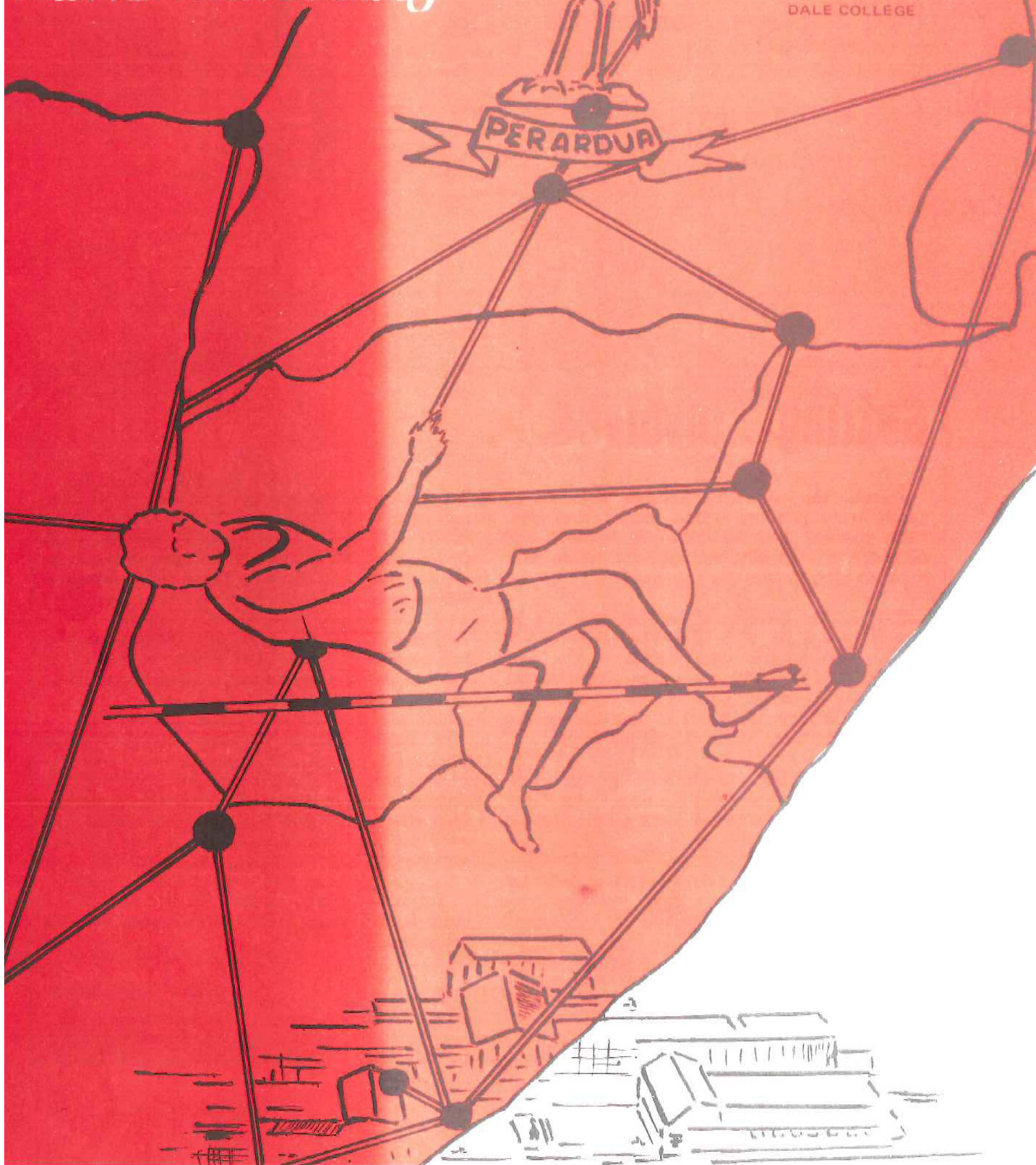


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Getting Involved

Parents who visit King William's Town do so mainly to see their sons in their school environment. When one has been several times, however, and especially to a reunion, one begins to realise there is something more than this main objective.

Slowly, over the years it becomes clear that we parents have a tie with Dale. The excitement of the rugby games is a great experience. The same could be said about the prize-giving weekends, the exciting final cricket game against Queen's two years ago. In other words, we as parents are getting somewhat involved. About this, a few words . . .

We owe it to our sons who are away from home for up to five years to visit them once a year. Granted, not everyone can achieve this but the effort can be most rewarding.

About 30 parents from the Transvaal attended the Reunion in King William's Town last May. This shows a real interest by parents in the school.

This year, with other parents, we were fortunate to follow the first rugby team on tour. We spent five days in Rhodesia where they were unbeaten. Again, we were getting involved.

A rugby Springbok who is related to the Dale coach and tour manager, Mr. "Midge" Hilton Green, was so impressed with the team's unbeaten record that he and his wife flew from Johannesburg to see some of the games. His trip paid off for he saw some fine rugby in Salisbury.

During this trip we appreciated tremendously the hospitality of Rhodesian Old Dailians. A handful of them organised a fantastic braai at the Grey's Inn, Bulawayo.

We had the privilege, as parents, with the boys, of meeting the Rhodesian Prime Minister, Mr. Ian Smith, whom some in the Eastern Cape will remember as a prominent rugby player for Rhodes University soon after the Second World War. He had a kind word for each and also spent some time with the staff.

Let us, as parents, get involved with Dale. It is a cause worth working for and, what's more it's most enjoyable.

HARRY VOERMAN

Let's have more news

The second issue of Trans-Dale has been as difficult to compile as the first. Our Editor, Harry Voerman, could do with a lot more material from parents to present a really newsworthy and thought-provoking newsletter.

Parents are invited to write to Harry at 10 Michael Place, Dunvegan, about any matter relating to your association or Dale College. If you have a complaint or comment please do not hesitate to use Trans-Dale as your medium to bring these matters to the attention of the people concerned.

Committee meetings of the association have been held regularly each month. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the committee members, all of whom have made a point of attending our meetings.

The matters which have featured most prominently in our discussions have been transport arrangements, the visit of Dale College 1st rugby team, establishing closer ties with the Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union, and Development Fund Levy. Let us deal with these in turn.

Transport Arrangements

Train travel between Dale College and home is still causing concern to parents. Added to the problems of the past, misbehaviour and loss of possessions, we now have the problem of booking return facilities long before the boys even arrive home. At the end of July holidays it was difficult to secure bookings on the regular train. Many boys had to leave on earlier trains or miss the first day at school — some with rather unhappy consequences.

We have not made much headway with the South African Airways for scholar concessions on block bookings, but an ever-growing number of boys are flying to and from Dale. Special arrangements are made by the College to transport boys to the East London airport and collect them on arrival.

The association records its sincere appreciation to the College for this kind gesture.

Dale College Rugby Tour

We were privileged to see this well-drilled team in action against Springs Boys' High — their only game in the Transvaal — before their comprehensive tour of Rhodesia. It also proved a wonderful opportunity for

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Do you remember the time . . . ? Three Old "Presby" Boys who livened up proceedings with reminiscences at a dinner of Old Dalians and parents in Salisbury.



From left to right: L. Beadon, P. le Riche and T. Pazeley.

us to meet the large number of parents, teachers and supporters who accompanied the team on tour.

The Transvaal Branch of the Old Dalian Union, who arranged the short Transvaal visit, are to be congratulated on providing such an interesting itinerary for the boys. Undoubtedly, the highlight was the visit to the Durban Roodepoort Deep Mine, whose management did their utmost to make this a memorable visit.

Our thanks also to those parents who gave the visiting boys a "home from home", entertained them and transported them to various places.

Development Fund Levy

Your committee has recently transferred R500 to Dale College in contributions from parents to the Development Fund. To date, R1834,50 has been donated to Dale.

This fund is an important means of helping the College to provide facilities for the boys which are not covered by the Provincial Administration. Your continued support of the fund is certainly appre-

ciated by your committee and, without doubt, the College.

We are sorry to report that our secretary, Mrs. Lettie Harley, has been seriously ill. She is recovering and we hope she will soon be fit enough to resume her good work. In the meanwhile former secretary David Halse has been co-opted to act as secretary. We are grateful for his help.

Transvaal Branch of Old Dalian Union

Your association has established closer ties with the Old Dalian Branch. Gordon Cameron, the present Chairman, is the Old Dalian Branch representative at our meetings, while Ted Crossey, our Vice-Chairman, represents your association at the O.D. meetings.

"Come on Dale!" at Bulawayo

Some of the Dale supporters in the stand at Bulawayo where Dale beat Gifford Tech convincingly. In the middle row are (left to right) Mr. Rapson from Zambia, Mrs. Ruth Voerman, Miss Rapson and Mrs. Rapson. In the lower row are Mrs. Tessa Turnbull, her son Graham Turnbull, a Dalian, Mr. Vincent Cockcroft, an Old Dalian, and Mr. G. St. Leger Daines, National President of the Old Dalian Union. Old Dalian Ewen Turnbull is in the foreground.

Parents at Old Dalians Dinner

Twelve Transvaal parents joined Old Dalians at a most enjoyable dinner at the Carlton Hotel, Johannesburg, on Friday 27th June.

The guests of honour were the Headmaster, Mr. B.N. Rowles, the National President of the Old Dalian Union, Mr. G. St. Leger Daines, and the Editor of the Sunday Times, Mr. Tertius Myburgh, who is also an Old Dalian.

The parents who attended were the Chairman, Dave Turnbull, and his wife Tessa, David Halse and his wife Mona, Ted Crossey and his wife Shirley, and Harry Voerman and his wife Ruth. Other parents present included Old Dalians Joe Sutton and his wife Buntie and Sam Ingles and his wife.

It was a splendid evening and another example of the growing ties between Transvaal parents and Dale, and with the Old Dalian Union.

This cross-representation, and closer liaison is proving advantageous to both bodies.

The prize-giving

Parents are welcome to attend the prize-giving ceremony at Dale College on Friday October 24. Some parents are already arranging their visit to King Williams Town.

On Saturday, October 25, there will be a cricket match between Dale and Queen's. Lunch will be served on the field.

The Old Dalians will hold a social on the Saturday night. The matrices will be presented with Old Dalian badges.



Old Dalians Tops in Rugby

Three Old Dalians have been prominent recently in top-level rugby.

Lennie Gerber, "wonder boy" fly-half at Dale in the late sixties, has played an important role in Northern Transvaal's march to the Currie Cup final. One sportswriter described him as the "Napoleon of the Northern Transvaal backline". Knowing Lennie's potential, we look forward to him gaining higher honours in the form of a Springbok jersey against the All Blacks next year.

Down at the Cape petitions are reported to have been drawn up calling on the selectors to restore the well-known Old Dalian Springbok H.O. de Villiers to his place in the Western Province team. H.O. has been in top form in club rugby and was chosen as fullback for the Quaggas to play the Currie Cup winners in October.

The Dale Reunion

All the parents who attended the Reunion weekend at Dale will agree that our sons go to a fine school.

Unfortunately we arrived too late to attend the assembly in the school hall on the Friday morning. Parents who did, however, were very impressed with the ceremony. We were in time to go to the display by the Army Gymnasium. It was incredible, watching these dare-devil manoeuvres; to think that some of the lads were barely out of school. The high-stepping precision of the Kaffrarian Girls' High drum-majorettes was a joy to watch and we were all proud of the Dale Cadets. Congratulations to their instructor.

On Friday evening we gathered at the Central Hotel, where the Headmaster, Mr. B.N. Rowles, gave a short speech of welcome. The Old Dalians then went to their Reunion dinner, while we went to a "Sing-Song" at the school hall. This consisted of short sketches put on by the boys. Well done, boys, I still remember some of the acts and chuckle.

● Impressions of a Withbank parent who attended the Reunion at Dale College this year.

Saturday was Rugby Day. Dale's old rivals, Queen's, came down to King William's Town and matches started early in the morning with all fields being used. The main match between the first teams was, to quote one newspaper, "one of the finest schoolboy matches seen on the Border." It was fitting that Dale should win — and it was wonderful to see the support King William's Town gave its school. The stadium was packed.

On Sunday morning we went to a memorial service in the school's hallowed courtyard — a moving ceremony.

Thank you, Mr. Rowles, and your staff for making the parents so welcome at the Reunion weekend. After seeing the spirit and camaraderie displayed at the school I am glad and proud that our son attends Dale College.

Dale College Transvaal Parents Association

FINANCIAL REPORT

In the February issue of Trans Dale it was reported that contributions by parents to the Development Fund had been maintained at a reasonable level.

Unfortunately present indications are that the amount contributed by the end of 1975 will be well below that of the previous two years.

In 1973 about 50 per cent of the Transvaal parents contributed to the fund, in 1974 this dropped to 35 per cent and in the current year only 20 per cent

have donated so far.

Your committee realises that the rising cost of living makes it difficult for people, but this is the only way we can provide additional benefits for the boys at the College.

We earnestly appeal once more to all Transvaal parents to forward their contribution to the fund.

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Witbank Parents form branch

On March 13, 1974, Witbank parents got together at the Moth Club to form the Witbank Dale Parents' Association, a branch of the Transvaal parents' Association.

This decision came about because of the distance we had to travel to attend Transvaal parents' meetings in Johannesburg, and because of the number of our boys attending Dale.

A chairman, secretary and treasurer were elected. It was decided to try to attend the Transvaal parents meetings whenever possible. Up to that time, Mr. John Turnbull (no relation to Dave) had attended Johannesburg meetings very conscientiously. Unfortunately for us Hylton, John's son, left Dale at the end of 1973. After that Mr. W.H.P. van der Veen and one other member attended fairly regularly, but it was decided to cut the travelling and we remained in contact with the Transvaal parents telephonically through Dave Turnbull. Thanks Dave and your committee, for the warm welcome and hospitality you have always afforded us.

At this stage we had nine boys attending Dale, with a few more prospects lined up for 1975. Enthusiasm among the parents was growing. In July 1974, Mr. Simpson visited us in Witbank. We entertained him at the Moth Club at a meeting where some 25 people were present. These included parents, prospective parents and Old Dalians. After the meeting snacks and drinks were served, and the function was enjoyed by all. Mr. Simpson also paid a visit to Mr. Kay, Headmaster of Robert Carruthers Primary School, from which all his Witbank Dalians had emanated. That visit was over a year ago and we in Witbank do feel that it is high time for another visit.

The enthusiasm of the Witbank parents is evident from the results to date of the various fund-raising efforts organised by the School. It is very difficult to sell Dale College in Witbank, as there are five high schools in the town. Each one is also engaged in its own fund-raising. But our parents press on, book-of-tickets-in-hand, urging some or other local to buy a ticket for a cause some 1100 km away.

The Witbankers are always evident at the school functions, nine out of 13 parents were present at the Reunion this year, the other four had only just returned from a vacation in the Cape, where they had visited the School as well. Attendance at the 1st XV rugby match against Springs High School was a full-house, and we even brought our own mascot to help the "Heron" on the touch-line.

Congratulations to Neil Turnbull on his selection for the Border Schools' squash team which toured Rhodesia for the S.A. inter-schools squash tournament held in Salisbury last month. Thank you, Witbankers, once again for helping to raise part of the sum required to send this team away.

We see some of the Old Dalians in the area from time to time, and we thank them for their efforts in keeping Dale alive in the Platteland. To mention one, Wyndham Brown is still bowling them out on the cricket field.

A few more "thank-yous". First, to the Headmaster and staff of Dale College, who so ably look after our sons some 1100 km away from home.

Second, to the masters and matrons of the hostels, who have to feed and nurse the little "dears".

Third, to the parents and friends in King William's Town, who give them a "home from home".

Fourth, to the favourable reports that the Witbank News has given Dale College.

We have but one big request, and that is, that we would appreciate another visit by the Headmaster or his deputy. Dave, please remember us next time.

If anyone wishes to become one of us in Witbank, please approach our Chairman, Stuart Turnbull, Secretary, Mrs. Sheila Ellwood, or our Treasurer, Bob Ellwood.

Transvaal Parents' Committee

The Committee of the Transvaal Parents Association of Dale College is:

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Mr. and Mrs. V.W. Harley, 37 Vygie Street, Benoni.

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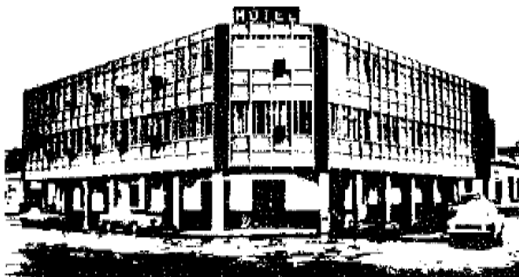
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