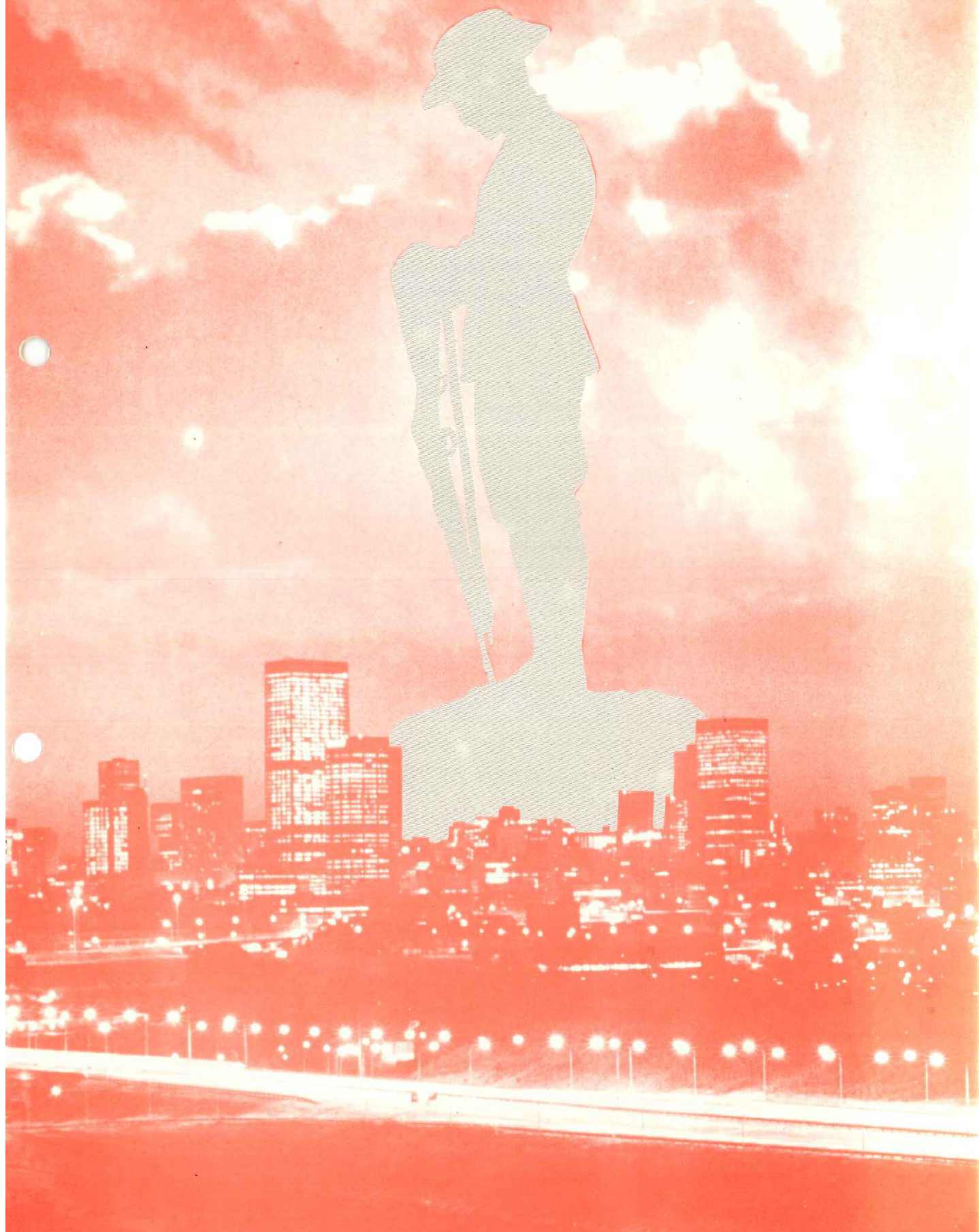


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Nov 1987



The Dale Reunion comes to Jo'burg!

IT was like a Dale Reunion — but it was not in King. There's nothing like a rugby tour to bring out Dale supporters and that happened in Johannesburg this winter.

Dalians, Old Dalians, parents and friends of Dale — including a party from King — turned out in strength to cheer the tourists. And they were not disappointed.

Young and old also strongly supported after-the-match functions at St Stithian's Old Boys' Club, the Zoo Lake Sports Club and an Old Dalian Dinner at the Night Moves, Northcliff.

At some games Dale supporters surpassed home team supporters in numbers and noise volume. Local schools were impressed.

At King Edward's School the Dale First XV learnt how to lose. Bang went their unbeaten record in the dying minutes of a thrilling game, probably the best of the tour. KES rated it one of their season's highlights.

The Dalians took their defeat like men and played better rugby after that. Back home they finished the season unbeaten in the Eastern Cape.

Clearly Dalians know how to come back fighting. That's part of the traditional spirit of Dale and we're proud of it.

A successful spin-off of the Transvaal visit by both headmasters was a seminar on boarding school education organised by the two schools and the parents association.

The response: An attendance of more than 60 junior school parents. The result: Eight new boarders for Dale and many parents interested.

The tour saw further signs of a revitalised Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union, already apparent this year.

The headmasters' visit coincided with the parents' association's annual general meeting — where R13 000 was handed over to the schools — and with its annual Fun Day at Benoni Country Club, the most successful yet.

For the headmasters and camp followers it was a hectic week of attending matches and parties and running the unaccustomed gauntlet of Johannesburg traffic.

But they returned home with memories of traditional open-hearted Transvaal hospitality and support that must have impressed them.

We hope we'll have more tours like this. The spirit of Dale is very much alive in the Transvaal.

Buy a brick for Dale

THE Dale College Brick Club drive, organised by the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association, is in full swing.

The aim: To raise R100 000 to build a Media Centre at Dale. By contributing R30 per brick you will become a member of the Brick Club and be in line to win R1 000!

Your names will be engraved on the wooden bricks which will be mounted in the Media Centre when it is completed.

Four months after being launched at the AGM in June, there has been a good response — from Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, East London, King William's Town, Germiston, Randburg, Bedfordview, Edenvale, Maritzburg, Cathcart and Namibia. But there is a long way to go.

Headmaster Malcom Andrew led the way with the first brick and Roy Talor of Dale Junior bought the second. Veteran Dale teacher Mr EC (Shops) Workman (1928-68) ordered four bricks. Old Dalian Colin Ewels (1945-48) put in an order with this apology: "Sorry, I only had daughters."

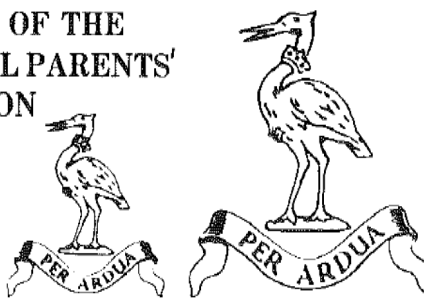
The draw for the R1 000 prize will be made at the next Reunion in May 1988.

Buy a brick for Dale — and help us sell 6 000 bricks to make this a viable scheme.

● Full details and an application form are contained in a leaflet inside this issue of TransDale.

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The Tvl Dale parents' committee for 1987-88

HERE is the new committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association elected at the 1987 annual general meeting:

Neville and Colleen Patience, 17 Margaret Street, Meredale 2091. Neville is chairman and Colleen treasurer. She also runs the block booking service. Home: 942-4325. Bus: 618-1120 (Neville).

Brian and Margaret Ayres, 81 Winston Avenue, Randpark Ext 2, Randburg 2125. Brian is vice-chairman. Home: 793-3400.

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● If you have a problem concerning Dale College or Dale Junior boys you may approach any of these members.

* Editor, TransDale, Joe Sutton,
and his assistant, Bunty Sutton,
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Thanks, Jim and Maureen . . .

JIM and Maureen Truscott have retired from the committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association after several years of dedicated service to the school and the association.

Jim was vice-chairman for two years, chairman for 1986-87, and both have been committee members for four years.

He was a hard-working and businesslike chairman with an engaging personality. His term saw the continued build-up of dog-show catering for Dale funds and the launching of the Railways Club and regional coffee evenings for parents.

Jim was closely involved with the initiation of the brick scheme, arranging the supply and engraving of the bricks. He will continue with this and he and Maureen remain associate members of the committee.

Their son Robert is matriculating at Dale at the end of this year.

ON STREAM FOR THE FUTURE

● How more Daliens are being trained to use a computer

DALIANS are being programmed to take their place in the computer age.

Headmaster Malcom Andrew believes that every Dalian should become computer literate — to be able to use a computer sensibly.

"We have 15 Amstrad computers, IBM compatible, and they are working," he told Transvaal parents at the association's annual general meeting in June.

The money for them came from the Dale Educational Fund (R20 000) and from the profits of the two tuckshops — R4 000 from the grandstand shop and R4 000 from the school shop.

Mr Andrew said standard sixes and eights were being instructed twice a week on the use of the computers. In the third term Mr Warwick Alcock, a teacher with a great interest in computers, would be released from much of his teaching duties to go into the computer room.

"Next year he will not be teaching at all in a classroom, but purely in the computer room."

"Through Mr Alcock we will be doing instruction via computers in certain subjects — maths, geography, science, biology and languages."

"And in the afternoon the computers will be available to all Daliens, regardless of their age to do their own work through the computer."

"If I have a maths problem, for example, I book a computer. I pull the maths programme and sit down and converse with the computer. What could be better, individual tuition?"

Turning to other topics, the Headmaster said the school committee had donated R10 000 to buy library books earlier this year. This had been spent and hopefully there would be a further R10 000 available next year.

"This is over and above what the Government gives us and it comes out of school fees," he said.

Mr Andrew paid tribute to his "magic staff — their commitment is unbelievable in hours and expertise."

And he told how top teachers — who could get promotion elsewhere — were joining Dale through lateral transfers.

● Mr Micky Paterson, who has been a vice-principal for four years, has come to Dale as head of science.

"This man has acted as head of his school. He is one of the most experienced science and maths



MALCOM ANDREW . . . the realities of taking maths

teachers in the Cape Province.

● Mr Rob le Roux, second-in-command of his school and a head of department for five years, is coming across in a lateral move as head of maths — "these men are as rare as hens' teeth."

"They are coming because they believe Dale College is the school for them. They are not coming on promotion."

"We must be doing something right if we can draw men of this calibre."

Talking of maths: "I know a lot of us get uptight about maths," said Mr Andrew. "I have a son in Std 10 and I get the hell in with maths. I phoned the Education Department the other day and asked them a leading question: 'How many kids should do higher grade maths?'"

"The answer: 10 percent."

"That is the ideal percentage. You only do higher grade if you are going to university to do maths, stats or applied maths as major subjects. Anybody else should take standard grade."

"For medicine and engineering take standard grade. Maths higher grade is for the top 10 percent in maths."

"What percentage of boys should take maths? 75 — which means that 20 percent of our boys are taking maths who should not be."

"How many matrics are taking maths higher grade? — 29 percent. What should it be? — 10 percent. So 19 percent are taking it unnecessarily."

"We all think of maths as the panacea of the world's problems. You have said it to your sons. I have said it to mine: 'You must take maths.'"

"Wrong! You do not need maths to go to university. You need three higher grade subjects, one of which will be English, and two others, which could be biology, geography, science or history."

● How top teachers are being attracted without promotion

Mr Andrew then told of "something new at the college".

He said: "In the teaching exams, in March, June and September, once we have marked your sons' scripts we give it to them to check. We leave it with them to hand to you. So you may look at where they got their marks and where they didn't. And you may read the comment of illegibility, lack of work, or you may also pat your sons on the back and say 'We did well, didn't we?'"

"You will find the scripts fascinating. I read mine and I learnt a lot."

"This will happen each year, each exam, except the November exams, the promotion exams, which are filed for three years, pending a query. 'Nobody has ever queried anything, but by law we have to do that.'"

On the school buildings, the Headmaster reported that renovations costing R250 000 were now complete.

"We have carpeted theatres now and fully-equipped laboratories with everything that opens and shuts. They are magnificent."

"There is a special post-matric room, carpeted, with built-in tables and desks. Old Daliens can't believe it. They think our guys are a bunch of fairies, with carpets everywhere."

"We have spent a quarter of a million rands and the school is better for it."

On hostels:

● Another quarter of a million rands is going into Paterson House. The contractors are there.

"It has taken five years . . . I've a pile of correspondence . . . umteen telephone calls, four-letter words and even flying to Cape Town to kick rear ends into action, and now it has happened."

● The additional staff accommodation at Diocesan Hostel is about roof-height now.

● Joubert House renovations will take place either this year or next — probably next.

"We are the only school I know in the Cape that has had every building renovated — the school and four hostels. One per year for five years. And that is a record."

Recent improvements included construction of a sports centre overlooking the A field. And a ring road was on its way.

It's Dale v Queen's at the next Reunion

THE 1988 Dale Reunion will take place on May 6, 7 and 8 — a long weekend as Friday is a public holiday. Dale will play Queen's College on the Saturday.

QUOTE

● "The total cost of sending a boy to Dale, including transport and fees: R2 300 a year — for nothing! — Headmaster Andrew."

IT'S BEEN A GREAT SPORTS YEAR FOR DALE

ON SPORT, the Headmaster reported these achievements:

● In athletics, Dale won nine golds in the Border championships

● In rugby, Dale had nine boys in the Border Craven Week side — a record, although 11 have played in the Border schools A side and a further two in the B side. So 13 have played for Border. The first XV was unbeaten in the Eastern Cape.

● In shooting, Dale has been Eastern Province and Border champion for five years, unbeaten.

● In squash, Dale will again be champion of champions in the Border and Eastern Province. Last year it provided the SA Schools champion, Bradley Worth of Mondeor, Transvaal.

● In cricket, Dale provided the SA schools opening bowler Andrew McKinley.

● In water polo, the firsts, seconds, thirds, fourths and fifths have been unbeaten since September 1986. And for the first time Dale had a boy in the SA schools water polo team that toured Israel — Craig Torr. Six other boys have represented their province.

The puppies that pointed the way for Pastor Bill



THE BROWNS: Anthony, 11, Val, Bill and Michael, 8 . . . happy at a homely hostel

TWO mischievous missing puppies helped Bill Brown to become superintendent of Dale Junior's DV Taylor House — and to achieve his ambition of becoming a church minister.

For a year Bill, a former Zimbabwean, had wanted to leave an engineering firm to join the ministry. But he could not afford to do this and still support his family.

The way was opened for him after his wife Val found two pointer pups in the middle of the road in King William's Town. They belonged to Roy Taylor, Headmaster of Dale Junior.

The Taylors were not at home so Val dropped the pups off at the hostel. She got talking to a master, Jock Wright, who suggested that Bill apply for the post of superintendent vacated by Mike Hosty.

"We had been great friends with Mike, but we had no idea a person who was not a teacher could hold the position," said Bill.

It was four days before applications were due to close . . .

When Val returned home with the news, Bill realised there was a possibility of carrying out his calling by doing a job that would go hand-in-hand with it.

The stipend Bill receives from the Methodist Church as a part-time minister does not support his family. A job that complements that of a minister and living at the hostel inexpensively was the answer.

In January the Brown family, Bill, Val and young Anthony and Michael, moved into their new home at DV Taylor House.

"I had in fact started two new jobs, so there was a tremendous amount of learning to be done," he said.

Since Bill joined the hostel staff as superintendent, he has never looked back. He says he has not missed the material things such as a good salary, a company car and a housing subsidy that went with his job as production manager at a local firm which makes steel tubing.

"It's been quite a change, but I am at total peace about the move. We have our basic needs and when we eventually need cash for a new car, we will cross that bridge when we come to it," Bill said.

Caring for children has always been part of Bill's and Val's ministry. At one stage they fostered children.

Val teaches the special class at Dale while Bill, in his new role as minister, works mostly with the youth of the church.

He says he has had to learn much about patience, understanding, loving, caring, fairness and kindness this year.

"We have strived to develop these qualities within ourselves so we may continue to build a hostel family which complements every boy's own family."

Not being a teacher does not bring difficulties for Bill, because he spends much of his time at school.

"Being a superintendent is a job no full-day employee could handle. I coach rugby in the afternoon, I attend school functions and assem-

blies and am employed by the Department of Education as a member of the Dale Junior staff," he said.

Bill was educated at Milton School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, but has been made an honorary Old Dalian.

It's an early 6am rise for Bill every day. He gets the boys out of bed and inspects the dormitories.

After breakfast the boys go to school and he makes his way to the church office in Arthur Street. Visitations, mostly at hospitals, are usually carried out in the morning, before he returns to the hostel for lunch.

After lunch it's off to the sports fields. In the evenings, when Bill is not on duty, he usually attends meetings or Bible studies.

As busy as he is, he still finds time to study and is working at his local preacher's examination.

The Brown family are interested in sailing and are also kept amused with their personal computer. Val takes art club at the school weekly as an extra mural activity.

When entering DV Taylor House a Great Dane pup and sheepdog leap to greet visitors. They are also members of the Brown clan, along with two Siamese cats which also give the boarders much pleasure, making the hostel more homely.

So far, settling into the hostel has been plain sailing for the Browns. Bill puts that down to the hostel's excellent staff, whose effective teamwork builds a homely atmosphere.

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TEN YEARS ago Dale Junior was the old red-brick building in Albert Road with about 280 pupils.

It was much smaller than Queen's Junior. Today Dale Junior occupies the area facing Albert Road from opposite Presby to the Museum. There are 416 pupils — more than Queen's Junior.

In a decade Dale Junior has grown:

- From a private hostel with 45 boarders to a magnificent complex of our own, catering for 100 boarders.

- From no staff accommodation to two staff houses, four married quarters' flats, one single quarter flat — certainly matched by any other government school.

- From limited facilities to 20 classrooms, a science laboratory, a media centre, a media workroom, a computer room with R30 000 worth of computers, two music rooms, a gymnasium, a remedial room, a recreational room and now recently an audio-visual room, made possible by the support of the Transvaal parents.

Plans for the future include two fields, a swimming pool, tennis court and a clubhouse.

We have been pioneers in a programme for gifted children and computer literacy, started through a donation by a Transvaal Old Dalian. We have initiated self-study and the research technique in teaching.

All this has been done apart from the normal running of the school.

This must place Dale Junior as one of the finest primary school complexes in South Africa. Dale Junior is a school of many opportunities.

How has this come about? It has been possible through the inspired leadership of my predecessors and mainly because we have not allowed Dale to become a commodity school.

Our school is so programmed that not only the academic potential of our boys but all their needs and aspirations are met.

Through my friendship with Tony Greig (the international cricketer who was at Queen's College with me) we have started an exchange teacher scheme with Scott's School in Australia, where Tony's son is at school.

We are a business. Parents are our customers and their children are our consumers. Dale Junior strives for:

- Customer satisfaction by trying to reassure parents that their decision to send their sons to Dale was the right one — for they are the heart of the matter.

- Consumer satisfaction by feeding pupils with an intra and extra curricular programme that will satisfy their thirst for knowledge and life.

This we do for we believe that education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is

ROY TAYLOR has been at Dale Junior for 16 years — seven as Headmaster.

At a dinner in Johannesburg he told Transvaal Old Dalians how the school had grown in a decade — to one of the finest primary school complexes in South Africa.

This report has been adapted from his address.



Why Dale's jostling Junior is no off-the-peg school

not preparation for life, but life itself.

Dale Junior has always been an innovator. Recent examples include:

- The Cape primary schools week initiated by us last year, now an annual event with Dale hosting eight top schools.

- The Dale Junior chess festival — attended by 20 schools from the Eastern Cape.

- The annual exhibition of pupils' work — a popular event open to the public.

Our academic standards are high. We continually strive to enrich and to develop the wonder element so much part of each young child by encouraging self-study and by providing research facilities. The tutor system of community involvement has been introduced to support this.

For two years our pupils have attained the three top placings of the Eastern Cape Maths Olympiad.

On the sporting fields Dale is a feared school. Dale Junior has provided 15 school provincial players in various sports. Our Under 13 rugby team played 21 matches and lost one. And there were the same 15 players in the team throughout the season.

I am an optimist about Dale. Support we have

received confirms my aspirations for this school.

In these times when pressures are heavy it is easy to forget that education means to cherish the growth of the young.

There just can't be any time to rest on laurels earned or any room for complacency.

With support we will not become a mediocre institution, but will continue to establish ourselves and retain the status we enjoy.

- When Roy Taylor became Headmaster of Dale Junior in 1980 he was following in the footsteps of his father, Mr DV (Dummy) Taylor, the school's first head in 1962 after Dale split into junior and senior schools.

Roy was a teacher at Dale Junior for nine years, then spent two years as head of the Central Primary School in King William's Town. He spent less than a year as deputy head of Grey Primary School in Port Elizabeth before he was called back to King to take over as Headmaster.

- Roy Taylor was educated at Queen's College but his love for his old school's great rival is obvious. "I am virtually an Old Dalian myself," he told TransDale after his appointment as head of Dale Junior in 1980. "It's like going home."

Tony Greig is guest at Dale

Dale Junior boys meet Border-born Tony Greig, former England cricket captain, during his visit to King William's Town earlier this year.

Now an Australian citizen, he was holidaying with his family in South Africa where he grew up and began his cricket career.

Greig, who was educated at Queen's College, Queenstown, reminisced with the youngsters at Dale Junior before dashing to the college to address the senior boys.

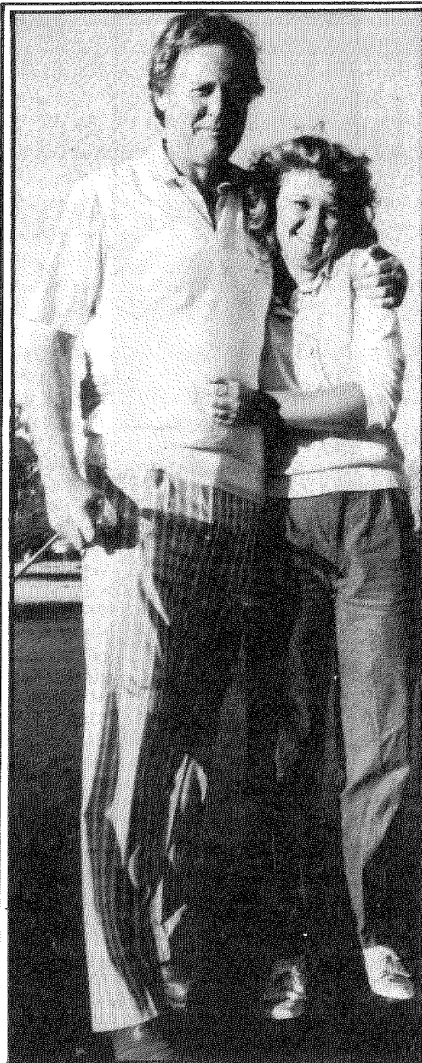
He told Dalians: "I was never very smart at school but I was a trier and that's what I think is important."

He said they were lucky to be educated at a school like Dale and should make the most of this opportunity.

Dale Junior head Roy Taylor and Greig are old friends and fellow Queenians.

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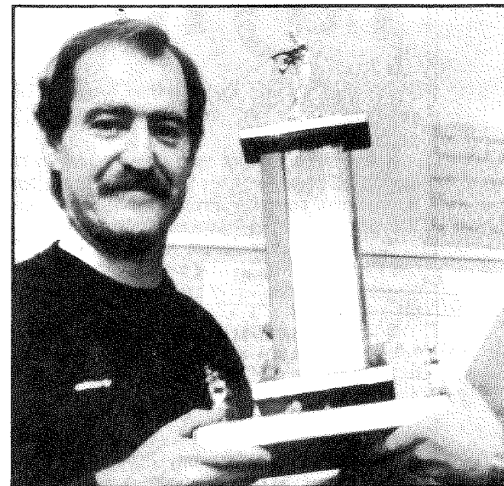


GOLFERS Donald Searle and his daughter Joanne ... prize-winners

ONCE AGAIN A DAY OF SPORT



SQUASH WINNER Alison Noble and young admirers Diana and Lara



GOLF WINNERS: Keith Greenway and Lindsay Couryer, Paterson House for the SA Oils Mills



SQUASH WINNER Robert Mellon ... tennis next



TENNIS: Doubl with Sue Tay

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BOWLERS Griffy Griffiths from King, Bill Beckley from Hogsback, Malcolm Boucher from King and Arthur Simpson from Mondeor, Johannesburg

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THE Transvaal parents' Fun Day seems firmly set to be a regular event — both as a day of sport and as a fund-raiser.

The third outing, held again at the Benoni Country Club, raised about R3 000, nearly R1 000 more than the first two. The turn-out for golf, bowls tennis and squash was again excellent. And many came just to watch and meet friends.

The Headmasters of Dale College and Dale Junior, with their wives, were present, joined by Bill Brown, superintendent of DV Taylor House, and his wife Val, Sid Knott, Old Dalian Union National President, and Mrs Knott, Dummy Taylor, the union's PRO, and Mick Webb, chairman of the PTA in King William's Town.

Other visitors from King included Dale Junior PTA chairman Bob Funnel and his wife, rugby masters Alastair McCallum and Kenny Ball, and teachers Pierre Ferreira, Jock Wright, Glen Harris and Adri Leurs.

There was a field of about 120 golfers — Old Dalians, friends and parents, some playing with their sons.

The first prize of a family unit at the San Lameer Hotel was won by Keith Greenway, a former member of the parents' committee and his partner, Lindsay Couryer. They nominated Paterson House as the winner of the SA Oil Mills Trophy.

Second prize — two braais donated by Dale parent Peter Lotter of Tosa, went to Old Dalians David Ellwood and Bruce Mitchell, and the third prize of weekends at Sun City and a Southern Sun hotel to Peter Wolfardt and Alistair Robb.

Dale parent Peter Shirley, a staunch supporter of the Fun Day since it started, came in fourth with his part-

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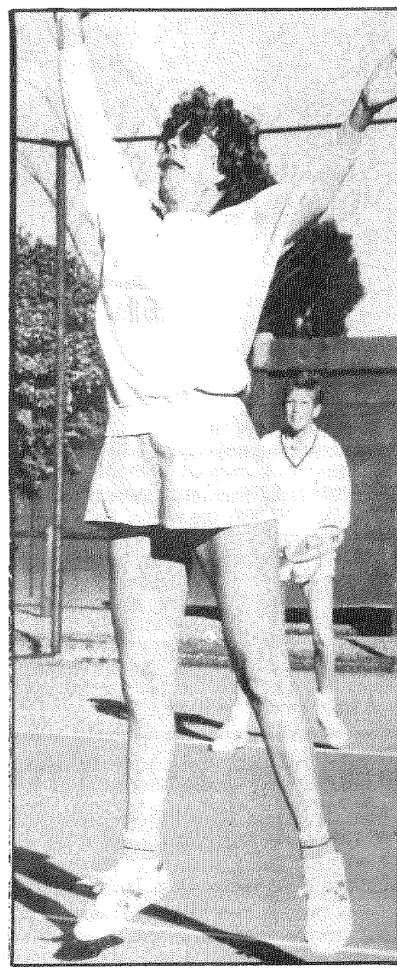
BOWLING WINNERS: Bill Abbott (left), Basil and Anne Chandler and El Abbott ... the Abbotts have since moved from the Transvaal to Lesotho



... prize-winner Margaret Switala (right) ... wife of Dale Junior's Headmaster



LIQUOR HAMPER: Ross Field, an Old Dalian, won second prize. Dave Wittstock was not present to receive his first prize.



TENNIS: Headmaster's wife Pam Andrew ... doing it in style

OHN HAFFNER

ner R Perry to win car batteries donated by Donald Searle of Mouldtech, an Old Dalian and son of a former Dale Junior headmaster. Donald and his daughter Joanne also among the golf prize-winners.

The prize for the best gross score — weekends at The Ranch, Pietersburg — went to low-handicap golfers Heiner Krauss, a former Dale parent, and his younger son Nicky.

The tennis was well supported by parents, Old Dalians, wives and Dalians. Parents' committee member Margaret Switala was both the overall and women's tennis winner. Brian Ayres, newly-elected vice-chairman of the committee, won the men's title with ex-chairman Tony Boggett second and Sid Knott third.

Sandra Voerman, wife of Old Dalian Robbie was second in the women's tennis and Sandra Marson third.

The bowls drew support from Border visitors Dummy Taylor, Bill and Diana Beckley, Griffy Griffiths and Malcolm Boucher, and local enthusiasts led by committee members Arthur and Maureen Simpson. Winning skips were: First, Bill Abbott; second Patrick Owen; third Bill Beckley, fourth Dummy Taylor fifth B Neillson and sixth Hugh Gemmell.

The squash was again dominated by members of the Mellon and Noble families, Robert Mellon, Jack Noble (men) and Alison Noble and Gill Mellon (ladies). Next year they intend to go for the tennis titles.

Rod Botha, captain of the Dale Junior Under 13a rugby team, won the boys' squash but was not present to receive his prize. Transvaal Dalians Alex Murrin and G Turner were second and third.



TENNIS WINNER Brian Ayres and Alexander Murrin, second in the boys' squash



GOLF PARTNERS: Dale Junior head and his son Danny

Doggone! That's the way to raise money

CATERING at Reef dog shows is still bringing in the lolly for Dale. But it means a lot of sweat and toil for members of the Transvaal Parents' Association's committee and their helpers.

Outgoing chairman Jim Truscott, in his report for 1986-87, paid tribute to their efforts and the help of Gordon Taylor, an Old Dalian prominent in the dog world.

In one weekend show the "dog-show team" prepared and sold 300 breakfasts and 1 200 hamburgers and boerewors rolls. Nine days of dog shows raised about R5 000.

Committee member Paul Murrin summed it up at one show. Covered in fat after four hours of frying, he remarked: "Now I know what it feels like to be a dipstick?"

Other funds were raised through the 1986 Fun Day (R2 000), the sale of Dale aprons and table cloths at the 125 Reunion, the sale of Dale clocks, and parents' contributions to the Transvaal Development Fund.

After mentioning the block booking scheme — "a truly worthwhile service which results in considerable savings to parents — Jim thanked committee members who undertook the "hair-raising task" of train escorts on down trips.

Discussing the annual new parents' meeting (held last December at the home of Fred and Margaret Switala), he said:

"The nervousness of parents sending their boys far away is not to be underestimated. We feel this reassurance programme is of great importance."

He described the clothing bank as a growing feature which saved parents a considerable amount. And he appealed to parents to support this bank as boys grew out of their clothes or left school.

Chairman Jim also mentioned the Dale parent coffee evenings, which are being hosted by committee members in various regions of the Reef.

These had proved most encouraging and would, he thought, become more valuable, particularly for first-year parents.

● As Jim Truscott was overseas, his report was read to the meeting by the vice-chairman, Neville Patience, who was later elected chairman.

● Neville called for more parent helpers at dog shows. He said the association was planning to cater at nine shows over the coming year, all championship shows.

"We are also doing a wedding, so if you can help please let us know."



MAGIC MAN? Outgoing parents' chairman Jim Truscott was presented with a tangle of gifts at a party to entertain visitors from King. Here he tries to unravel some of them. In the foreground: Sue Taylor, wife of Dale Junior head. Picture: Malcom Andrew

R13 000 FOR TWO DALES, AND HOW IT'S BEING SPENT

THE Transvaal Dale Parents' Association handed over cheques for R13 000 to the two Dale schools at the 1987 AGM. These included:

● R8 000 and a further R1 000 from the Dale Clock Fund for Dale College. ● R4 000 for Dale Junior.

The Headmasters thanked Transvaal parents for these "magnificent" and "tremendous" donations.

Roy Taylor of Dale Junior said the R4 000 will go towards furnishing an audio-visual room with blackout curtains, blinds and correct seating and fittings. It will be called the Transvaal Media Room.

Malcom Andrew has since said the R9 000 will be spent on these projects

— just under R1 000 on individual computer teaching programmes for Standard 5 to 10 boys; R4 000 on building change-rooms and toilets at the top sports fields; and R4 000 on repairing the leaking Dale swimming pool. Last year, in addition to other donations, the Transvaal parents' association gave R500 to each Dale hostel.

At Diocesan this, matched by a further R500, went into the common-room. Joubert did the same. The common-room got a lounge suite, a tuckshop and a TV cabinet.

At Sutton House, the hi-fi was repaired and a lounge suite and book stands are being bought. At Presby, the money was spent on a carpet, curtains and a snooker table for the senior common-room.

Oh Joburg! Please show me the way to go home!

WE must agree that driving in dear old King is a little different from negotiating the highways and byways of Jo'burg and the Reef.

King drivers who visited the Transvaal for the rugby tour seem to have had more than their share of traffic hazards and problems in finding their way and getting there on time.

They have told us so in no uncertain manner. Here are some sample quotes:

● Mick Webb, chairman of the KWT Dale PTA (on arriving at the parents' AGM at the East Rand Yacht Club):

"I am sorry I am late . . . I have been to seven dams in this area. I promise you there are three dams in Benoni and Germiston, there is a vlei at Brakpan and here we are at last. I left the boys at 12 after their practice to come straight here. We are very happy to be here!"

● Headmaster Roy Taylor, also known as "the late Mr Taylor":

"It was not entirely my fault. It was your terrible traffic . . ."

"Apart from spending one-and-a-half hours in the middle of Joburg last night and visiting a friend in Heidelberg by mistake, I arrived this morning at the Zoo Lake after going halfway to Pretoria."

"I was taking photographs of the three teams

when Jock Wright said to me, 'What are you doing here? You are supposed to be meeting the Murrins (parents) at 10.30 and it's 10.30 now."

"I think I went via Boksburg and if it wasn't for Fred Switala I don't think I would have got here at 12. So that is why Neville called me the late Mr Taylor."

"When you have two cars going at 140 on each side of you and the sign says Benoni Country Club, how do you take that sign? You go with the traffic. You can't slow down because they are right behind you."

● Headmaster Malcom Andrew (after two days in Joburg):

"A robot with a yield sign? I could not believe it! We don't really like the Transvaal. We don't like your traffic. We don't like your insane drivers. We don't like your smog. But we DO love you dearly and it is nice to be back."

● Headmaster Andrew (a week later):

"We hate the Transvaal. You call a taxi and it takes three-quarters of an hour to get there. 'The traffic doesn't do my nerves any good. I just can't wait to go home.'"

● We must sympathise with our King friends and say: Thanks for putting up with it all. Thanks for coming — and come again!

Our homes are your homes . . .

MICK WEBB, chairman of the KWT Dale PTA, has told Transvaal parents: "Our homes are your homes if you ever come to King William's Town."

"You need only say the Amatola Sun is charging too much or that you have lost your money at the casino . . ."

"I can assure you that any King parent will open his home to you."

As an example of King hospitality, he added: "We had 220 rugby players here for the Cape Schools Week and every single boy and master — probably 350 people — were accommodated with the local parent community."

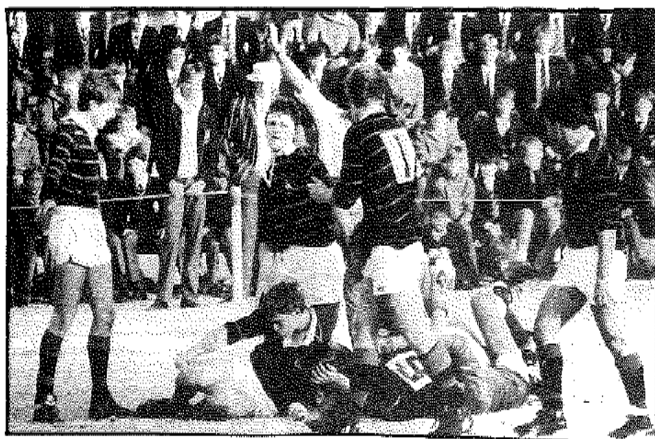
Mr Webb, speaking for Dale Junior, said if any parents had any difficulty with their sons a member of the King PTA would help.

"The masters are kind and caring but very often it is a situation that might need the help of a local parent."

"This is the type of home-from-home situation we would like to establish among parents."

"The other day one of the rugby players had to go to hospital in East London for treatment and one of the King parents came along and said, 'We'll take him down.'"

THE MATCH THAT ROBBED DALE OF RUGBY GLORY



PENALTY TO DALE! Dallians in the thick of it against KES in Johannesburg. Left to right: Flyhalf Craig Frauenstein, lock Grant Miles, prop Neil Hatley and hooker Stelious Georgeiou



CLEARING FOR TOUCH: Dallians (left to right) Craig Frauenstein, centre Raymond Lindsay and wing "Mossie" Hawkes. Dale lost this match — their only defeat of the season. Pictures: JOHN HAFNER

IT'S BEEN a great season for the Dale College First XV — and one of its highlights was the combined rugby-hockey tour to the Transvaal.

One match robbed Dale of being unbeaten during the 1987 season — and that was against King Edward's in Johannesburg. But the lads can still boast being unbeaten by Border and Eastern Province schools.

And, for the first time in many years, the first team beat Dale's traditional rivals, Queen's College and Selborne College, twice in one season.

Tension was high before the season's last match in East London against Selborne, but it was a champagne finale. Dale pushed the Selbornians out of the game to win 29-9.

Alastair McCallum, master-in-charge of rugby at Dale, commented conservatively that the season was a "good one".

"Dale is at the top. The first team's success can be put down to a good team effort and there has been talent in the backline," he said.

"The boys have been playing 15-man rugby and one technical feature has been the loose-forward play."

First XV captain Rodney Long attributed his team's success to a good coach and to team spirit.

Of the match against KES, in which he dislocated his finger, Rodney said: "It was a good match and the best team won."

"Losing was depressing, but the guys took it well. We felt the game could have ended earlier — the second half seemed a bit long, but KES played to the whistle."

The "good coach" is small and modest Ken Ball. He is a vice-principal of Dale and teaches science, maths and biology.

Born and educated in Kimberley, Ken studied further at the University of Port Elizabeth and at Rhodes, where he played for the first rugby team for four years.

He taught at Grey High School, Port Elizabeth, for six years and coached the first rugby team before he joined Dale in 1985. He and his wife Bev have three children.

When Ken took over coaching the first team at the beginning of the season, his aim was to try to change their game. He concentrated on the forwards, improving their scrumming, but did not neglect the backline.

"The boys are playing 15-man rugby now. The results speak for themselves. Dale is playing the type of rugby I wanted them to play," said Ken.

"The team spirit and their good captain and vice-captain had a lot to do with their success, also their relationship with the second team and their coach. The guys really slotted in well."

Ken expects seven regular players from the first team and three others who played in first team games to return to Dale next year. He plans to carry on coaching.

But what a tour! What a season!



TEA BREAK: Rugby masters Alastair McCallum and Ken Ball talk tactics

Rodney Long, this year's Headboy, is considering returning to Dale next year to do a post-matric course.

"I would like a year at Dale without the responsibilities I have had this year," he said.

The touring party were impressed by the way Transvaal parents and Old Dallians went out of their way to support the tour and organise entertainment.

"We went to win friends," said Ken. "It was a pity we lost one game, but we played good rugby. What impressed me was the support."

"Before we played our last match, five grandstand tickets were being offered for the Western Province-Transvaal game to be played on the same day. The Old Dallians and friends supported Dale instead."

Rodney said: "The way the Transvaal folk

supported our matches was great."

The team got off to a good start against St Stithian's, winning 9-0, but King Edward's School beat Dale 12-7 in the dying minutes of the match.

"I told the team that people would say their wheels were going to fall off," said Ken. "It was up to them to prove them wrong. Their loss had a positive effect on their play and they started to play better rugby."

In the final match against St John's, Dale scored seven tries and won 36-9.

"There seemed to be more Old Boys shouting the War Cry than at Reunion. Their spirit was demoralising for the other team — and a psychological boost for the Dallians," said Ken.

The Dale Junior rugby team and first hockey team enjoyed the tour, although the junior boys, playing against older and heavier opponents, lost two out of three games.

Ken said the three groups were totally integrated. They watched each other's games and shared great camaraderie.

The first hockey team lost to Jeppe Boys' High 4-0, beat St Stithian's 6-0 and drew with KES 2-2. They were beaten by St John's 3-0.

Transvaal parents and Old Dallians arranged a packed programme for the touring teams.

Visiting Gold Reef City and the Eastgate shopping complex were great experiences for the "plaasjapies", said Ken.

The sports day organised by the parents at Benoni was enjoyed by the boys who attended.

On a visit to the Wanderers, Charles Fortune, doyen of commentators, talked to the lads about cricket and a visit to the Johannesburg Zoo was good fun.

"The Transvaal parents and Old Boys did a good job and I would like to thank them all," Ken said.

Travelling up in five kombis proved hilarious when Alastair McCallum and his two sons drove on ahead for a pit stop outside Bloemfontein and ordered 60 hamburgers and Cokes for the team.

"We were in a hurry and it was one way of saving time, but the guy at the cafe took one look at Alastair and his little boys and shook his head. He was only satisfied when the teams arrived to eat the goods," Ken said.

Visiting the "ou Transvaal" was an eye-opener for Ken. He was surprised to find things so different at the schools, apart from the vast distances between them.

"They are great schools, but I kept on waiting for the boys to take their hands out of their pockets and stand up when adults entered the room," he said.

"They just didn't have that. I think that if the Dallians were given the chance, they wouldn't change schools and what they have at Dale for anything."

Watch out, Top Gun, here comes our own Serfie!

WYNAND SERFONTEIN, a former Transvaal Dalian now serving in the South African Air Force, is reaching for the stars in more ways than one.

Serf, who matriculated at Dale in 1983, was awarded his wings at a ceremony in Pretoria earlier this year.

This means he is now qualified as an Air Force pilot with the rank of lieutenant.

He is stationed in the Cape and enjoys flying jets. At present he's on Impalas but he looks forward to flying Mirages one day.

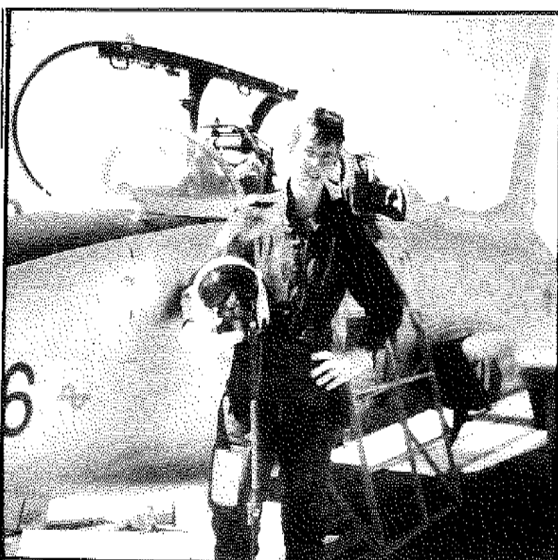
In choosing a flying career Wynand is following in the footsteps of his father, Theuns (Serf) Serfontein, who is now an SA Airways captain after learning to fly in the SAAF in his younger days. But Wynand is

keen to stay with the SAAF for the foreseeable future. Watch out, Top Gun!

● Theuns and his wife Michele left the Transvaal early in 1986 after seven active years as committee members of the parents' association. Theuns was vice-chairman for three years and chairman for two. Michele was secretary for four years.

The Serfonteins are now living in Amanzimtoti on the South Coast. Their younger son Barry, who matriculated at Dale in 1985, is serving as a military policeman in Natal and is due to complete his national service in December.

● Dale College and the South African Air Force share the same motto, "Per Ardua, ad astra (Through difficulties, to the stars). —SS



When school doesn't end with matric

DALE'S post-matric course has got off to an encouraging start in its first two years and is set fair for the next year.

Headmaster Malcom Andrew believes it has been a worthwhile experiment in helping Dalian to bridge the yawning gap between school and university education.

"I was thrilled with the first year," he says. "This year the boys have responded well although two haven't quite played the game. I will need to tighten up things a bit next year. But I am very optimistic."

The course is intended mainly for boys who are too young when they pass matric.

"When a boy matriculates at 16 he's not ready for the army or university.

"I'm not interested in *ou manne*, for this course," adds Mr Andrew.

The post-matric course was introduced in January 1986, mainly as a result of parental pressure.

Many parents feel that their sons will matriculate at too young an age to attend tertiary education institutions (universities, colleges or technicons) or the army and would benefit from a further year at school.

In the first year there were seven post-ma-

BRIDGING THE GAP . . .
Transvaal post-matric Dalian Gavin Troxler, a college prefect in 1986 and a member of the first rugby team



trics, including Transvaler Bradley Worth; this year there are eight, with one Transvaler, Gavin Troxler.

The boys take subjects through the University of South Africa and Technikon SA, but are also permitted to repeat up to two matric subjects if they wish to improve their symbols.

At the end of the year they go on to universi-

ties or technicons, where they are credited with subjects passed.

The immediate effect on the boys of the change in education is dramatic.

"At first they 'freak out' at the number of books they have to handle. This is not a cake walk," said Mr Andrew.

"The big thing is that you are giving the boys a certain amount of freedom to manoeuvre within their own time . . . not tied to bells."

The effect of the changeover impresses and rubs off on other boys at the school.

The post-matrics are expected to take part in normal extra-mural school activities and can represent Dale at sport. But academic progress takes precedence over any other activities.

They must obey normal school rules and be an integral part of the school and hostels. But they are not eligible for leadership roles.

An interesting feature has been the number of post-matrics coming from other schools. In 1986 there was one, this year there are two.

Already, three boys have applied for next year from schools in Natal — a headboy, a deputy headboy and a Victor Ludorum.

The 1988 course will take a maximum of 12 boys. Applications close on January 15.

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Dale Junior Easter singers on the air

THE Dale Junior Choir went on the air twice this year in a joint broadcast with the Kaffrarian Junior Choir.

The choir's performance of the Easter Cantata, Jerusalem Joy, by Roger Jones was heard on successive Sundays on the SABC's Radio Pulpit.

The cantata was performed in the Presbyterian, Anglican, Baptist and Methodist churches in King William's Town in March as part of the choir's preparation for Easter.

One performance was recorded and broadcast on Easter Sunday and the next Sunday.

Russell Coward, then aged 12, of Edenvale, Transvaal, took one of the leading roles in duets with Robbie Du Rand. Other boy singers were R Cawood, J Joubert, C Macdonald, B Ranger, P Ranger and I Sheard.

Russell, who is in Standard 5, is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs Vic Coward, who are members of this year's committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association.

Hayi khona, abafazi, it's amadoda, ewe!

HAVE you heard the one about the two old ladies sitting next to the Headmaster at the rugby (during the Transvaal tour)?

Malcom Andrew recalls: "When the boys went down after the curtain-raiser to do the War Cry, one old lady said: 'I wonder what they're going to do now.'"

Second lady: "They're going to do the Rain Dance."

Later: "I wonder why they're saying, 'Oh my daughter!'"

QUOTE

● The two Dales are on a high at the moment. When you are on a high it's harder to stay there than it was to get there.

Andy and I are doing all we can to provide the top expertise to keep Dale at the top. — Headmaster Roy Taylor.

OBITUARY

BRUCE VORSTER WALKED TALL

THE untimely death of Bruce Tage Vorster is one of those tragic events that are difficult to understand.

Here was a young man of 21 who had everything going for him. But his true potential was never to be realised.

Bruce came up to Dale College in 1979 after being Headboy of Dale Junior and immediately made his mark.

He was the typical all-rounder — when he wasn't playing for the A teams in sport he would be performing in a production of Shakespeare or winning prizes for academic performance.

In his matric year he was a college prefect and a member of the first rugby and swimming teams. He was awarded rugby and academic colours.

Bruce Vorster was a winner in the true sense of the word. But above all he was admired for his ability to keep a positive attitude and walk tall even when the chips were down.

On leaving Dale, Bruce went to Wits to study for a BCom degree. In December 1986, when he was doing vacation work on a mine near his home at Fochville, he became the victim of a tragic accident. He was caught in a mudslide while working underground.

Bruce is sadly missed by his friends from Dale. To his parents, we extend our heartfelt condolences.

— STUART SUTTON



Picture: The Mercury

Presidents both

SID KNOTT, a Kei Road farmer, is inducted National President of the Old Dalian Union by the outgoing president, Mike Mourant.

Sid attended Dale from 1945 till 1951 and was Headboy of Dale and Diocesan Hostel in his final year.

An outstanding cricketer, he was a member of the first Dale team from 1947, when he was 14, till his final year. He played for Border while still at school — and for the next 15 years.

Mike Mourant has been a leader in Old Dalian and parent affairs in Natal for many years. He has lately moved from Durban to Johannesburg and has been invited to attend committee meetings of the Transvaal parents' association.

Transvaal ODU branch 'born again'

THE Old Dalian Union is alive and well and living again in the Transvaal. A new spirit is afoot and the branch hopes once again to become the strongest and most active in the country.

The branch now has its headquarters at the Zoo Lake Sports Club where meetings are held on the first Monday of each month.

A new committee under Dudley Andrews, chairman, and Alan Davis, secretary, organised three major functions this year which have all been well supported.

Alan, a Dale parent and a committee member of the Transvaal parents' association, is National Senior Vice-President of the ODU.

The first function this year was a cocktail party at the Wanderers Club, on February 6, attended by 148 people, of whom 89 were Old Dalians.

During the Dale rugby tour of the Transvaal enthusiastic get-togethers were held after matches at the St Stithian's Old Boys' Club and the Zoo Lake Club. After the final game on July 4 a red-and-black dinner was held at the Night Moves restaurant in Northcliff, Johannesburg.

This was a full-house of more than 200 people, including Old Dalians, wives and friends, parents and visitors from King William's Town. The band and waitresses wore Dale colours.

The Headmasters of Dale College and Dale Junior, with the National President of the ODU, Sid Knott, and the Dale PRO, Dummy Taylor, came up to attend a stag dinner held on September 18 at Old Edwardians' Club in Johannesburg.

The branch's first function of 1988 will be a cocktail party in February where once again refreshments will be free.

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