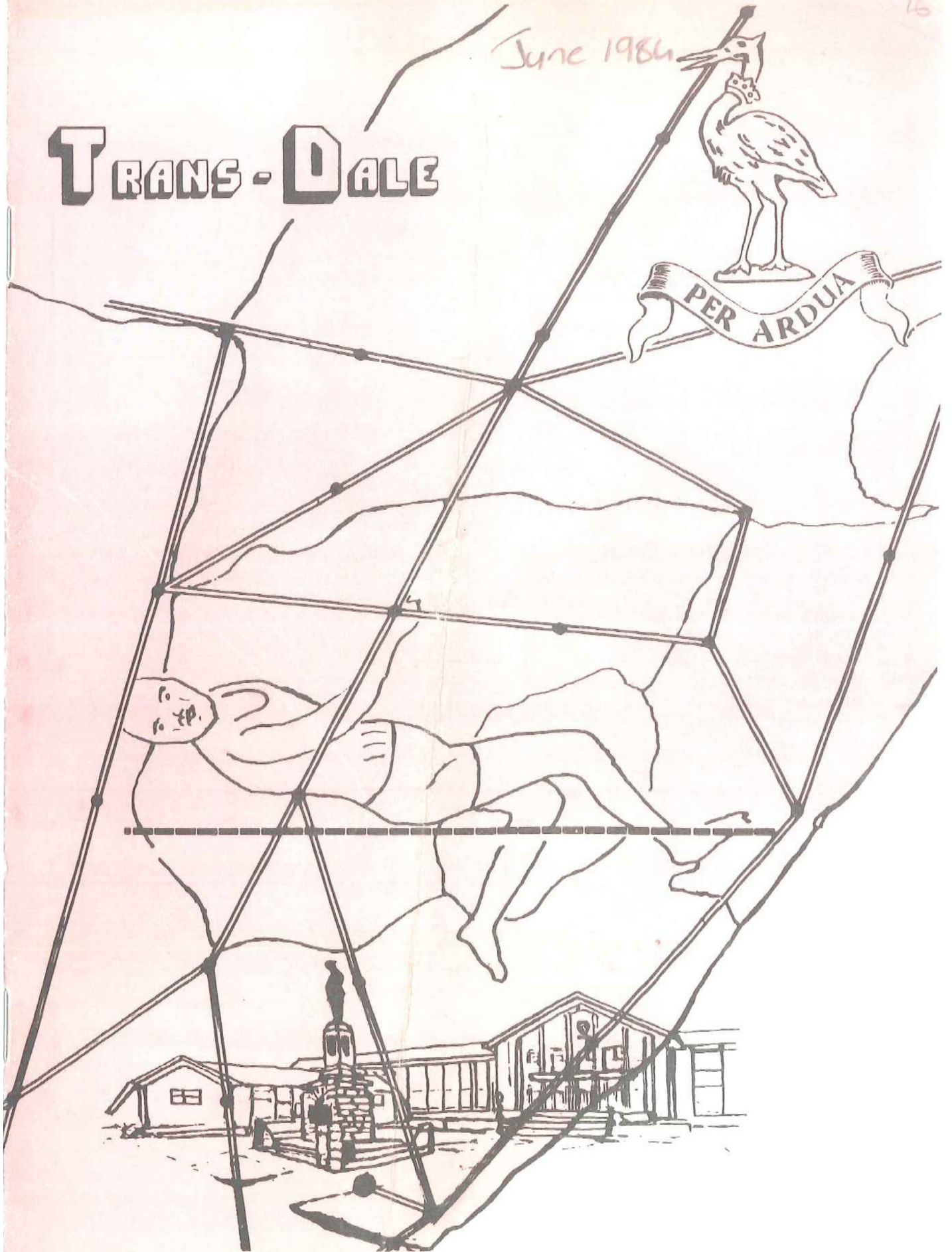


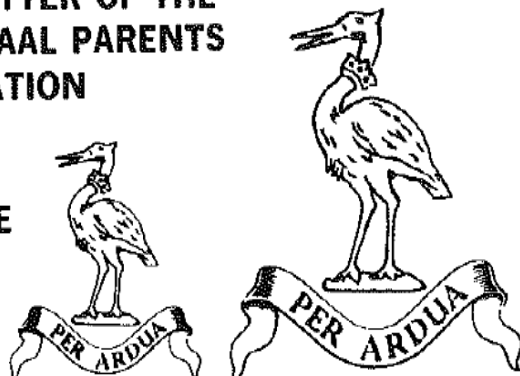
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When your son leaves Dale . . .

For those parents who make the trip to King the prizegiving weekend is a rewarding experience.

For those who stay to see their matriculating sons formally take leave of Dale, the valedictory service is an emotional and unforgettable occasion. Dale College believes in giving its sons a good send-off, something they will remember for the rest of their lives.

The Friday night prizegiving alone is worth the trip if your boy is among the winners and especially if it is his last. For those leaving to face the world beyond the classroom there are wise words of counsel and encouragement — last year they came from the former Rhodesian Premier, Ian Smith.

The following evening it is the Old Dalian Union's turn to welcome the leaving boys to "the club" — and to give the lads a large helping of good-natured ribbing in the process.

The valedictory service is a fitting climax. There are appropriate hymns, prayers and a farewell address by the Headmaster. In a moving ceremony the year's Headboy and prefects hand over their duties to a new band of Dale leaders.

The old prefects leave the stage, the new ones are announced and take their place at the front of the hall. After the reading of the Prefects' Charge the new Headboy and Deputy Head are announced and the Prefects' Book is handed over.

The new Headboy reads the Pledge on behalf of his prefects, who then sign the book.

The old Headboy addresses the school. It seems like only yesterday, he observes, that he was standing on this stage with his final year ahead. His successor responds, thanking the staff and the school for the honour bestowed on him.

From the matrics comes the stirring, unforgettable War Cry, followed by the College Song.

One class at a time, the matrics file out with their master for the last time. They seem to take it all in their stride, but there are moist eyes among their parents watching from the gallery. For them as well as their sons it is an end of an era.

— JS.

Errol Hort — he gave his life to Dale . . .



THE death of Errol Hort is a grievous loss for Dale College. Few teachers have worked harder for the school — in and outside the classroom — and with such dedication.

Errol, 45, collapsed and died in the classroom in the first period of school on March 28. It was a crushing blow to the school he loved and served for 22 years.

Born in King William's Town, he matriculated at Dale and taught at Dale Junior for eight years. Then, after returning to Rhodes University for further study, he moved to the senior school in 1970.

Ebullient Errol endeared himself to his pupils — as English master and particularly as the driving force and inspiration behind productions by the Dale Players. Drama was his great love.

There were countless other little things that Errol did for the school — things that most people never knew about. He cared a great deal for the appearance of his school and made sure everything would be spick-and-span for big occasions such as Reunion. It was he who first put a table (his own) in the entrance foyer where visitors would be welcomed.

Errol lived for Dale and gave his life for it. Friends say he would probably have stayed there until his retirement.

Parents, Old Dalians and former colleagues in many parts of South Africa will remember Errol Hort with respect and affection. At Dale he will be deeply mourned and missed — and desperately difficult to replace.

A Reunion switch

WE are glad to learn that the annual Old Dalian Reunion is to return to its traditional place in May, although for practical reasons the change cannot be made till 1987.

The Reunion has become almost as big an event for parents as it is for Old Dalians and the switch back from August seems to be in the interests of all parties. Pressure for the move came first from the Old Dalian Union, but it should benefit boys, staff and parents as well.

In recent years the third term has become rather overcrowded, putting severe pressure on the staff and senior boys approaching their matric exams.

Preparations for the Reunion activities have become intense and affected academic work. Study for the preliminary exams at the end of the third term has got off to a late start.

There is another factor which affects parents wishing to attend the Reunion in August and the prizegiving, followed by the valedictory service, in October. Some parents have found it impossible to get away on both weekends because they follow too closely in succession. A pity because each is well worth a visit to King — and sons appreciate these visits.

With the move back to the second term the year's activities will be more evenly spread.

Because of the difficulty of switching rugby fixtures planned years in advance and because of the 1985-86 Dale 125th anniversary celebrations the switch-over cannot be made till 1987.

Next year's Reunion, still scheduled for August, will mark the start of the celebrations. It looks like an occasion not to be missed and parents could well start planning for it now.

They're heading here this month



MALCOM ANDREW



ROY TAYLOR

THE HEADMASTERS of Dale College and Dale Junior will meet Transvaal parents and prospective parents when they visit Johannesburg this month.

Malcom Andrew, head of the senior school, will attend the annual general meeting of the Transvaal Dale Parents Association at 2pm on Saturday June 23 at Trinity Presbyterian Church hall, St David Road, Elma Park, Edenvale. The new committee for 1984-85 will be elected at this meeting.

Mr Andrew will address the meeting and interview parents afterwards. He will meet prospective parents in the morning at the same church hall. Those wishing to see the headmaster may phone Michele Serfontein at 849-1909 (afternoons and evenings).

In the evening he will attend a party of parents and Old Dalians at the home of Drew and Inez Turner, 3 Lemur Street, Kensington, Johannesburg.

Roy Taylor, head of Dale Junior, will visit Johannesburg the previous week. He will meet parents and prospective parents from 2pm on Friday June 15 at the home of Charles and Sheila Simpson, 32 Louis Leipoldt Road, Farrarmere, Benoni (Phone 849-4193).

Dine and dance — in red and black!

PARENTS... you're welcome at the Old Dalian annual dinner to be held at the Old Edwardian Club, Lower Houghton, Johannesburg, on the night of June 22.

The time: 7pm for 7.30pm.

It will be a dinner with a difference. Instead of the conventional dinner this will be a red-and-black party with dancing. The normal refreshments and meal will be served.

But if you wish to attend you must wear clothing that is either red, black or a combination of red and black.

The cover charge: R36 a couple or R20 single.

The Headmaster of Dale College, Malcom Andrew, will be there as well as the National President of the Old Dalian Union, Denis Bouchier.

The Transvaal Old Dalian Union has a new and enthusiastic leadership. Two young Old Dalians, Dave Ellwood, originally from Witbank, and Kim Copeland, from Vereeniging, who now both live in Sandton (Phone 442-9400) have taken over and are working hard to revitalise the branch.

Already successful cabaret evenings have been held,

drawing strong support, particularly from younger Old Dalians. These evenings have also helped to build up the branch's flagging funds and provided the means to stage other functions.

But Dave's and Kim's aim at this stage is not fund-raising. They want first to get Old Dalians together to enjoy themselves and meet old friends and in this way to renew their interest in their old school.

Dave and Kim attended the May meeting of the Transvaal Parents Association and explained what they are trying to achieve among Transvaal Old Dalians. Parents were noticeably impressed by their enthusiasm and quiet determination. They are both products of Dale in the Seventies, when the Transvaal parents association was launched and developed into the strong organisation it is today.

Dave and Kim are doing a great job and deserve our support. Although the red-and-black dinner will take place on the night before the association's annual general meeting, it is hoped that a strong parents' party will attend.

Try this attractive package bus tour

FANCY a cut-price weekend in King for the 1984 Reunion? The Transvaal Old Dalian Union has arranged a bus trip for Old Dalians and parents over the weekend August 17 to 19. The cost: R185 a person for this attractive package:

- Return trip from Johannesburg leaving Thursday evening 6pm, August 16.

- Food and beverages on the bus both ways.

- Accommodation at the Amatola Sun for Friday and Saturday, checking out on Sunday morning after the memorial service.

- Car hire from arrival time in King till departure. Cars will be shared by four people. Those wishing to take a car for themselves will pay an extra R43 (approx) for the entire weekend. The car hire will include insurance.

This sounds like a weekend of excellent fun and a chance to meet old friends.

It will be no stag trip. Old Dalians have been told that wives and girl friends are welcome — and that of course includes parents.

If you are interested please phone Dave Ellwood or Kim

Copeland at 442-9400 or write to them at PO Box 786381, Sandton 2146.

Only 40 seats are available on the bus and bookings will require a R75 deposit. They will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thank you, Witbankers!

COMMITTEE members of the Transvaal Dale Parents Association visited Witbank on November 13 for a "bring and braai" at the home of Clive and Jenny Atkinson.

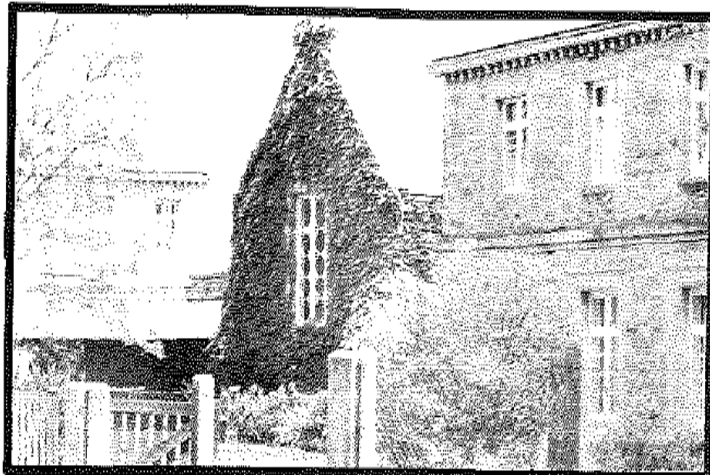
An enjoyable Sunday afternoon was spent with Witbank parents, several of whom have since left Witbank for Vereeniging and Johannesburg.

After the braai some parents visited Mr and Mrs Noyce, whose son died tragically in King William's Town last May.

A well-attended end-of-year braai was held on December 3 at the home of Theuns and Michele Serfontein. Our thanks to them and also to Drew and Inez Turner, who hosted the party after the Dale-Jeppe rugby match.



Sutton House goes back to Big Dale with a new badge



SUTTON HOUSE, Dale College's first hostel, is a senior hostel again.

The historic boarding house where Dale began more than 100 years ago has reverted to senior status five years after it was taken over as a junior hostel.

The reason: The expanding senior boarder population, now 300 in a record total of 530 Dalianians.

At the beginning of the first term 65 senior boys, including some from other hostels and some newcomers, moved into Sutton House under Mr and Mrs PJ Ferreira.

With this change the Sutton House

badge has also changed. Gone is the old "Skull and Crossbones," considered rather inappropriate for a school hostel. The move to change the badge was initiated by Mrs Kay Mellon, of Port Elizabeth, a daughter of the former Headmaster, the Rev FJ Sutton.

The final badge is an adaptation of two designs suggested by Professor HH Smith, a heraldic expert at Rhodes University. Mr Ardri Leurs, a teacher at Dale, was responsible.

The cross in the new badge recalls that the two headmasters of Dale after which Sutton House is named were ordained Anglican priests. The

cross has been given a special form with rounded ends representing balls indicating the interest of both headmasters in sport, especially in the coaching of young people.

Already a staunch Sutton House spirit is developing, renewing a tradition stretching back to the years when it was proudly known as College House.

It was renamed in 1951 and declared a national monument in 1980.

"We were sorry to lose Sutton, but were grateful to have the use of it," said Dale Junior Head Roy Taylor, whose boarders have now moved next door to the renovated Convent hostel.

Now Dale Junior has its own hostel — with 100 boarders

DALE JUNIOR has entered another new era — with its own hostel and the largest-ever number of boys at the school.

Enrolment at Dale Junior has exceeded last year's record figure of 453, continuing what Headmaster Roy Taylor has called an exciting and incredible stage of expansion.

A hundred junior boarders — including 20 from the Transvaal — have moved into the old Convent hostel adjoining Sutton House under Mr and Mrs Mike Hosty.

The old hostel has been renovated. Improvements have been made to the kitchen — with modern equipment costing R24 000 — the ablution blocks and the staff quarters.

Last year for the first time three-stream classes were introduced in Standards 3 and 5 at Dale Junior. Because of a staff shortage this has not been continued in Standard 3 this year, but there are three streams in both Standards 4 and 5.

This trend is helping to swell the numbers at Dale College and relations between the schools are closer than ever.

In January 90 per cent of last year's 80 Standard 5 boys moved up to the senior school. There are now 81 boys in Standard 5 at Dale Junior, auguring well for a continuing flow next year.

Headmaster Taylor is enthusiastic about the growth of Dale Junior's cultural and intra-mural activities over the past few years, as well as its outdoor education.

Last year the school won the Border inter-school quiz competition for the first time after being runner-up for two years. This won a R300 prize for the school.

Three of the Dale Junior chess team and two reserves were selected for Border schools. The Dale Junior Choir, which continues to delight those who attend the annual Dale Reunion, was one of two choirs to receive a gold medal at the Grahamstown Eisteddfod.

This year Dale Junior boys performed creditably in a King William's Town Amateur Dramatic Society (KANADS) production of "Oliver".

The media centre has developed tremendously and is now an integral part of teaching at Dale Junior. The Apple computer donated by Transvaal Old Dalian Dave Reynolds is being used in the centre and in the library.

Outdoor education still has a positive place in school life. For the second year more than 70 boys and three masters have spent four days at Hobbittan on Hogsback and the school is continuing with leadership camps started last year.

"The type of education given at Dale Junior covers a broad spectrum trying to cater for the needs of every boy — not only on the sports fields," says Roy Taylor.

"We try to take each boy as he is and to develop his inner talents to prepare him for the future."

Forging ahead: The new media centre and a programme for gifted pupils...

How Dale is moving into the electronic age



TRAILBLAZERS
Geoff
Kieswetter (left)
and Alastair
McCallum



DALE COLLEGE's advanced study programme, launched this year to cater for gifted pupils, has got off to an encouraging start. Fourteen talented pupils from Standard 6 to matric are breaking new ground in one of the most exciting ventures attempted at Dale.

It follows close on the heels of another pioneering development — the media centre.

The media centre, which parents were able to inspect at last year's Reunion, has already transformed teaching in certain subjects. It is under the guidance of Alastair McCallum, head of the Department of English at Dale and superintendent of Diocesan Hostel, who now also coaches the first Dale rugby team.

The cultural activities room is now the headquarters of both the media centre and the advanced study programme, led by history master Geoff Kieswetter.

Mr Kieswetter did a great deal of work last year preparing for the launch, spending some time in Cape schools which have pioneered similar programmes. Regrettably he is leaving Dale to teach at the Cape at the end of next year.

The development of these projects are a continuation by Headmaster Malcom Andrew and his staff of last year's emphasis at Dale on matters academic.

The number of teaching examinations have been increased and far more emphasis is being placed on individual follow-up after each exam.

Other developments in this field include successful remedial extra lessons in key subjects; study method courses intra-murally and extra-murally; and greater staff involvement in the teachers' centre.

The subject choice has been streamlined and extended by:

- Phasing out the practical course and introducing the lower course. This course, introduced last year in Standard 7, has now been extended to Standard 8.

- Dropping Xhosa and introducing art as a full academic subject up to Standard 8. It is hoped to extend this to matric level within three years.

- Introducing Afrikaans first language into Standards 6 and 7 this year. This will be extended to matric level in future years.

GEOFF KIESWETTER, the co-ordinator of the advanced study programme, reports:

It has been proved that the general cause of academic

failure of gifted pupils is the school's failure to recognise their true capacity for learning. This is one of the main reasons for the introduction of the advanced study programme at Dale.

The saying, "the cream will rise to the top", has been proved to be a fallacy. Research has revealed that science does not back up the age-old saying, "genius will out."

From this year we have attempted a programme of differentiated education for 14 pupils identified as gifted or exceptionally talented in one sphere or another. They include one each from Standards 6 and 7, three from Std 8, five Std 9s and four matrics.

The programme has been divided into four phases. During the first two phases, creative thinking and problem-solving techniques have been stressed. The aim has been to stimulate the pupils and to arouse their enthusiasm for the phases involving individual research of topics selected by them.

During the first phase much emphasis has been placed on the teaching of thinking skills, and these activities involve creative and divergent thinking, with emphasis moving away from pattern and order.

Pupils have visited places of interest to view the work of creative people or creative people at work. One notable visit was to Dohne research station, near Stutterheim, where boys inspected the analytical services, computer centre and agricultural and veterinary science departments.

One boy has asked the station to allow him to use its resources during his research project.

Emphasis during the second phase of the advanced study programme is on group dynamics. Pupils are being taught problem-solving techniques (e.g. brainstorming) and it is hoped that by working in groups they will become aware of themselves and others, and of the needs of society and the roles they have to play.

The next two phases involve individual research into selective topics, and the production/presentation of this research chosen by each pupil. (e.g. slide-tape programme, mini-thesis, demonstration etc.) But already all the boys have started major research projects.

We hope to provide gifted pupils with the opportunity to satisfy more fully the need for self-actualisation.

This programme will be evaluated regularly, so it can be

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AMADODA, EWE, DALE! THE STIRRING DAY

Pictures: MICHAEL FORD and HERMAN PAINCZYK

THE Dale rugby tour of the Rand last June had its disappointments and highlights for the school's supporters in the north. The tourists lost to St Stithian's, Sandringham and KES.

But Dale fans won't forget the stirring last game in Johannesburg against Jeppe, who had beaten KES two weeks earlier. Dale won convincingly 16-6.

Later parents and Old Dalians celebrated at a party at the near-by home of Drew and Inez Turner. Visitors included Headmaster Malcom Andrew and coach Len du Pisanie, their wives and 1984 coach Alastair McCallum.

The tourists moved on to Nelspruit where they lost to a strong Rob Ferreira High School team.



GET IT OUT! Dale and Jeppe in the thick of a loose melee

WELL PLAYED! After

After the game . . . parents, Old Dalians and



Dale's jumping Justin Ladner



Malcom and Pam Andrew (centre) with parents Tony Boggett, Fred and Margaret Switz



John and Sheila Fraser



Karen Jones, Peter Boden, Tarris, Gareth, D

OUR BOYS FROM KING HUMBLLED JEPPE



After the final whistle Dale supporters salute the victorious tourists with a resounding rendering of the War Cry
 and visitors get together and celebrate



witala, and George and Avril Thompson



Alastair McCallum, Pam Andrew, Anne and Len du Pisar.ie



, David, Ken and Ethne Jones, and Nicky Nevin



Former parents' chairman Alan and Barbara Naylor

Blazing two new trails at Dale

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improved and updated and so adjustments can be made should pupils' academic results deteriorate alarmingly.

The first year is experimental and already modifications are being made. The phase system is being altered so there will not be a cut-off in creative thinking and problem-solving after the first phases.

The whole programme is voluntary — and if a pupil feels he would like to withdraw he may do so.

ALASTAIR MCCALLUM, media co-ordinator, reports:

Development and innovation are taking place at Dale College. The challenges facing Dale are urgent and provide a pretext for looking more closely at our resources, as well as the argument for the establishment of a media centre.

The concept of a media centre involves the enlargement of the scope of the library to provide for non-book materials and/or audio-visual aids.

These aids are there primarily for the teacher:

- To equip him to cope with the knowledge explosion;
- To make his teaching more meaningful and effective;
- To stimulate greater interest and motivation;
- To enable him to compete with the media attractions of television, film, video etc;
- To open the windows of knowledge on to a far wider and more complex plane;

The list shows the value of audio-visual equipment/aids to enable boys to share the experience of the innovations of the eighties.

The concept of a media centre implies an important change in policy from teaching to learning, focusing education directly on the pupil, rather than merely the institutional and departmental (external examinations) requirements.

It constitutes a movement away from the traditional concept of teacher as master, to one of interaction between pupil and teacher, between pupil and pupil, and between pupil and teacher resources.

Admittedly some essential physical amenities are lacking, but we do have: An Apple II computer, a slide-tape projector, a portable language laboratory, a TV set, a music centre, slide and film projectors, a camera unit and fully equipped darkroom, video equipment and other basic needs.

The cultural activities room has been converted into a workable (but we hope temporary) resource room and boys and teachers are using the equipment and resource material.

Our initial aim is to provide information not necessarily obtained from books, but also in the form of slides, pictures, audio-tapes, cassette tapes, records, models, transparencies etc.

We are still relatively in the early stages but both staff and boys are making very good use of the centre, which is proving a worthwhile venture. Hopefully in future we will get more space.

A fantastic bunch of new teachers

AN ENTHUSIASTIC group of new teachers have joined the Dale staff this year. Headmaster Malcom Andrew describes them as a "fantastic bunch" who have considerably strengthened teaching in maths, science, English and accountancy.

Three new posts have been filled by Robin Hockly, accountancy, and Brenda McCallum, English and geography, both of whom were previously on the temporary staff, and Paul Giliomee, Afrikaans and history, from Pinelands High School, Cape.

Mrs Anne Koen has become the first full-time teacher-librarian appointed at Dale.

Two teachers have returned to Dale after serving two years in the Army. They are John Kerr, accountancy and maths, and Andrew Jacobs, biology and maths.

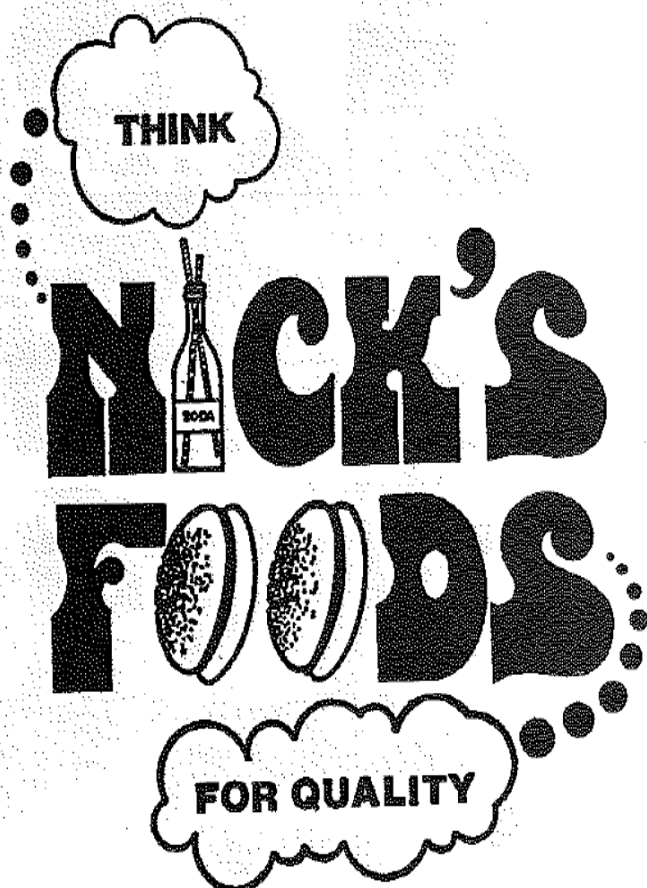
Tim Goetze, English and history, an Old Dalian and Old Rhodian, has joined the staff after completing his national service.

Other new teachers are Peter Odgers, metalwork and woodwork, Gareth Crossman, history and physical education, and Old Dalian who has been teaching at Marist Brothers College, Port Elizabeth.

He is the son of Leo Crossman, past-president of the Old Dalian Union and a brother of this year's Dale Headboy, Peter Crossman.

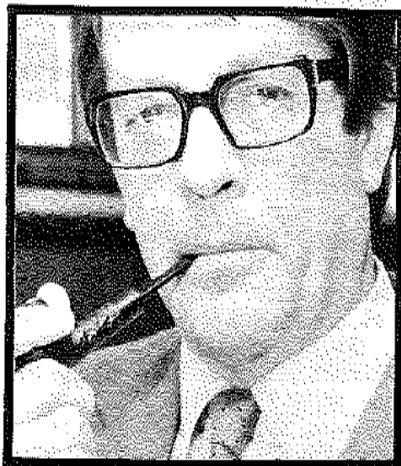
Dale golf tournament

A GOLF tournament in aid of Dale College will be held at Rand Park and Windsor Park, Randburg, on Tuesday, October 16. It is being organised by the Transvaal Dale Parents Association. Parents who wish to play and who can help with prizes or sponsorships should phone John de Klerk (440-7106).



QUOTE

by Tertius Myburgh
Old Dalian and Editor
of the Sunday Times



THERE are moments of watershed in the life of every important institution.

They can be times of renewal, of optimism and of hope. Or they can be of the opposite. Dale College has reached such a moment.

This venture speaks of renewal, of re-dedication to the highest ideals and to the continuation into future generations of something immeasurably precious which began here in the shadow of the Amatolas nearly a century and a quarter ago.

It will now be up to each one of us to play our part in helping Dale to achieve the target (R1m in five years).

There is but one single objective. Yes, in the first place it is to collect funds. But we should never lose sight of the larger goal which is brilliantly simple and straightforward.

It is to give Dale's dedicated teachers the wherewithal to continue producing boys of which we can all say with pride: There goes an Old Dalian.

It is to provide those essential extras which make it possible for the headmas-

ters and their staff to educate the whole person, to develop whatever talent — academic or sporting, artistic or practical, in leadership or in loyalty — that lies locked up within their youthful charges.

And to send young men forth into our society who have been shaped by the fine traditions of one of South Africa's great institutions.

Good schools, great schools, consist of something more than pupils and teachers and bricks and mortar.

For one thing they require the loyalty and support of alumni and parents and this Dale has aplenty.

For another they require those material extras — the hostels, the playing fields, the sports equipment, the libraries, the high tech teaching tools and a myriad of other costly facilities — which make striving for excellence in all things a practically attainable goal.

This is what this appeal for funds is all about. To do the job, dedicated educationists and their staff need the tools. The purpose of this appeal is to provide some of those tools.

Why we parents should help Dale hit that R1m target

By JOE SUTTON

The Dale College Educational Fund launched last June is moving sluggishly towards its target of one million rands.

Other provinces have yet to match the magnificent start given to the fund in King William's Town and the surrounding area. In six months R400 000 was pledged in this area — mostly from parents of whom many are also Old Dalians.

But the main thrust is still to come from friends of Dale College and Dale Junior in other provinces.

The fund-raising committee has visited Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town, but the response has been slow.

Why, some parents may ask, should we give more to Dale? Boarding fees have been increased to R180 a term, the school levy is R40, train fares are up again and the other costs of sending a boy to boarding school seem to be rising.

But even if one accepts these points, the cost of educating a boy at Dale College, one of the finest boarding schools in the country, remains reasonable when one considers:

- The cost of keeping a boy at home, particularly in a big city with high transport costs and entertainment expenses.

- The high cost of sending boys to private schools.

Dale needs a million rands to ensure its future, to keep up and raise its standards, to improve the amenities not financed by the State.

Services such as media centres, audio-visual equipment, better hostel and sports facilities are essential to provide the many-sided education that parents expect from Dale.

The appeal to parents is emotional, especially for those whose sons have left school or are nearing the end of their schooldays. Why, it may be argued, should they give — after several years of shelling out for their sons' education.

We put this to Neville Woolgar, chairman of Dale College

School Committee, and to Headmaster Malcom Andrew.

Said Mr Woolgar, past parent and an Old Dalian: "We are asking parents to remain part of something in view of what the school has done for their sons; to keep the school great.

"I want those roots (of Dale) to remain strong. I don't want Dale to become a second-rate school.

"Parents should ask themselves: Do you feel for this institution which has done something for your child."

Mr Andrew said parents should realise that their boys got a tremendous amount out of the school and that they themselves had become part of the Dale Family.

Taking a longer-term view, he added: "In a few years your son who has been through Dale could well have sons who could reap the benefit of your contributions to the fund."

He saw it as a chance for parents to put something back into Dale and possibly do something for their grandsons.

Some points about the Dale Fund:

- A substantial part of a donation is tax deductible — half in some cases depending on one's contribution and income.

- Donations can be made over five years by instalments — monthly, quarterly, six-monthly or annually.

- Donations may be made by stop order.

How much should you give? This is a personal decision but it could depend on these things:

- Your financial situation, which you alone can assess.

- Your affection for Dale and the value you place on what it has done for your sons, or yourself if you are an Old Dalian.

- How strongly you feel about the importance of maintaining Dale's status among South African schools and of upholding its traditions.

If you have not yet been approached to contribute to the Dale Educational Fund, please phone any committee member of the Transvaal Dale Parents Association (see Page 10).

MARK GORDON

MARK GORDON, a young Transvaal Old Dalian with a promising future in journalism, died on December 12, 1983, after a motor accident. He was 22.

Mark, a light-hearted, highly-spirited young man, was the only son of Doug and Pam Gordon, and brother of 18-year-old Peta, of Morehill, Benoni. Doug is a former chairman of the Transvaal Dale Parents Association and Pam a former committee member.

Mark was a boarder at Diocesan Hostel from 1976 to 1978 and represented the school at hockey and swimming. After his two years' national service with the infantry he worked for a short time in a bank and then found his true niche in journalism.

After a spell on the Boksburg Advertiser and the Benoni City Times he joined the Citizen in Johannesburg as a reporter. He



was returning from an assignment in Springs when the accident occurred.

Mark's funeral at St Dunstan's Anglican Church, Benoni, was attended by Old Dalian friends and by committee members of the Transvaal parents association.

Our condolences go to Doug and Pam, who have remained staunch supporters of the association since Mark left Dale.

RON BEGG

TRANSSVAAL Dale parents have lost a good friend and staunch supporter in Ron Begg, who died in Glendower, Edenvale, on April 21, 1983. He was 50.

Ron and his wife Audrey were committee members of the parents association for four years. Their son, Lee Edwards, spent four years at Dale. Ron, who ran his own fire protection business, was a keen golfer and quiet-natured family man. Our heartfelt condolences go to Audrey, Lee and Jean.

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The 1983-84 parents committee

A NEW committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents Association will be elected at the annual general meeting on June 23. Here is the 1983-84 committee:

Theuns (Serf) Serfontein (chairman) and Michele Serfontein, 108 Honiball Street, Rynfield, Benoni, 1500 (Phone 849-1909).

Tony Boggett, vice-chairman, and Sue Boggett, 32 De la Rey Road, Rivonia (Phone 803-1562). PO Box 415 Rivonia 2128.

Charles and Sheila Simpson, 32 Louis Leipoldt Road, Farrarmere, Benoni, 1500 (Phone 849-4193). Sheila is treasurer and runs the block booking service.

John and Ailsa de Klerk, c/o PO Box 61631, Marshalltown, 2107 (Ailsa's bus. phone 833-1510, ext 211).

Frank and Coekie Rouessart, 25 Orpiment Drive, Mayfield Park, Johannesburg (Bus. phone 716-3623).

George and Avril Thompson, 15 Juno Ridge, Juno Street, Kensington, Johannesburg (PO Box 66337 Broadway 2020).

Drew and Inez Turner, 4 Lemur Street, Kensington, Johannesburg (Phone 615-2490).

Kevin and Priscilla Lowe, PO Box 14189, Farrarmere, Benoni, 1518 (Phone 730-1984). Priscilla is the association's secretary.

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The younger the better?

SHOULD a boy go to boarding school before he reaches his teens?

It depends very much on the individual boy, but Dale Junior Headmaster Roy Taylor thinks there is a strong case for "starting young" — even in standards three and four.

"It gives a boy a chance to learn what Dale is all about — to become acquainted with hostel life and to become a senior boy and a leader in the junior school," he says.

"By the time they are ready to move to the senior school the quiet ones have become acclimatised.

"They are entitled to choose which senior hostel they would like to go to and are able to move with friends. They are going to a known entity and not into the unknown."

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