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SEV'in BÜYÜK KAYBI

9 Ocak 1996, Salı günü SEV Mütevelli Başkanı'mız Özdemir Sabancı (TAC '59), yanındaki yakın mesai arkadaşı TOYOTA-SA Genel Müdürü Haluk Görgün (TAC' 71) ve İdari Sekreteri Nilgün Hasefe ile birlikte Levent'teki Sabancı Merkez'inde çalışma odasında vurularak öldürüldü.

Sevgili Mütevelli Heyet Başkanımız Özdemir'i kaybetmek bana bir kardeş kaybetmek kadar inanılmaz ve acı geldi, ama ne yazık ki herkes gibi ben de alinyazısına boyun eğdim. Özdemir'in ölümü ile Vakfımızın sadık bir destekçisini de kaybetmiş olduk. Sabancı ailesi adına, onun önderliğinde sadece Vakfımıza bağlı okullarımıza değil, bu okullarımızda okuyan veya mezun olup üniversiteye giden öğrencilerimize de önemli katkılar aldık.

Özdemir Sabancı'nın anısını yaşatmak için, Sabancı kardeşleri ve onların çocuklarını eğitmekte önemli rol oynayan bu güzide Okullarımıza Sabancı Ailesinin ve Vakfının maddi ve manevi desteklerinin devam edeceğine inanıyorum.

Özdemir Sabancı ve değerli iş arkadaşlarının kaybından dolayı üzüntülerimi belirtir, ailelerine ve SEV üyelerine başsağlığı dilerim.

Yaşar Yaşer (TAC '51)
Sağlık ve Eğitim Vakfı
Yönetim Kurulu Başkanı

SEV's GREAT LOSS

On Tuesday, January 9, 1996, Özdemir Sabancı (TAC'59) the President of the SEV Trustees Governing Council, was shot dead at his office at the Sabancı Center at Levent, together with his close associate Haluk Görgün (TAC '71), the Chief Executive of the TOYOTA-SA Company, and their administrative assistant Nilgün Hasefe.



1941-1996

To lose our dear Özdemir, the President of the SEV Trustees Governing Council was as unbelievable and tragic as to lose a brother, but unfortunately, like everybody, I had to accept this fate. With Özdemir's death we lost a devoted supporter of our Foundation. In the name of the Sabancı Family, he had provided contributions not only for our Foundation's Schools but also for the students at these schools or for those who had entered a university after graduation. I believe that in memory of Özdemir Sabancı, the Sabancı Family and their Foundation's financial and moral support for our outstanding Schools, which have played an important role in raising the first generation of Sabancı brothers and their children, will continue.

I regret greatly the loss of Özdemir Sabancı and his valuable colleagues and send my condolences to their families and to SEV members.

Yaşar Yaşer (TAC '51)
Health and Education Foundation
Chairman of the Board of Directors

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A STAR HAS FALLEN

(AN OBITUARY TO HALUK GÖRGÜN-TAC'71)



1952-1996

I don't know how to begin and from where ?

We have lost a friend of ours through an unexpected terrible happening on a special day. The day was special

because it was the TAC '71 dinner get together. We were going to eat altogether in the Club. The year is important because we were going to plan for our 25th Anniversary, put up a date and program the reunion.

Can you imagine the shock for a person who talks to a very special, old friend and decides to meet the next day but then hears that he was shot that day? It was hard to believe.

I called Alev, another classmate. He told me that he had just seen the newsflash from Reuters. We could hardly talk! The evening was just like a ceremony of nostalgia for our good old days in TAC.

I think TAC is a very unique school with a very special atmosphere. You are living in a big campus with 300 youngsters between the ages 11 to 18 coming from different parts of the country, living almost alone together for seven years, sleeping, eating, studying, playing, doing all kinds of sports, listening to the best music and sharing everything

together. And everybody in this environment is a unique personality, with special talents, character and weaknesses, who learns to respect each other, to listen, to understand and accept each other as they are

and hug each other with the warmest aspects of our friendship and brotherhood.

Haluk was also one of us. A very kind, talented, admirable, colorful personality who shared the same air with us for seven years. He was a good friend and manager, a good father, a caring husband. His bridge talent, interest in basketball and theatre activities made him a colorful character during his school years.

Besides all these, there were two important sides of him which I can never forget; first is that he was very kind and gentle and tolerant, with an optimistic approach to life. The second one was his sensitive approach to his family and children. He realised that the education system in Turkey was bankrupt. He moved to Canada for a while just to set up a base for the future of his children.

Farewell our loving brother. God bless you!

Tanju Şahiner (TAC '71)



AN HISTORIC MILESTONE - Ms. ZELIHA DURAL BREAKS NEW GROUND

Ms. Zeliha Dural (ÜAA '46) has helped to guarantee the long term viability of the SEV/ABH Schools and Hospital by making the first- ever DEFERRED BEQUEST to the Health and Education Foundation (SEV) in January, 1996.

Ms. Zeliha Dural was born to a prominent family of the Çukurova region, her father descending from the Rasihazadeler, and her mother from the Burhanzadeler and Ramazanoğulları. Following her primary education, her family had intended to send her as a boarding student to the French Convent School in Beirut, but the outbreak of World War II prevented this plan in spite of her completed registration. She ended up at Üsküdar American Academy, as a result of recommendations made by a family elder highly placed in the Ministry of Education and due to her family's affinity with Miss J. Martin, the Principal of ÜAA, who had formerly served at the American Girls' College in Adana, later closed.

Her World War years at ÜAA were memorable, especially during the blackouts. Upon her graduation, her father decided against her continuing at a university, declaring that, "he had done his best to provide her with a second language which would assure her a profitable career".

Ms. Dural's professional life started at the Çukurova Company, under the direction of the now-deceased

Mr. Şadi Eliyeşil. Later on she opened and operated a nursery school in Şişli, İstanbul, and her first student was Mr. Şadi Eliyeşil's grandson Fikri Gücüm. In 1959, she organized the first 23 April Celebrations at ÜAA. From 1970 onwards she settled in Kuşadası, and started to operate one of the earliest family pension houses on a property that belonged to the wife of recently deceased Lütfi Suyolcu, a TAC alumnus.

She made other contributions to the development of tourism in Kuşadası, among which was the opening of a boutique inside an historic Skoda bus that she had purchased from the İstanbul Municipality and was one of the more exciting ones. In 1984 with the help of Nancy Wittler, she had opened a tea house in Ayazpaşa called "Hanımeli", and organized courses mostly for foreign ladies in İstanbul on "Turkish Ethnography", "Wood-cut Painting", "Turkish Cuisine", etc. She is now retired and living in Kuşadası, and planning to be a frequent visitor to the Blake House (Kızılay) Center of the İzmir ACI Alumnae, due to open in March, 1996.

SEV Board of Directors are deeply in gratitude to Ms. Zeliha Dural for this "Planned Gift", which they believe will set a most appropriate precedent for the rest of the ABH Schools graduates. They also plan to propose her election as an Honorary Trustee of SEV at the up-coming Trustees Governing Council Meeting on 29 March, 1996.

Dr. Günhan Danışman (TAC '61)
 Health and Education Foundation
 General Coordinator

AMERİKAN BORD OKULLARI YETİŞENLERİ DERNEĞİ KURULDU. (THE CLUB)



Bord Okulları yetişenleri yıllardır aynı çatı altında toplanmanın çabası içindedir. Konuya olan ilgi bazen yoğun ve bazen mütereddit olarak ama hep gündemde kalmıştır.

1995 yılı başlarında Tarsus ve Üsküdar Amerikan Lisesi mezunları dernekleri yönetim kurulları ortak bir komite kurarak Tarsus Amerikan Lisesi'nin İstanbul'daki lokalinin çalıştırılması ve daha sonra bu lokalin "Bord Okulları Yetişenleri Derneği" olarak kurulacak Tarsus, Üsküdar, İzmir ve Talas yetişenlerinin ortak derneğinin yönetimine verilmesinde görüş birliğine varmışlardır. Tarsus Amerikan Lisesi Mezunları Derneği Yönetim Kurulu ve kurulan ortak komitenin özverili çabaları ile Kalamış Münir Nurettin Selçuk caddesi No:34 adresinde bulunan bahçe içindeki üç katlı

şirin bina çok kısa bir zamanda kiralanıp dekore edilerek kullanıma hazır hale getirilmiştir. 1995 Nisan'ında hizmete açılan yeni lokalin yönetimini üstlenmiş olan ortak komite 1996 yılının başında dernek kurma çalışmalarını yeni bir sayfaya getirerek üye kayıtlarına başlamıştır. Çalışmaları üçü Üsküdar, üçü Tarsus-Talas ve biri İzmir'den olmak üzere yedi kardeşimiz sürdürmektedir. (Tahire Seçkiner-ÜAA '64, Ahmet Ceranoğlu -TAL '64&TAC '67, Elif Alınok-ÜAA '74, Kubilay Keçelioğlu- TAC '75, Hilal Dinçler-ÜAA '79, Can Taze-TAC '79, Yeşim Kostak Özkozacı-İzmir '87)

Bord Okulları yetişenleri kurucu Yönetim kurulu olarak amacımız kısa dönemde ilk genel kurulumuzu gerçekleştirerek yeni derneğimizi olağan seyrine kavuşturmak ve lokalimizi sizlerin isteklerine daha uygun, sizlere daha yararlı hale getirmektir. Uzun dönemde ise, derneğimizin şubelerini diğer illere yayarak hizmet ve uğraş alanlarını genişletmek ve geliştirmektir.

Bugün eğer bir ortak derneğe sahipsek bunda en fazla paya sahip olan kişiler İstanbul'daki lokalin oluşmasında ve yaşatılmasında görev alarak bugünlere getirenlerdir. Dileriz biz de onlar gibi aldığımızı daha iyi bir şekilde devretmenin onur ve gururunu yaşarız.

Amerikan Bord Okulları Yetişenleri Derneği
 Kurucu Yönetim Kurulu adına
 Başkan Kubilay Keçelioğlu - (TAC '75)

SEV Gaziantep Private Nursing School

The first week of January, our 23 bright and eager student nurses had their first clinical experience at Gaziantep American Hospital. It was a day of pride for them and us as they looked like "real" nurses for the first time. They have finished the first semester of foundational science courses and have begun the second semester, a very packed 24 hour week of "uygulama", clinical experience at the government and insurance hospitals, and 26 hour a week of theory courses in Surgical, Medical, and Emergency Nursing and Pharmacology. As they begin to put into practice what they have learned, they are finding a renewed motivation to learn and understand how to give the best nursing care to their patients.

Our two guest students from Kirghizia, Nazgül and Gülmira, have finished formal Turkish classes, learning the basic grammar very quickly. They are working at the hospital to give them a chance to practice and improve their medical terminology. They are also auditing the Surgical Nursing Course. Although they find they still have a ways to go before they are ready to take full class loads, we believe they will be ready to enter the regular fall class. We have recently accepted 2 Kazakh girls to the Turkish preparatory class and anticipate they will be able to enter the fall nursing program as well.

We look forward to another class of 24 to 30 nursing students this fall and are beginning preparations for the entry exam in mid-June.

We plan to have a summer English program as part of the entry requirement for next fall's class. Although the language of instruction in the nursing school is Turkish, we recognize the importance of knowing English and provide this program as an addendum to the very full nursing program during the regular school year. We are beginning to interview applicants for an English teacher position and for another full time nursing instructor.

Sheryl Jackson
School Director

An interview with the Kirghiz students, Gülmira and Nazgül

1. Gaziantep'e ve SEV Hemşirelik Okuluna neden geldiniz?
Biz Gaziantep SEV Hemşirelik okuluna okumak amacıyla geldik. İyi bir hemşire olmak istiyoruz. Cumhuriyetimize yardım veren, gerekli insan oluşumuzu istiyoruz.

2. Okul nasıl?
Okul çok iyi. Tertemiz, çok güzel hazırlanan. Her şeyleri yeterli. Biz de çok çalışmaya hazırız.

3. Nerede kalıyorsunuz?
Biz ilk geldiğimizde Akyol mah. Akyol cad. No:51 Kat:4 adresli evde kaldık. Kalgan evden memnun olduk. Şimdi okulun yatahanesinde kalıyoruz. Okuldan çok memnunuz.

4. Kırgızistan ile Türkiye arasındaki farklar ne?
Türkiye ile memleketimiz çok farklı. Burası yetişken bir ülke. Değişik bir şeyler çok. Türkiye'den memnunuz. İnsanlar sıcak kanlı geliyorlar. Sizlere çok teşekkür ederiz.

5. Başka (yani Türk) öğrencilerle arkadaşlık kurdunuz mu?
Evet arkadaş olabildik. Onlar çok iyi, çok yardım ediyorlar. Onlar bizi evlerine götürdüler, alış verişe yardım ettiler, gezmeye çıkardılar.

6. Türkçe nasıl öğrendiniz?
Türk dersi aldık. Gaziantep Üniversitesinin öğretmeni bize ders verdi. O çok iyi bir öğretmen. Türkçe kolay. 3 ay süresinde öğrenebildik. Buraya geldiğimizde hiçbirşey bilmiyorduk. Burdan öğrendik. Şimdi Türk dilimizi daha ilerletmek için hastanede çalışıyoruz. Faydası oluyor. Herkesin bize Türkçe öğrenmekte yardım oldu.

7. Şimdi "Cerrahi Hastalıklar ve Bakımı" dersine giriyorsunuz. Öğretmeni iyi anlayabiliyormusunuz? Ders kitabını okuyabiliyormusunuz?
Derslerde not alıyoruz. Anlıyoruz ama anlatmakta zorluk çekiyoruz. Kitapları okuyabiliyoruz. Biz de anlamaya çalışıyoruz.

8. Haziran ayında yaz tatilinde Kırgızistan'a gideceksiniz. Neler yapacaksınız, nereye gideceksiniz?
Ülkemizi çok özledik. Oraya gittikten sonra tatil yapacağız. Biz birimizin ailemiyle tanışmak istiyoruz. Ordan izin verilerse hastanede çalışmak istiyoruz. Hergün Türkçe unutmamak için bol bol kitapları okuyup seneye hazır olmalıyız.





Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure for me to take this opportunity, thanks to SEV, which enables me to give you news from TAC.

I have been working as the Turkish First Vice Principal since July, 1995. All of us here at TAC have one single goal and that is to achieve the highest possible standard in the academic field and also to provide opportunities for our students, to explore their attitudes and abilities in extracurricular activities as in previous years.

Being a member of TAC motivates our students in such a way that I can, with confidence, encourage them to participate in, not only local, but also national and international competitions. At the present time we are getting successful results in sports, especially in basketball. During the inter-semester holiday, our team successfully represented TAC at the MUN conference in The Hague.

Oncoming events include, from an academic point of view: TUBITAK science olimpiad, ECIS Math Competition to be held in The Hague, Science Fair and TOEFL-SAT exams. On the social activities side we are looking forward to a Folklore Festival where we hope to have international teams participating. It is the first time that an effort has been made on an international level. The Drama Festival and the Sports Festival are some other activities planned for the second semester.

Life in TAC, as many of you will remember, is still very busy and interesting.

We all hope from the bottom of our hearts that in the near future the symbol of TAC, Stickler Hall, will once again become a viable part of our campus.

My sincere wishes to you all.

Dr. Esmâ Çalık
Turkish First Vice Principal
Tarsus American College

Dear Graduates,

As a graduate of the Üsküdar American Academy and as an English teacher, Lise Dean, and finally Turkish Principal of ÜAA I feel very privileged and honored to be serving this institution for 28 years, almost a lifelong process starting at the age of eleven. I have met thousands of graduates on different occasions such as reunions, alumni gatherings and, of course, I have known and loved thousands of students at my school. Now, with the help of SEV, I am able to reach out to other graduates from Tarsus, and Izmir, with whom I share a family feeling.

We are all under the same protective umbrella of SEV, a young foundation cherished by the love of its devoted alumni, trusted by thousands of people for its missionary spirit of love, friendship, cooperation, help and mutual understanding. SEV's vision and mission unite us all, the graduates of ABH Schools. Our greatest wish is to see SEV as the best, richest, and strongest foundation in Turkey.

ÜAA is ready to meet the new challenges of the information age. We are determined to keep our high standards, and to remain one of the best schools in Turkey in academics and extracurricular activities. While we keep our traditions, we welcome new ideas, growth and development.

Hello to the new challenges and difficulties of the modern age, and good-bye to all my brothers and sisters from SEV Schools until we meet in another issue.

Tülin BÜYÜKALKAN (ÜAA '65)
Turkish First Vice Principal
Üsküdar American Academy

Dear Graduates,

I am greatly honored and happy to have this opportunity to salute you and say "MERHABA" to you all on behalf of ACI.

We often think of and extend our deepest appreciation and most heartfelt thanks for the vision, courage, persistence, and patience of those "Beautiful People" who bought this lovely site and who believed in

"One stitch and then another,
 And the longest seam is sewn.
 One step and then another,
 And the longest walk is done.
 One brick upon another,
 And the highest wall is made."

and thus made their vision and purpose serve as their guide. This vision, this determination, this dedication which we have inherited, serve us as our most precious beacon now.

As ACI prepares itself for "tomorrow" (not only for the year 2001 as is the popular saying), we are most aware of the fact that we must continue to re-emphasize our mission, to re-evaluate our curriculum, re-vitalize our extracurricular program, prepare excellent staff, and to improve our buildings and grounds for the better future of our most precious students.

I often ask this question of myself:

'Does the beauty around us help us to do better, and is this why we are so very much better?'

Have you seen the campus lately?

Do you give yourself the chance of visiting your Alma Mater as much as possible? If not, please do something about it fast and soon because you, each and every single one of you, means so much to ACI, and I have no doubts that ACI means so very much to you all.

Let me thank you once again for your everlasting and excellent support and dedication as well as for fulfilling your share of the ACI's motto:

"ENTER TO LEARN,
 DEPART TO SERVE."

We are proud of you!

Please take care.

Bercis Toğulga
 Turkish First Vice Principal
 Izmir American Collegiate Institute

THE YEAR END ACTIVITIES FOR 1995-1996 AT AMERICAN BOARD SCHOOLS

Tarsus American College

June 13 Awards Ceremony
 June 14 Classes End
 June 15 Commencement

Üsküdar American Academy

May 31 Classes End
 Awards Ceremony
 June 2 Commencement
 June 22 Alumni Day

Izmir American Collegiate Institute

June 3 Awards Ceremony
 June 7 Classes End
 June 11 Commencement