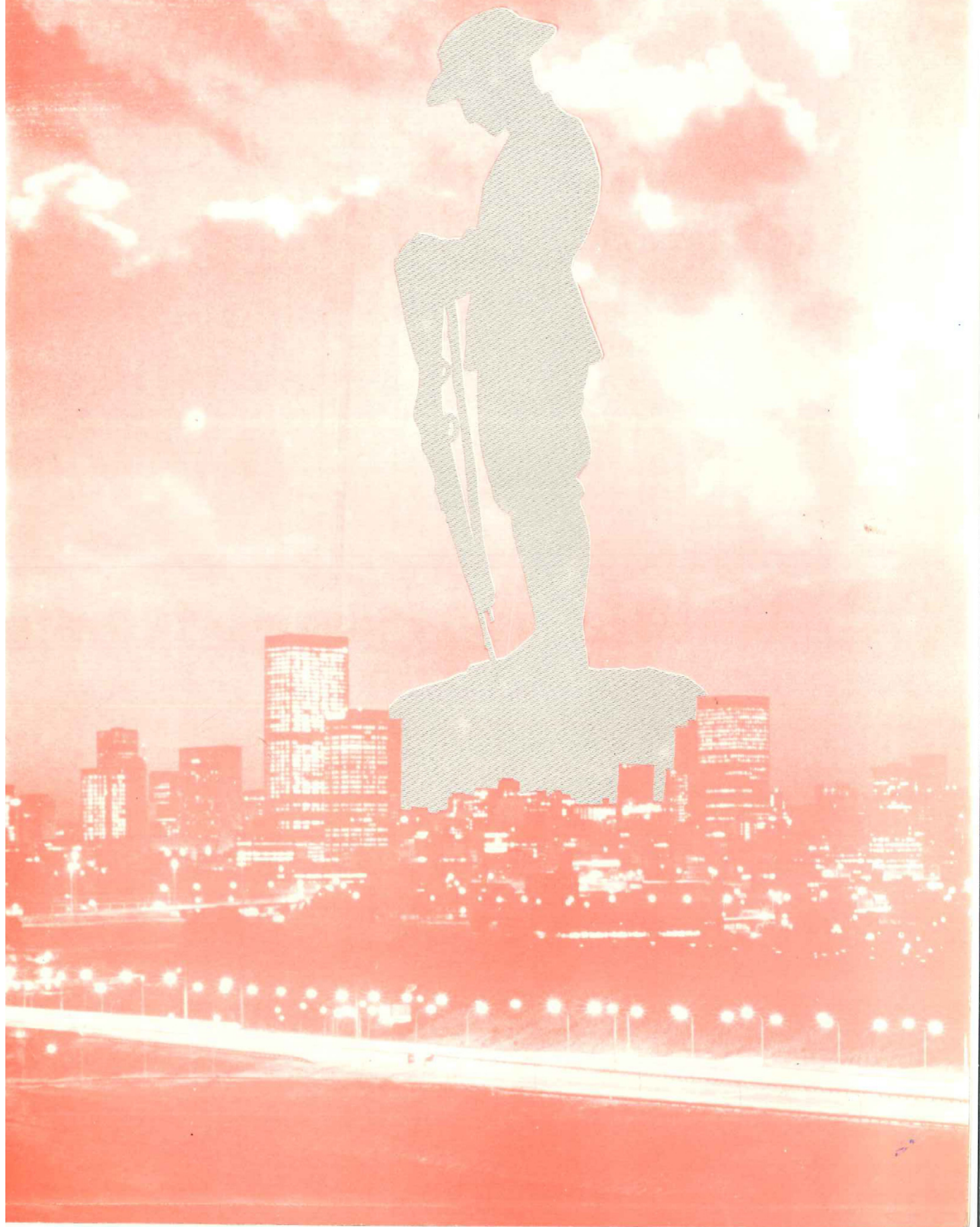


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Get set for next Easter, Dale is coming to Joeys

DON'T go away next Easter — if you live on the Witwatersrand. Stay home and watch Dale play in the St Stithian's inter-school rugby tournament and join in a weekend of festive fun.

This is the first time Dale has been invited to take part in the St Stithian's festival, regarded as one of the showpieces of South African schoolboy rugby. Top rugby schools from all parts of the country will compete. A Dale side will also visit Johannesburg to play in a Jeppe Under 15 tournament.

The rugby will kick off on Thursday, March 23, followed by a beer-and-braai evening at the home of Dudley (Dux) Andrews, chairman of the Transvaal branch of the Old Dalians Union.

This will be a joint function organised by the Old Dalians branch and the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association. Appropriately, the parents will provide the food and the Old Dalians the refreshments.

The address: 6 Minelala Road, Klevehill Park, Sandton. Further details will be announced early next year.

On Good Friday there will be a bus tour to Sun City for visitors from King organised by the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association. Sorry boys, adults only!

Saturday will be a big day for rugby followed by an Old Dalians dinner at the Old Edwardian's Club, Houghton, Johannesburg. Parents will be welcome.

On Sunday the parents' association will hold its annual fund-raising Fun Day at Benoni Country Club. This event, usually held in June, is being brought forward to coincide with the rugby tour and the expected visit of a large contingent from King.

Golf, tennis, squash and bowls competitions will be held. (For a report and pictures on the 1988 Fun Day see Pages 6 and 7.)

The rugby at St Stithian's and Jeppe will wind up on Easter Monday and the party will return to King the next day.

Kenny Ball, who has coached the Dale First XV for two seasons, believes that Dale will field a strong side next year. Thirteen boys who have played for the first team will be back next year.

Here is a rare opportunity for the Dale Family in the Transvaal to get together for a few days of first-class schoolboy rugby and after-the-match fun. Make sure you're there to support Dale!

Uncle Percy pads up for our Dale Brick Fund

PERCY DAVIS, much-loved cricket coach at Dale for 28 years, has made a touching donation to the Dale College Brick Club campaign.

From his home in Leicestershire, England, he has sent £25 to buy memorial bricks for himself, his old friend Cocky Farrer and the late Russell Searle, the Headmaster who first brought him to Dale.

Percy — known as Sparrow, Uncle Dave or Uncle Percy — retired from Dale in 1981. He made the donation as an 82nd birthday present to Cocky, one of King's favourite sons and once a leading Border cricket player and administrator. He is the father of Dale's double Springbok, Buster Farrer.

"Cocky Farrer and Mr Searle gave me the confidence to do what I've done in life," Percy once said.

The draw for the R1 000 prize in the brick campaign, organised by the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association, will be held at the 1989 Reunion in May. It was postponed last Reunion because of insufficient support.

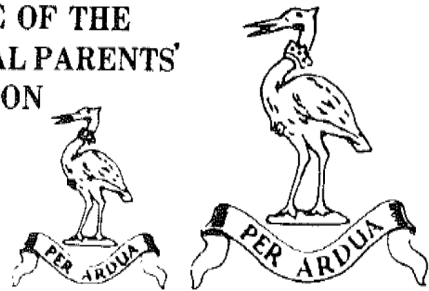
Now renewed efforts are being made to boost the fund. Support is being sought from companies and parents and Old Dalians who have not yet contributed.

If you have not already done so, buy a brick for Dale. Buy one for your son as he leaves school. The cost: R30. By contributing this you will become a member of the Brick Club and be in line to win R1 000.

An application form appears in a leaflet enclosed in this issue of TransDale.

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The Tvl Dale parents' committee for 1988-89

HERE is the new committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association elected at the 1988 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) and 787-0300 (Colleen - Emergency only).

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Per Ardua Award for Neville and Colleen

TWO stalwarts of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association, Neville and Colleen Patience, have received the Per Ardua Award from Dale College for loyal and devoted service to the school.

Neville is in his second year as chairman of the association and Colleen has been treasurer and has run the train block booking service for four years. They have been committee members for five years and since their involvement fund-raising by the association has boomed.

Presenting the award at the AGM, Headmaster Malcom Andrew described the Patiences as "people who have really excelled." He added: "They have worked for the school in a way that is quite extraordinary."

The Per Ardua award for men is a black tie with a red Dale crest. For women it is a bell in sterling silver with the red crest.

Congratulations, Neville and Colleen!

Aussie Brett Tompson (centre) with Craig Barber, Norman Opie, Anthony Robbins, Jason Rowland and Clint Westley of Transvaal

The Young Upwardly Mobile lad from Down



Under finds things fair dinkum at Dale

PATRIOTIC Aussie Brett Tompson had to miss Australia's year-long bicentenary celebrations to come to Dale Junior this year. But it was well worth it, says Brett, who exchanged a teaching post with Roy Taylor.

When Brett first showed interest in coming to South Africa he did not expect such immediate results. Within a couple of months of mentioning his ambition to Tony Greig, former England cricket captain and Roy's cousin, he was on his way to Dale.

"I realised I would have to miss the celebrations, which are really a big thing this year. But I got a lot out of coming here. I love South Africa — the people are a lot more friendly than I imagined — and if I ever have to leave Australia I will come back here."

Brett plans a visit two years from now, but said he could not leave Australia permanently unless he had to. "Australia's my home. It is where my friends and family are."

Brett, described as a dedicated, hardworking and enthusiastic teacher by Acting Headmaster Roger Budler, first planned to go to Canada on a teacher exchange. But South Africa hit home when he remembered a documentary he saw as a youngster on the much-publicised country.

Greig's connections and the fact that he would adjust better to South Africa's climate made him decide that King William's Town was a must.

Brett's cousin, Bruce Francis, the Australian rebel cricket tour manager, had also spoken about South Africa and this too whetted Brett's appetite.

"Tony organised the exchange. I think he was anxious to get his cousin to Australia and to get

an Aussie to South Africa to see what it is really like. There was a lot of sidestepping from the Australian Government, but I got here."

With such close South African ties Brett was well prepared. He arrived unexpectedly in King in January.

"I didn't tell anyone when I was coming, because it was school holidays and I didn't want to put anyone out. After a couple of hours someone saw me trying to get into the locked school."

"They made a few phone calls and it was organised that I should stay with a parent until Roy came back from holiday. I started teaching a week after I arrived."

Brett comes from Scot's College, a private school in Sydney with about 40 boarders. It is about the same size as Dale, but he found things a lot busier here.

"At Dale the boys' lives revolve around the school, whereas at Scot's, there aren't as many extramural activities, although the school is a special part of their lives."

"There is a great attraction for the coast and the boys travel long distances to get to school. If you don't play rugby or cricket at Scot's it is hard luck because there is not much else."

"It could never be like Dale. The city life is just too hectic and it does not lend itself to what we have at Dale."

South African education is very different to that of Australia and the staff here are more organised, Brett said.

"I teach at a private school which one would expect to be strict with organisation. However, the school is virtually left to run itself. Here there is a little bit too much red tape, a little bit

too much government influence whereas at Scot's there is not enough."

"Scot's has an old boys' union and a lot of tradition. It's going through a rough patch at the moment because of the Labour Government, which does not give much support to private schools. However, if a liberal government gets in they will get more aid."

A teacher for almost seven years, Brett loves travelling and took long leave to travel with his brother. In a year they visited 18 countries in Asia, North America, Europe and North Africa.

He has not wasted any time in South Africa and has tried to fit in as much as he can. "Any long weekend or holiday I went away. I have been to South West Africa, Etosha, Transvaal, Drakensberg, Swaziland and Zululand. My mother came out for a couple of weeks with a friend and we went to Cape Town."

"When I travelled to SWA I did not speak to anyone for ten days, because everyone spoke Afrikaans."

And as for the Ou Transvaal: "I found the Transvaal parents easy to relate to because they are city parents. I stayed with parents in Johannesburg. I also met some Transvaal parents at Reunion. They came to King all bubbly and ready to party."

Brett returns to Australia in December and to Scot's in the new year, but Dale will always hold a special place in his heart.

"It's been a great year. Dale is a very impressive school, especially as far as discipline goes. The Dalians are better behaved than the boys at Scot's. The rivalry between Queen's and Dale is also something special. I have never experienced that at any other school."

A wizard year for Roy Taylor down in Oz

ROY TAYLOR returns to Dale Junior next January after a year in Australia which he describes as "an experience of a lifetime."

"The Taylor family are the richer for it," he writes in the Old Dalian publication, the Heron.

He has been teaching through an exchange arrangement at Scot's College Preparatory School, a private, church school in Sydney.

"We have encountered numerous differences and have shared a great deal, but then that is what I believe an exchange is all about."

"It has been wonderful being back in the classroom again and experiencing different aspects of education," says Mr Taylor, who has been Headmaster of Dale Junior for eight years.

At Scot's he has a class of 26 Year 6 (Std IV) boys and says he has a "wonderful, relaxed and

open discipline in my class."

Mr Taylor explains: "Self-discipline plays a major role at Scot's and there is very little conformity. This has led to an open and communicative child who has a great sense of humour and a good knowledge of what is happening around him."

"He is living in an open and free country and not much is hidden from him. I would like to have a balance of our two systems of discipline in and out of the classroom."

"Specialist teachers in the arts play an important role in the enrichment in these fields and it is no wonder that the pupils achieve so well."

"Many of the interests and activities followed here are similar to those at Dale. Little Dalians are fortunate in being able to participate in a

greater scope of extra mural activities due to their school hours."

School at Scot's starts and finishes later because of the distances children have to travel.

"Much of the work is similar although slightly more time is spent on English and maths. Greater emphasis is placed on spelling and formal grammar which is important if one sees the deterioration in these areas among our youth."

"I would, however, encourage more creative writing and oral work."

Of life in Australia, Mr Taylor says: "We have found it definitely to be a man's world, but Australians have progressed more than we have to make it a woman's world as well."

"It is not an easy life and a family has to pull

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DROPPED IN THE DEEP END!

THE BUDLER FAMILY: Linda and Roger with their daughters Tammy, 6, and Cathy, 8

But Roger Budler's swimming strongly at Dale Junior

IT'S quite a challenge to find oneself suddenly at the helm. But Roger Budler, Acting Headmaster of Dale Junior, found it rewarding and exciting.

Roger had to take over after Roy Taylor was offered a post for a year at Scot's College in Sydney, Australia.

He was dropped in the deep end. But, with his strong connection with the school and the commitment and co-operation of the Dale family Roger, ended up swimming strongly.

"The shock came in January — we were unaware Roy was going," said Roger. "But I saw it as a challenge and a privilege to head a school like Dale Junior."

"It has been a wonderful experience not only dealing with the boys, but with their parents, the staff and the old boys," Roger said.

Old Dalian Roger, who hails from the Tarkastad area, was a boarder at Dale from Std Four. He has been a teacher for eight years and taught at Fish Hoek Primary and Stirling Primary in East London before he came to Dale Junior as a head of department.

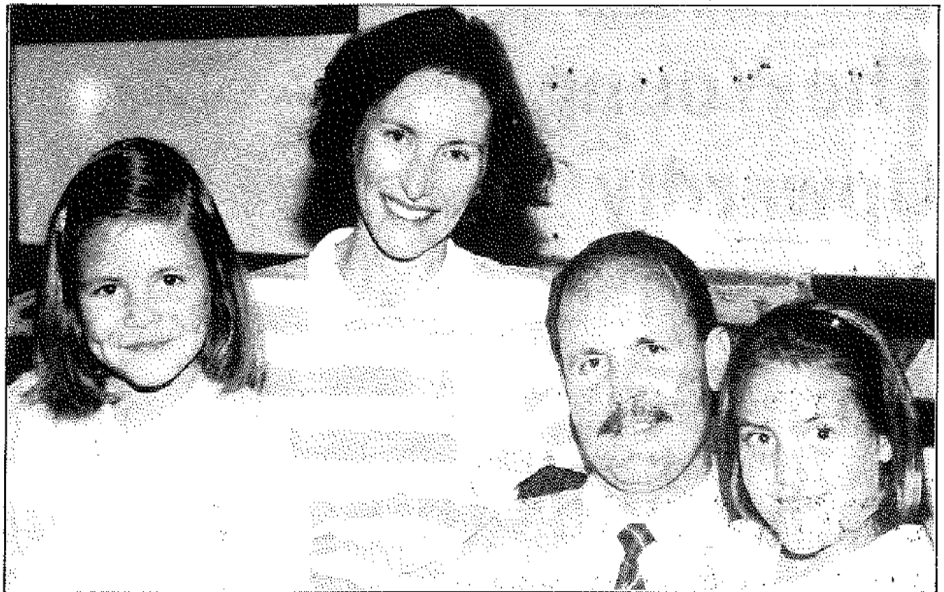
Roger describes Roy Taylor as a man with a lot of charisma and public appeal. To move into his seat after being a department head was certainly challenging.

"To be a headmaster I had to be far more balanced in my thinking, because I had to take everyone's opinion into consideration. You have to get to know the parents. You get to know what problems they have and what pleases them."

The school was reclassified at the end of last year and it qualifies for an official deputy. When Mr Taylor returns Roger will take up this post.

Roger admitted that running a school for someone else has been difficult. One has to be careful not to make too many changes.

"After all, it is still Roy's school. It has his policies and standards and I had to maintain



what he had set. We did change a few minor things he will approve of."

Way down under, Roy was never left out in the cold. He and Roger have communicated throughout the year.

A highlight during Roger's year was a trip to the Transvaal.

"I always had the feeling that they (the Transvaalers) sent their kids to Dale because of certain problems at home — not because it was the school of their choice."

"But when I got there I could not believe the camaraderie and the amount of work they do for the school. For such a small body they do so much. My ideas changed."

Roger was not the only one facing new challenges. His wife Linda filled in as a Sub A teacher this year, so apart from getting to grips with teaching she had to get used to having her husband as a boss.

"She really complemented me. If there was a tense moment in the staff room she would always break the ice with a bit of humour."

One thing Roger has missed during his year as headmaster is mixing with the boys. Although there have been touching moments with certain boys who have problems and discussed them

with him, he missed teaching them and sharing with the pupils.

"As a teacher one sometimes reaches a level of frustration with a certain boy and he is sent to the headmaster. When you settle down and chat they let go of their emotions and you get to the root of the problem. This I found very touching."

"I found the attitude and co-operation of the boys and the staff as well very touching."

Looking back, Roger said, he has learnt a lot from his year as a headmaster. The highlight was the total commitment of everybody who worked with him in a happy atmosphere.

The coming year will bring another challenge for Roger, who will take over as National President of the Old Dalian Union.

"This is a challenge I look forward to. As an old boy I feel strongly about what we have. We at Dale have a tremendous background of pride and history in the whole Dale family."

"The big thing is never to take that for granted. We have much to appreciate and grow by and it is important never to let it slip."

● Roger Budler's father Peter and his uncle, Harold, matriculated at Dale in 1944. Both were at Diocesan Hostel. His grandfather, Dr AH Budler, was also educated at Dale.

KEEPING TIME WITH DALE

The new-model clocks will make fine Christmas gifts

THE Dale Clock Fund, from which R1 000 was donated to Dale College last year, has been relaunched to meet popular demand.

Production costs have jumped sharply. So the price of a new-model, battery-operated Dale clock with a wooden-type frame and the school crest in colour is now R60.

Engraved plaques to mark the school's 125th anniversary are still available at R5. They can be attached to the clocks.

Buy a Dale clock for your Dalian or Old Dalian son — or for yourselves.

● If you would like a clock please call Joe Sutton (Bus. 710-2303 or home 53-4927, or Colleen Patience (Home 942-4325)

Life in Australia with Roy Taylor

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together with each member doing his/her share. We have learned such a great deal and housework is no longer a burden with ironing and dishwashing being my forte."

The Taylors (Roy, Sue, Danny and Andy) have travelled many thousands of kilometres in Australia — to Victoria and South Australia, through Queensland and the Northern Territory, including a visit to "Crocodile Dundee" country and his own pub, Walkabout Creek Hotel.

"We have seen more of Australia than the average Australian," says Mr Taylor. They have visited Old Dalian Ray Radloff and his wife Kay, and another Old Dalian, Grey Gibson, and his wife Sharon. They were due to spend a holiday with an Old Dalian and past vice-principal of Dale, Charlie McGill, and his wife Carol.

"This has been an incredible adventure and wonderful friendships have materialised."

He hopes that sharing and learning more about each other through the teacher exchange will bring about a better understanding of the two countries.

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HE arrived at Dale in 1972, a tall, shy 12-year-old who blushed easily.

Brett Llewellyn Scott Adkins has come a long way since then. Broadcaster, journalist, public relations officer, actor, medic, caterer... Brett's done it all.

Today, East London-born Brett, 28, whose voice is heard each morning on Radio South Africa's prestigious news programme, Radio Today, has fulfilled the dream he had as a reticent teenager — to become a broadcaster.

Until the end of June this year, Brett's time was divided between radio news reporting and producing Radio Today in Johannesburg. He loves this — "although the hours — rising at 3am to be at work by 4am — were killing".

In July, Brett returned to Port Elizabeth, to run the Radio Today office there.

Tall, slender and dark-haired, Brett says he owes it all to the solid grounding he got at Dale.

"I went to Dale a quiet, shy boy and left a confident teenager with purpose and direction."

His father, East London publisher Dale Adkins, went to St Andrew's in Grahamstown, but decided to keep Brett closer to home. So he was packed off to Dale in King William's Town in 1972 and spent six years there as a boarder, until he matriculated in 1977.

"I was unusual in that neither my father nor grandfather went to Dale. But I hope to enrol my own sons at the school, if and when I have them, starting a new Adkins tradition," Brett said.

Brett has never liked sport. His interests at Dale lay more in debating (he was vice-chairman of the Debating Society and says his team rarely lost) and drama.

"I was a boarder in Sutton House and, since I wasn't very sports orientated, I was delighted when inter-house play competitions counted, along with rugby, hockey and other sports, towards total house points.

"When a play I'd directed and acted in ('Hearts and Flowers') won the competition, I felt enormous pride in having contributed towards Sutton House," he said.

After he left school, Brett stayed close to the theatre. A play he wrote and acted in recently, "One for the Road Jimmy," won him an award in the Port Elizabeth Amateur Dramatic Society play-offs.

And, as a forerunner of what was to come, in his matric year Brett was editor of the Dale-KHSG newspaper, Khale.

But it was his involvement with the Students' Christian Society that gave him his first job when he left Dale in 1977.

"I was going into the army in July, and needed a job for six months. So I joined the Scripture

I FOUND MY VOICE AT DALE



says Brett Adkins, a shy boy who became Radio Today's man in the Eastern Cape

Union in Port Elizabeth and organised school camps for kids and designed their newsletter.

"Then came the army, where I was first a medic, then moved into social welfare."

While in the army, Brett wrote two short stories that were published in a women's magazine. "My short stories led directly to my first job on newspapers. I had no experience, no university degree and was turned down by the first paper I applied to.

"Then I went to the EP Herald in Port Elizabeth, and told the editor I was a published author. I got the job!" he laughed.

After a three-year stint on the Herald, Brett was lured into public relations which promised to be more lucrative.

"I lasted two years. I realised then that I'm a journalist and couldn't be anything else. So I went back into newspapers, rejoining the Herald as a senior reporter.

"Five months later, my dream came true. I was offered the job of Radio Today's Eastern Cape representative. I also did a bit of TV work — presenting Two Way Street from PE."

Within six months, Brett showed such promise that he was brought up to Johannesburg and primed to produce the programme — a job that entails collecting and processing contributions from radio journalists in the field.

He says his decision to return to the Eastern Cape was "not an easy one."

"But, I love the sea and when the vacancy came up in Port Elizabeth I jumped at the opportunity — it meant I could have the best of both worlds," he said.

Brett is happiest sitting behind the controls, or behind a microphone.

"When I was producing, I'd sit in the studio with the presenter and direct and structure the programme. I loved it. But I'm just as happy reporting out in the field," he said.

As a little boy, Brett says he spent hours listening to the radio, dreaming of the day when he would be a part of the world of auditory entertainment.

And this year his efforts were rewarded when he was nominated for an Artes Award for a special report he did on car theft.

"I owe it all to Dale, which has the unfortunate image of being a sports-orientated school.

"But it didn't lack anything in the areas of voice and speech training, writing, projection, deportment... things that are vital for young men who will take up executive positions later in their lives.

"At Dale I learnt confidence and the art of being articulate, something for which I will be eternally grateful."

— Charmain Naidoo

'Scorpio' Warick, 16, stars in biology contest

A TRANSVAAL Dalian, 16-year-old Warick Ayres, has won a top prize in a nation-wide research competition for junior biologists.

His proud parents are Brian and Margaret Ayres of Randburg, both committee members of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association. Brian is vice-chairman.

Warick, who is in Std 8 at Dale and at Pater-son House, was one of three Dalians who won prizes in the S H Skaife competition run by the South African Museum in Cape Town.

His project, a behavioural study of the scorpion, involved months of field work and experiments at school and at home before drawing up the final report.

Schools from all parts of the country took part in the competition designed to encourage pupils to undertake their own research. Entrants were required to do an original research project unaided by books, parents or teachers.

Three prizes were contested in each of three age groups. No first prize was awarded the 16-18

years age group so Warick, who came third, was effectively second.

Brett Step of King William's Town won a merit award in the same group and Derrick Delpont, also of King, won a merit award in the 14-15 age group.

Brian Ayres says that Warick, his younger son, now in his third year at Dale, has been interested in biology for some years. This project had really sparked his enthusiasm and he hopes to study nature conservation at a technikon after leaving school.

Warick started studying a scorpion in King several months ago, but the insect died and he switched to a study of aameleon. There were problems with this and he returned to studying scorpions when he came home on holiday.

He caught about eight scorpions on a koppie in Robin Hills, Northcliff, and brought them home in a cardboard box.

He fed them different kinds of food, changed their environment and observed their habits. He

experimented with leaves, stones and sand to see where they preferred to settle and recorded his findings. Then he took the scorpions back to King and continued his research there.

Dale's achievement in winning three prizes was described as "fantastic" by biology head of department, Kenny Ball, who has been involved in the contest for ten years — at Dale and at other schools.

No other school that entered got three awards and no other Eastern Cape school got even one award this year.

"I've never seen one school dominate the competition in this way before," he said.

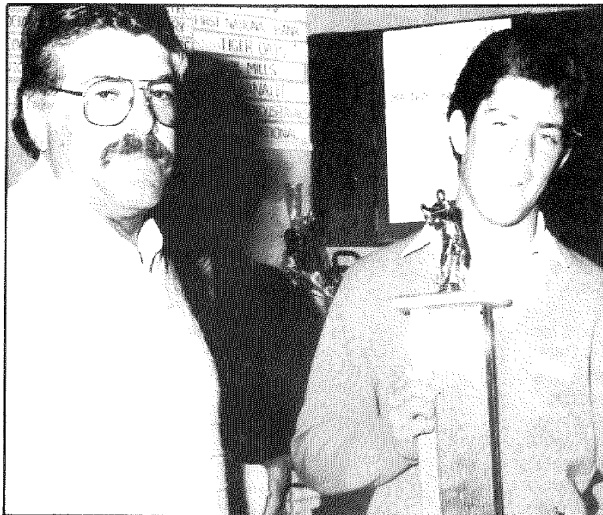
Farewell to Kenny

KENNY BALL, who has been teaching at Dale for four years and coached the first rugby team for two, leaves at the end of this year to become deputy headmaster of Hudson Park High School in East London.

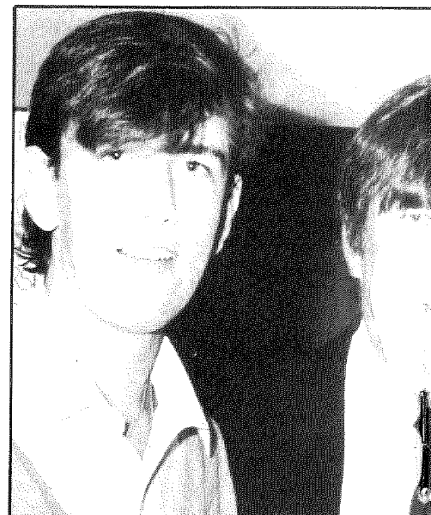
IT'S A RECORD, AS THE DALE FAMILY ENJOY



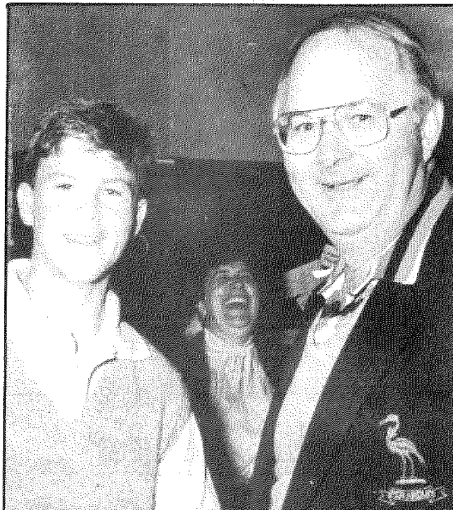
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GOLF winner: Warren Shirley receives the trophy from dad Peter



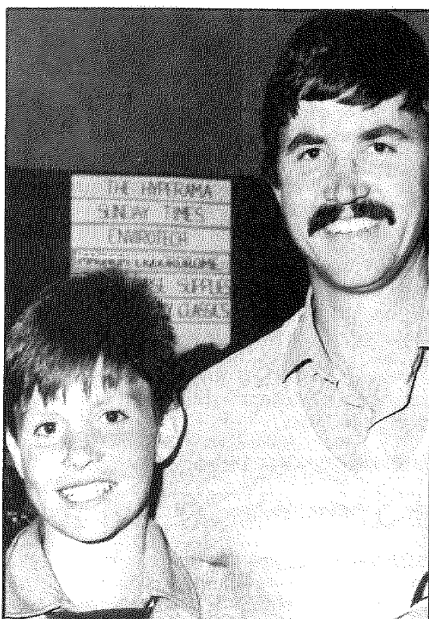
BEST GROSS: Chairman Neville Patience and



THIRD PRIZE: Mike Mourant and his son Miles



FOURTH: Jimmy Johnston and his partner Andy Moorcroft



MOST GOLF: Bill Brown and his son Anthony



TENNIS winner Margaret Switala with Colleen Patience

IT was a proud moment for Peter Shirley when he presented the winning trophy to his son Warren at the 1988 Transvaal Dale Parents' Association Fun Day.

Warren, an Old Dalian, won first prize in the golf tournament with his partner J Frank on 45 points.

His father, a former committee member of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association, handed over the trophy on behalf of the donors, SA Oil Mills. It will be held for the next year by Paterson House.

It was a real family day with Dalians and their fathers sharing several prizes.

The golf was again the best supported event at the fund-raising sports day held at Benoni Country Club in June.

Regrettably, the Headmaster of Dale College, Malcom Andrew, could not attend as he had to fly to Cape Town to join the Dale rugby tourists there.

A record amount of more than R3 000 was raised on the day for

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by **TOM EDLEY**

Dale College and Dale Junior.

About 200 parents, Old Dalians, Dalians and friends turned out and the golf drew a field of 128. Tennis and squash were also supported.

Among the tennis players Margaret Switala was again the ladies' winner, while John Roy and Billy James, an Old Dalian, took the men's prizes.

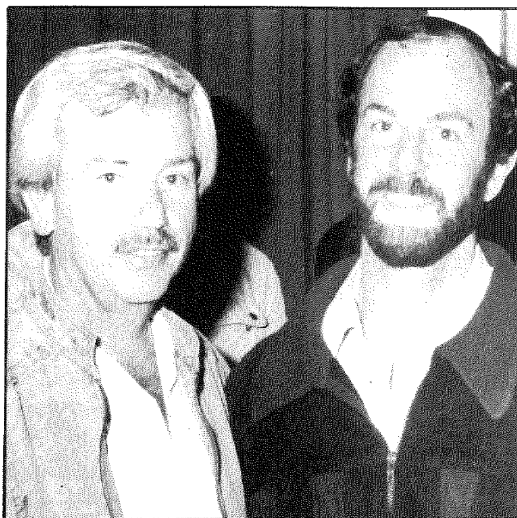
Second prize in the golf event went to Alan Davis, a former committee member of the parents' association, and his partner M Garton, and third prize to Mike Mourant and his Dalian son Miles.

Mike, a former National President of the Old Dalian Union, moved to Johannesburg from Natal this year and has joined the committee of the parents' association with his wife Denise. She hit the ladies' longest drive.

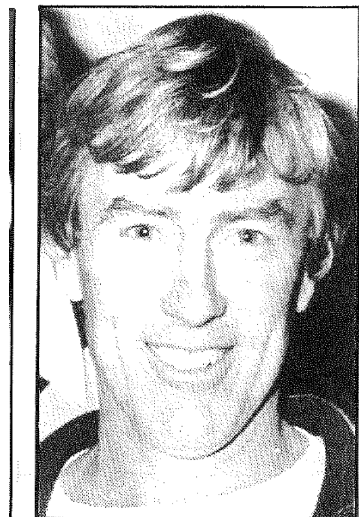
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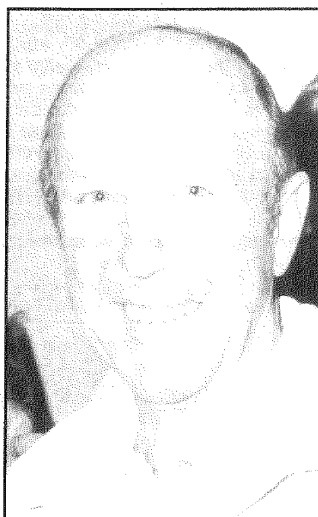
and son Bruce



RUNNERS UP: Alan Davis and partner Michael Garton



TENNIS winner Billy James



TENNIS winner John Roy

Two Old Rhodians, Andy Moorcroft and Jimmy Johnston, who is also an Old Dalian, won fourth prize followed by Old Dalians Spoet Wales and David Ellwood, who also hit the men's longest drive.

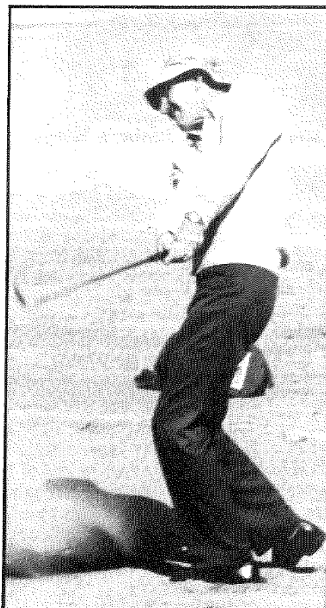
Vicky Krauss, a former Dale parent and her son Neville were sixth with Peter Shirley and Ralph Perry on seventh, followed by K Guy and Ray Karshagen, an Old Dalian.

Parents' association chairman Neville Patience and his son Bruce were ninth but also won the prize for the best gross score.

Tenth prize went to Jason Waldie, a Dalian, and his father, followed by Old Dalian Gary Fisher and M Ferguson.

Pastor Bill Brown, Superintendent of Taylor's Junior Hostel, and his son won the prize for the long-day.

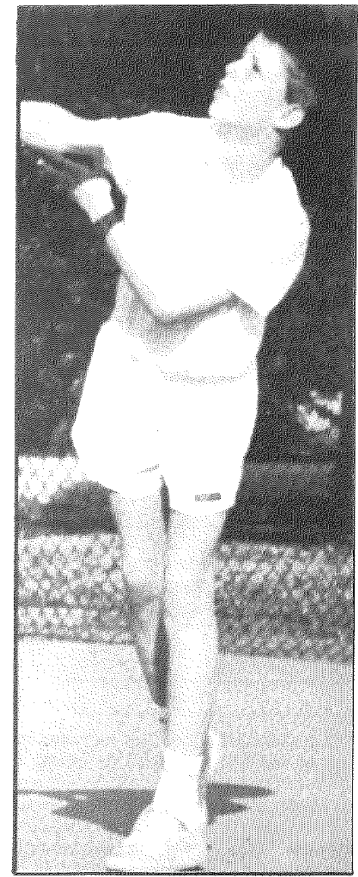
Nearest-the-pin prizes went to Meri Johnson and Elaine Pain and J Waldie and Ralph Perry.



BUNKERED: Ernie Fisher



TENNIS action man Brian Ayres



TENNIS enthusiast: David Switala



THE LONGEST DRIVERS: Golfers David Ellwood and Denise Mourant



FAMILY AFFAIR: Golfers Vicky Krauss and her son Neville . . . sixth

THE MONEY CRISIS: STATE CURBS HIT SCHOOLS

DRASTIC curbs in state spending on schools and rising costs have hit Dale College "like a bolt from the blue."

The Headmaster, Malcom Andrew, gave Transvaal parents a startling picture of Dale finances when he addressed the association's annual general meeting in June.

He told them: "The Director of Education in the Cape has been told to save five million rand a month. He cannot take that from the 87 percent (of the budget) spent on teachers' salaries."

"He has to take it from the remaining 13 percent spent on schools, lights, water, library grants, audio visual etc."

"We have now got to pay for our lights and water and there are now no more grants for library and audio visual."

"We were not banking on this. It came like a bolt from the blue and all our budgets went for a loop last year. We are now paying huge sums of money the taxpayer previously had to pay."

The Headmaster then gave figures on the income and expenditure of Dale College for 1987.

TOTAL INCOME: R258 000.
Of this 73 percent came from school fees. Eight per cent came from donations, including R9 000 from the Transvaal Parents' Association last year.

We have to find more, says Andy

Four percent came from rugby gates. Said Mr Andrew: "I don't want anyone to tell me rugby isn't important. Cricket brings in nothing — but, boy, can they spend money! The most expensive sport there is."

"Squash and cross country bring in nothing but they all cost money. Rugby is the only one that brings in money and this year that is going to be closer than seven percent."

Fund-raising produced 15 percent. "The King William's Town PTA is going to have to increase that to 20 percent or even higher. The Depart-

ment is not paying what it used to pay."

EXPENSES: Total expenditure for 1987 was R254 000.

Vehicles and maintenance claimed 28 percent of this. "It cost about R80 000 just to keep our buses on the road and to hire buses when we need to move our boys."

Salaries, wages, the bursar and the cricket coach: 15 percent. Administration, telephone, printing: 13 per cent. "Now add lights, rates, water — and double these costs," said the Headmaster.

Building maintenance? "You can't get people to come in and do building maintenance any more because there is no money to pay them."

"Audio visual has to go up again because we get no grants from the department any more."

Maintenance of sports facilities: 13 per cent. "It's going to go up. The water account is more than R1 000 a month."

Said the Headmaster: "I went bleating to the inspectors the other day. I said, 'What the hell is going on here?'"

"One said, 'Mr Andrew, you must learn a lesson: You are no longer an educational leader, now you are a bookkeeper, juggling finance — that's what you are paid for. You are now a financial manipulator.'"

BUT ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE

DALE COLLEGE has been regraded by the Department of Education. It is now on the SKS5 grade. This allows for staff promotions.

There are now two deputy headmasters, Mr Des Gendell, and a second, Mr Micky Patterson, Superintendent of Sutton House and head of science.

Previously there were five vice-principals. Now there are four more: Mr Graham Nolan, Mr Gareth Crossman, Mr Terry Lennard and Miss Bev van Heerden, the first woman appointed a vice-principal in the school's 128-year history.

A TOUCHING tale of Dale generosity was told by the Headmaster:

"A few months ago I got a telephone call from the lady in charge of the King William's Town Child Welfare. You could hear the emotion in her voice... 'There is no money to feed these kids, black and white. Would you please have a 10 cent collection tomorrow. Ten cents from every boy and get it down to me so we can keep our soup kitchens going.'"

"Well, ten cents per boy would have given them about R55. Next day we collected R677."

King parents raise R45 000 for Dale Junior



SCRUM DOWN! Dale and Queen's Under Nines face to face



SING UP! Dale Junior's Senior Choir faces the music

FINANCE is fast becoming a matter of deep concern for all schools, Roger Budler, Acting Headmaster of Dale Junior, told Transvaal parents at their AGM.

But, he said, dynamic members of the school PTA, in a joint project with the De Vos Malan School, had raised R45 000 for Dale Junior.

This is how the money has or will be spent:

- R3 000 on upgrading reading and enrichment material in the junior primary.
- R1 000 on reference books.
- R1 000 on videos.
- R2 000 on a new video recorder.
- R5 500 on renovating the swimming pool area and changing rooms.
- R7 000 on upgrading the kitchen and installing new staff toilets in the red-brick building.
- R2 500 on upgrading the school foyer, the secretary's office and the headmaster's office.
- R2 500 on a masterlock/key system for the entire school complex.
- R4 000 on upgrading the clubhouse — installing a scullery and serving hatch.

- R5 000 on upgrading the playground.
 - R2 000 on benches in the school grounds.
 - R500 on photorails along school passages.
- And a host of minor works.

Mr Budler said the staff had undertaken to raise further funds for the Junior Primary, to buy 15 large ceramic pots and pot plants to beautify the school and to help fund educational and cricket tours to Cape Town.

"We also intend raising money for our music and remedial departments"

Mr Budler said the Education Department had undertaken to rebuild Dale Junior's hostel servants' quarters at a cost of R70 000.

The red-brick building was due for renovation during the current financial year. New sports-

fields had been approved in principle but they would have to wait till money was available.

Mr Budler said Dale Junior's enrolment has passed the 400 mark and the school has been upgraded from a PCS4 to a PCS5 school. This year there are 411 boys at the school, including 78 boarders.

"This means that we can compete against far bigger schools for staff," he told parents.

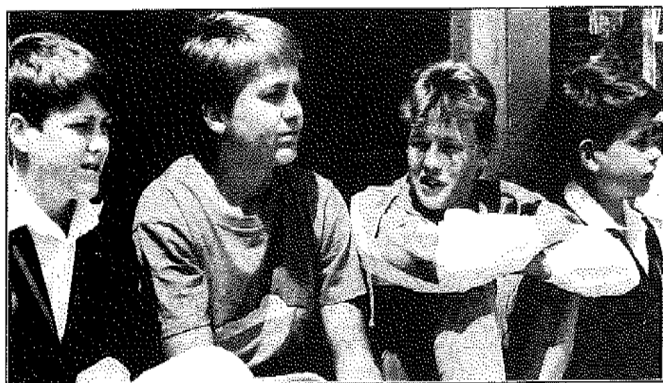
Reporting on progress at the school, he added: "The first term of this year 54 boys were awarded academic and merit badges and recently 62 boys were awarded academic and merit badges for their efforts during test series one."

"At the end of 1987 we had a failure rate of 4,25 percent throughout our standards. Our mathematicians excelled in the regional maths olympian for primary schools coming first out of 35 schools that entered."

"The quiz team did extremely well in the Border schools' quiz competition, winning the first two rounds and losing by one point in the final to come second."

HOW THE MONEY IS BEING SPENT...

DALE CRICKETERS GET A TASTE OF JOEYS



Dale Colts players with Transvaal supporters (left to right): Gareth Russell, Brett Francis, James Yelseth and Michael Beckley



Transvaal's Miles Mourant (left) and Mark van Buuren, the captain, with their coach, Gareth Crossman

DALE cricket tourists got a taste of the real Johannesburg this year — strong competition on the field, warm hospitality off it, and a touch of criminal drama.

One of the school's mini-buses was nearly stolen on the morning of their return to King.

The Dale First XI, under teachers Gareth Crossman and Rob le Roux, and a Colts team, with Graham Nolan and Dave Knowles in charge, visited Johannesburg in the September holidays.

Tour leader Gareth Crossman, master in charge of cricket, summed it up: "The schedule was hectic — four matches in four days — but the cricket reached a high standard. The tour was enjoyable but proved a learning experience for all the players — and the staff!"

The First XI played four matches, won one and drew three. The Colts won one and lost three.

"All players must be congratulated on their performances and their outstanding behaviour throughout the tour," said Gareth, who thanked the other masters for their enthusiasm and help.

The brush with Johannesburg's criminal elements occurred on Sunday October 2, as the tourists were preparing to leave the Milpark Holiday Inn, in Empire Road, Johannesburg, for the drive back to King.

About 5.45am early-riser Rob le Roux went out to one of the school's Hi-Aces parked in the hotel grounds. He surprised two teenagers hiding under a tree in front of the bus. They ran off.

The plot became clear ten minutes later, when

Stop thief — that's our bus!

Graham Nolan came out to hitch up the trailer to the other bus. He found the door had been levered open and the ignition removed.

"I'm sure the teenagers intended to steal the bus. Another 15 minutes and we could have lost it," said Rob. "We're not used to this sort of thing down in King."

Said Gareth Crossman: "The bus had to be push-started at every stop on the way home and the Colts eventually arrived back in King far fitter than when they left on tour."

The tour party had left King at 2pm on Tuesday, September 27, and 12 hours later reached the home of Neville and Colleen Patience, who gave them supper.

But a shock awaited the tour leaders the next morning. Breakfast was not included in the hotel deal and an "English breakfast" would cost R25 per head.

"Graham Nolan promptly solved the problem by finding us breakfast elsewhere, but at my personal expense (altogether about R125)," said Gareth.

After the matches against Jeppe, the tour masters joined the committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association at a braaivleis at the Patience home in Meredale.

"It was superb," said Gareth, thanking the Transvaal parents for their hospitality.

On the Friday the Colts played Bryanston and were entertained to a braai followed by "some dubious snooker challenges between the Dilians and the Bryanston boys."

"A great fun evening," commented Gareth, who added: "The weather in Johannesburg was extremely hot and Mrs Denise Mourant has to be thanked for her regular supply of cool drinks to the players and suntan lotion to the umpires."

"All in all a great time was had by all members of the touring party."

MATCH RESULTS

First XI:

Jeppe 231 for 9 decl. (B Bezuidenhout 5 for 68, M Dilley 2 for 38), Dale 162 for 7 (M van Buuren 54, B Nash 37, M Dilley 36) Match drawn.

St Stithian's 226 for 4 decl. (B Nash 0 for 74 in 23 overs), Dale 213 for 5 (B Nash 68, B Bezuidenhout 47 n.o., P Monaghan 48). Match drawn due to bad light.

Rand Park 108 (R Knott 5 for 24, M Dilley 2 for 14), Dale 111 for 6 (M Dilley 60 n.o., P Monaghan 19). Dale won by four wickets.



BATSMAN BEWARE! Dale's burly Brendon Nash hurls one down against Jeppe

Pictures: TOM EDLEY

Westridge 268 for 3 decl. (B Nash 1 for 62 in 21 overs), Dale 151 for 6 (M van Buuren 80 n.o., M Dilley 37). Match drawn.

Colts:

Jeppe 241 for 4 (limited overs), Dale 62 (R Bennet 16, G Haines 14, G Bedser 14). Dale lost by 179 runs.

St Stithian's 181 for 5 decl. (G Haines 2 for 47, J Savage 2 for 50, Dale 140 (R Farrer 35 n.o., S Farrer 23, R Bennet 19, G Bedser 19). Dale lost by 33 runs.

Bryanston 135 (G Bedser 6 for 38, R Bennet 3 for 33), Dale 139 for 8 (R Bennet 58, R Farrer 25). Dale won by two wickets.

Dale 188 (M Beckley 30, S Goulding 29, J Savage 28, R Farrer 20), Westridge 191 for 7 (R Males 4 for 28). Dale lost by three wickets.



IN THE SLIPS: Barry Bezuidenhout. He took five Jeppe wickets for 68

OBITUARY

ERROL HAINS: A family of Dalians

A VETERAN Transvaal Old Dalian, Mr Errol Hains, died in Boksburg on June 5, shortly before his 79th birthday.

Errol, who was at Dale from 1922-26 and a boarder at Diocesan House, played for the first team in cricket and rugby and later represented Griqualand West at tennis.

During the Second World War he served in the Army in North Africa and Italy and later spent 25 years in the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

Errol Hains came from a family of Dalians. The Dale connection began in the last century with his father Redvers. Errol's brother Redvers, who lives in Johannesburg, was with him at Dale in the twenties.

Errol's son Robert, of Boksburg, was at Dale in 1960-65 and his wife Lynn is the sister of Old Dalian Munro Mitchell. Robert and Lynn's son Greig, aged 15, is now at Dale in Frank Joubert House.

Both Errol's daughters, Joan and Avril, have maintained the Dale connection. Joan married Ray (Butch) Cochrane, a Johannesburg surgeon, who was at Dale in 1947-54. Avril and her husband George sent their son Douglas to Dale (1977-83) and were staunch committee members of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association.

TransDale extends its heartfelt condolences to the Hains family.

TRANSVAAL Dalians have won colours and half colours in a wide range of sports this year. Congratulations to:

● Mark van Buuren, son of Mr and Mrs Vince van Buuren of Randburg, on receiving colours for hockey and golf. He won his colours for cricket last year and is captain of the First XI this year.

● Richard Meredith — whose parents, Pat and Trevor Meredith, have recently moved from King to Randburg — on being re-awarded colours for cross country. Richard finished ninth in the first race of the Cape Schools cross-country week in Cape Town.

● Stephen Wakeford, son of Mr B Wakeford of Benoni, on gaining colours for golf.

● Simon Woodhead, son of Mr and Mrs Paul Woodhead of Randburg — half colours for cross country.

● Keith Alexander, son of Tex and Judy Alex-

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TRANSVAAL parents have given R11 000 to Dale College and R5 000 to Dale Junior this year and also R500 to each hostel — Diocesan, Joubert, Sutton, Paterson and Taylor's. Each hostel is using the money to build a gym.

Cheques were handed to Headmaster Malcom Andrew and Acting Head Roger Budler at the association's AGM.

Colours for Transvalers

ander of Benoni — half colours for cross country and dramatics.

● Kevin Lowe, son of Barry and Priscilla Lowe of Endicott — half colours for golf. Barry and Priscilla are committee members of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association.

● Daren Spence, son of Mr and Mrs David Spence of Germiston — half colours for golf.

● Craig Trickett, son of Mr and Mrs G Trickett of Sandton — half colours for rugby.

● Jason Waldie, son of Mr and Mrs A Waldie of Benoni — half colours for squash.

● And congratulations also to Alistair Pittendrigh, who lives in Vryheid, Natal, but travels with Transvaal Dalians on the train to King and back home.

With three other Dalians Alistair was among the top ten per cent of the nation in the Science Olympiad examinations.

Alastair for Selborne

FORMER Dale rugby master and coach Alastair McCallum, a vice-principal and superintendent of Diocesan Hostel, leaves in December to join the staff of Selborne College.

Graham Nolan, will succeed him at Diocesan Hostel, where he is already a housemaster.

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LET'S FIND MORE BOYS FOR DALE

FIND new boys for Dale! This appeal was made by the Headmaster, Malcom Andrew, to Transvaal Dale parents at their annual general meeting in June.

Dale College is battling a little with numbers, said Mr Andrew.

"When the recession started we immediately had a few withdrawals, and a few more, and a few more as finance became a bit of a problem.

"We are low in the sixes and in the sevens, in other words those coming in at the bottom of the school.

"There are 101 Std Tens, 130 Std Nines, 120 Std Eights and 95 Std Sixes. We have less sixes than tens. Less sevens than tens.

"You can advertise and get a lot of interest but there is only one way you will get more boys into Dale College — by personal recommendation.

"That is probably the way you arrived in this room. Somebody came up to you and said, 'I know a damn good place where you can send your son.'

The Headmaster appealed to parents: "Would each of you find us one boy."

● Later Mr Andrew explained that there is a nation-wide fall-off from the bottom in the number of white children entering school. Because of this schools are competing strongly for pupils.

Our dog-show catering gives Dale a good name

TRANSSVAAL Dale parents are still "going to the dogs" in a big way — and it's bringing in lots of lolly for Dale.

Catering at dog shows remains the association's biggest money spinner and with R11 000 raised, 1987-88 was even more successful than the previous year.

"This was due to the quality of our organisation and the food at the many shows we have catered for," reported chairman Neville Patience at the annual general meeting in June.

"Some dog clubs phone and ask when we can cater and then they set their show dates."

The chairman praised the efforts of parents outside the committee who did most of the physical labour at dog shows.

"To the astonishment of the committee they have enjoyed the hard labour," he said.

Fifty-six people helped at the last big two-day show at Halfway House, where R2 700 was raised. "This is the Dale Family in the Transvaal today."

Neville said the weather had upset the last dog show, the Pet Care Show, at the Johannesburg Zoo Lake.

"We now have enough meat in freezers to last almost the whole of this year so will turn in a good profit in future shows."

He thanked parents who worked hard at this show and those who provided freezer space. Despite the washout the association had still given R150 to the SPCA.

Other points from the chairman's report:

● At Easter, Transvaal parents hosted 12 gifted students from Dale for seven days. Maureen and Jim Truscott put up four boys, although they no longer have sons at Dale.

● Coffee evenings were well supported but they are intended not only for new parents but for those whose sons have been at Dale for some time. The aim is to let parents know what is happening and for parents to get to know each other.

● Railway bookings are made by compartments not bunks, but every boy booked has a bunk. Problems will be sorted out by the parent travelling down with the boys and the master on the train home.

● The railway tickets draw takes place at the station when the boys come home. Three tickets are drawn every time. The cost: R5 a month.

● Forty-three Transvaal parents stayed in dormitories at Taylor's Hostel over Reunion, thanks to Bill and Val Brown.

● A cocktail party was held for the school principals who sent boys to Dale after the 1987 seminar and support was promised for the future.

● Committee meetings, previously held in members' homes, were moved during the year to the Devonshire Hotel, Braamfontein, Johannesburg. (The venue has since moved to First National Corporate Bank, Second Floor, American International Building, Stiemans Street, Braamfontein).

Special thanks to . . .

● Epol, which sponsored the big two-day show, for its donations and organisation and for allowing the parents' association to cater for many more shows than in the past.

● Secretary Rina Fortmann, treasurer Colleen Patience and other committee members for long hours and hard work.

● Brian Ayres and Colleen for their "untiring efforts" in organising train block bookings.

● Fred and Margaret Switala for hosting the new parents' and boys' party — it rained but the party was still a great success.

● To the King people, including the College and Junior PTAs, for accommodating Transvaal parents over Reunions.

● Malcom Andrew, Roger Budler, Bill Brown and Rob le Roux for looking after Transvaal boys over the year and for their presence in Johannesburg.

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