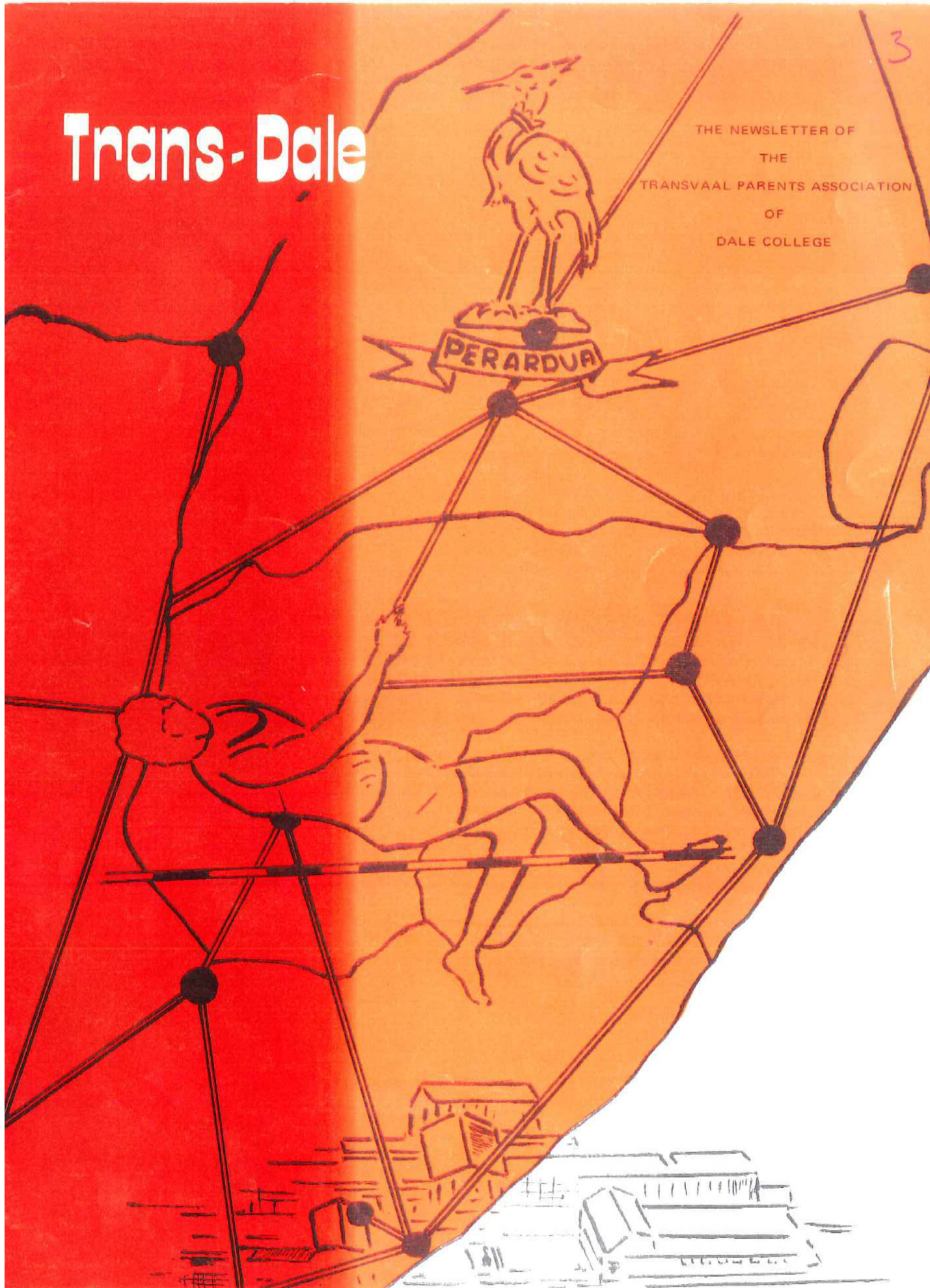


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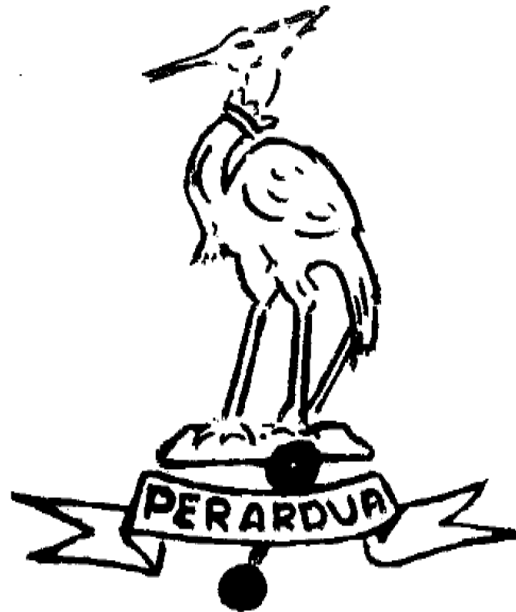


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COMMENT

Why send them away?

"Why do you send your sons to a boarding school and so far away?"

Many people have asked me this question. Is it, they ask, to get rid of them? Or to shift the responsibility of a parent on to the shoulders of a house warden or teacher? Or to shelve the problems of the children between the ages of 13 and 18?

These are embarrassing questions and can sow doubt in one's mind.

To be quite truthful we did not like sending our boys away and we had this feeling for at least a year. But we asked ourselves a vital question: "Is it in our sons' interests?"

We were right

And when we saw our sons coming back from school on holiday, healthy, grown up, fit and independent we were sure we had done the right thing.

One must never forget, not every boy is boarding school material. Parents have to watch this closely.

But in general:

- Where else do you make friends for life?
- Where else is studying done collectively?
- Where do you learn to understand people of your own age better than in a boarding school?
- Where else at an early, formative age, do you learn to take care of yourself so effectively?

I am convinced that an education at Dale College, with its tremendous tradition, must appeal to many boys and parents.

A basic education is the foundation of the rest of one's life. We have no regrets about what we decided six years ago.

HARRY VOERMAN

Harry Voerman's eldest son matriculated at Dale last year after six years as a boarder. His other son is now in his final year at the school.

We invite other parents of boys at Dale to write about the benefits of boarding school life. It could help others to take the bold step of sending their sons to Dale.

I'm flying high ... thanks to Dale



Old Dalian Rory Halse tells how Dale College helped and influenced him in choosing and preparing himself for his career — a pilot in the South African Air Force. He is the son of David Halse, Secretary of the Transvaal Parents Association Committee.

At the end of 1974 I matriculated at Dale College and am now training as a pilot in the South African Air Force.

I was fortunate to be chosen from a group of more than 600 applicants and am sure that the name "DALE" had a lot to do with this.

When I first arrived at Dale I was, as my parents say, "a crazy mixed up kid," going through the stage of rebelling against all discipline. Boarding school life helped me to sort myself out and my days at Joubert and Sutton Houses taught me a much better outlook on life. From the day I arrived at Dale I became a much more stable and independent person.

The unforgettable periods with Mr. T.V. Smit, the teacher psychologist, helped me to choose my career. Mr. Smit went to great lengths to obtain lectures about flying, which without his help would have been unobtainable for a young schoolboy with great dreams.

All of the staff who knew of my dreams of flying gave me encouragement. If my mathematics teacher was not too sure of my capabilities he never said so.

At school, I thought only of the exciting part of flying. I never thought of the many hours of study and hard work that would be involved. Fortunately, after the many hours of sitting in Dale classrooms and many hours of hard work, I was prepared for this. The discipline and fairly military outlook of Dale was of great value to me when I first joined the service. Without my Dale background, I do not think I would have been prepared for Air Force life. Dale makes men out of boys.

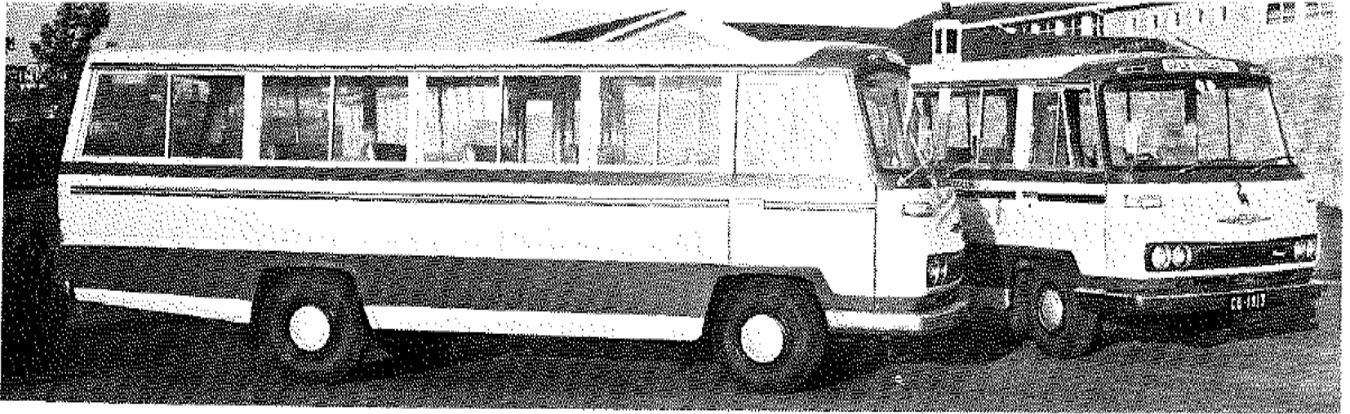
Trusting

Life among the boys and staff of Dale teaches one to live with many different types of personalities. Getting on with people and trusting them is very important in what I am doing at the moment. I could not imagine flying in a formation of aircraft without getting on and trusting the people on my left and right.

I am still young and feel extremely privileged to have flown Harvards and Impalas at my age. Not many young men get this opportunity in life.

With the background of Dale and its excellent name behind him, an old Dalian can apply for any occupation with confidence, knowing he has a better chance than the next man. The words on our badge, "Per Ardua ad Astra," are true and I can only say thank you Dale College and Mr. Rowles for all you have done for me.

You helped buy these...



Due to pressure of business Dave Turnbull has asked me, as vice-chairman, to act for him until the next annual general meeting of the Transvaal Parents' Association of Dale College.

Dave is still an active member of our committee and we wish to thank him very much for his hard work. Thanks, too, to Dave Halse, who has returned to act as secretary in place of Mrs. Harley, whose health has made it impossible for her to continue her work. We join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

The committee continues to meet every month. We have invited parents who live near by to attend our meetings and hope in this way to interest more parents in our activities and keep the association alive. Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of each month. Invite yourself by phoning me at 53-5028.

The Witbank Association continues to do very well and have recently sent a cheque for R310 to be forwarded to Dale. Well done!

We believe that parents in the Vaal Triangle should try to "do a Witbank." Would parents in this area please think about it and approach our committee. Anytime within the next seven days would be wonderful!

Transport

We have no progress in our efforts to obtain block-booking concessions with the Airways or Railways. Advice from any parent or friend of Dale with a close knowledge of the travel business would be most acceptable.

Development Fund Levy

Apart from the money raised in the Witbank area our income has slowed to almost a standstill.

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

DON'T FORGET OUR PLEDGE

Times are hard for all of us. Would motivation of some sort help? For example, perhaps donations to a competition to be drawn at an annual braaivleis for a bumper prize (to be donated). Think about this and let the annual general meeting know your feelings. All contributions are voluntary, but Transvaal parents made an undertaking to support the association at a general gathering 18 months ago.

The money we raise is used by the College to provide facilities for our boys which cannot be obtained from the provincial authorities.

Thank you for your past support. We look forward to your continued help in 1976.

TED CROSSEY

From Witbank to King...

Two Witbank parents give their impressions of their visits to King William's Town and Dale College.

Friday morning, October 24, started early for the four Witbank families who flew in for the prize-giving. We were met at the airport in East London ("Slum" to the boys!!) by the ever faithful Mr. Nixon and, after tea with Mr. Rowles and the staff, we were taken to our lodgings in King William's Town.

That night the big moment arrived; for some of us it was our first prize-giving. All went well for many a proud pupil and parent. Afterwards we adjourned to the Hallowed courtyard for tea and enjoyed viewing the boys' handiwork, which was on display.

On Saturday morning some of us made another early start to travel to Queenstown to support our lads playing cricket. The results were of mixed fortune, but the most important game (the 1sts) was carried off by Dale.

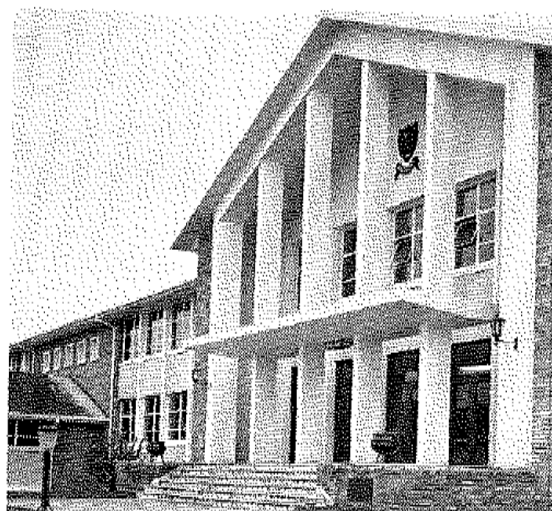
Saturday evening was spent dining out with the boys, with a film show to end the day.

On Sunday morning after final packing, the day was spent in East London, where after a braai lunch, the parents were challenged by the boys to a game of cricket. Needless to say the Old Boys thrashed the young ones. They won't live that down for many a year!

At last the end was in sight, and goodbyes were said. The Stapletons saw the boys back safe and sound and after our 2500km trip we arrived home in one piece.

I must thank the school for the transport that was laid on for us, and the Stapleton family for their hospitality.

E. KORRAS



A modern school amid old world elegance

On our first trip to King William's Town we could not help admiring the lovely scenery but were rather surprised by the humid heat experienced both while travelling and in the town itself. It seemed far hotter than on our recent visit to the North Coast of Natal! The wide streets, planned many years back for the oxcart wagons, gave the town an old world elegance not encountered often these days.

The cleanliness was impressive. Buildings, however old, seemed freshly painted. The grandeur of the English church must have taken the British soldiers many months of arduous toil, when it was built during the Kaffir Wars.

The purchase of our son's school requisites at a local shop was indeed a pleasure because the lady serving us happened to be an acquaintance of many years ago.

The School, seen the following day after a comfortable night, proved surprisingly modern. This pleased us as not only do we have a school with tremendous history and tradition, but also up-to-date classrooms and equipment to help the teachers to educate our children. The sportsfields were very well kept. Naturally, and we assume we are not unique in this, we departed from this lovely town sad at the thought of leaving our only son, who has left our home to start making his own way in life.

MRS. E. JACQUES

Dale through the eyes of a past pupil

After six years at Dale College, I want to write briefly about "the life of a Dalian".

1ST YEAR

Absolute bewilderment, at first, then desolation and finally submission. Slowly became accustomed to being a "newpot". Life became a new adventure. Met boys from all walks of life. The word "independence" took a new meaning. Home sweet Home.

2ND YEAR AND 3RD YEAR

Joined the exploration society; Paid many visits — to the Headmaster's office.

Learned the meaning of the word discipline!

Took part in many sports; learned how to climb (fences, balconies, fire-escapes), how to run (from trouble).

The hostel played a big part in my education.

4TH YEAR

Dreams about cruising through high school finally shattered.

Never knew the meaning of work until now.

Too late?? Read further . . .

5TH YEAR.

Time has passed, will you? This was the question. Year's programme; Sport, Sport, Sport . . . (did I hear myself whisper the word work?)

Too Late?? YES! (Stop Press: An attempt to burn down the Daily Dispatch News Office failed).

6TH YEAR.

Came to grips with myself; work, study, became part and parcel of my daily life.

Result: Enter into the world, one exhausted but happy Old Dalian.

Dale Parents Association Witbank

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 1976

The Chairman welcomed new parents to the meeting and reported that five Witbank parents had attended the College Prizegiving. This was a very successful weekend, made more memorable for our Chairman when he was presented with a Dale Centenary tie by the Headmaster.

We were disappointed to hear that the proposed visit by the Headmaster in March has been postponed, but were delighted with the news that Witbank would be included in the rugby tour itinerary with a match in June. We hope Johannesburg Dalian supporters will support the team in Witbank with the same enthusiasm shown by Witbank Dalians who travel to watch matches on the Reef. Plans are being made for a bumper visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bisby were astounded by the hospitality of Cape Town Dalians while on holiday there. They were taken on a tour of the Cape and entertained at the home of another Dalian and his parents. The gesture was much appreciated by them and made them very proud of being associated with the College.

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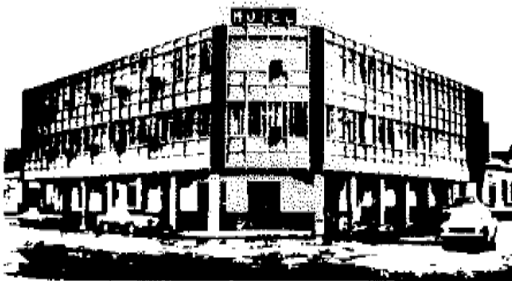
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