Bloomington Hosts Concert to Benefit Earthquake Victims in Turkey

Relief efforts on behalf of Turkey in the aftermath of the devastating August earthquake are being organized around the world. In Bloomington, a September benefit concert for the earthquake victims was sponsored by Indiana University's Turkish Student Association with co-sponsorship by the Ottoman and Modern Turkish Studies Chair, the Korean Student Association, the World Azerbaijanis Congress, and the Bloomington community. A record crowd packed the Waldron Arts Center for an “Evening of Remembrance through Turkish and Middle Eastern Music, Poetry, and Art,” with Shahyar Daneshgar (Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center) acting as master of ceremonies. Henry Glassie (Folklore) gave a slide presentation of Turkey, describing the land, its people, its arts, and its artists. Kemal Silay (Near Eastern Languages and Cultures), chair of the Ottoman and Modern Turkish Studies Chair, read and chanted old and modern Turkish poetry. Instrumentalist Pooneh Amirhadji, who had recently arrived in the United States, played the quanoon. Salaam and Sabá Ensemble, two local musical groups composed of students, faculty, and community residents, performed a wide variety of songs and instrumental pieces.

TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

- **American Red Cross**
P.O. Box 37243
Washington, DC 20013
Make check payable to “American Red Cross”
Write in the memo section: “Turkish Earthquake Relief”
American Red Cross credit card option:
Call toll free number: 1-800-HELP-NOW (1-800-435-7669).
Press 1 to make a financial contribution
Press 1 for International Response Fund
Designate donation for the “Turkish Earthquake Relief.”

- Other agencies and organizations specifically assisting victims of the earthquake are listed at the following Web site: http://bsuvic.bsu.edu/~tsa/quakerelief.html
- Contact Indiana University's Turkish Student Association via e-mail at tsa@indiana.edu for further information.

CORRECTION

In the July 1999 issue of the OIP Newsletter's story, "IUB Welcomes Princess of Greece," we wish to correctly identify the Princess's brother as Constantine II, the former king of Greece.