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A Message from the President of Robert College to the Alumni and Alumnae

With the establishment of Boğaziçi Üniversitesi on the Bebek campus, and the merger of Robert Academy and the American College for Girls on the Arnavutköy campus, my work as President has been completed and we will be leaving Istanbul by February 1, 1972.

I am confident that both institutions are being left in good hands with Mr. John Chalfant as the Director of the coeducational Orta/Lise, and Dr. Aptullah Kuran as the Rector of Boğaziçi Üniversitesi. It is significant that the first Rector of Boğaziçi is an alumnus of Robert College, and well qualified to carry on the traditions of Robert College in its new form as a Turkish university.

We felt it was appropriate to retain the name Robert College which is so rich in association for the new institution on the Arnavutköy campus. It will be a reminder of the past, and should serve as a source of inspiration for the future.

I am happy to report that both institutions have had a most successful first term, marked by continuity in spite of changes. Now that basic decisions have been taken and the transition to new status have been achieved, Robert College can face a more certain future than its recent past. Its needs are clearly defined, its opportunities are self-evident, and its potential for serving education in Turkey has never been greater.

I wish to take this opportunity to express to you, as graduates, my personal appreciation for the interest which you have evinced in your Alma Mater during the years I have served here. As I indicated at the recent alumni gathering on Saturday, December 18th, the success in the future of Robert College will depend in large measure on the degree of support which is given it by its alumni.

We especially appreciated the financial support of those of you who have made gifts in the past, and we do hope that the percentage of gifts may increase substantially in the future. When you invest in your Alma Mater, you are simply repaying an old debt, as the cost of educating a single

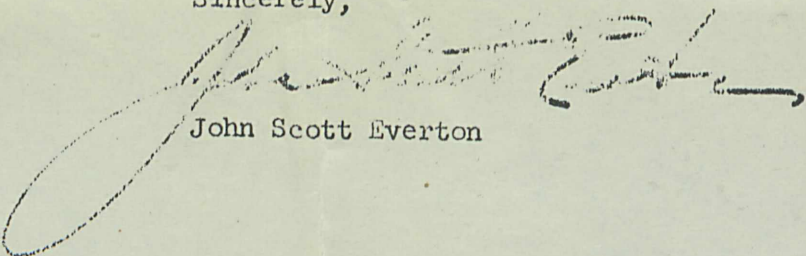
student is far greater than any of the fees which the Colleges charges.

I am very much impressed by the dedication of the trustees, both Turkish and American, to the Colleges and consider that you are very fortunate in having the support and guidance which they have provided through the years. As those who have ultimate responsibility for the College, they have taken their trusteeship seriously and have given of their time, effort and substance to ensure the success of its programs. It is significant that virtually all the resident trustees are graduates of Robert or ACG, and therefore, are intimately acquainted with its programs and are particularly well qualified to advise and assist the administration. The American members of the Board have also given unstintingly of their time and efforts on behalf of the Colleges and we are grateful for this service.

It is with mixed feelings that we leave Turkey for we have developed a real affection for it. We will continue to follow with the greatest of interest the future of the new Robert College and of Boğaziçi Üniversitesi. We hope there will be opportunities for us to return and visit the campuses.

I know Mrs. Everton would join with me in expressing appreciation to all of you for your friendship and loyal support, and cooperation in the years we have served here. Our very best wishes to you as alumni for success in your efforts on behalf of the College.

Sincerely,



John Scott Everton

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