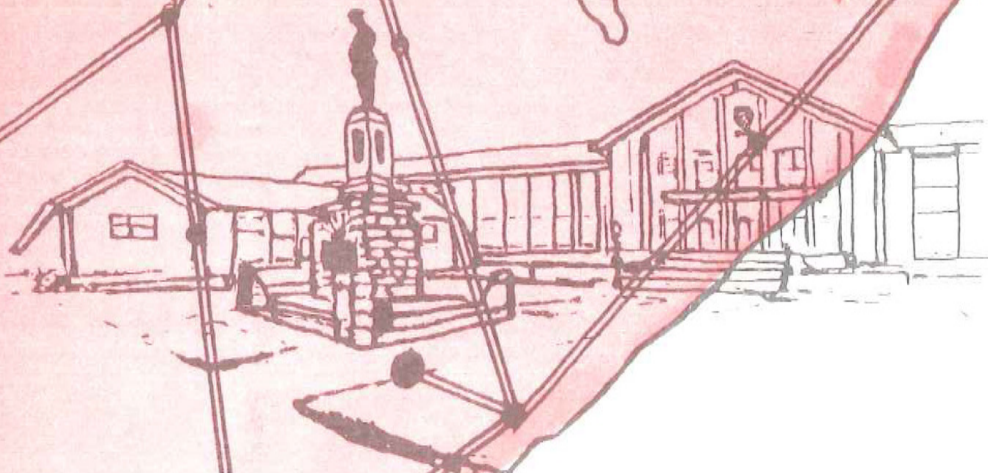
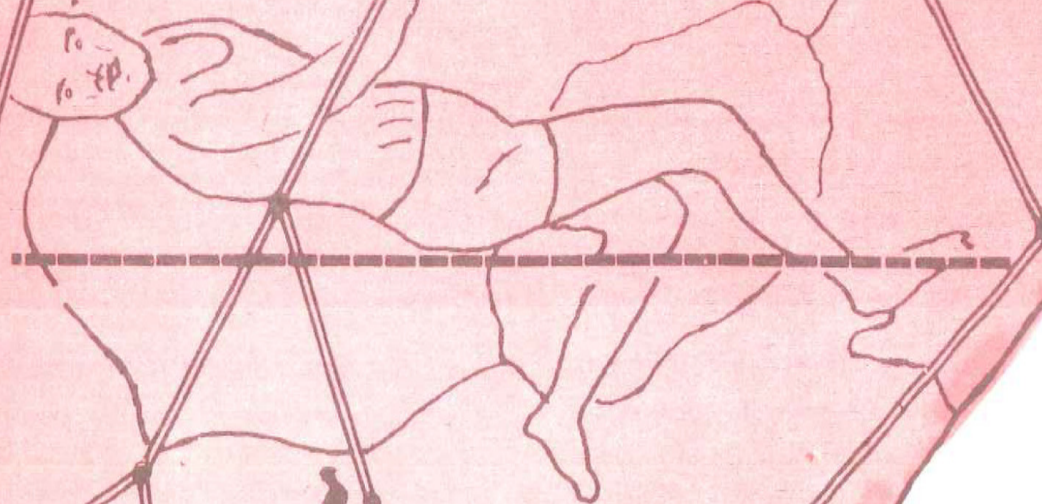


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Where to book those seats

SHEILA SIMPSON has taken over the running of rail block bookings for Transvaal Dalians from Barbara Naylor.

Mrs Simpson's address is 32 Louis Leipoldt Street, Farrarmere, Benoni 1500 (Phone 849-4193).

The cost of a return ticket between Johannesburg and King William's Town is R78 (R39 for boys under 12), plus a donation of R5 per family to cover the costs of the Dale masters' travel costs to and from Johannesburg. The deadline for bookings for the third term is June 5.

Mrs Simpson is being assisted by Mrs Priscilla Lowe.

Now at last ... we have a lift-off!

DALE is booming. The drive to expand the school is already taking effect.

In the first term of 1983 pupil numbers at Dale College have jumped by more than 50 to approach the 500 mark. Hostels and classrooms are bulging.

Dale Junior, which had a record number of pupils last year, has now taken over the Convent to house its exploding schoolboy population.

Paterson House, which had 95 boarders last year, started the term with 105 — overflowing into the sick room. Pressure has since been relieved by moving about 30 Dale Junior boarders to Sutton House, which now has an annex in the Convent. There are 83 boys at Paterson and room for ten more.

Joubert House is up from 82 boarders last year to 113. Diocesan is full with 68.

Headmaster Malcolm Andrew, still in his first year at the helm, is tremendously encouraged by the surge in numbers. He is aiming at a pupil level of more than 600 to give Dale an H-1 rating and entitle it to a wide range of benefits.

"There seems to be a spirit of enthusiasm among boys, Old Dalians, parents and the people of King," he said.

"Old Dalians are phoning me to ask, 'Please take my son at Dale'."

And, as a school attended in turn by grandfathers, fathers, sons and brothers, Dale is particularly keen to accept them.

The population explosion has been mainly in standards six seven and eight, where there are now 106, 102 and 111 pupils respectively. If this bulge spreads higher next year its effect on the total enrolment will be significant.

Trans-Dale asked Mr Andrew if the surge in numbers would overstrain classroom and teacher resources and impair Dale's proud reputation of a low pupil-teacher ratio.

He agreed that the ratio of 30 per class in standard six was too high, due to an overwhelming response of newcomers.

But he assured parents that the pressure would be relieved next year by additional teachers and by establishing four classes in standards six, seven and eight and probably standard nine. Every effort would be made to restrict class totals.

At the same time a determined drive is being made by teachers to improve academic standards at the school following disappointing matric results last year.

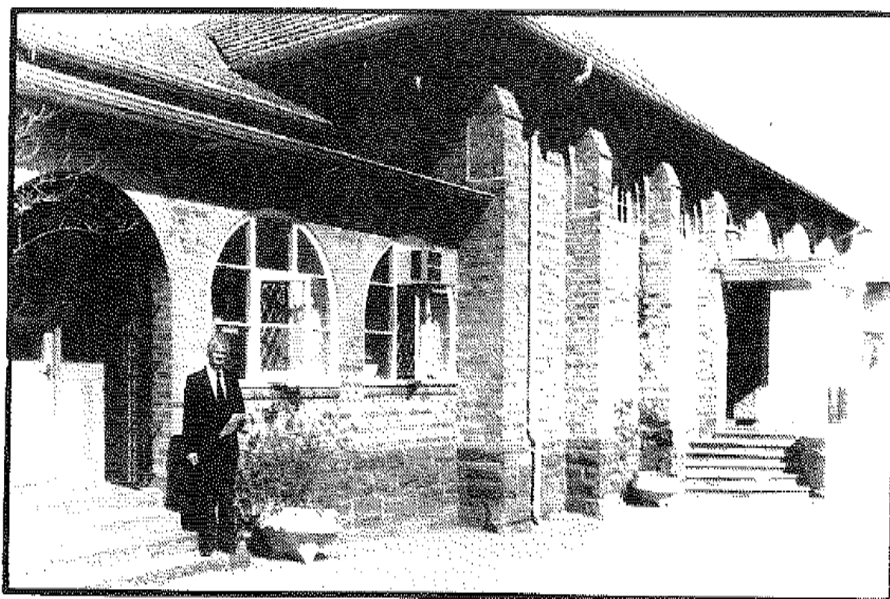
Headmaster Andrew is determined that Dale's academic record will not suffer and will in fact move forward with the school's expansion.

This is reassuring, for Dale must continue to turn out boys of quality, as well as in increasing numbers. The benefits of expansion are likely to be felt in the long term when many of those at Dale will have moved on.

With Dale Junior providing an increasing intake of standard six boys this is likely to have a snowballing effect in years to come. It is heartening that at its present rate of growth the cherished target of 630 boys may be within reach in three years.

Headmaster Roy Taylor stands proudly outside the historic redbrick Dale Junior building, built in 1907 as the new Dale College and now declared a national monument.

Picture: The Mercury



Junior is now chasing (and boosting) Big Brother

DALE JUNIOR — which turned 21 last year — is riding high and is swallowing up the old Convent next door.

At last, to cope with the school's growth, long-promised additions of buildings, grounds and extra staff are becoming a reality. Spirit among staff and boys is high.

Dale Junior's population explosion started before the present boom in the senior school.

While the fate of King William's Town was in the balance numbers fluctuated in 1981, but the restored confidence in the future of the town has brought a surge of new pupils.

One factor has been the steady inflow of government officials in the area since the Ciskei independence. Another has been the closure of Hill Crescent Primary School, which has brought about 30 boys to Dale Junior this year.

But a major factor has been the enthusiasm and drive of Headmaster Roy Taylor, backed by his deputy Dennis Schenk, vice-principal Dave Botha and their dedicated staff.

Dale Junior started 1982 with a record number of 397 boys but this grew during the year to 410, approaching that of Dale College, and this year the school has an enrolment of 445.

The growth in the number of boarders from throughout South Africa and its neighbouring states swelled Sutton House and 30 had to be housed at the senior hostel Paterson House.

The old school, built in 1907 and last year declared a national monument, was crammed. To relieve this, eight classrooms, including a music room and a room for remedial lessons and a costume room, were hired from the Convent next door. Later the library, for years housed in the tiny old attic, moved across to the more spacious Convent library.

Since then the Education Department has bought the Convent and Hill Crescent for use by Dale Junior and the Kaffrarian High School respectively.

Dale Junior is taking over the Convent hostel, the hall, all the classrooms, the swimming pool and two houses. The switch is expected to be officially effective from April.

At the beginning of 1983 nearly 30 junior boys were brought from an overcrowded Paterson House to Sutton House, which now has 100 boys. Sixty-five are being housed at Sutton itself — the original Dale College boarding house — and 35 more at the Convent hostel, which is being used as an annex.

Headmaster Roy Taylor says both boys and staff have started 1983 with new vigour and enthusiasm.

"Because of the extra staff and facilities there is a new spirit and a sense of expectation. New programmes are being developed to cater for the growth in the number of pupils.

"With the growth of the school so much more can be done for the boys."

This year for the first time there are three streams in standards three and five.

Last year 95 per cent of the standard fives went up to Dale College — a record number — and if the present trend continues Dale Junior's role as a feeder school for "Big Dale" will become even more important.

This year for the first time Dale Junior held a leadership weekend for its 17 councillors. The boys went to Morgan's Bay, near Kei Mouth, on an outing organised by Mike Hosty. The emphasis was on togetherness and teamwork and talks were given by Mr Taylor, Mr Schenk and Mr Botha.

During the first term of 1982 Mr Taylor went on long leave and Mr Schenk acted as headmaster with Mr Botha acting as vice-principal.

Mr Botha has since been nominated as a vice-principal and after nine years of service in Dale Junior hostels he has moved into his own home with Mrs Botha.

Says Mr Taylor: "His guidance, care and influence has meant much to the many boys who have passed through his hands."

Mr and Mrs Mike Hosty have succeeded the Bothas at Sutton House.

One of the outstanding features of Dale Junior is Dale Junior Digest, the annual school magazine, edited by deputy head Dennis Schenk.

It is an excellent production, notable for its many uninhibited contributions from the boys and extensive coverage of the school's wide ranging activities.

From chess to cricket, the choir, rugby, oratory and quizzes, music, hockey, athletics, swimming, tennis, drama, gymnastics, and outdoor excursions — you name it, there's plenty to do at Dale Junior. Nobody need feel bored.

All these are reflected in the Headmaster's report and elsewhere in the pages of the Digest, a first-class shopwindow for the school. If any parents need to be convinced why they should send their sons to Dale Junior here's the evidence.

The day Dale went on the air . . .

DALE COLLEGE, its traditions and father-and-son character came under the radio spotlight when veteran SABC broadcaster Dewar McCormack visited King William's Town.

"King" went on the air in his Sunday afternoon programme "Down Your Way" late last year.

McCormack spoke to Vice-Principal and rugby coach Len du Pisanie and to 1982 Headboy Mark Norton and junior prefect Stuart Sutton, now Headboy. Both boys are third generation Daliens.

Here are edited extracts from the broadcast.

McCormack: Sir Langham Dale, a former Superintendent of Education in the Cape, couldn't have had a better monument to his name than the famous Dale College in King.

Founded in 1861, and a school full of tradition, it embraces a junior and a senior school for boys, and has a whole string of Daliens who have distinguished themselves.

On the field of battle there have been three Victoria Cross winners and more recently the South African Honoris Crux.

More recently still, another old Dalian, Captain Lindley Middleton, RN, in command of HMS Hermes in the Falkland Islands action, has been awarded the DSO, promoted to rear admiral and will hold the post of Assistant Chief of Naval Staff Operations from next April.

And on the field of sport, Dale College has any number who have represented South Africa. And just as one little sideline, in 1928, Bob Byron at the age of 17, became the youngest South African ever to make a century against an international touring team when he made 101 for combined schools against the MCC in Grahamstown.

It's this tradition that strikes you when you first enter the senior school, when you walk along corridors lined with photographs and you pass the rolls of honour of World War I and World War II.

In the Cultural Activities Room I asked one of the vice-principals, Mr Leonard Du Pisanie, what he saw as the place of tradition in school life:

Du Pisanie (after referring to Tofler's book "Future Shock"): One of the major problems with the modern generation is that they don't really know where they stand. Too many choices to make; too many options open; too much permissiveness.

In a school like Dale we give them a position. When they arrive they are shown photographs of ex-headmasters and teams that have played for Dale previously, they are told about the academics and they know exactly where they stand and what is expected of them. I think this is important.

McCormack: What about your own acquaintance with tradition?

Du Pisanie: Well I consider myself singularly fortunate. I matriculated at Maritzburg College, a very traditional school only a year or two younger than Dale College at 121.

Then I taught at Queen's College, an equally traditional school which celebrates its 125th anniversary next year. Now

I find myself very happily established at Dale College, and the adjustment has been absolutely minimal.

McCormack: Now here's one of the junior prefects, Stuart Sutton. What does tradition mean to you?

Sutton: Well, especially at Dale, tradition means quite a lot to me, because I'm linked to it through my ancestors. My great-grandfather was "Bob" Sutton who was headmaster here from 1890, and he was succeeded by my grandfather, "Tanner" Sutton, and that went on until 1937. My father became "Tickey" Sutton, so did my brother and I ended up as "Tickey" Sutton as well at Dale.

McCormack: From Bob, to Tanner, that's one shilling down to sixpence and now down to a Tickey! So you're steeped in tradition in that case.

Sutton: Yes, I'm quite concerned about Dale's traditions, and I always like to see us on top.

McCormack: Now, turning to the Headboy, Mark Norton; Mark, what do you think distinguishes Dale?

Norton: Oh well, definitely it's tradition within South Africa and especially its Old Dalian Union.

The Old Daliens are very powerful throughout the country and, for myself, my father is an Old Dalian and my grandfather is an Old Dalian.

McCormack: I'm looking straight at some Springbok blazers there. You can probably tell me Mark, whose Springbok blazers are those, they must be old boys.

Norton: Yes, Old Daliens. That's C B Jennings's, and I think one of them is H O de Villiers's.

McCormack: Oh there's his photograph. H O and the other one?

Norton: Michael Jennings, C B Jennings's son.

McCormack: So this is very much a father-and-son sort of school isn't it? Mr Du Pisanie?

Du Pisanie: Yes, most definitely. Mr C B Jennings was very, very proud when his son Michael became a Springbok rugby player in the mould of the old man.

McCormack: What about sport as far as you are concerned, Mark?

Norton: Oh well, I play for the first team, rugby and waterpolo, and I swim for the first team.

McCormack: Now which of the schools would you really like to trounce at rugby?

Norton: Queen's.

McCormack: Are you the big rivals? Queen's and Dale.

Norton: Yes. Well we're playing them this weekend at Reunion. They gave us a bit of a hiding in Queenstown, but we'll see what we can do this weekend.

McCormack (to Stuart Sutton): Are you putting your money on any of the sides?

Sutton: Definitely Dale!

The Dale part of the programme was concluded by the singing of the School Song by the Dale Junior Choir.

From the Transvaal . . . to the Falklands . . . then the Palace

LINLEY MIDDLETON, a Transvaal Dalian back in the forties, sailed into fame as commander of the British carrier Hermes in the South Atlantic during the Falklands War.

In December he went to Buckingham Palace to receive the DSO from the Queen and he has since been promoted to rear admiral and been made an aide-de-camp to the Queen.

Rear Admiral Middleton, 53, was born in East London and matriculated at Dale in 1946. He joined the Navy as a cadet

and later received his wings in the South African Air Force.

He settled in Britain in 1952, joined the Royal Navy and became Fleet Air Arm pilot, serving in the 1956 Suez campaign.

Lindley's brother Jack, also an Old Dalian, lives in Bryanston. Their father, Trevor Middleton, was chairman of the Old Dalian Union's Johannesburg branch before the outbreak of the Second World War.

Transvaal, here we come!

Dale first rugby team to tackle top Jo'burg schools

Picture:
The
Mercury.

DALE's first rugby team will visit the Transvaal in the June-July holidays to play top Johannesburg schools. And the tour will coincide with the Transvaal Old Dalian Union's biennial golf tournament.

A strong contingent of camp followers is expected from King William's Town, led by the Headmaster, Malcolm Andrew, and the President of the ODU, Jack Rosenberg.

The touring party will get a rousing reception from Transvaal Daliens, parents and Old Daliens. Details of functions being arranged will be announced later.

The team will play four matches — against St Stithian's on Saturday, June 25, Sandringham High on Monday the 27th, King Edward's on Thursday the 29th and Jeppe High on Saturday, July 2.

During this week the Transvaal Dale Parents Association will hold its annual general meeting at 5.30 pm on Tuesday, June 28, in the Boardroom of the French Bank, 4 Ferreira Street, Marshalltown, Johannesburg, and a party after the final match (July 2). This will be held at the home of Drew and Inez Turner at 4 Lemur Street, Kensington (Phone 615-2490), which is near the Jeppe High School. Those attending are asked to bring their own refreshments.

The Old Dalian golf tournament will take place the following afternoon at Glendower Club, Bedfordview. Players may book times (between 12 noon and 1.24pm) for a better ball stableford competition (any combination) with Joe Sutton (Phone 53-4927 in the evenings).

During the Easter holidays Dale is sending a team of 21 players to a coaching clinic at Stellenbosch with 13 other top rugby schools. Dale is the only Border school represented at the clinic, where the boys are being coached by Danie Craven and Dawie Snyman.

Under its coach Len du Pisanie, the Dale rugby team enters the 1983 season with confidence.

At least five regular players from last year's team — Billy Barrow (flank) Ashley Weyer (eighth man), Craig Coyle-Maybery (front row), Andrew Pennacchini (front row) and Brian Trollip (wing) — with David Lawson (flyhalf), who played for the whole of the second half, are back at Dale this year. They provide a nucleus for a strong team, with three others who played for firsts on occasion last season.

Coyle-Maybery has been chosen as captain and Lawson as vice-captain.

The forwards, who include 1982 top scorers Weyer and Coyle-Maybery are likely to be as dominant as they were last season, when they were mastered in only one game. Hopefully up-and-coming young players will provide matching talent in the backline, whose form was inconsistent last season.

For some players, including Coyle-Maybery, Weyer, Barrow and Brendon Thomson, it could be their second Transvaal tour. They were in the Under 15 team that toured the Johannesburg area in 1980, led by Mark Norton, last year's vice-captain and headboy, and all have since played for Dale firsts.

Len du Pisanie is to be congratulated on the success of the



DALE SCORES! Fullback Tots Hayes goes over for a try against Hangklip last year. Dale won 18-10.

1982 Dale first team, who started the season as inexperienced "no-hopers" and confounded all expectations, with patches of brilliance. But for some expensive missed opportunities it would have been a remarkably successful season.

Few who attended the 1982 Reunion will forget the electrifying match against Queen's College in which the visitors snatched victory in the final minute after Dale were 22-19 up.

To come close to beating the mighty Queen's side was a signal achievement for the spirited Dale side and their coach.

Among the prizes again

TRANSVAAL Daliens were again among the winners at the 1982 Dale College prize-giving.

Bradley Worth of Mondeor won three awards — a trophy for the best all-round scholar and sportsman in Standards VI to IX, a prize for the best performance by a junior cricketer and a prize for diligence in Std VII.

Stuart Sutton of Edenvale won four awards. These were a prize for oratory, debating and dramatics, one for the best speaker in Afrikaans, another for being fifth in Std IX and an award for the leading drummer in the cadet band.

Bruce Vorster of Fochville won a prize for being fourth in Std IX and Glen Gillanders of Randburg a prize for achievement in industrial arts in Std IX.

Pierre Rouessart of Mondeor won a prize for the best bowling performance in inter-school cricket.

Gerald Boden of Alberton won a prize for the leading bugler, the librarian's prize and a trophy for practical service. A prize for diligence in Std VIII went to Gary Fisher.

And note this date: July 3 is Old Dalian Golf Day!

THE TRANSVAAL TAKES ANDY TO HEA



Malcolm and Pam Andrew, with Dummy Taylor, Jack Rosenberg, Mike Russell and chairman Serf and Michele Serfontein

THE NEW Headmaster of Dale College, Malcolm Andrew, received a warm welcome when he visited the Transvaal last September — and he made a remarkable impact on parents and Old Dalians.

"Andy" — as he quickly became known, is a down-to-earth, straight-forward man who knows what he wants for Dale and is determined to get it.

With him on his first Transvaal trip as head came his wife Pam, the Headmaster of Dale Junior, Roy Taylor, the President of the Old Dalian Union, Jack Rosenberg, his predecessor, Mike Russell, and the Old Dalian PRO, Dummy Taylor.

On Friday, September 10, the Headmaster and his party attended a stag dinner organised by the Transvaal ODU branch (chairman Peter Terbrugge) at the Wanderers' Club, Johannesburg.

Both heads spelt out their plans and policies. Mr Andrew renewed his appeal made at the Reunion dinner in August for half a million rands to develop Dale and put it in the forefront of South African schools as an H-1 school.

Mr Taylor told how his school was

Dale is forging ahead, say headmasters

expanding rapidly to provide an even greater source for future growth of the senior school.

Guest speaker at the dinner was another Andy, Old Dalian Grenville Andrews, head of the Wits Business School. He appealed to young Old Dalians to take their chances in a world where opportunities abounded for young men of enterprise, energy and spirit.

At the end of a high-spirited evening attended by about 80 people — including a party of Transvaal Dale fathers — Dummy Taylor presented awards to several ODU past-presidents. Sons and relatives received awards on behalf of past presidents who had died.

On the Saturday afternoon Mr Andrew

attended the AGM of the Transvaal Dale Parents Association and interviewed parents privately afterwards (see next page).

Mr Taylor, who met parents and prospective parents earlier, had to return unexpectedly to King William's Town as boys from Dale Junior had been involved in a road accident.

That evening Mr and Mrs Andrew, Mr Rosenberg, Mr Dummy Taylor and Mr Russell attended a lively get-together of parents at the home of Joe and Buntie Sutton in Dunvegan, Edenvale.

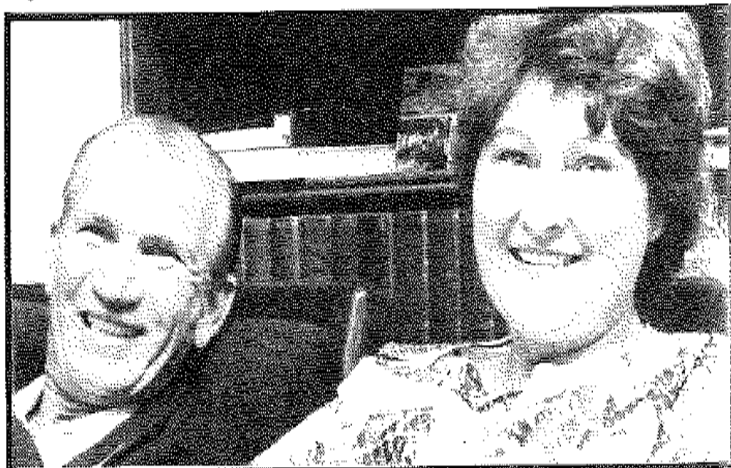
About 40 people, including some of those redoubtable stalwarts now known as "old parents" (parents of past Dalians) were present.

Presentations were made to the retiring chairman, Alan Naylor, for his services to the association, and to his wife Barbara, for her work as organiser of the train block booking for two years.

Parents found Andy and Pam Andrew a friendly and relaxed couple who had quickly settled down to their new role in King William's Town. We can rest assured that Dale is in good and firm hands.



Parents Brian and Dot Ford from Kempton Park



Parents Drew and Inez Turner from Kensington, Johannesburg

RT: PARENTS WELCOME KING VISITORS



Retiring chairman Alan Naylor with his 1982 committee and his wife Barbara (extreme left). * For other names see below.

What I like about Daliens — by Malcolm Andrew

SINCE taking over as Headmaster of Dale College, Malcolm Andrew has been struck by the "incredible" pride Daliens have in their school and by their neatness, politeness and good manners.

He gave his impressions when he visited Johannesburg during his first term at Dale and addressed the annual general meeting of the Transvaal Dale Parents Association on September 11.

Mr Andrew said that in his opinion there was no school in the Cape to compare with Dale.

"Its sporting record is outstanding and the relationship between teachers and pupils is excellent. The potential offered by Dale is mind-boggling."

About 60 Dale parents and prospective parents attended the AGM in the boardroom of the French Bank, Ferreira Street, Marshalltown, Johannesburg.

Mr Andrew said he had attended the Old Dalian Union dinner the previous evening and was impressed by the number of supporters present and the fanatical loyalty of Old Daliens. He and his wife Pam had been warmly welcomed in King.

He said he was looking urgently for the best accountancy teacher available and a maths teacher. He wanted young and dynamic teachers at Dale and was prepared to build staff houses to attract them.

The Headmaster told of three major improvements:

- Staff development — a weekly programme to help the staff to teach better and improve themselves.

- Pupil leadership — there was much potential in this field. He wanted to show pupils how leadership could be developed.

- Pastoral care. He wanted to develop this concept, to look at the boys as individuals and assist them as they grew into men.

Mr Andrew said he had taken strict action to prevent bullying and had come down hard on initiation. Fagging was acceptable, but not painful initiation.

Discussing his ideas for the future, the Headmaster said he was not happy with the practical course, and would like to drop Xhosa and substitute business economics.

He wanted better teaching facilities and teaching equipment, including computers, photostat machines and TV instruction facilities. This would cost about half a million rand and certain financial consultants had told him they could raise this.

In meeting prospective parents he had found that Dale had been recommended to them by present and past parents.

* Left to right: Barbara Naylor, Sheilagh Pringle, Cookie Rouessart, Alan Naylor, Gill Hawkes, with Mossie Hawkes and Serf Serfontein above, Buntz and Joe Sutton, Avril and George Thompson and Michele Serfontein.



'OLD' PARENTS: Mossie and Gill Hawkes, Ron and Audrey Begg, Harry Voerman, Marina Hall and Pam and Doug Gordon.

The AGM (continued)

He wanted boys prepared to become involved in Dale and to give of their best. Anyone who had financial difficulties in sending their boys to Dale should phone him. He would help where possible with bursaries.

Mr Andrew encouraged parents to attend Dale touring rugby games in the Transvaal and to bring their friends and show them what Dale was about.

John de Klerk proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Andrew, who then thanked the chairman, Alan Naylor, for all he had done for the school and presented him with a Centenary tie.

Mr Naylor presented Mr Andrew with a cheque for R1 000 for Dale College from Transvaal parents.

Mr Andrew thanked parents and said that he would use the money in the best possible way. (It has since been spent on surfacing the pitches at the cricket nets).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Mr Naylor reported on successful fund-raising by the association. Clocks had been sold and a competition had brought in R180. He thanked Mossie Hawkes and his company, TW Beckett, for donating the prizes for the competition.

Cards were now on sale with the Dale badges in two separate settings at 30c each. Mr Naylor thanked Mr Hawkes, who initiated this project, Garth Philpott, who did the design, and Lylle Lamont, who printed the cards.

Parents had assisted the ODU during the visit of the Dale Junior Choir, especially with accommodation and venues.

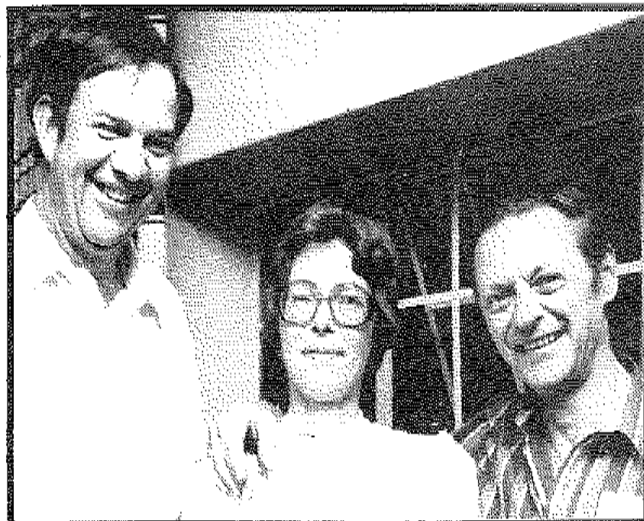
The question of bursaries and travel from Blaney to King William's Town had been discussed with the school.

During the year there had been nine committee meetings, a Christmas party at the Suttons and a party for new parents at the Serfonteins. Many Transvaal parents had attended the Reunion in August.

Mr Naylor said he was standing down as chairman with a heavy heart as he had thoroughly enjoyed his involvement with Dale. But a chairman was not the committee, he said.

He thanked his committee for their support and assistance, especially Serf Serfontein as vice-chairman, Michele Serfontein as secretary, Ailsa de Klerk as treasurer, Mossie Hawkes for donations and fund-raising, and Joe Sutton as editor.

He gave special thanks to his office secretary, Jackie, for her hard work and presented her and Michele with gifts. Mrs



The new chairman, Serf Serfontein, with the retiring chairman, Alan Naylor, and his wife Barbara.

Serfontein presented Jackie with a gift from the association for her efforts in Dale's interests.

The treasurer's report was presented and two amendments to the constitution were approved, affecting the annual general meeting and the continued membership of parents after their sons' matriculation.

A new committee was elected with Mr M W (Serf) Serfontein as chairman. Mr Serfontein thanked parents and the committee for their nomination and for the confidence shown in him.

Mrs Naylor was thanked for her hard work as train block booking organiser and Mr Naylor told the meeting Mrs Sheila Simpson had volunteered to take over.

Buy these cards and help Dale

HAVE you ordered your Dale letter cards yet?

Two designs of cards with Dale crests are available from Michele Serfontein, secretary, Transvaal Dale Parents association, 108 Honiball Street, Rynfield, Benoni 1500 (Phone 849-1909). The price: 30c each — in aid of Dale funds.

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The Best Place In Town

● DALE COLLEGE'S longest-serving teacher, Walter Schnell, died in Vereeniging on October 25, 1982, aged 77. He taught at Dale for 44 years and was vice-principal for 14 years.

A number of Old Dalians attended the funeral service at Vereeniging on October 28. Joe Sutton made this tribute:

Walter Schnell: Teacher and friend

WALTER SCHNELL holds a special place in the hearts of Old Dalians. For he was no ordinary teacher. He was one of a devoted band of stalwarts who gave the best years of their lives to their school — OUR school.

He was — among other things — our biology teacher. The man who taught us about the birds and the bees. He was also our rugby coach — after representing both Eastern Province and Border at the game.

For many years he WAS the Old Dalian Union — as its secretary and later its national president. He was many things to us and to Dale.

But, above all, he was our friend — a kindly, approachable man, who earned the love and affection of generations of Old Dalians. A big man in more ways than one.

Walter Schnell went to school at Dale and after graduating at Rhodes he returned to teach at his old school.

And there he stayed for more than 40 years — serving under four headmasters until he retired as vice-principal.

A real-life Mr Chips, one might say, whom old boys visited at his home long after he and they had left the school.

Now, one by one, those loyal old stalwart teachers of pre-war Dale College are leaving us... But they have left us a treasure chest of memories and a heritage that lives on in the great school we love.

For Walter Schnell and his colleagues — with their dedication to the ideals and traditions of Dale College — embody the



OLD AND YOUNG: Walter Schnell, pictured in 1979 for the Dale brochure with young Dalian Barry Long. Barry is now in Std X and a prefect.

very spirit of Dale. Their lessons went beyond the classroom. They taught us lessons in life. And their example is still followed at the school today.

Through all these years, Walter's wife Nita stood behind him. Particularly in the last years, when he was almost an invalid, she nursed and cared for him.

To her and her family, in their hour of sadness, we can only say: We are proud to have known Walter Schnell. Your grief is shared today — not just by those of us present here — but by thousands all over this country and abroad.

● Old Dalians at the funeral included: Johnny Terbrugge, Gordon McEwan, Louis McEwan, Ewen Turnbull, Bob Keen, Alf Barlow, Basil Elliott, Bob Lindstrom, Kuno Schnell (Walter's elder brother), Bob Clur.

OWEN WILLIAMS

OLD DALIAN Owen Williams did not need to do national service. He was a British immigrant, but he felt it was right to volunteer.

He also did not need to go back to the border after he recovered from a broken leg sustained in a shooting accident last October.

The injury qualified him for light duty, but Owen insisted on returning to his unit, where he was a section leader. Two weeks later he was killed in an explosives accident in March. He was 21.

Lance-Corporal Williams, son of Mr and Mrs John Williams of Springs, was a boarder at Dale for four years and matriculated in 1979. He was an all-round sportsman and played softball for Border and Eastern Transvaal.

He joined the army in July 1981 after working at an accounting firm for a year. He would have completed his military training in June.

His funeral service at the Anglican Church, First Avenue, Springs, with military honours, was attended by the chairman of the Transvaal Dale Parents Association, Theuns Serfontein, vice-chairman Joe Sutton, former chairman Alan Naylor, and the chairman of the Transvaal Old Dalian Union, Peter Terbrugge. A memorial service was held at Dale College where tributes were paid to his courage.

We extend our sympathy to Owen's parents, his brothers Nigel, 25, and Gareth, 7, and his sister Sian, 19.

RONALD KRAUSS

RONALD KRAUSS, who matriculated at Dale in 1978, was killed in a motor accident near Harrismith on November 20, 1982. He was 21.

He was the elder son of Mr Werner Krauss, now of Sedgfield, near Knysna, and Mrs Vicky Krauss of Edenvale.

Ronald was a boarder for four years at Diocesan Hostel and a prefect in his final year. He did two years' national service, including border duty, and afterwards joined his father's engineering business, System Techniques, in Wadeville, Germiston.

Last February he became manager of Qua Qua Metal Industries, his father's company in Witsieshoek, and on his 21st birthday he was made a shareholder.

A promising future lay ahead for him. But after working late in the factory on a Saturday evening, he was involved in a head-on collision on his way home to Harrismith.

Ronald was much loved and respected by his workers. A busload came from Witsieshoek to attend his funeral service at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Elma Park, Edenvale, and sang at the graveside.

Joe Sutton represented the parents association at the service, which was also attended by two of Ronald's Old Dalian friends, Alan Cawood and Alan Sutton.

Ronald was a fine young man cut down in the prime of his life. We extend our sympathy to his parents and his younger brother, Neville, 18.

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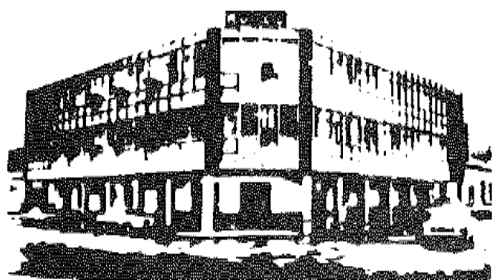
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