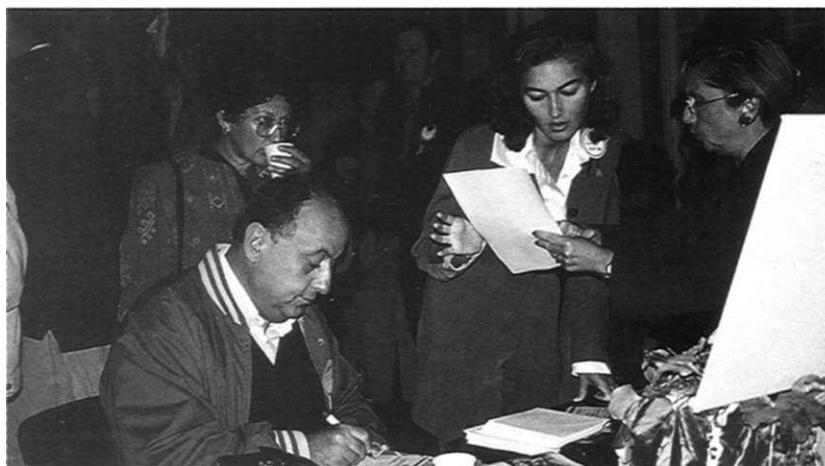
*The Head of the Hisar Foundation Feyyaz Berker, RC ENG 46, gave an impromptu speech during assembly hour to announce and give information on two current extremely interesting and important Hisar Foundation projects. One is the Robert College Forest project. The foundation has signed an agreement with the Department of Motorways that makes Robert College responsible for the care and development of a 62 acre plot of forest which will carry its name on the left bank of the Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge. The second announcement concerned the long awaited primary school project. The school's foundation will be laid this year in Kemerburgaz and its aim is to start functioning in the 1996/97 school year. (For more information on this project see page 45)*

*It was a moving moment indeed when Tatiana Erkmen ACG 26 (right) received applause for being the oldest graduate present at Homecoming.*

*She also received recognition from the vice-president of the Alumni Association Sema Ozsoy for her contributions to the Alumni Association during its early years. To Erkmen's right is Suheyyla Kunt ACG 37, who herself is a living legend in volunteer work and continues to be an energetic force in charity organizations.*



*Smiling faces,  
young and old,  
is what we  
enjoy seeing  
during  
Homecoming.  
The columns  
of Marble Hall  
have witnessed  
a lot and its  
sturdy walls  
create the  
perfect drop  
for souvenir  
photos.*



*Class Representative Zümriit Alp RC 89 and Annual Giving Committee member Leyla Pekcan ACG 61, were busy that day helping out with the Annual Giving desk and other events as the day progressed.*



*Young and old, homecoming brings all alumni together. As Feyyaz Berker, RC ENG 46, Head of the Hisar Foundation, said during his brief speech at the assembly, 'Homecoming is such a wonderful feeling and so many memories come alive that I think to miss this day is to miss one of the most important days in one's life.'*

## FACULTY



# Getting Jobs Done

Headmaster of Robert College since fall 1993, Christopher Wadsworth has successfully shouldered the responsibilities that come with the position. He talked to the RCQ about his goals for the future.

**R** **RCQ: Had you had any international working experience before you came to Robert College?**

CW: No, I had not. When I was in Belmont Hill School, I had a sabbatical. Lori and I each packed a backpack and traveled abroad for six months. It was that experience which

led to our being receptive to the idea of working abroad.

**RCQ: What were some of the culture shocks you ran into?**

CW: If we had culture shock it involved trying to figure out what was culture shock and what was not! Certainly there are differences in

cultures and we have had to work pretty hard to adjust to those differences. For example, Turks are very friendly by nature and seem to place a high priority on interpersonal relationships. I, like many Americans who live in the northeast where I grew up, tend to get used to a very fast-paced life. "Getting jobs done" is very important. And we sometimes get jobs done at the expense of taking time for pleasantries. I have realized since coming to Turkey that I should find a better balance but it takes time to change old habits.

Another difference has been linguistic. I have not made a very good start at learning Turkish. Clearly, it is hard to understand a culture until one can speak the language and it is frustrating not to be able to converse with people.

**RCQ: Did you come with any projects you wanted to see fulfilled at RC?**

## FACULTY

CW: I did not really come to RC with plans. The first year was a time of listening and learning... about the school, about the country, about the Ministry of Education! Early on, I set some short term goals. One has been an effort to develop at RC a stronger sense of community and a more coherent sense of unity within the school.

I inherited a campus master plan that had not been fully implemented. Last year, we spent much time reviewing the plan and making some adjustments required by matters outside our control. We implemented another phase during the past summer... the moving of the Math department to Mitchell, the moving of the English Department to Feyyaz Berker Hall, development of the AV area in Mitchell and preparations for expansion of the library, which we hope to complete during the summer of 1996. Finally, we will have a proper home for the Heritage Collection.

Another short term goal has been to improve our efforts of simultaneously serving students who want to attend university in the US and others who want to attend university in Turkey.

**RCQ: What do you see as RC's major problem and Turkey's major problem education system wise?**

CW: One of our problems is that we operate within an educational system that places an extraordinarily high emphasis on testing, sometimes at the expense of education, in my opinion. As you know, students are admitted to RC via a very competitive test, and they are admitted the same way to Turkish universities. The result, I fear, is that too many students too early in life see learning as a job, not as a joy. They are too nervous about the next test. I do not blame the kids and I am not sure how I would change the system if I could. I worry that the "dershane" are assuming more and more responsibility for education. Students are feeling the need to spend increasing amounts of time there learning how to take tests. It is not a healthy trend. I think it repre-

sents a significant problem for Turkey and for the attitude towards learning that some of our brightest kids develop during the secondary school years.

I also worry about the commitment of our older kids to intellectual honesty or honesty in general. There is more cheating at RC than there should be. Perhaps the amount of



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pressure accounts for it to some degree. Too often, students will miss a test because of "illness" and bring in fake doctor reports the next day. One of the results is that our kids do not learn the skills of planning, developing priorities and organizing their time effectively. So the system, in a way, is

doing them a disservice. One of RC's goals is the teaching of good values, the importance of honesty, and of taking responsibility for one's actions.

**RCQ: We know you to be a very good tennis player. What other past-times do you enjoy in Istanbul?**

CW: Frankly, I have been too busy to think much about these matters. For many years at home I played the banjo in a Dixieland jazz band one night a week. I miss it a great deal, but I have not taken time to seek out other musicians. I keep thinking that in a city of 12 million, there must be five or six others who love traditional American jazz. Maybe, I will hook up with some this year.

**RCQ: Are there any messages you would like to convey to the RC alumni body?**

CW: I'd like to thank them for their support. We need to do a better job of helping alumni understand the importance of that support. In the future, RC will not flourish without it. The costs of running RC are increasing every year; the income from our endowment is not matching inflation. In the near future, we will intensify our efforts to raise more endowment—in Turkey and in the U.S., but building the endowment requires attracting big gifts, six-figure gifts (in dollars). That is not an easy task.

Thus, we are dependent on Annual Giving. I think most alumni understand that their parents paid only a small fraction of what it cost to provide the education they received. I hope that increasing numbers of them will feel an obligation to do for the next generation of Turkish youth what others did for them.

Having said that, let me stress the fact that we are very grateful to those who are already supporting the school, by making financial contributions or contributions of time and wisdom. The fundamental message I would like to convey is that we all have an opportunity to contribute to Turkey by investing in the future of Robert College. That will require the support of many people, not least of which are RC alumni.

# A Healthy New Approach in Education at the Robert College 'Yuva'

Lori Wadsworth has initiated a new program at the Robert College 'Yuva' in an effort to integrate handicapped and normal children and to teach them to understand the differences between people.



**R**CQ: We know that you have gotten to know Istanbul quite well. What do you find most attractive about the city and its people and what do you find most unattractive?

LW: What I find most attractive about the city is the beauty of the old buildings; the mosques and palaces are just outstanding to an American who's not used to anything older than two hundred years! The people are wonderful. I never have a problem that someone is not ready to help me solve.

I love the food in Turkey though I do find it repetitive after a while. I guess I'm used to Boston where there are at least 30-40 different ethnic restaurants and in Istanbul its basically Turkish, Chinese and Italian. I also love living on the RC campus. I

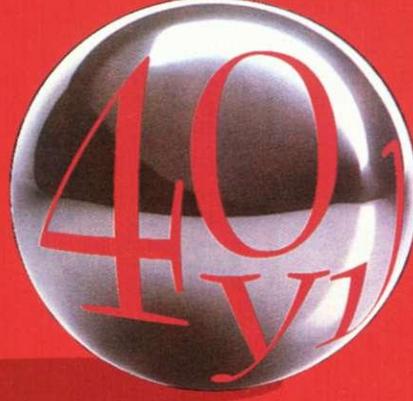
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go into the city for an afternoon and its crowded, its noisy and its filthy but it's wonderful. I describe Istanbul as having so much texture, but its a tremendous relief to arrive back on the boat to Arnavutkoy and have that

peace and quiet that this campus offers.

**RCQ: For the past two years, a program to integrate handicapped children with normal children has been underway at the Yuva. Can you tell us about your background in this field and your role in this project?**

LW: My background for thirty years has been that of pediatric physical therapist. When we came to Turkey for an interview I suggested that they hire me to do this program which is becoming very much a part of the educational system in America. All children, no matter what their abilities or disabilities are included in the same classroom with very few exceptions. I saw the Yuva and it was such a wonderful, happy, creative environment that I thought I wanted to be part of that Yuva and decided this was what I could offer to them. We had workshops for the Yuva teachers who had seldom worked with handicapped children. We explained to the parents what we were going to do and did a program with the children to prepare them. The program is to encourage children to understand the differences between people. Our first handicapped child began last fall and by the end of the year we had two. We will have four this year. This program is a very new idea in Turkey. I know there are some Yuva's in Istanbul that take handicapped children but I'm told that they don't have a special program for them or know how to integrate them with the regular children. It's been a positive experience for the children that have been here and the parents have also been happy. We hope to have a workshop for other pre-school teachers to discuss these methods and to share ideas. The hardest part of this program has been finding the children since most of these children have been kept at home. To have the handicapped separate does not allow them to have normal models and it protects the regular children from the realities of life. When educated together a healthy compassion and understanding for each other can develop.



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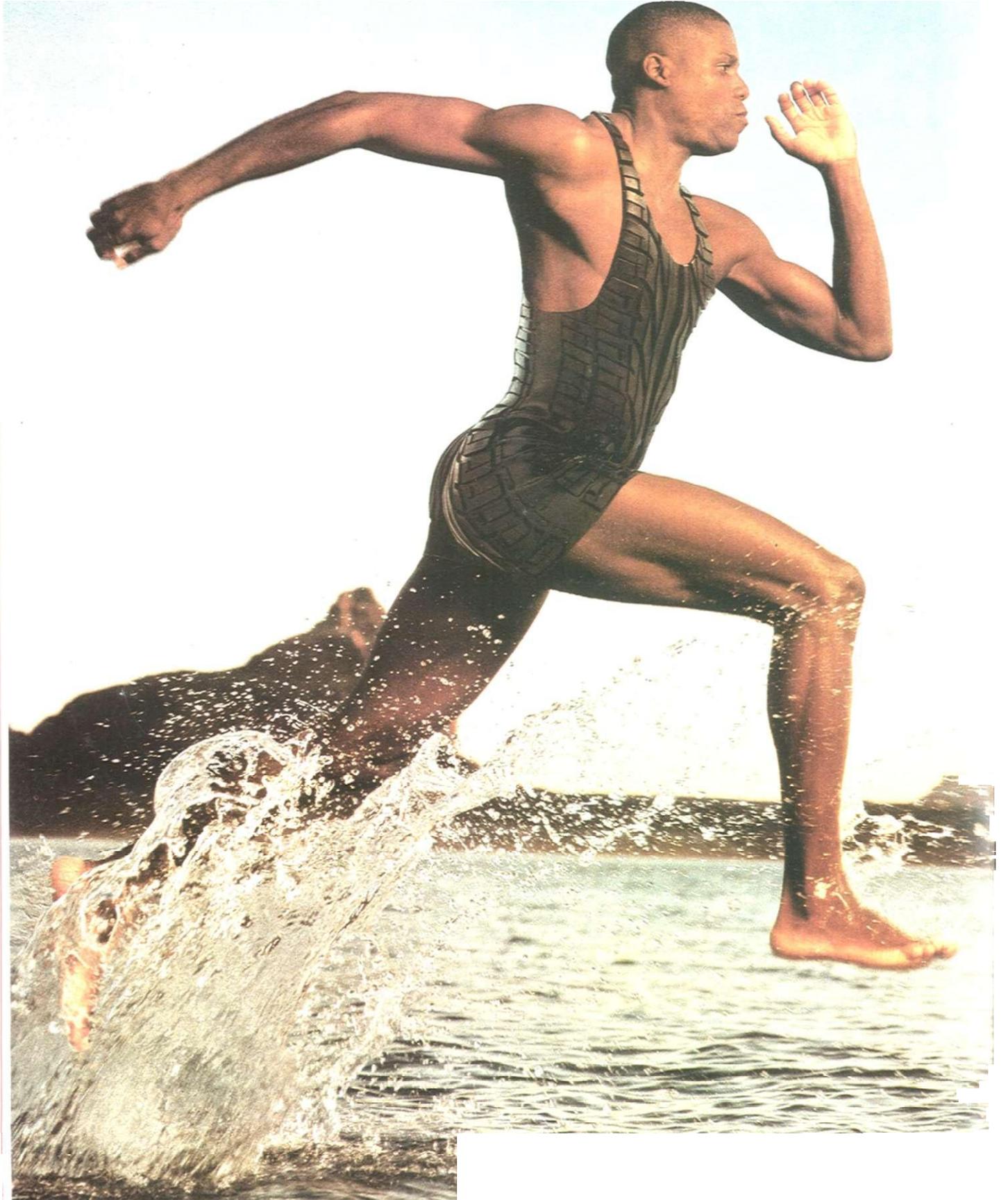
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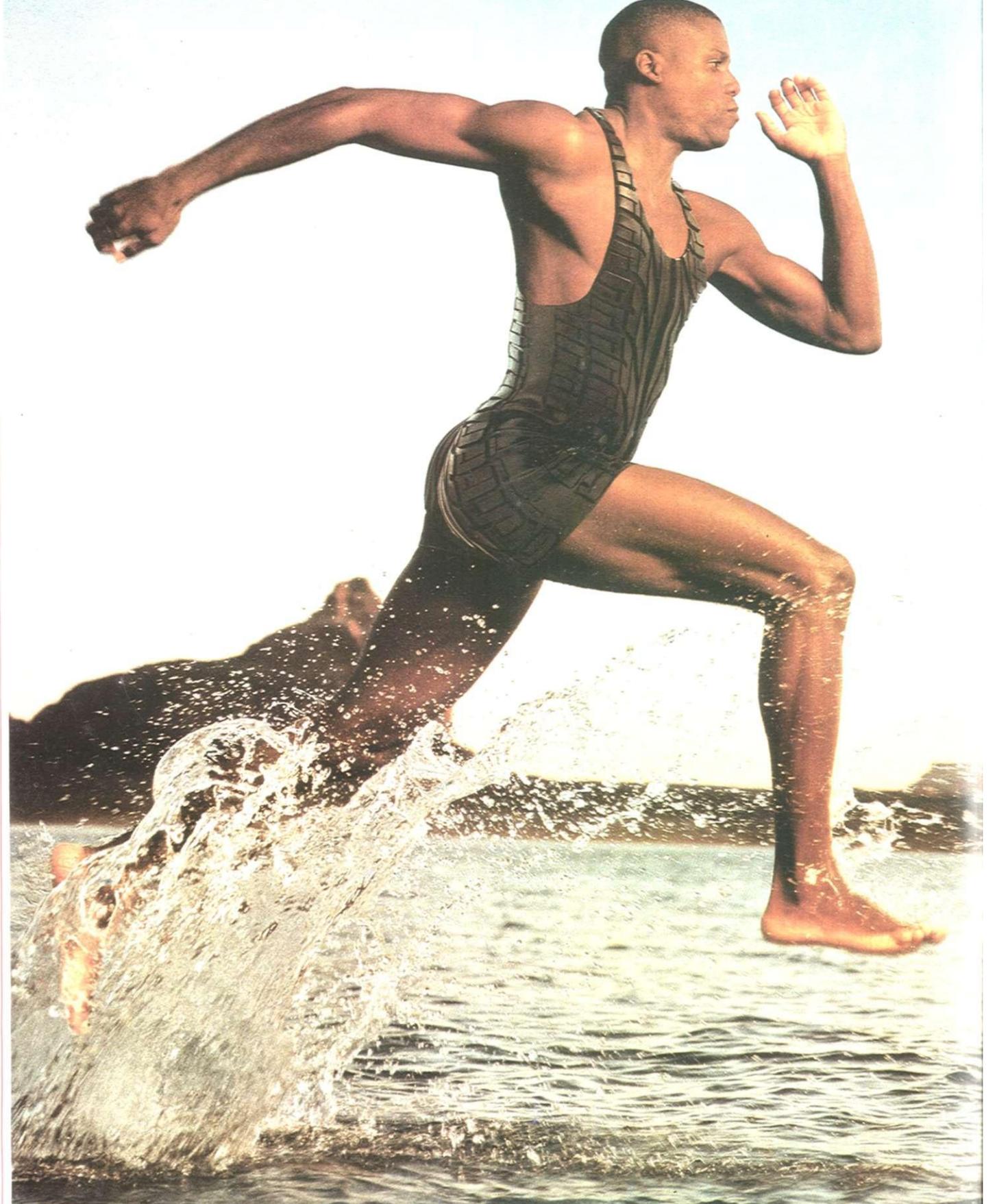
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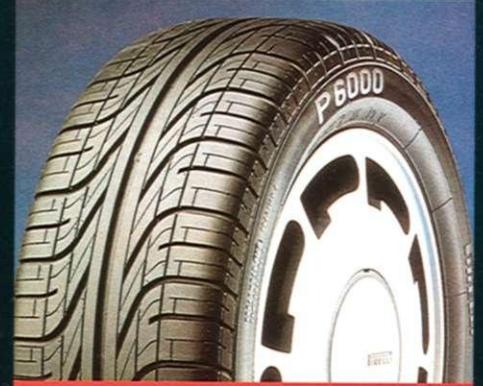
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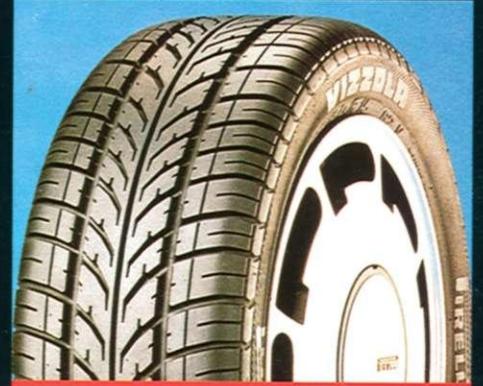
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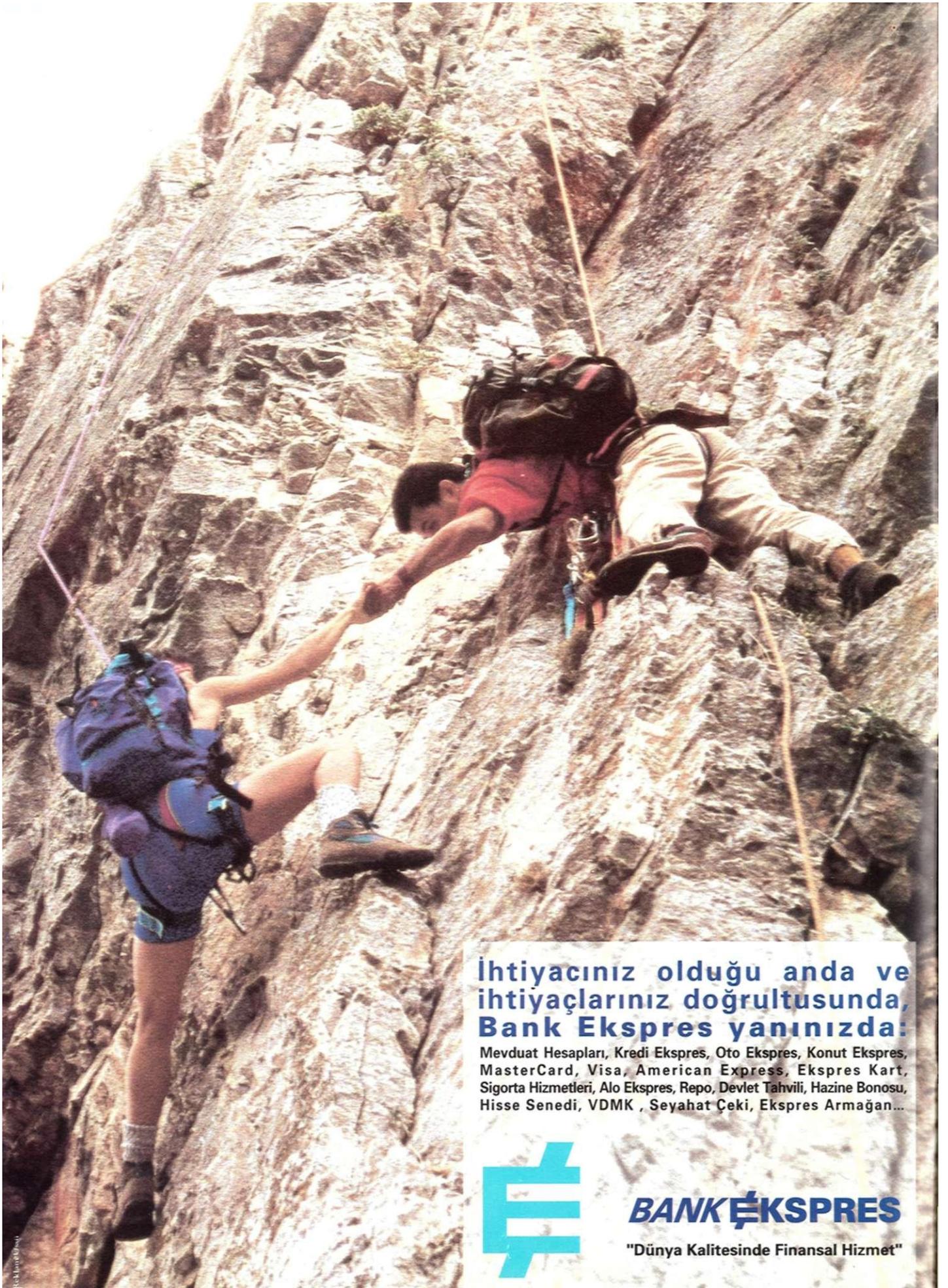
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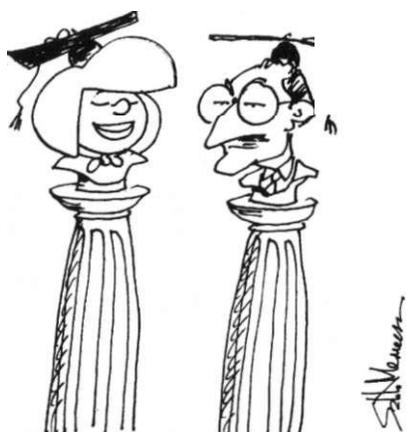
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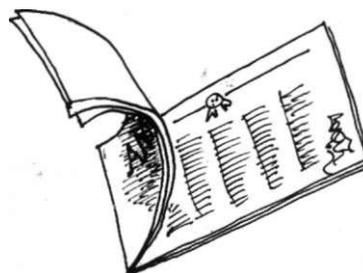
# How to Get into History Books?

RC alumni have several opportunities.

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Now is the time to make use of another historical opportunity! "RC graduates make history by annual giving, or by becoming prime ministers" reads the lighthearted caption on the T-shirt created by renowned cartoonist Salih Memecan (spouse of Nursuna Memecan RC 75), in support of the 1995 Annual Giving drive. The T-shirts that went on sale on Homecoming Day were a big hit among alumni. A limited number are still available from the

Alumni & Development Office.

For Robert College graduates, it is time to make history, again, as the year end campaign deadline approaches. The goal for 1995 is 20 billion TL.

The RC Development Office is busy recording contributions coming in by mail and over the phone from alumni who make their annual gift to the college. It is simply a way of saying thank you to this outstanding institution which has made such an impact on so many of us.

## Robert College Annual Giving Campaign Status Report

CAMPAIGN YEAR	Actual 1993	Actual 1994	Expected 1995
<i>INDIVIDUAL GIVING</i>			
Number of Contributors	1528	1308	1500
Total (Million TL)	1.921	4.418	10.000
Average (Thousand TL)	1.257	3.378	6.500
<i>CORPORATE GIVING</i>			
Number of Contributors	36	49	50
Total (Million TL)	1.416	6.586	10.000
Average (Thousand TL)	39.3	134.414	200.000
<i>CAMPAIGN TOTAL</i>			
Million TL	3.337	11.005	20.000
Thousand \$(*)	230	285	350

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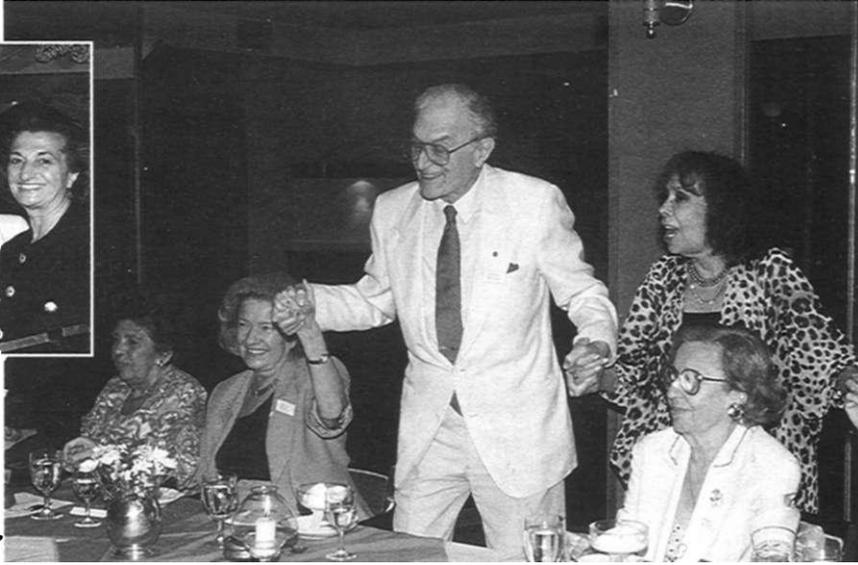
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## REUNIONS



*From L to R: Emine Dora, Şenol Sağmanlı, Necla Erez, Suzan Renda, Necla Arpacioğlu, Nezahat Şehitoğlu.*

*From L to R: Leyla Serter, Necla Kavala, Turan Muskara and wife, Güsfent Şahingiray*



## RC45

The Class of 45 had an unforgettable 50th year reunion at Bizim Tepe on July 8, 1995. With the help of hardworking classmates like herself, Necla Kavala was the leading force behind this colorful get together.

At first, as people gathered around the pool, many were shy and apprehensive. The 40's and 50's music of İlham Gencer and the warm atmosphere soon put people at ease. At the end of the evening everyone was already making plans for the following year. Who was there?

Adding a special charm to the evening was Turan Muskara, one of the forces behind this organization, who had come from Izmir with his wife. Also there, were Necla Eris Erez and Leyla Serter, Perihan Barlas Kutlar who had lost none of her cheerfulness, her close friend Rezan Goker, Fiiruzan Pirinçioğlu Ulug, Necla Solak Kavala, Halavet

Aygen Baban, Nezahat Demirağ Şehitoğlu and Haldun Konuk. The hard-working student of 1945, Mithat Özgür was also there busy explaining that animal rights are just as important as human rights. Nihat Gökyiğit on the other hand was sharing his considerable knowledge on erosion. Viktor Bilmen came from America while Suzan Yeğiner travelled from Ankara for the occasion. Her grandson Ömer Donat just graduated from RC this year.

The lucky couple, Güsfent Yamut Şahingiray and her husband won a gift of a weekend at the Durusu Resort. Fahrünisa Arpat, Anahit Tezel, Emine Pişkin Dora and Şenol Sağmanlı on the other hand shared a table together and enjoyed their conversation. Who else was there? Vala Sehon Goldenberg, Nihal Yeğinoğlu who has made a name for herself in the literary field, Fethi Pirinçioğlu who worked hard for the success of this evening. Some were present with the fax

messages they sent from far away places like Rio, New York, Chicago and Michigan.

The Class of 45 apologized for not being able to reach some members of the class and hope to get together with more classmates next year.

### Robert College Reunions in the US

Brought Robert College Alumni/ae and Friends to reunions in Washington, DC, London, England, Cambridge, MA, and Houston, TX.

The American Turkish Council/American Friends of Turkey held its Annual Conference in Washington, and Alumni/ae and Friends

of the School met there on January 20. Fifty to sixty guests gathered for what turned out to be quite a festive reception with guests from throughout the Washington area, the US and Turkey. On hand to greet people were Trustees of RC and members of the board of RC AAA. Slides were shown that covered the whole history of the School.

On January 24, the RC family gathered for a cocktail reception at the offices of J.P. Morgan in London. More than 60 Alumni/ae and Friends came together to meet Headmaster Christopher Wadsworth and his wife Lori. Chris presented an interesting talk on the School and his own experiences there, will-



*Emre Derman '84, Gülce Çini '84, Ash Sarey smile for the camera at the alumni and friends reception held at J. P. Morgan and Co. in London in January 1995.*

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ingly responding to questions posed by the enthusiastic attendees. Thanks go to Margaret Mathews, RC '75, for arranging the reception, and Izzet Suner, RC '66, Giilay Yurdal Michaels, A C G '64, Oya Tnal, RC '85, and Tolga Uzuner, RC '91, for their help in notifying everyone. Hopefully this will become an annual event. If you know of Alumni/ae in England who may not be on the mailing list, please contact the New York Office.

The Annual RC Reunion was held in Cambridge, MA, at the Harvard Faculty Club, on April 26. Trustee Stephen Clark and his wife Birşan hosted this eagerly anticipated spring event. Over 35 Alumni/ae, Friends, and young RC graduates in colleges in the area participated in what has become a tradition in Boston.

With the help of Jane and Cavit Alev, RC '71, a dinner for Alumni/ae and Friends was held at the Dimassi Restaurant in Houston, TX, on May 13. A group of 15 gathered for a festive evening and more ambitious plans are underway

for future events.

### RC 55

**T**he Class of 1955 got together at the Halki Palace on Heybeliada (Heybeli Island) in June 1995. A weekend full of jokes, laughter and memories kept the 40 year old ties of friendship alive.

### RC ENG 55

**T**wenty-seven graduates of the RC ENG 55 class held their reunion on campus in June 1995. The event was a great success and everyone had a wonderful time. Many friendships were renewed and many memories revisited. Present were: (starting with the back row, second from the left) Sabih Tansal RC '58, Dean of Engineering, Boğaziçi U., Necati Gözübüyük, Haluk Emiroğlu, Engin Önel, Nami Ünel, Rüçhan Bozer, Cengiz Gökçent, Adnan Aswad, Isy Haas, Besim Bilman, Üstün Ergüder, RC '57, Rector, Boğaziçi U., Armağan Çağlayan, Güngör Taşçıoğlu, Omiros Mistakidis, Turhan Enginol,



Emin Doybak, David Ebeoğlu, and seated in the front row, Ed Kirdar, Hilmi Bütün, Nurhan Sunguroğlu, Metin Çulha, Aydın Tlabar, Uğur Ersoy, Socrates

Kiritzis, Dimitri Manyas and Aydın Türel. Also present but not shown in the pictures were Fikret Semin, Mahmut Dayi and Hasan Keleşçi.



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### RC 70

**R**A 70 graduates celebrated their 25th "Silver" anniversary at Kennedy Lodge on June 17, 1995. There were around 80 guests at the event including 33 graduates, their spouses, friends and former teachers. Those who came quite a long distance for the event were Ergün Kırkovalı from Los Angeles and Hayk Boşnakyan from Montreal. The teachers who came to join their former students at this meaningful event were John Chalfant, Münir Aysu, Şefik Yalçın, Abbas Sakarya and Netice Erişen Kargı.



### RC 75

**C**lass of '75 got together for their 20th reunion on May 27, 1995 at Bizim Tepe. More than one hundred graduates (with spouses) had a very good time together with their dear teachers Münir Aysu and Aydın Ugan.

Bülent Kıymir surprised everyone with his exceptional talent as a showman while Nahit Yücel brought everyone back to school years with his songs.

Annual Giving Campaign contributors received gift mugs for their much appreciated continuing support of the College, from their class representative Nursuna Erdiñç Memecan.

All the attending classmates were so happy to see each other after all these years that they didn't even remember that it has been 20 years since they left RC.



*Middle front: Lale Güneysu Göçmez*

*From left to right: Güzin Karahan Yalın, Lale Çamlıbel Önsel, Naci Üstün, İtur Okaygün, Rengin Karahan RC 76, Aygün Ugan, Belgin Güven Akaltan*

*From right to left: Doc. Dr. Sema Anak, Handan Önderman, Aynur Keskin, Nur Kesen, Münir Aysu*



*The star of the night, Bülent Kıymir with class representative Nursuna Erdiñç Memecan*



## STUDENTS

# Class of '95 Leaves Home

The Robert College Maze once again was the scene for much pride as the Class of '95 set forth to make their mark in the future.

**A**nother bright afternoon in the newly renovated maze, another historic day full of pride, some tears, mainly joy. The Class of '95 will be a class to remember, a class to stand out according to the opinions of many people who walk the halls of this great institution of learning. (Picture on the upper right)

Samim Erdoğan, president of the student body was the first to speak to his classmates on this special event. The faculty member chosen by the students to deliver her thoughts on this day was history teacher Hafize Değer, (2nd from left, first row) The guest speaker was Korkmaz İlkorur (1rst left, first row), head of the resident board of RC Trustees who is also an alumnus and parent of Cem ilkorur, RC 95. (See picture below left) An exciting part of graduation is al-



ways the awards ceremony. Among the many presented, Eren Özgür shared the Dorothy İz award for outstanding talent and contribution in Drama with Göze Saner. Receiving this award from his grandfather Prof.

Dr. Feridun Özgür, RC 35, is Eren Özgür, who also made the student speech to his classmates. Excerpts from his speech are on page 50. (See picture below right)



# University Entrance Results of 1995

The number of graduates RC gave this past academic year was 138. Of these 133 took the university entrance exam. 115 graduates were admitted to various universities in Turkey which meant that 86.5% of the Class of 95 were able to place in the Turkish universities. Of these, 28 graduates preferred continuing their higher education abroad.

The present situation:

87 students (63%) are attending a university in Turkey.

45 students (33%) are attending universities abroad.

6 students (4%) did not place in a Turkish university and did not apply to study abroad.

The university with the highest number of new RC graduates to join its ranks this academic year is Boğaziçi University once again, with 37 students. This is followed by Istanbul Technical University with 20 students and Istanbul University with 19.

Engineering was a field that 35 of our new graduates got into. This was followed by Business Administration with 21 students and Economics with 14 students.



Ödül töreninden sonra çekilen yukarıdaki fotoğrafta soldan sağa: Esra Ürtekin, Sırma Tunalı, Mehmet Uysal, Bakan Nevzat Ayaz ve Özlem Eren görülmekte.

Avrupa Konseyi ve Milli Eğitim Bakanlığı işbirliği ile hazırlanan "Okulda Avrupa" konulu resim ve kompozisyon yarışmasına Robert Lisesi öğrencileri kompozisyon dalında, 9-13 ve 14-16 yaş gruplarında katıldılar.

Türkiye geneline yönelik olarak düzenlenen bu yarışmaya Orta 1 sınıfından Sırma Tunalı, Lise 1 sı-

nıfından Özlem Eren öğretmenleri Mehmet Uysal ve Esra Ürtekin ile hazırlandılar. Ondörtbin öğrenci arasında kendi yaş gruplarında Türkiye birincisi seçilen öğrencilerimize ve öğretmenlerimize ödülleri 5 Haziran 1995 günü Ankara'da düzenlenen törende Milli Eğitim Bakanı Nevzat Ayaz tarafından verildi.

## RC Students Get Accepted to US Universities

BENNINGTON	Burcu Çavuş
BEREA	Ahmet Er
BRANDEIS	Lesli Yenni
BRANDEIS	Shirley Sadioğlu
BRYN MAWR	Göze Saner
CARNEGIE-MELLON	Merve Yöneymen
CARNEGIE-MELLON	Volkan Kükrer
CHICAGO	Sinan Selçuk
CHICAGO	Banu Ağlargoş
CHICAGO	Ayşe Tekiner
CLAREMONT-MCKENNA	Kheder Baykal
CORNELL	Cem ilkorur
CORNELL	Ersin Karaoğlu
CORNELL	Rüzgar Banşık
DARTMOUTH	Cenk Ergen
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JOHN HOPKINS	Alihan Hotiç
JOHN HOPKINS	Ömer Külahçioğlu
MIT	Hale Özsoy
MIT	Işın Dalkılıç
MT HOLYOKE	Görkem Çılam
NORTHWESTERN	Hakan ipekçi
NORTHWESTERN	Aslı Tekin
UPENN	Ceyda Öner
UPENN	Ali Akay
PRINCETON	Başak Al kan
PRINCETON	Samim Erdoğan
PRINCETON	Eren Özgür
ROCHESTER	Elif Akçalı
ROCHESTER	Ceren Ank
SYRACUSE	Melis Alemdar
TEXAS AT AUSTIN	Senem Kabadayı
TEXAS AT AUSTIN	Cem Gökalp
TULANE	Ongun Alibeyoğlu
TULANE	ilke Karayığitoğlu
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**Julia Halaridis  
Hanazoglu ACG 40**

After majoring in Commerce she worked for the shipping company UMRAC for 7 years and was promoted to manager. After the company closed down she taught English to all the classes of the French Lycee Notre Dame de Sion in Istanbul. In the meantime she got married to Vasili Hanazoglu in 1951, who passed away in 1985. Their son Tommy, a graduate of the English High School in Istanbul, attended the English Language and Literature faculty of Istanbul University. Her move to Greece and the birth of her grandchild Alexander followed. Having a great love for languages (she can already speak six!) Julia has started to learn Russian and says she is doing a great job at it. In what remains of her spare time, she goes swimming and travels abroad. Her most recent trip took her to England and Scotland. Julia is looking forward to hearing from her former classmates.  
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**Adnan Çavlı RC ENG 45**

A retired engineer, Çavlı's previous occupation was the position of Assistant Director at the Ministry of Public Work, Building Constuction Department, Istanbul Division. Married to Aysel Haraççı Çavlı ACG 50, he has two children and two grandchildren. He has also been a founding member of the Bebek and Etiler Lions Clubs and served as District Zone Chairman as well as being a member of the Turkish Masonry Club and acting as its President.  
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**George E. Triandafilidis  
RC ENG 45**

As he lives in the United States, Triandafilidis was unable to attend his 50th year reunion in Istanbul this year but he wrote to us from New Mexico where he is the C.E.O. of S&J Enterprises, and General Contracting and Geotechnical Engineering Consultant. Previously he was Professor of Geotechnical Engineering at the University of New Mexico Married to teacher Evyenia Lula hes is also the father of two sons, Stephen and John. He holds positions in several organizations including American society of Civil Engineers, International Society of Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineers, and National Society of Professional Engineers.

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**Nejla Yarkut Solu  
ACG 49**

Nejla and her husband Hami Kihc Asian Solu were back in Turkey this past summer. Nejla is doing well after her auto accident in Istanbul 1992 in which she had suffered serious head injuries and spent a considerable amount of time in a coma. They came to visit the Robert College campus over the summer and stopped to chat with the Alumni Office. The Solu family thank all their friends for their concern and kindness during the very difficult times they went through.  
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**Ali Ferda Sevin  
RC ENG 52**

After 11 years with the Louisiana Highway Department and 25 years with the Federal Highway Agency, Ferda retired in 1990 in the Maryland Suburbs of Washington D.C. He was one of the founders of the Assembly of Turkish American Associations in Washington D.C. (1979) and served as its president (1990-1992). Currently, he spends much time with 8 grandchildren and wife Nancy, not to mention his four children Selma, Eda, Alan and Erol. The rest of his time is spent playing tennis, sailing, fishing and shooting sporting clays.  
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**Omer Madra RA 64**

Madra has launched an amazingly fresh new radio station which has hit the airwaves of Istanbul in mid November. Agik Radyo (94.8) promising to be a unique and exhilarating sound, talk and news radio, "open to all the sounds, smells, and colors of the world" has already established a vast following. The station, which boasts 100 different programmers producing 120 distinctive programs a week has to be heard to be believed. Among its imaginative creators, programmers and supporters are numerous RC alumni including **Sahin Alpay, Selim Alguadis, Suay Aksoy, Leyla Aktay, Cem Yegil, Erdal Karamercan, Esat Edin, Serdar Erener, Giiven Nil, Melih Fereli, Mehmet Gok,**

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**Refik Erzan, Ahmet Uluğ, Mehmet Uluğ, Erkut Yucaoğlu, Halis Komili, Reha Uz,** and many more  
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**Nazan Otar Erkmen  
AGC 65**

After ACG, Erkmen completed the Academy of Fine Arts at the Marmara University. Her areas of expertise lie in the fields of graphics and illustrations. At the present she is at the Marmara University lecturing in the Graphics department. At the same time she also works as a freelance illustrator. She has illustrated over 25 books and designed many book covers and posters as well as having received awards for three poster designs in the past three years. Apart from having opened private exhibitions she has also been a part of various others and also has had her work shown overseas. In August of 1995 her illustrations were on exhibit in an exhibition titled 'Living Legends' held in the Dr. Fiisun Kahveci Art Gallery in Maltepe. Pictured here is one of her works from that exhibition.



**Osman Baran  
RA 66 RC 70**

Upon graduation, Baran went to the U.S. and completed his M.B.A. at Syracuse Univ. After a brief stint in London, he joined Manufacturer's Hanover Trust in New York and then settled in Toronto, Canada. He served 12 years as Vice-president Credit and Operations of the Canadian portfolio and then moved to Citibank Canada as Vice-president, Special Products. Since last year he owns and runs a gourmet retail coffee and food operation in Toronto. Baran is married to Betiil, an accountant by profession, who is currently working as a consultant of Corporate Promotions and Novelties. She is also a director of the Turkish Canadian Business Council. The couple are quite active in Turkish-Canadian community activities in Toronto. Being quite involved in drama activities for the past 15 years, Osman has recently completed writing a bilingual play which he will direct and which will be staged in Toronto in January 1996. Osman and Betiil have two daughters, Selin 17 and Aylin, 11.

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**Beril Erkut ACG 66 ex**

Erkut got married while she was still here at high school. She completed her requirements for a diploma from outside of school at a later date and continued to educate herself by working at different art studios, getting private lessons and doing research. She has exhibited her art work in various joint exhibitions. She gives ceramic lessons, as well as working on her own painting and ceramic activities. Beril Erkut's latest private painting exhibition was held at the Cemal Reşit Rey art gallery in May 1995.

**Salim Yılmaz RA 68**

Dr. Yılmaz, Ph.D., MBA was a visitor on campus in October where he gave a very interesting lecture on space programs to Orta III students. Yılmaz is a Senior Engineering Specialist at the Rocketdyne Division of Rockwell Aerospace, Rockwell International Division.



**Maureen Freely  
ACG 71**

Here is the latest on Maureen from her own words!

Last summer (summer of 95) I was fortunate enough to spend a month on the Robert College campus. During that time I ran into quite a few old classmates at Bizim Tepe and elsewhere. Our conversations about mutual friends not present made me wonder how many of you have, like me, ended up settling in Britian. Since graduating from Harvard-Radcliffe in 1974, I have lived in California, Texas, Connecticut, Florida and since 1984 almost continuously in England. At present I am living in Bath where my partner lectures in sociology at the university. We have two children each from our previous marriages as well as two (very young) children together. In addition to writing regularly for The Guardian and The Observer, I've published four novels, one of which is about an expatriate community in Istanbul, and two non-fiction books, one about fertility decisions and the other about the feminist movement's lack of

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enthusiasm for motherhood. I hope to finish a new novel soon and have also started work on a non-fiction book about the new Turkey. In other words, I work too much and have lost touch with too many friends. If you are in England please let me know. My address is Devonshire Cottage, 70 Wellsway, Bath BA2 4SB or c/o my agent Pat Kavagh at Peters, Fraser and Dunlop, 5th floor, The Chembis, Chelsea Harbour London SW10 0xF  
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**Binnur Baydur Tanyildiz**  
ACG 71

After twenty years of working in the advertising world as a graphic artist, she decided to retire last year and now works free-lance. Interested in photography (black and white) she won some prizes in competitions as "photo-kino" in Germany. Some of her works were accepted at the Zagreb International Exhibition of Photography" and "5th Biennial de Fotografia" in Spain. Binnur is also a good listener and amateur player of classical music. She is married to architect Gokhan Baydur and they have a



The great great great great granddaughter of Christopher Robert was here in Istanbul and come to visit RC! As we all know Robert was one of the founders of Robert College along with Cyrus Hamlin. As a matter of fact the school was named after him. Robert was a wealthy American industrialist who wanted to establish in Turkey, a modern university with instruction in English. Hamlin, an American schoolmaster, and Robert

collaborated to found this institution which is now 132 years old. Mireille Turpin, Robert's descendant from the French branch was on campus with her husband and four children and enjoyed a tour of the school grounds and Bizim Tepe. Pictured from L to R are: Camille, Fanny, Bathilde, Mireille, her husband Gerard, and Charles Turpin. Joining them for lunch that day was Headmaster Chris and Lori Wadsworth.

daughter Melis who is a student at Notre Dame de Sion. At the present she is helping her father Rafet Tanyildiz (RC 44 ex) in his project of translating old Turkish poems into English.  
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**Sihyeil Acikel**  
RC71

Has recently established his new company dealing with natural gas conversions aimed especially at consumers' markets. He is also involved in the political

movement 'Democratic Republic Program'. Açikel, who is the father of two children Fulya (16) and Cam (13), spends his free time cycling and playing tennis.

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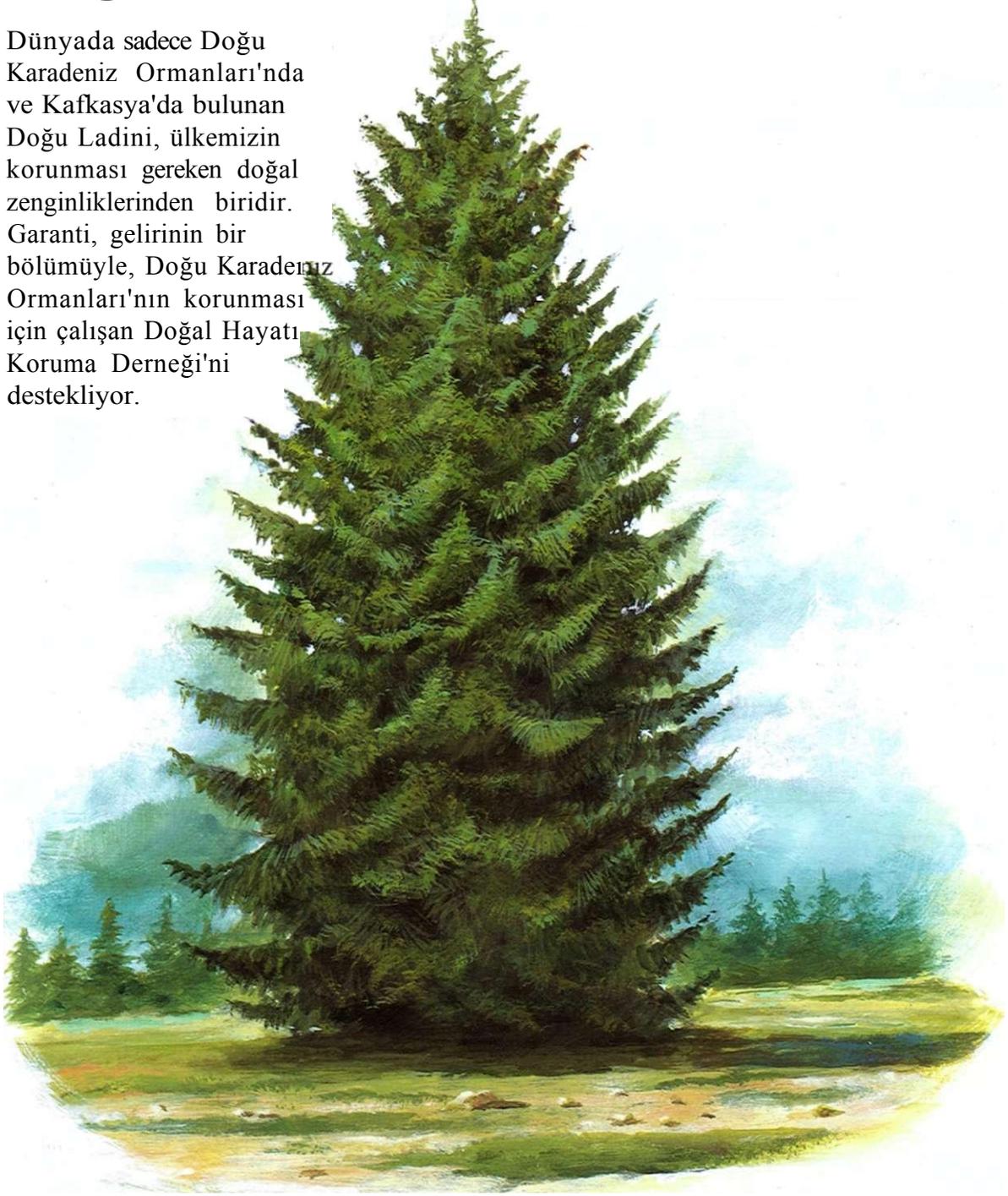
**Aydın Karlıbel**  
RC 76

Received a BA from the Department of Linguistics and Literature of Boğaziçi Univ. in 1981 and teaching

certificate from the Department of Education in 1983. In 1986 Karlıbel also received a diploma for piano performance by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music in London and entered the Istanbul State Opera and Ballet as a pianist. He has done numerous concert activities as conductor, pianist and composer in and out of Istanbul. Several of his works (orchestral, chamber music and pianosolo) were published in Germany. Karlıbel was elected as member of the European Association of

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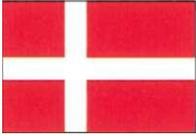
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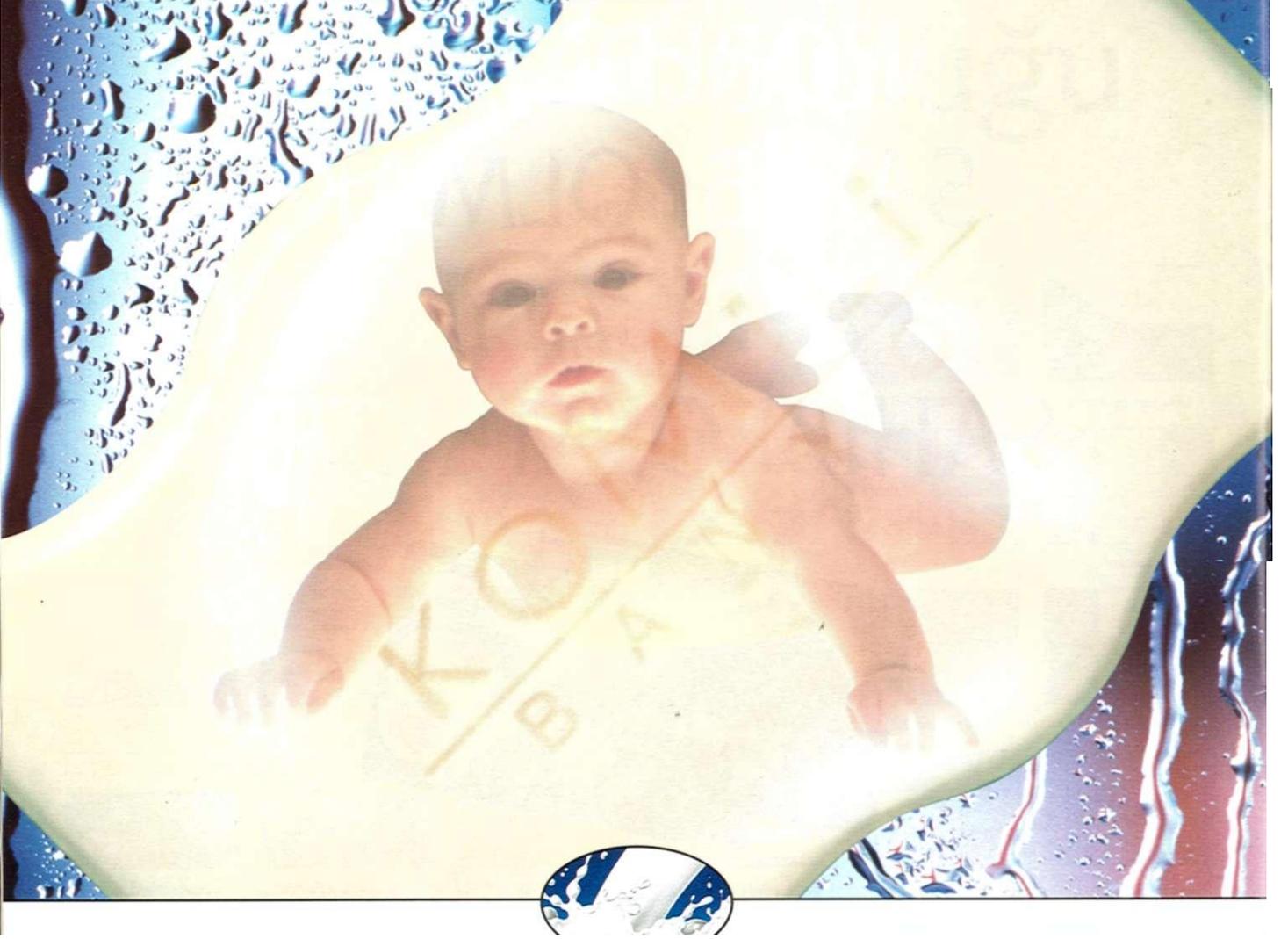
Worldcard, Türkiye'nin en fazla tercih edilen kredi kartıdır. Worldcard sahibi olduğunuzda, dünyanın her yerinde, bir imzayla harcama yapma ayrıcalığına sahip olursunuz. Bu harcamalarınızın karşılığını isterseniz aylara bölerek öder, Yapı Kredi'den kredi kullanırsınız. Üstelik, yurtdışındaki harcamalarınızın karşılığını da Türk Lirası olarak ödersiniz. Worldcard'ınızla tüm dünyada, 300 bini aşkın otomatik veznedenden birkaç tuşa dokunarak nakit çekebilirsiniz. Worldcard'ınızla birlikte üç adet ek kart alarak, Worldcard'ınızın ayrıcalıklarını üç yakınınızla paylaşabilirsiniz.

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Burası Yapı Kredi. Fark burada.

**YAPI VE KREDİ**  
"hizmette sınır yoktur"

Cildinizi nemlendirmede  
sütün yerini başka ne tutabilir ki !



## Sadece Yeni Komili Banyo.

Süt katkılı yeni Komili Banyo cildinize gereken bakımı sağlayan ilk ve tek banyo sabunu.  
Sütün nemlendirici özelliğiyle cildinizi yumuşatarak size benzersiz bir banyo keyfi sunuyor.

Bugün size gereken de sadece: Su ve Komili Banyo.

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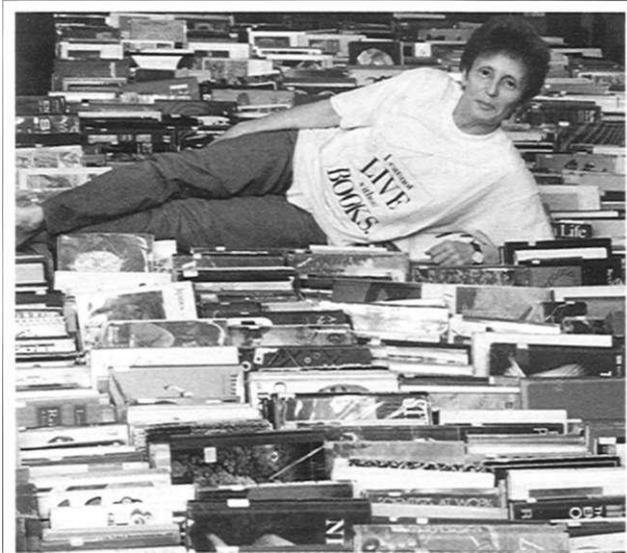
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**k o m i l i**

*Bugünün*

*Sabunları*

## ALUMNI NEWS



The Committee for the Development of Turkish Cuisine has made a donation to the library for the purchase of RC graduates' books. Although we already have quite a collection in our library we may have missed some.

If you let us know we will be happy to add those to the collection. Please contact Ayşe Yüksel at tel: 212 265 34 30 ext. 226 or 227; fax: 212 257 21 46 e mail: [robcol@boun.edu.tr](mailto:robcol@boun.edu.tr)

composers (G.E.M.A.) in 1993 and he has received Master Diplomas from Wiener Meisterkurse Vienna and academia Chigiana, Sienna, Italy. He has had many concerts as a soloist with the Çukurova, Bilkent and Istanbul Opera and Symphony Orchestras. Of special note is the first performance in Istanbul of Franz Liszt's Totentanz and of his original work "Büyükada Fantasy" composed in 1974 while he was still studying at RC.

### **Bahar Kural RC 90**

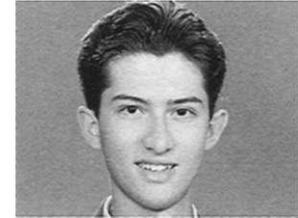
After graduating from Swathmore College in June 1994 with a double major in economics and political science and a concentration in

international relations, she started working at Salomon Brothers (New York) as a financial analyst. Upon completion of her second year of the investment banking analyst program, she is planning to get a Ph.D. in economics. She sends her best wishes to all RC alumni and says she can be contacted at:  
Salomon Brothers,  
7WTC 32nd floor,  
NY, NY 10048  
Tel: (212) 783 5186

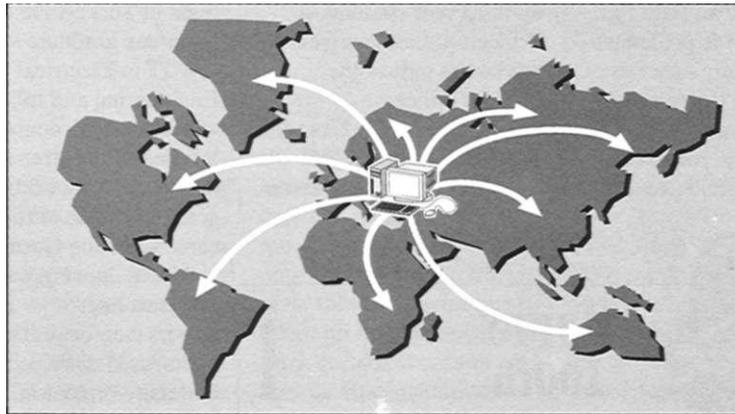
Engineering at Boğaziçi, Özgür returned to his beloved Alma Mater to start work as the Assistant Director of Bizim Tepe. He says he expects to see many his alumni friends drop by BT for an evening together to remember those good old days. Özgür is also eager to hear from you, especially from more recent graduates, about new ideas and projects for Bizim Tepe.  
Tel: (BT) 287 00 78



**Özgür Şensoy RC 91**  
Currently a senior at the Faculty of Civil



**Volkan Rodoplu RC92**  
Accepted at Princeton,



## RC Internet

You can send messages to Robert College by email. The school's email address is [robcol@boun.edu.tr](mailto:robcol@boun.edu.tr). Please add the name of the recipient in the subject line because the entire school

uses this one address. Robert College is also on the World Wide Web. If you have a Web browser, you can find the RC home page at this URL: <http://www.boun.edu.tr/~robcol>  
A lot of work has gone into

getting the school to this level of connectivity, and we are hoping that there will be much more very soon. We do not expect the above addresses to change in the near future, and should they change, we will keep you informed.

## ALUMNI NEWS

Harvard and MIT in his senior year at RC, he chose to attend Princeton

University where he is currently studying Electrical Engineering with a certificate in Engineering and Management Systems. Having participated in musicals and drama at RC, he joined Expressions Dance Company of Princeton in 1993 and danced twenty hours a week in jazz, ballet and modern dance choreographies. In 1994, he started tutoring math and physics to first-year students at Princeton and soon became the organizer and instructor of math review sessions in his residential college. In the same year, he was accepted at Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy and International Affairs. Last year, he served in his school as Treasurer of IEEE and Secretary of Tau Beta Pi, two nation-wide professional and honorary societies of engineers. In the same year, he won the George B. Wood Legacy Award of Academic Excellence given

### Wedding Bells

Thanks once again to our former faculty member Münir Aysu for letting us know who married who! Here is the latest.

Gurur Biliciler (RC 86) & Ali Emin Denктаş (RC 85) 23.10.1995

Fersan Tekbaş (RC 82) & Gökhan Diker 11.2.1994

Meltem Tarhan (RC 86) & Muzaffer Kayhan (RC 86) 2.4.1994

Hakan Habip (RC 80) & Diley Gülün 3.4.1994

Şima Etaner (RC 86) & Turgut Uyar 13.5.1994

Nurver Turfaner (RC 85) & Arif Ertürk 30.5.1994

Beril Altiner (85) & Tunca Ataç (RC 85) 19.6.1994

Aslı Keskinel (RC 86) & Berk Ekşioğlu 24.6.1994

to the top student among all third year students at Princeton. Last summer, he worked as part of the PDVL (Princeton Deployable Video Library) project team in the U.S. and in an Arthur Andersen

Sırma Olcay (RC 85) & Adnan Kefeli 16.7.1994  
Hamit Kalaycıoğlu (RC 82) & Gamze Önder 29.7.1994

Mehmet Genç (RC 86) & Hülya Altuğ 12.8.1994

Bilge Yavuz (RC 85) & Daver Rızvani 19.8.1994

Moris Ventura (RC 80) & Gülsüm Sağlamer 22.8.1994

Korhan Taviloğlu (RC 80) & Şebnem Türer 2.9.1994

Nuri Aktuna (RC 80) & Seran Doğançay 2.9.1994

Mete Sönmez (RC 84) & Demet Şenyay 3.9.1994

İnci Zenciroğlu (RC 81) & Sekip Karahan 24.9.1994

Dilek Törecci (RC 87) & Nedim İnce 22.10.1994

Orhun Kantarcı (RC 87) & Kejal Aydın 25.11.1994

Burhan Ergene (RC 85) &

Sevcel Kandemir 15.9.1994  
Gül Köknel (RC 85) & Ufuk Talu (RC 83) 8.11.1994

Murat Akad (RC 86) & Zehra Güner 22.2.1994

Şeva Şer (RC 81) & Eli Barokas 26.2.1994

Münife Kalaycıoğlu (RC 84) & Haluk Şanlı 18.6.1994

Ahmet İlğaz (RC 86) & Perim Akgüner 26.6.1994

Emrah Binak (RC 88) & Gizem Kılıçhoğlu 19.7.1994

Karen Arditi (RC 83) & Murat Denizel 26.7.1994

Oya İnal (RC 85) & Mehmet Gölhan 26.8.1994

Serap Laçın (RC 85) & Ömer Kaya Yelten 17.9.1994

Hüma Alpaytaç Gruaz'ın bir oğlu var: Johnathan Can 14.2.

Hüseyin Sarinin bir oğlu var: Cem Haziran

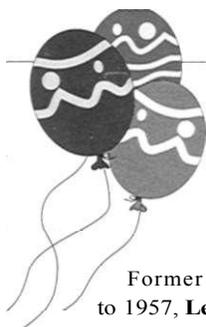
Business Consulting case team in Turkey. He intends to pursue graduate studies at MIT in Electrical Engineering and follow it with a master's degree in business. In his free time, he likes playing bridge, going to classic music concerts, speaking German, ballroom dancing, canoeing and traveling.

Adress (senior year): 214 Edwards Hall Princeton University Princeton, NJ 08544 USA

### Ali Hortaçsu RC 92

In the spring of 1995 Erol Altuğ, RC science teacher, received a letter from the senior associate dean for student affairs of the Stanford University School of Engineering. Associate Dean John Brovman was

announcing that Ali Hortaçsu had been selected as the recipient of the Frederick Emmons Terman Engineering Scholastic Award for his distinguished academic performance at Stanford. Terman Awards, he declared, are presented to only the top 5% of each years seniors in engineering. Another special feature of this award is that each recipient also announces the secondary school or other pre-college teacher who was most influential in guiding him during the formative stages of his academic career. Ali identified Erol Altuğ as that person. RC is very proud of Ali for his outstanding achievement and of Erol Altuğ for the influence he is having in his teaching career.



## Happy 100th Birthday!

Former math instructor at ACG, from 1954 to 1957, **Letty May (Walsh) Newman** wrote to us from her summer home in Italy to give us interesting news. She announced that **Esther Stolfus, former ACG prep school headmistress**, celebrated her 100th year birthday in September 1995. Our best wishes go to her from us all.

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## HİSAR EĞİTİM VAKFI İLKÖĞRETİM OKULU



*Hedef:*

### **1996 Sonbahar**

Bir grup Robert Kolejli müteşebbis tarafından 1972 yılında kurulan Hisar Eğitim Vakfı, Kemerburgaz'da ilköğretim okulu projesi gerçekleştiriyor.

Vakıf Başkanı Feyyaz Berker, 3 Kasım 1995 günü, Robert Kolej mütevellileri, Okul Aile Birliği ve Mezunlar Derneği temsilcileri ve Robert Kolej idarecilerinden oluşan HEV Danışma Kurulu toplantısında Vakfın hedefinin 8 yıllık bir eğitim verecek olan Kemerköy İlkokulunu 1996 sonbaharında eğitime açmak olduğunu belirtti. Bu okulun

lisesi için de proje çalışmalarının şimdiden başlamış okluğu bildirildi.

Toplantıda mimari projeyi gerçekleştiren Yıldırım Sağlıkova maket üzerinde bilgi verirken, yeni okulun müdürlüğünün ise Robert Kolej idarecilerinden ve uzun yıllar Lise müdürü olarak görev yapmış başarılı eğitimci Ayfer Yeniçağ tarafından üstlenileceğinin açıklanması sevinç yarattı.

Hisar Eğitim Vaktinin temel amacı, topluma yararlı ve yurtsever vatandaşlar yetiştirmek ve çağdaş eğitim sistemlerini desteklemek.

Bu ilköğretim projesinin asıl nedeni ise aileleri ve özellikle o minicik beyinleri mevcut eğitim sisteminin olumsuzluklarından kurtarmak. Bunun yanısıra uluslararası bir dil olan İngilizceyi Türk çocuklarına daha eğitimin ilk basamaklarında vererek, bu yüzden kaybedilen bir iki yılı geri kazandırabilmek.

Projenin finansmanı için Hisar Eğitim Vakfı bünyesinde, tamamen ayrı bir fund raising girişimi başlatılıyor. Belirli bir bağış karşılığı bir öğrenci için kayıt hakkı elde ediliyor.

Öğrencinin giriş senesi başlığı tarafından belirlenebiliyor, ancak bu durumda kayıt sırası da rol oynuyor. Ayrıca, daha büyük bağışlarla okulun belirli sınıf veya alanlarını isimlendirmek de mümkün.

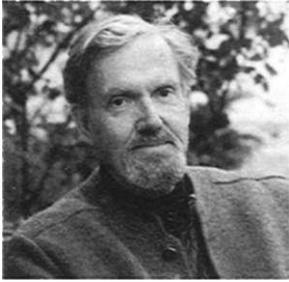
Hisar Eğitim Vakfı Kemerköy İlkokulu'nun temeli Aralık ayı içinde atılacak.

1995 yılı HEV Yönetim Kurulu: Feyyat Berker, Hüsnü Özyeğin, Oğuz Dağdelen, Suna Kırac, Ali Neyzi, Nihal Pulat.

Ayrıntılı bilgi ve kayıt sırası için başvuru:

Belgin Ulussever 257 70 09

## ALUMNI NEWS



### **James Lovett (former faculty member)**

Lovett, former English literature teacher and drama advisor at RC from 1967 until the early 1970's, recently had a book of poetry published in Turkey by the Redhouse press. The book contains poems about Turkey, Istanbul and the Bosphorus. The book called *Lovett's Turkish Album* includes poems such as *The Bozaman*, *Encounter at Tarabya*, *For the Street of the Chicken That Cannot Fly* (Tavuk Uçmaz Sokak) and other colorful examples of poetry that lets one see how well Lovett came to know and feel life in Turkey.



### **Elsie Trask Wheeler (Trustee)**

US Trustee Elsie Trask Wheeler was in Istanbul during the week of Homecoming in October. She was the lady you saw around that day taking photographs to mark the special event. A professional photographer who has exhibits in the United States, she also held a mini

exhibit in the library and gave photography lessons to the RC students. After Homecoming Mrs. Wheeler spent three more days on Campus and took photos of faculty and student life on the RC campus.

### **Richard Quaintance Jr. (Former instructor of English at Robert Academy.)**

Formerly an instructor at Robert Academy during the early 1950's, Dick Quaintance returned to Turkey after many years and stopped at Istanbul for a brief visit. He had arrived at RC in the fall of 1950 and taught the second and fifth years of English at the Academy also proctoring at Anderson Hall. While there he met his first wife Charlotte Welch who taught Science at A C G and they lived in Barton Hall. He worked with a student paper Echo and performed in Macbeth. He was summoned back to the US to serve in the Korean War and afterwards also taught at Duke and Oakland University and has been at Rutgers for the past

Enise Önüt  
(housemother 1950-1973)  
Bu isim çoğumuzda, (leyli-  
ler, hatta bazı nehariler (!)  
neler neler çağıştırmaz ki...  
Koridorda çınlayan tiz ve  
gür sesi, yatakhane ve odala-  
rımıza ani dalışları, kızmala-  
rını, gülmeleri, şarkıları, daha  
bir sürü anı, anı, anı... Bu di-  
namik ve hoşgörülü house-  
mother'ımızın 22 Ocak  
1996'da 80 yaşını dolduraca-  
ğını biliyor muydunuz?

30 years. While there, he  
says he has also crossed  
paths with RA graduates  
Julies Sirkis, Armağan  
Sanver, Engin Cezzar and  
Spiro Kostoff and a "fellow  
öğretmen" from those  
times Max Kortepeter. His  
research and teaching inter-  
ests have grown to focus on  
18th century English Lit.  
Richard Quaintance is very  
keen on getting in touch  
with former students and  
colleagues so please contact  
him at the following  
addresses:  
home: 387 Middlesex Ave.  
Metuchen, NJ 08840-1510  
phone/fax: (908) 548 1419  
office: Rutgers Univ. Dept.  
of English Murray Hall,  
P.O. box 5054 New  
Brunswick, NJ 08903-5054

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yenler onu aşağıdaki adreste  
bulabilirler.

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Büyükşehir / İstanbul  
Telefonu olmadığından ya-  
yınlayamıyoruz. Ancak  
onunla temasa geçmek iste-  
yenler ayrıca Taksim Opera  
Sanat Galerisinden Bilge Sı-  
vacı A C G 46, ile de temasa  
geçebilirler. Tel: 241 07 10

fax: (908) 932 1150

### **RC graduates' efforts enhance gastronomic life in Istanbul**

We no longer have to pon-  
der for agonizing hours as  
to where to go for a meal.  
Thanks to **Nuri Çolakoğlu  
RA 62** and Bosphorus  
University graduate Ayşe  
Akmen Çolakoğlu there is  
now a book called *Dining  
and Wining in Istanbul*  
which lists nearly 800 (!)  
restaurants, bars, cafes,  
kebab houses etc. and  
includes their address,  
phone number, brief  
description and the price  
range you can expect to  
walk out with. Ali Rıza  
Kardüz, Tuğrul Şavkay and  
Engin Akın have con-  
tributed to the book with  
their pen and two more RC  
graduates, **Ayşe Berktaş  
RC 83** and **Zeynep  
Çağlayan RC 83** have also  
worked on the project. The  
first batch of books were  
sold out in three weeks and  
had to be reprinted. You  
can find the book in book  
stores or Intermedia  
Uluslararası iletişim A.Ş.:  
Aytar Cad. Ufuk Apt. 16/11  
1. Levent İstanbul  
Tel: (212) 279 64 02 or  
(212) 269 03 28



## ALUMNI NEWS

### OBITUARIES



**Belkis E. Assım Rona**  
ACG 18

Passed away in September 1995. Belkis E. Assım was an honour (Cum Laude) graduate of 1918 and she remembered a lot about the construction of the college buildings. She was always proud of being a member of the college community, sharing the excitement of those days.

I recall the long chats with my mother concerning her college life and how she regarded her school as a great institution under the able direction of the late Dr. Mary Mills Patrick.

Her notes, school-work and grades which she treasured show us that she was an industrious and methodical student. She must have well absorbed the teachings of the liberal curriculum offered by the college, as her character later on showed every sign of it. Mother was open-minded but adamant in her principles. She read a great deal and in time the shelves of her private library filled with numerous books in Turkish and English on diverse subjects. In fact, Advanced French, Music Appreciation and Table Manners courses had been of special interest to her in

school.

After graduation she was always in close contact with the College and followed keenly every development in and around the campus. Her sister, **Neriman Subaswglu (Salman) ACG 39** and I followed her path and became members of the College family.

I must point out that when my mother was a student at the College there were only three other Muslim girls. We therefore feel grateful to my grand-father, a far-sighted gentleman, for sending his daughter to this remarkable American institution.

The joy and pride of my mother was something to be seen when she was awarded with a plaque for her seventieth graduation anniversary at the commencement exercises in 1988 where she was the guest of honour.

Mother was always interested in politics and even in her advanced years used to stay up till the early hours of the morning to follow the debates on TV concerning the social and economic problems of her country. She was lucky to have enjoyed a long and reasonably pleasant life. She passed away peacefully on September 1995 in full capacity of her senses, struggling only to keep her human dignity intact to the end. I am proud to be her daughter.

**Gülseren(Rona)Yelkenci**  
ACG 47

**Tahir Wyisnnln K< .M**  
Passed away in November 1995. After Robert College he had finished his Faculty

of Law of Istanbul University. He was a businessman until his retirement in 1979. In the 1950's he had also served as the President of the RC Alumni Association. As the founder of the Karaköy Rotary Club he served as its president between 1969-1970. He was also a member of the Beşiktaş Club's "Divan Heyeti".

His surviving family includes several RC graduates. His brother **Avni Veyisoğlu** is an RC graduate as well as his nephew **Tulu Veyisoğlu RC ENG 71** and his son **Yavuz Veyisoğlu RA 67**. He is survived by his wife Nadire Veyisoğlu and his daughter Şule Sümerman as well as two grandchildren, Ebru Sümerman and Mete Veyisoğlu.

**Mahmut Paksoy**  
RC ENG 34

Passed away in December 1994. Mahmut Paksoy was born in 1908 in Adana. After completing his primary education at a French school in Adana, he came to RC where he graduated from the school of engineering in 1934. He took his master's degree in civil engineering from Perdue University in Illinois.

When he returned to Turkey, he worked as an engineer in Turkish state monopolies and later, as a private civil work contractor until 1951 when he started the vegetable oil industry in Adana. He never retired. ....completely, dedicating his

life to modern citrus plantations in Adana until his death on Dec. 28, 1994.

He is survived by his wife **Nuriye Paksoy ACG EX 43**, his sons **Uğur Paksoy RC YÜK 69**, **Bülent Paksoy RA 66**, **BÜ 72** and their wives, **Rengin Ateş Paksoy ACG 65** **RC YÜK 70**, **Gülru Selek Paksoy ACG 70**, **BÜ MBA 76**



**Yordan Askitoglu**  
RC ENG 36

Passed away in Switzerland in September 1995. A much loved familiar face on the RC campus, he and his wife **Mariya Askitoglu ACG 40** were always present together during Homecoming days, Mariya Askitoglu herself worked at RC for many years before her retirement in 1991. He is also survived by two daughters who live in Switzerland.

**Hilmi Keresteci RC 37**

Passed away in May 1995. He had graduated from Istanbul University in 1943 and entered the family lumber business. In 1950 he pioneered the first modern hotel concept in Izmir by opening two hotels, ATLAS and ATLANTIS. Married to Lacin Bilgen

## ALUMNI NEWS

### OBITUARIES CONTINUED

Keresteci in 1943 he was the father of two sons Erdal and Ercan Keresteci. He also had three grandchildren.

#### **Kemal Kılıçoğlu RC 41**

Passed away in April 1995.

#### **Enis Kıpman RC ENG 41**

Passed away in February 1995. He is survived by his sisters **Mübeccel Kıpman Kardiçah ACG 39** and **Mualla Kıpman Akbaş ACG 43** and his wife Burçin Kıpman.

#### **Avni Refiğ RC ENG 46**

Passed away on October 29, 1995. He was one of the founding members of the Terakki Foundation and served as Head of the Board of Directors between 1971 - 73. He is survived by relatives which include **Melek and Üzeyir Necipoğlu (ACG 52 and RC Eng 47)** and his wife **icel Gülçer Refiğ ACG 53**.

#### **İlhan Ener RC ENG 50**

Passed away in August 1993. He had entered RC as a marine officer and graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering. After retiring from the army he worked at the American Bureau of Shipping and finally retired in 1980. Ener is survived by his wife **Bilge Türesel Ener ACG 48**.

#### **Tuncer Erzurunluoğlu RC 56 ex**

Passed away in November 1995. He had retired last year from his job as the advertising manager of Türk Pirelli Lastikleri A.Ş.

He is survived by his son Tunç and his wife Filiz Erzurumluoğlu.

#### **Demet Erginsoy ACG 60**

Died in May 1995. She is survived by her sister **Işık Erginsoy ACG 54**.

#### **Orhan Bakkaloğlu RA 67**

Passed away in Istanbul in June 1995. He is survived by his wife Neriman and son Mehmet (14). Orhan Bakkaloğlu, after graduating from Robert Academy in 1967, continued his studies at Istanbul University's Faculty of Management. From 1971 onwards, he worked as General Manager of Motan A.Ş., of which he was also a shareholder. During his days at the College, he was very active in the Theater Club and played in all the performances staged then. His outstanding performance at "Köşebaşı" is still to be remembered. His love for poetry and theater never died and he was silently preparing to stage "Toros Canavarı" for the 30th reunion of his class. In addition to his many capacities he was also a remarkable collector. His old "share and bond" collection, mainly concentrated but not limited to Ottoman times and his "gramophone needles" collections are the largest and richest collections of their kinds in Turkey and abroad. He was interviewed several times by various magazines for his collection. His classmates, in the newspaper announcements after his death, expressed their feel-

ings with a verse from Yahya Kemal Beyatlı;

*Her rind bu bezmin nedir encamı bilir*

*Dünyamızı nâgâh zalam örtebilir*

*Bir bitmeyecek zevk verirken beste*

*Bir tel kopar, ahenk ebediyen kesilir*

#### **Mustafa Atam RC ENG 68**

Passed away in November 1995. He is survived by his sister **Tülin Atam Kerimol ACG 65**, his wife Külethan Atam and two children Emre and Sedef Atam.

#### **Sinan Kocasoy RC 76**

Haziran 1995'de genç yaşta Sinan'ı kaybettik. Uzun yıllar Robert Kolej'de öğretmenlik yapmakta olan ve onu yakından tanıyan Aydın Ungan Sinan Kocasoy için şöyle yazdı:

*Sevgili Sinan, Senin için, bu anlamda yazı yazmanın acısını sanıyorum benimle paylaşan çok kişiler olacaktır. Yüzüne baktığımızda sevginin, dostluğun, insan güzelliğinin daha doğrusu her yönüyle mükemmel insan olmanın tüm ayrıntılarını bize, söze gerek kalmadan sen hatırlatırdın. Sana çok yakın bir öğretmen olarak, aramızdaki yaş farkına karşın, özellikle sakinliğine hep gıpta ederdim. Seni inceleyerek bunun sırlarını öğrenmeye çalışırdım. Eminim başkaları da vardı benim gibi senden birşeyler öğrenmeye çalışan. Tanrı bize sormadı, seni yanına almakta çok aceleci davrandı. Seni çok özliyoruz ve de özleyeceğiz. Nur içinde*



#### **Ainslee Walls (former faculty member at RC)**

'We gather this afternoon to celebrate the life of Ainslee Walls --teacher, artist, friend, wonderful human being. Today we need not be ashamed of tears. Let us reach out and hold one another as we mourn and celebrate Ainslee's life.' These were the opening words of Chris Wadsworth at the Memorial Service held in Marble Hall for Ainslee Walls, who died in England on September 17 after a courageous three year battle with cancer.

Mrs. Walls came to ACG in 1964, after having taught at the old Mariff Kolejler of Zonguldak, Eskişehir and Kadıköy. From 1964 until she left for medical treatment in 1994 she introduced hundreds of children to the English language and to literature with skill, patience and love. Born in Liverpool in 1930, she got her degree in speech therapy, a background which gave her extra expertise in helping those who were having trouble pronouncing those awful "V"s or "the"s or with stammers. Her kindness and her

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love for poetry are two of her most memorable qualities. Gizem Açıkgöz, a Lise III student, said at the service, "She taught us life, people, emotions through poems. She said with poetry we may learn to catch rainbows and build mountains. She wanted all of us to keep a poetry book and at the end of the year she wrote a half page response to each one of them. It said different things in everybody's, but the ending was the same. It said, "Go forward, fill this book and many more." Over the years Ainslee's understanding of and love for Turkey were evident to all. In a speech she made at

the opening of school six years ago, she ended with these words. "You all have this special something inside you-because your parents and grandparents put it there, but sometimes here, in the tough competitive world of Robert College, it gets lost and forgotten. You are having to deal with three cultures; the Turkish, the European and the American. Consequently some of you are sometimes unsure of who you are and what your role should be at Robert College with your teachers and classmates, so please remember to be what you really are, helpful, polite, respectful and kind people, old fashioned val-

ues but really much more important than high grades." As head of the English department for many years, she "held the department together" as one of her colleagues remarked. Angela Roome said in her address at the service, "The qualities of firm leadership combined with an interest in what everyone was doing, as well as a willingness to co-operate and compromise, were just the qualities needed when she took over." Ainslee took comfort at the end of her life in the 30 years she spent at Robert College. She wrote to Betsy Göksel in March of this

year, "I'll do my best to fight, but I must also face the reality that 64 is maybe going to be my life span. Not a bad length, really, and I feel I lived as I wanted to. I would have regretted just staying in England. I loved my brown-eyed students and contributed what I could when I could." She was right-64 was her life span and we would like to honor her contribution to Robert College and to us as individuals by placing a marble bench in her honor at the far end of the plateau. For more information please contact the Alumni and Development Office.

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# Perde Kapanırken

Eren Özgür, RC95

*18 Haziran 1995 tarihinde, Lise III mezuniyet töreninde sıra arkadaşlarına, öğretmen ve velilere hitap eden Eren Özgür'ün konuşmasının bir bölümü aşağıda sunulmuştur.*

**H**azır bütün oyuncular, yönetmenler, kostüm ve dekor bir araya gelmişken size yazdığım RC 1995'lilerin öyküsünü dile getiren oyunumu anlatmaya karar verdim.

Buradaki karakterler herhangi bir kişilik arkasında saklanmayan bizden insanlar. Anlatılan öykü ise dostluktan, kardeşlikten ve sevgiden geçmekte.

Perde yavaş yavaş yükseliyor. Yıl 1988, küçük sevimli kızlar, afacan oğlanlar anne ve babalarının ellerine sıkı sıkı yapışmışlar. Girecekleri yarışın hayatlarındaki önemini pek de kavrayamamış olarak ilerliyorlar.

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Amaçları beraberce, elele, ayrılmadan büyümek. Büyümek, sadece küçük ayakkabıları dama atıp, büyük ayakkabıları giymek anlamında değil; küçük düşüncelerden, büyük düşüncelere geçebilmek, küçük arkadaşlıklardan, dostumsun, kardeşimsin diyebilmek.

Her öyküde olduğu gibi zaman akıp gidiyor ve süratli değişimler birbirini kovalıyor. Onlara kazandırılan bireysellik ve büyük düşünceler sayesinde bu küçük oyuncuların belirli kabiliyetleri yavaş yavaş şekillenmeye başlıyor.

Birçok tezatlıkları bünyesinde barındıran özel bir grup bu.

Peki nasıl oldu da, tüm bu tezatlara rağmen hayatlarının en kıymetli yıllarını bu tepede birbirleriyle birşeyler paylaşarak, beraberce çalışarak geçirebildiler? Geçirebildiler, çünkü bütün oyuncular gülmesini biliyorlardı. Geçirebildiler, çünkü oynadıkları oyundan mutluydular.

Paylaşabildiler, çünkü içtikleri su, soludukları hava, buldukları mekanlar aynıydı. Kimseden ve hiçbirşeyden nefret etmediler çünkü açtıkları her yeni kapının bir sevgi yolu olmasını istiyorlardı.

Oyunun oynandığı mekan aslında hep aynı. Her sabah oyuncuların gelişini dört gözle bekleyen, onlara kucak açan Robert Kolej. Tarihi dekorun arasına modern tiyatro, fen

ve gym binalarını sığdırabilen büyümlü bir mekan.

Öykü artık bitmek üzere. İşte yedi yıl dopdolu yaşanan bir hayattan sonra oyuncular alıştıkları, kabullendikleri ve sevdikleri herşeyden hazırlıksız ve çaresiz bir şekilde adeta kopartılıyorlar. Perde arzularının dışında yavaş yavaş üstlerine kapanmaya başlıyor...

132 senenin eşsiz kıldığı Robert Kolej. Senin verdiklerini alabileceklerimizin bir sonu olarak görmüyoruz. Çalışmalarımız sürekli olacak, başarılarımız birbirine kovalayacak. Geri geleceğiz çünkü burası bizim evimiz. Geri geleceğiz çünkü bizden sonrakilere bizim bulduğumuz olanaklardan daha da iyilerinin sağlanması için uğraş vereceğiz.

Bugün bir yol ayrımına geldik. Belki de son defa olarak bu kadar kalabalık toplanıyoruz. Bundan sonra yedi sene boyunca yaşadıklarımız artık zamanla eriyip gitmemek için savaş verecekler. Maze'de, Plato'da, 203'de. Bridge'de geri-

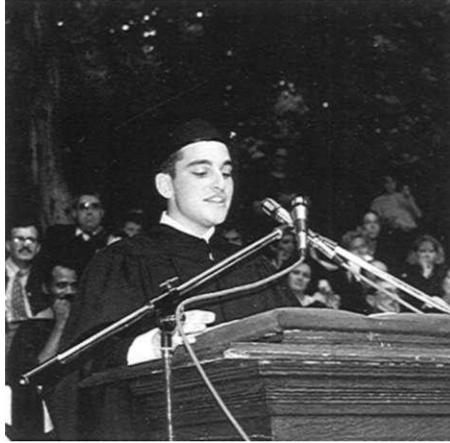
ye kalan sadece ayak izlerimiz, sohbetlerimiz, sevinçli ve üzümlü maceralarımız olacak. Artık Ball'larda beraberce dansedemeyeceğiz. Yuvamız olan RC'ye bir yabancı gibi ehliyet ve kimliklere el konulmadan giremeyeceğiz. Hiçbirşey eskisi gibi olmayacak. Uzun zaman arayacağız bu günleri anılarımızda ve geleceğimizde.

Bir an geleceği ve geçmişi unuttun, beraberce yaşadığımız şu son dakikaların tadına bakalım. Bu perdede bizden sonrakilere, Lise III olmanın insanı koca bir okulun babası yapmadığını, sadece sorumluluğun simgesi haline getirdiğini gösterebil-

diysek; Lise III olmanın sadece belirli öncelikler getirmediyini, sevgi ve saygının beraberce yürütülmesi gereken bir dönem olduğunu anlatabildiysek ve önemlisi, Lise III olarak kardeşlerimize iyi insan olabilmeye yolunda örnekler sunabildiysek, ne mutlu bize...

Hayatlarını bu oyuna adayan öğretmenlerim, bizi yetiştirdiğiniz için övünün. Her zaman mükemmel ulaşmamız için uğraş veren siz anne ve babalarımız, böylesine pırıl pırıl gençleri büyüttüğünüz için gurur duyun. Sen Robert Kolej, görevini eksiksiz bir kez daha yerine getirmenin şerefiyle huzurlu ol. Ve siz kardeşlerim, bu perde kapansa da oyunun bitmesine izin vermeyin.

Sevgili Robert Kolej ailemiz hepimizin yolu açık olsun ki ayrılık bozmasın.





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