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After the shadow, onward and upward

TWO contrasting events have marked the early part of 1991 at Dale: the successful entry of the New Daliens from other races and the trial of four ex-Daliens after an incident on the school grounds.

The first, which followed an overwhelming "yes" vote by parents last December, has brought great credit to Dale College and Dale Junior. They have been pioneers in multi-racial educational progress; an example to schools who have hesitated to move in step with the New South Africa.

The Dale Family can be proud of the two schools, their staff and boys who have made this historic step without fuss and fanfare. (See Page 3)

The second — involving the activities of a small, isolated schoolboy group which led to the death of a 70-year-old vagrant — was traumatic. It was something Dale could well have done without. What those boys did to another human being was appalling. It also dishonoured their school and its fine traditions of tolerance and fair play.

That this could happen at Dale College was clearly a matter for concern among parents and friends of the school. But amid the shock and pain came staunch support for Dale, fury at sections of the media for "putting the school on trial" and compassion for the families of the boys involved.

Justice has been done and at Dale, after months of trauma, the shadow has passed. The school, having put this unhappy episode behind it, is pressing ahead with positive developments to keep Dale on the move. Under Headmaster Malcolm Andrew it is looking forward and upward and parents will support this and his energetic leadership wholeheartedly.

Some of the opprobrium that engulfed the crime was bound to spill over — even though it is true that four boys and not the school were on trial.

The trial received wide public attention which many felt was excessive, unfair and unbalanced. But it is doubtful if the spotlight would have been as bright had this happened at a school less prestigious than Dale. The famous are prime targets of public scrutiny and sanctimonious sniping.

The Dale Family, including parents, rallied to support their school and defend its reputation. And the Headmaster could rightly say that Dale is not a racist school and point with pride to the easy influx of Daliens of colour, who include the son of a prominent ANC official.

An inquiry set up by the Dale College management council and chaired by a Supreme Court judge cleared the school authorities from responsibility for the incident. The trial justice who sentenced the four boys for culpable homicide and grievous assault exonerated the Headmaster, but said society was not without blame.

What can one learn from this tragic affair? Already Dale is probably more alert than any comparable boarding school to any practice that can bring its name into disrepute.

We suggest that anyone — boy, prefect, teacher or parent — who hears a hint of anything of this nature should report it immediately to the school authorities. Let any misdemeanour that can compromise Dale's time-honoured values and harm the school be nipped in the bud.

What emerged at the trial is clearly not the true face of the college and the Dale Family should use every opportunity to tell this to the world.

For years this magazine has urged parents and other friends of Dale to spread the word about the school's virtues. This was never more needed than it is now — after the school's values have been questioned in court and in some newspapers.

The New South Africa will call for tolerance and adaptation. We are confident that Dale will continue to show the way as it has already done this year. Culturally, academically and in sport Dale remains in the forefront and its strength lies in its ability to balance the virtues of diverse aspects of college life. The centenary rugby festival at Easter was a resounding success and enhanced Dale's prestige.

Cocky Farrer, head of Dale's illustrious Farrer family who were honoured at this year's Reunion, had some advice for Daliens. In this year of progress amid trauma his message was apt: Onward and forward.

Dale has much to be proud of. Its achievements will long outlive this brief dark episode in its history.

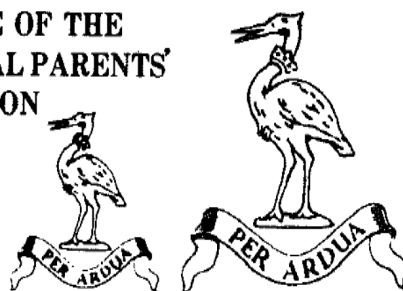
— The Editor

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● My faith and optimism in the future of this country is undimmed . . . South Africa will not shut the door on hope. — the late Tertius Myburgh, Old Dalian, editor, political commentator and ambassador-designate in one of his last speeches. ● See obituary — Page 19

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ASSOCIATION
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The Tvl Dale parents' committee for 1991-92

HERE is the new committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association elected at the 1991 annual general meeting.

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Many thanks and farewell . . .

IT'S FAREWELL to a number of stalwart committee members of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association.

They are former vice-chairman Barry and Priscilla Louw, who were members in 1983-84, when Priscilla was secretary, and rejoined in 1987; Paul and Aileen Murrin, members since 1986, Henk and Rina Fortmann (1987), Mike and Denise Maurant and Gerald and Janie Brown (1988) and Malcolm and Sandra Cunningham (1989).

They have retired because their sons have left or are due to leave Dale or because of heavy business commitments. Peter and Trish de Beer, members since 1988, have moved to Mauritius.

All have been a source of strength to the committee, at dog-show catering or helping at Fun Days or other functions. We thank them for their services to the association and Dale and wish them well.

New members to the committee include Ian and Marie Davidson, Des and Helen Keates, Trevor and Pat Meredith and Allan and Marilyn Efune, co-opted during the year and now elected with Brett and Odette Wintgens, Peter and Flick Lotter, Colin and Cheryl McColl and Fred and Janet Friskin.

WELCOME, THE NEW DALIANS!



YOU can't miss them — on the school campus, at the hostels or on the sportsfields. Smartly dressed, they wear the red and black with pride.

They are the New Dalians — ten percent of the boys at Dale College and 13 percent at Dale Junior. For the first time this year boys of colour are being educated at Dale and it's happening quite naturally without fuss. Their parents are getting involved, too.

At the rugby centenary festival and at Reunion the newcomers impressed visitors with their quiet dignity and bearing. One did duty at the main entrance of the CB Jennings Field, a tiny lad rattled the drums in the cadet band and some marched smartly in the ranks.

In most rugby teams from the Sub A's to the thirds there was a sprinkling here and there. Some shone and Old Dalians cheered when they got the ball. There were encouraging cries of "Baleka!" (run) — and they did.

In the junior choir and school plays or among the Sub A's chanting the War Cry, the new lads filled their roles with energy and enthusiasm.

They're fitting in well. And most importantly their white schoolmates have accepted them just like any other new boys.

Dale College and Dale Junior Headmasters Malcom Andrew and Roger Budler are delighted by the way the newcomers have slotted in.

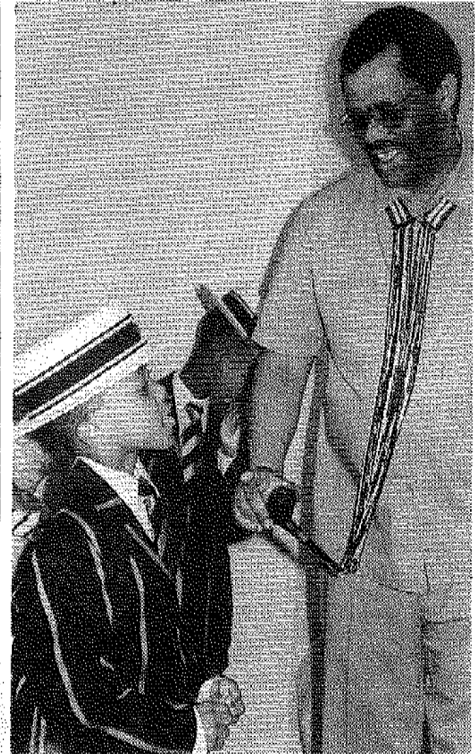
Said Mr Andrew: "They have added a new and positive dimension to the school. They have changed the perceptions of staff and boys about young blacks. We now realise all are not the same — like whites there are goodies and badies. They have the same values and principles."

Said Mr Budler: "They have adapted incredibly well and... have gained an enormous amount of respect from the white boys in the classroom, on the sportsfields and in the hostel."

"I don't think it will be long before our black boys will become part of the leadership structure. There is a feeling of camaraderie... they have

THEY'RE OFF! Mass participation in the Dale Junior inter-house cross-country race

MAN TO MAN: New Dale parent and ANC sports negotiator Steve Tshwete has a word with his son Mayhlome



They're fitting in fine and their parents are getting involved, too

By JOE SUTTON

been accepted by the other Dalians without special treatment."

The attitude and commitment of black and Indian parents has been most encouraging. Said Mr Andrew: "We were told by private schools that we wouldn't get parents involved."

"The opposite has happened. They have turned up at PTA meetings, offered help at PTA projects and worked at the tuckshop. They have supported the school at rugby matches."

"Dale Junior has an Indian parent on its school committee and two non-whites (one black) on the PTA. Dale College has an Indian on the PTA."

Who are the New Dalians, the vanguard of a generation that will change the face of Dale in the years to come?

The 42 at the college include 12 Indians, four or

five Ghananians, two Zimbabweans, a Madagascan, a Botswanan, a Sotho and the rest Xhosa.

The Indians are sons of local businessmen. The Xhosas are sons of Ciskeian professional men — professors, doctors, ministers, inspectors, principals, nursing sisters and a few businessmen.

The Ghananians are the sons of men seconded to work in the Ciskei — including doctors, a pharmacist, an agriculturalist and a quantity surveyor. There is a former headboy of Butterworth High in Transkei in post-matric, an ex-St Andrews lad in Standard 10 and an ex-Kingswood boy in Standard 9.

"They have led the way in encouraging others to get involved," said Mr Andrew.

The school's preference, however, is to accept boys in the lower standards. Next year there will probably be about 12 percent non-whites at Dale but it will go more for Standard Sixes rather than bring them into the top end. In this way they'll be brought gradually into the system.

Generally the New Dalians have been academically average or above average. Roughly

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● Pictures by ALAN CAMPBELL, TRACI MACKIE and ROB HENSEN



PLAY THE GAME! Coach Malcom Andrew talks to his Under 15c players: David Jennings, Azola Mayatula, Xabanisa Boo



SENIOR DALIANS: Wame Ngcakani (matric), Clifton Hoyle (deputy headboy), Stuart Goulding (headboy) and Yao Ayivar (post-matric)

For the parents, it's a dream come true

TRACI MACKIE, then editor of the Mercury in King William's Town, toured the Dale campus earlier this year and spoke to boys of all colours about the new, "open" Dale.

Their reaction: It's great and should have happened years ago. Traci also spoke to parents, who are delighted with the way the children have integrated.

Black parents, particularly, are thrilled. For many, it is a dream come true. For some, who have grown up in the area, it has been a life-long ambition to be so closely associated with Dale.

Here are extracts from Traci's report: As the boys pointed out, living in the new South Africa will be easier for them when they leave school having been educated non-racially.

Among those she interviewed were Dale head prefect Stuart Goulding and his deputy Clifford Hoyle, who "acted as great ambassadors for Dale and mixed schools," she wrote.

Stuart said the prefect body aimed to promote racial unity at the school and to maintain a high spirit. Yao Ayivor, a post-matric student from Transkei and originally from Ghana, who applied to both Dale and Selborne College, said: "Both are great schools and I was just happy that I could be a pupil at one."

Speaking of Dale's great tradition of nicknames, he joked: "I've had about 43 since I arrived, having been named every coffee bean you can think of. Epod has been the best so far." Epod? — "Everlasting Piece of Darkness."

Other nicknames for the newcomers include Ace, Beep, Tiger, Yo Yo and Kogden.

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● I am surprised how well white pupils have handled it. Everyone has adapted well. The colour issue disappeared after the first 48 hours.

Everyone has settled down well and I can't foresee any problems. We at Dale are the young men of the future and together we must build our country into a strong and powerful nation.

— Wame Ngcakani, in matric at Dale after attending St Andrews College. He was speaking to Tasco de Reuck of Dale-y News, a school supplement published by the Mercury in King.

● Tasco's comment: "The school can look forward to a bright future. Now the colour issue is something of the past we can build towards a better and stronger South Africa."

The boys said that from Day One no issue was made of the many different language groups of pupils there for the first time. Settling into boarding school took a bit of getting used to for some accustomed to going out to visit friends.

Of the old boy/new boy tradition, they assured Traci that it wasn't bad at all. The Standard 6 boys explained that it was their duty to make their old boy's bed, clean his shoes and carry his schoolbag. "My old boy makes his own bed. He is very nice to me," said a Bisho lad.

Initiation often involved the school's Xhosa War Cry. "I had to stand on a rubbish bin to say

it," said one. Boys who were at Dale last year were excited when they first heard the school was to be opened to all race groups.

Said headboy Stuart Goulding: "Some boys were against the idea but now that it's happened I think they are accepting it." One youngster said some black pupils had experienced a bit of racialism, but that had been expected from people brought up in an apartheid South Africa.

"It's important to ignore it knowing that the more we have to do with each other the sooner they will realise we're the same as everyone else," he said.

The boys discuss each others' culture which, they said, helps them to understand each other more. Getting their tongues around the many unfamiliar names leads to a laugh for both teachers and boys.

Many of the boys shared the aim of doing their best both academically and on the sportsfield. One boy from Bisho has already led his cricket team to victory with his outstanding bowling.

Another, from Butterworth High School, plans to study medicine next year and before leaving Dale wants to be awarded his colours.

Said Headmaster Malcom Andrew: "I was thrilled to witness the spontaneous way in which the boys made good friends across the colour division when they met in the classrooms, on the sportsfields and at the hostels."

Comments Traci: As teenagers they told their story in a simple and meaningful way and left me with renewed hope that there would soon be a non-racial and democratic South Africa."

An eye-opener for their fellow Dalians



STAR TWINS: The Govenders, Darron and Derek . . . shining in rugby and athletics

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they fall into three categories, said Mr Andrew:

● Those that excel at sport. Three Xhosas — a batsman, a bowler and an all-rounder — have helped the Under 15A cricket team achieve an unbeaten record. There are two Indians in the Under 15A and B rugby sides, one in thirds, one in fourths and two or three in most rugby and hockey sides. One Indian lad has broken a Border Under 14 record in the 400 metres.

● Those who excel academically and culturally. "One in Standard 6 is the brightest history student I've ever taught," enthused Mr Andrew. "There's another in Standard 7 whose ability in English is extraordinary. His essays are exceptional."

Six others are performing in plays and three of a winning Dale team in a Border young historians' contest were black. The team wrote and dramatised the story of the assassination of Prime Minister Dr Hendrik Verwoerd.

● The third are a small group who are at least six months younger than their white counterparts. Some because of their talent have been pushed ahead of their peers in previous schools.

"They are battling a bit academically and socially to bridge the gap. Also physically because they are not quite as developed. But their commitment and dedication and their failure to

give up has been an eye-opener to their white peers who can't believe how hard these kids work.

"They try harder because they're younger and know they have hurdles to clear. They are determined to succeed."

Their handicaps are linked with age and language and because most are from rural areas their jump in the educational system has been bigger than others.

A number of misconceptions about blacks have disappeared, said Mr Andrew.

● They are not generally older than white boys.

● Contrary to expectations they have easily absorbed Dale's values and standards.

● Parents have become involved with Dale.

● The English language has generally not been a problem to the newcomers.

● There have been no problems in the hostels, says Mr Andrew. All the black pupils are in Dale hostels but Indians, who are all from local families, live at home.

"Like white 'new boys', younger blacks follow an old Dale tradition by assisting seniors with chores. In each hostel some whites have asked to have a black junior so they can "do something" for the newcomers."

Mr Andrew summed it up: "It's been a very successful experiment. As an educationist I've been very encouraged and am excited about the future prospects."

BY GEORGE! 'MR BIBLE STAMPS' MAKES IT ON THE BOX

PENSIONER George Anderson, 81, the Old Dalian who won the Transvaal Brick Fund contest, appeared on television this year.

George, a former postmaster who has collected stamps for 50 years, was featured in a Good Morning South Africa programme to mark the 1991 Bibliathon campaign to buy bibles for needy South Africans.

In 36 years George has cleaned and collected millions of stamps which he has sent to the Bible Society of SA to raise funds for bibles.

A TV crew from Port Elizabeth visited George in April at his home in Middelburg, Cape, and interviewed and filmed him. As they left George

asked them to deliver a parcel to the society. They weighed the stamps (500 milligrams) and told him: "That's a bible."

George won the brick contest last year after donating R100 to Dale College, which he left in 1925.

His wife Martie was not at home when the TV crew called. "But I made sure he was smartly dressed for the occasion," she said.

* If you have any stamps, even the most common, please send them to George for the Bible Society. His address: Dinnet, 25 Richmond Road, Middelburg, Cape, 5900.

● They've given Dale Junior a new dimension

● They've gained great respect from their peers

● A tremendous sense of pride in the uniform

● I am amazed how at home they are today



Headmaster Roger Budler with Bradley Miles and Athenkosi Mbulawa . . . laying the foundations for the future



Classroom camaraderie: Among them, Jade Hogan, Someza Mbulewa, Vukile Makalima, Craig Haselau and Craig Green

My New Dalians — by Roger Budler

● Report by LISA MORRIS
● Pictures by ALAN CAMPBELL

DALE JUNIOR'S Headmaster, Roger Budler, grew up on a farm near Tarkastad where his childhood friends were black children.

But, he told TransDale, he never believed he would witness the success of non-racial schooling in his lifetime.

President De Klerk's speech to Parliament in February last year gave Mr Budler new hope for the introduction of non-racial education.

"When we heard that new education legislation was to be tabled, excitement bubbled. I wanted to learn more about non-racial schooling so I spent time at St Andrews in Grahamstown.

"I was able to speak to a whole range of people on the subject, including black and white pupils, teachers, hostel matrons and groundsman. I came back excited about how it would work at Dale Junior."

When schools were told by the Government that it would be up to parents to decide whether their schools would be open to all races, Mr Budler said he was convinced it would work at Dale Junior.

"Our parents and staff put in a tremendous amount of work and it all paid off when we achieved an exceptionally high percentage vote (in favour of an open school).

"Then we were faced with the daunting task of choosing 50 boys from more than 250 applicants — with these 50 boys Dale Junior would be full.

"The criteria were set and entrance exams put together and we interviewed every parent. In the end 58 boys were selected because there were late applications and some exceptional talent.

"To give you an idea of how successful open schools have been: If I had to re-evaluate all the boys I would say without hesitation that 55 would be selected again.

"There are three or four boys who have struggled to settle down and accept the traditions and values which make Dale what it is.

"But I believe that these boys (the new pupils) will set the foundations of non-racial schooling which will make it easier for the black pupils of Dale in the future."



A Viv Richards and a Ray Jennings in the making? Dale Junior's Carl Honu and Andrew Cunningham at the "wicket"

Mr Budler said that in the academic arena there had been no problems and the new boys had shown a "tremendous sense of pride in their uniform."

"If we look at other schools when we attend sporting events the involvement of our new pupils in Dale's extra-mural activities really comes to the fore. There have been a few requests for soccer but we have found a willingness to muck in in all activities.

"A few boys play hockey but rugby seems to be the most popular. They have shown strength and

determination in all sports, including cricket and tennis."

The traditions and values have also come easily to the new pupils. "They have adapted incredibly well and the best thing is that they have gained an enormous amount of respect from the white boys in the classroom, on the sportsfields and at the hostel.

"I don't think it will be long before our black boys become part of the leadership structure."

Of the 58 boys of other races at Dale Junior, about 45 are black (mostly Ciskeian and Transkeian) one coloured and the rest Indian.

They are the sons of businessmen, doctors, lawyers, politicians and teachers. There are 30 black children in a hostel of 98, 20 of whom are younger boys from Sub A to Standard Two.

"When they first arrived it was a unique environment for them and it took a few days for them to settle down to the ethos of the hostel but I am amazed how at home they are today.

"There is a feeling of camaraderie and although the black staff have been strict on them in ensuring that they do their best they have not been unfair but have helped them to become comfortable with the routine. Without fear of contradiction I can say they have been accepted by the other Dalians without special treatment."

Mr Budler said the real problem would arise next year. "Dale Junior is full to capacity at this stage. Next year we have 60 Standard Five boys moving out but all the other standards will be full with the only vacancies being in Sub A.

"I have spoken to the pre-primary schools and it seems that we can expect about 40 white children applying for Dale Junior.

"The Government's education policy firmly states that we must find places for the white children first and I can't see us taking in more than 10 other pupils.

"We feel it is our duty to find places in the area first and that means boys of all races."

How has the introduction of open schools affected Dale Junior? Mr Budler said: "It has enhanced the school because with our criteria we are taking in the best boys — black and white — and so it has added a new dimension to the school."

R30 000! From Transvaal with love

TRANSVAAL Dale parents have broken all fundraising records in 1990-91. Cheques for R30 000 were handed over to the headmasters of Dale College and Dale Junior at the parents' association annual general meeting on June 20.

Of this R10 000 goes to the college, R5 000 to the junior school and R3 000 to each hostel, Diocesan, Joubert, Paterson, Sutton and DV Taylor. The total donation is R12 000 more than last year's.

Association chairman Rusty Gibb reported that the only proviso was that the hostel donations be spent on improving conditions for the boys staying there. Some feedback on how the funds were used would be appreciated.

Treasurer Colleen Patience reported that most of the money raised came from catering (R22 000) at dog shows and weddings and from the Blarney Brothers evening.

Rusty said the year had been a very rewarding one with the association securing the rights for the Goldfields Open Dog Show in August 1990 — the "Big One".

(A record R5 500 was raised at the Goldfields Show, but this was eclipsed at the three-day Kusa Centenary Show over the 1991 Republic Day weekend, when R7 500 was netted.)

Thanking parents for helping at functions, Rusty said: "Dale is renowned among the dog fraternity, having built up a good relationship with the clubs and the people attending shows."

The chairman told the meeting that the association had three aims in catering — to raise funds, to provide a service and to have fun.

"It is quite surprising how much fun we have getting up at 6am when the frost is crackling."

New ventures during the year had been the Beer Mugs dance at the German School in Milpark, Johannesburg, in November and the Blar-



Four Transvaal Dalian school prefects (from left): Gavin Franken of Bedfordview, Greg Haines of Boksburg, Paul Kalkwarf of Morningside and Anthony Meredith of Northcliff.

ney Brothers dance at the Braamfontein Recreation Club in March.

The Beer Mugs evening produced a small return but gave the committee the experience to handle the Blarney Brothers dance which, after paying the band R6 000, raised R7 500. (This figure includes R1 540 in stocks of glasses held for the next function and R1 434 which went to the Old Dalian Union Transvaal branch which co-operated in this venture.)

Rusty said parental support for this dance had been disappointing and he appealed to all parents to do their utmost to sell tickets for a second Blarney Brothers evening planned for next year. "No one can match this band for inducing people onto the dance floor," he added.

The chairman thanked the committee for its support, including long-serving members who were retiring (see Page 2).

He welcomed new members co-opted to the

committee during the year (Pat and Trevor Meredith, Ian and Marie Davidson, Allan and Marilyn Efunne and Des and Helen Keates).

"All have taken to their duties like ducks to water and like the rest of the committee have had fun doing so."

Reporting on the association's finances, treasurer Colleen Patience said: "Every year it gives me more pleasure to present this report. The results are phenomenal and I congratulate the committee and every helper."

● About 21 000 items of food were sold by Dale caterers during the year. The association bought a new trailer for R2 467 — it now has two. It also bought eight tables and spent R6 000 on updating equipment.

● A new committee was elected (See Page 2). Headmasters Malcom Andrew and Roger Budler addressed the meeting. Reports on their speeches will be published in the next TransDale.



Best Wishes
to Transvaal parents

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TENTS FOR THE DALE CATERERS

DALE parents have donated two army tents to the Transvaal Parents' Association for use on catering outings. Many thanks to Joe and Win Hart of Vereeniging and Alan and Pixie Tuck of Carletonville. Alan is an Old Dalian. His mother is making aprons for the Dale caterers.

Let's make bus scheme work!

AFTER more than 50 years of train travel Transvaal Dalian are now going to school and back by bus. The reasons: High rail fares, hassles with the railways, security hazards and a lack of buses to convey boys between Berlin and King.

Colleen Patience, who has run a rail block booking scheme for several years, told the AGM how the bus plan was progressing and of changes planned.

For the past two terms the boys have travelled by Greyhound buses but snags have arisen. The company has split the boys up on different nights to avoid disrupting its service to other passengers.

Now the association will experiment with day trips through a sister

company, Springbok Atlas Safaris. The boys will go back the day before school opens and come back the day before school closes.

Buses with two drivers will leave at 7am and get to King at 7pm and deliver the boys to each hostel. The drivers will spend the night at a hotel. The same times will apply on return trips when the buses will fetch the boys from hostels.

Bookings must be made and fares paid six weeks before departure.

Appealing to parents, Colleen said: "We need your support or this scheme won't work. We can't have private bookings being made on Greyhound buses — the school will not collect the boys from the bus stop or deliver them there."

A FUN MORNING FOR THE MUMS

A MUM'S morning of fun is being planned for September 28 — the day before the Transvaal Fun Day.

Dale mothers are asked to book a table of guests for morning tea at Rusty and Janice Gibb's home, 15 Ashwood Avenue, Saxonwold. There will be a fashion show and other entertainment and Colleen Patience is looking for a fashion commentator. For further details please phone Colleen at 787-0300 (hus) or 942-4325 (home).

Tradition!

David comes back to keep the Jennings family flag flying

A TRANSVAAL grandson of former Springbok CB Jennings is continuing a family tradition by attending Dale College.

He is David, 15-year-old son of Dr Brian Jennings, a Methodist minister now living in Dawnview, Germiston, who conducted the memorial service in the Hallowed Courtyard at the 1991 Dale Reunion.

The Jennings link with Dale spans three generations. The late CB was one of six Jennings brothers who attended the school. CB's sons, Brian, Trevor and Michael, were at Dale between 1953 and 1964.

David returned to South Africa with his father and mother Loraine last July after spending four-and-a-half years in Southern California.

His father was minister of the Bedfordview Methodist Church for six years and then worked for a year for the church's mission department and division of church growth.

In 1985 Brian, Loraine and their family moved to the United States where Brian became pastor of the United Methodist Church in Alhambra, Southern California. It was their second spell in the States where David was born in Pasadena in 1976 while Brian was completing his graduate studies.

Brian is now on an extended sabbatical from the church and temporarily helping his brother Michael in Memorial Parks, a cemetery facility project based in Bedfordview.

Said David, now in Standard 7 at Dale: "When we got back to South Africa we came to King William's Town to visit my grandmother, Mrs Marj Jennings. We visited the school and I decided I'd like to follow tradition and go to Dale College."

"I wanted to start right away but my father felt it would be better if I waited till the beginning of this year." In the meanwhile David attended Dawnview High School, where his father is still chairman of the management council.

"I feel being a Dalian is a good opportunity for me and my father agrees," said David. "I enjoy rugby." But he did not feel any pressure to compete with the family's achievements at Dale.



DAVID JENNINGS dons grand-dad CB's Bok caps and blazer among other Dale souvenirs

His father said: "We left the decision to David. I was happy that he wanted to go as this would be a very good transition for him with the rest of the family now away from home."

"He is enjoying it there. He prefers the South African education system with its discipline and order in the classroom and the playground which he feels is superior."

During his first week at school David received a telegram from his Uncle Trevor saying: "Congratulations. You're now part of one of the finest schools in the country."

Said Headmaster Malcom Andrew: "I think it is lovely that there are people who want to continue a family tradition at Dale."

Brian sees his future in South Africa rather than America. "We are not planning to return," he said.

But they miss their two daughters and elder son who have chosen to stay in the US. All South African-born, they are Gene, 24, Michele, 22, who is married to an American, and Mark, 19.

Brian and Loraine grew up in King William's Town where they were childhood friends. She was at the Convent and, until his last year, Brian was next door at the old Dale College in Albert Road (now Dale Junior). They told how they used to wave to each other over the fence.

Loraine's parents, Mr and Mrs Frederick Gladwin, live at King's Home in the town.

● CB Jennings, who left Dale in 1934, toured Australia and New Zealand with the 1937 Springboks, was mayor of King five times and the first freeman of the town. He died in 1989.

● Brian, a doctor of theology and the eldest of three brothers, attended Dale from 1953 to 1960. He was a prefect and played hockey.

● Trevor (1953 to 1963), now managing director of the EP Building Society in Port Elizabeth, received colours in rugby and later played for Eastern Province and North East Cape.

● Michael (1954 to 1964) won honours for rugby and swimming and was a prefect. He toured Britain with the Springboks in 1970.

Silence was golden for Dale business expert

THE "ERA" idea was launched with a successful get-together of Old Dalians who attended that famous Emporium of Learning Among the Amata between 1963 to 1966.

This was the time of HO de Villiers, Mike Jennings, Charlie Pope, Chow Bissell and of course Russell Searle; say no more, SAY NO MORE! As usual, everyone met at Mike Mourant's place in Braamfontein before about ten revellers went out to Keith Sandham's place in Benoni to continue the festivities.

Doc Seiler was in good form, as entertaining as ever. Eric Benzie's phlegmatic humour is just as we remembered it. Powerful John Eliche arrived late and no longer wears glasses: nobody recognised him.

Charles Godfrey is still sporting a low fringe, flecked now with strands of grey — he has it on the authority of several women's magazines that this is "very sexy." Slender as a one-iron, Alex Wainwright was about to run his 20th Comrades Marathon this year. (He finished the race — and he's only 41!).

Peter von Hoesslin is remarkable for his youthfulness: a little bigger, but otherwise as bright-eyed and bouncy as ever. The dapper Jack Hajiby, quietly confident Kevin Lawlor, bluff Dave Poultney, laid-back Bobby Haines, merry Keith Sandham and debonair Doug Troxler mingled as well with several of the monthly regulars. All in all a very memorable evening.

Several other 1963-66 Old Dalians could not make it to this function; all, however, want to be

* MICK BISSELL, chairman of the Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union and his committee have introduced a new way to get Old Boys together. They have split them into "eras" at Dale and set a month annually for them to have a night of fun with chaps they have not seen for many years. Here is Mick's report on the first outing.

included in future Dale occasions. They include Tony Boesch, George Dawes, "Copper" Tressider, Colin Kretzman, Mike Jennings, Kevin van der Westhuizen, John Cowan, John Kirkwood, John Barnes, Ted Grobikski and Hector Salzwedel.

An amusing incident out at Ken Sandham's place: Standing around the braai, the conversation did its normal rounds. At one point two Old Dalians, both prominent in business, were laying down the law about the future role of gold. The topic passed and the talk continued into the small hours.

Driving to work on the following Monday morning, Mick Bissell was tuned into Radio Today where someone was giving expert opinion on gold market trends and the future of the precious metal. At the end of the interview Dave Giese was thanked for his advice.

Now our Dave Giese had listened impassively to the Castle Lager economic expositions on the Friday night without a single comment. Could it be the same man?

A quick call confirmed that it was — Dave Giese is the gold investment analyst for the stock-broking firm of Davis Borkham Hare and is often on both radio and TV.

When asked why he had not contributed to the conversation, he said the two captains of industry were not making complete idiots of themselves and anyway it was good fun listening to them. Old Dalians as we know them — capable and modest, the products of their backgrounds.

● Next get-togethers: July, 1956-59 era (Mike Mourant), August, 1963-1990 (Grant Brestler and Haydn Mourant), September 1979-1982.

HEADMASTER ANDY BACK IN AUGUST

HEADMASTER Malcom Andrew and his deputy, Des Gendell, visited ten Transvaal primary schools in June. They addressed boys about boarding school education and also interviewed interested parents. The result: Already ten boys have enrolled for Dale next year.

So enthusiastic was the response to these visits and to newspaper advertisements that Mr Andrew will be back in August. He will speak at schools and meet parents on August 6, 7, 8 and 9. For appointments please phone Colleen Patience at (011) 787-0300 (W) or (011) 942-4325 (H).

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Singing lawyer hits a high note

● Report and picture
by TRACI MACKIE

MOONLIGHTING has been a way of life for 30-year-old Transvaal Old Dalian Dr John Fletcher, a lawyer by day and a singing star by night.

Viewers tuned into TV4's Music A La Carte some time back could have caught a glimpse of the handsome Rhodes University graduate singing and dancing.

After ten years of dedicated study he has been awarded his doctorate from Cambridge University in England for his thesis on administrative law in detention without trial. He won South African and British scholarships to attend the university.

John, an only child, broke off from his busy schedule in Johannesburg to visit his parents in King William's Town, where he grew up and matriculated at Dale College in 1978.

A former deputy headboy and dux scholar John also took part in a number of school stage productions from side-splitting comedies to Shakespearean drama.

He attributes his success to his parents, Trevor and Sheila Fletcher. In a copy of his thesis which he presented to his mum and dad on Mrs Fletcher's birthday he wrote: "Dedicated to my parents. This copy of my thesis is a token of my love and appreciation for your unwavering love and support during my years at Cambridge and since my return."

"Despite the 6 000 miles you never once made me feel guilty for pursuing my dream. You never once complained when I ran up your phone bill because I missed you."

Since returning to South Africa John has appeared on a TV musical spectacular, The Best of Lerner and Loewe, and performed the leading part in an Andrew Lloyd Webber smash-hit, Music of the Night, at the Balalaika Hotel in Sandton.

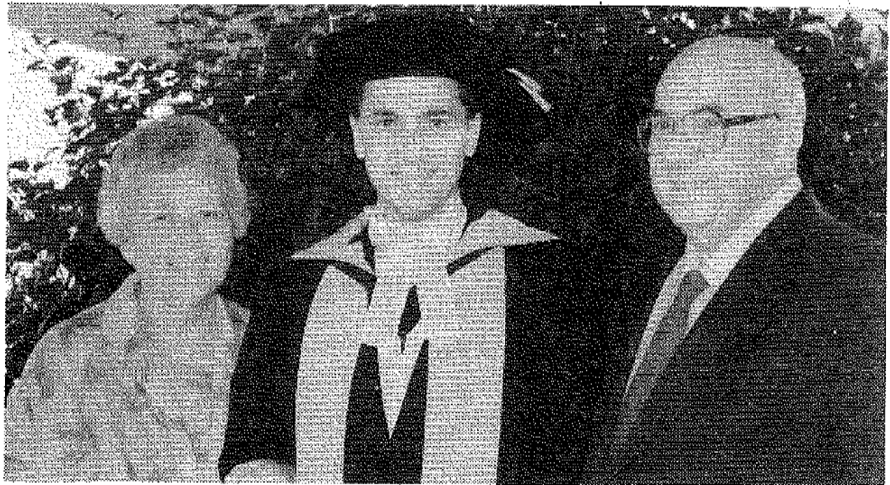
He has also appeared as a 70-year-old peer in Divorce Me Darling, a play presented by the Wits Drama Department.

When he returned from England at the end of 1989 to complete his military service he became involved in TV advertising, first promoting beer and then cars.

He is still better known to many people as "the guy in the Nissan advert who sings Country Roads." Charles Glass's popular product made use of his friendly, open face and he was also part of the Maize Generation ad.

John is a trained singer — he studied opera at Cambridge and at the Royal College of Music.

As part of his military service which he completed last year he was seconded to the University of the Witwatersrand to lecture in law.



JOHN FLETCHER in his doctoral gown with his mum and dad, Sheila and Trevor

Old Dalian John, star of stage and TV, wins dream doctorate from Cambridge

He has been busy with a four-month pupillage, learning all he can from a senior advocate about practising law. He described it as "a master/apprentice situation."

Back to music. John has recorded for TV1's next New Year's Eve show. In October he will release a Christmas record with three children's choirs to raise funds for the nationwide Reach for a Dream project that helps terminally ill children.

On the classical side John is to perform in four Mozart masses at the Cape Town City Hall and the State Theatre in Pretoria.

John says music is a hobby and his advertising career will have to end when he is admitted to the bar. But he hopes he will always have time to pursue his interest in classical music.

This enterprising young lawyer's ambition is eventually to take silk as a senior advocate and later become a judge.

Graduation at Cambridge with its pomp and ceremony still has to be negotiated. It has to fit in a skemmy trip!

"Once the degree has been confirmed one is entitled to put off the graduation ceremony and I'm looking towards next Christmas. It's a good

excuse to go skiing," John said.

Born in King William's Town, John went to Dale after attending the now defunct Hill Crescent Primary School.

At Rhodes University John took his B Comm, LIB and later lectured. At 22 he was the youngest warden of a residence at the university. He also revived the Albany branch of the Old Dalian Union. He sang in the Grahamstown Art Festival and won an Eastern Cape talent contest.

During his last two years as a lecturer he also researched for a master's degree from the University of Cape Town. His research involved mixing with rival gangs in Grahamstown and during weekends at the hospital he saw the horrific results of township violence.

John has been a part-time news reader on Radio South Africa, a barman in a London pub and a tourist guide in London. And he's even taken tea with Britain's former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher — with a group of Cambridge students.

Lawyer, scholar, singer and actor on stage and TV, he's an all-rounder with wide interests. Quite a guy John Fletcher — a credit to Dale College which helped to nurture him.



CONGRATS: Headmaster Malcom Andrew hands over a Per Ardua tie to Mick Webb

MICK EARNS ANOTHER DALE HONOUR

By MARISS EVERITT

STAUNCH Dale parent and honorary Old Dalian Mick Webb was presented with the Per Ardua Award at Reunion this year for his years of service to the school.

Mick has been so involved with Dale committees for so long that for him the details have become blurred. After some head-scratching he said he was chairman of the Dale College PTA from 1987 to 1988. Then followed another year as a member of the committee.

He earned his honorary Old Dalian status after 12 years on the Dale Junior and Dale College school committees. He has chaired both and is still on the college committee.

Talk to Mick about his time as PTA chairman and he will tell you the committee was a marvel-

lous group of people who worked very hard.

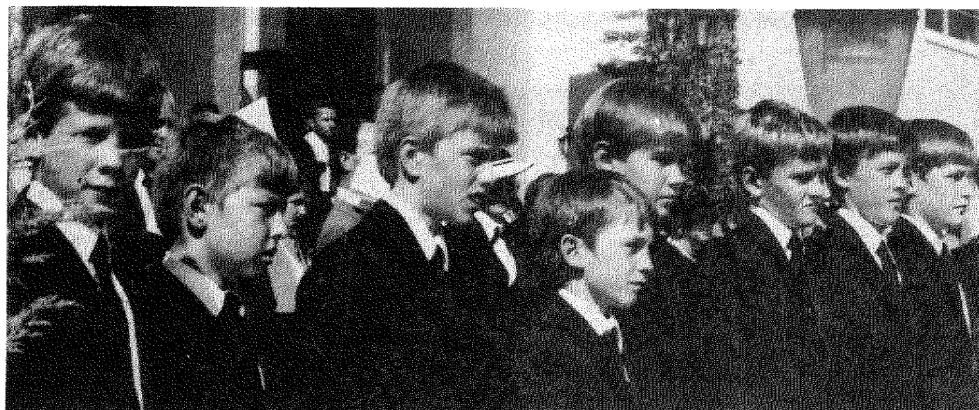
Jenny Moodie, who succeeded him, says he is a dynamic leader who gets the best out of all.

Mick said Dale was very like his old school, King Edwards in Johannesburg. "They have the same ethos and tradition. I am a keen supporter of Dale. I believe in it."

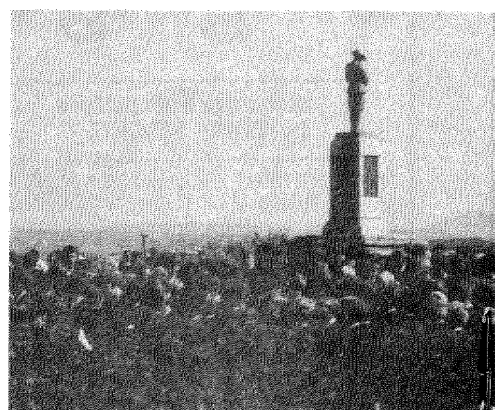
He has lived in King William's Town for 30 years and the Rotary Club has awarded him a Paul Harris Fellowship for his extraordinary contribution to the community.

Mick and his wife Carol have a son and two daughters. Greg was headboy of Dale College last year and is now a student at Stellenbosch University. Mandy is studying at the Cape Town Training College and Susan is a Standard 9 pupil at Kaffrarian High School.

A MEMORABLE REUNION AS DALE HONOURS A GREAT



CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS: Shaun Harvey, Riaan Roux, Adam Robertson, Wayne Reed, Michael Smith, Matthew Knight, Luke Morris and Gareth Tjasink. Only two options: Win or draw



LEST WE FORGET: Daliens gather at the War Memorial of two world wars

1981 matrices and teachers roll back the years . . .

THIRTY-ONE Old Daliens who matriculated in 1981 and some of their masters swapped memories and updated friendships when they returned to the school for the 1991 Reunion. With the Farrer family they were guests of honour.

Twenty-one of them attended the Friday assembly. And sitting with them were two 1981 Dale masters who have since left the school:

- Pierre (Bossie) Ferreira, former OC Cadets and third team rugby coach now teaching at Selborne and coaching their second team;

- Len (Dup) du Pisanie, former First XV coach and "science master responsible for many explosions," who is now in the Natal Education Department's psychological services at Maritzburg.

Still teaching at Dale and sitting on the platform were Terry Lennard, Mrs Erast Goetze and Adri Leurs.

The 1981 matrices have done well. Mr Leurs, who introduced the visitors to the assembly, said they included medical doctors, civil engineers, chartered accountants, salesmen, surveyors, a TV journalist, an attorney, an electrician and business managers.

Three from the Transvaal were present: Wayne Korras, one of the two doctors, Garth Willis and Niall Beecham, son of a former King William's Town mayor, now living in Pretoria.

And the nicknames, always a source of amusement when related by Mr Leurs, ranged from Beast, Beachnut, Paw Paw and Piggy to Pinkie, Scants and Chesty.

Apologies came from afar: Marius Garbers, a 1981 teacher is now in Pretoria, Ernest Widdicombe, is moving from Namibia to Angola, Bradley Osborne, is playing professional cricket in England, Nico Lane, 1981 headboy, who has an MA in industrial psychology, is doing his national service and Malcolm Anderson, is working in Hong Kong.

Mr Leurs said 1981 was a very good year for Dale. Nico Lane was headboy, Colin Meyer his deputy. Two plays were produced by teachers Glyn Kenyon and Errol Hort (since deceased): Twelfth Night and Seagulls over Sorrento.

Percy Davis completed 28 years as a professional cricket coach and retired at the end of the

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THE DAY I'LL NEVER FORGET (when the head prefect consoled a little boy w

STEPHEN (Cocky) FARRER, father of King's great sporting family who were honoured at the 1991 Reunion, told the opening assembly of his days as a small boy at Dale College more than 75 years ago.

It was a warm morning with the sun glaring down on the platform in the Hallowed Courtyard. Around Cocky were 18 members of the clan from King, Natal, the Transvaal and Zambia — plus adopted member Percy Davis, flown in from England.

The grand old man, now 84 and once "the town's No 1 sportsman," sat shielding his face with a programme while tributes were paid to all the Farrers. Then bravely he rose to thank Dale College for inviting them "to be with you all today."

Said Cocky: "Eleven of us have had the privilege of attending this great school. We all thank the school for giving us such a wonderful and beneficial start to our careers. Dale College is one of the best, if not the best school in South Africa."

He then told two stories — one amusing, one poignant — of his schooldays at Dale.

- "My first memory of Dale goes back a long way to 1912-13 when I was a young Dalian in Standard One. We were taught by the two Miss Vercueils . . . at the old school.

"The one was known as the fat Miss Vercueil and the other as the thin Miss Vercueil. The latter was very strict and had her own way of punishment.

"She would stride down the aisle between the desks, and grab the naughty boy by the arm, which she tucked under her own arm, and hammer the knuckles of his hand with a large pencil. No boy wanted a second helping. She never reported any boy to the headmaster — she did the job herself.

- "Another vivid memory of those days was when my father was reported dead on active service in East Africa in May 1916. 'I was a youngster of nine years old, and was walking across the plateau, not feeling so good, when the headboy of the school, by name Sephton, came across to meet me, to pat me on the back and sympathise with me in the loss of my father, a teacher at Dale.

"It really impressed me that the senior boy of the school (18 or 19 years old) had the time and inclination to talk to a youngster of nine years old. I have never forgotten that."

Cocky had this message for Daliens: "Take notice of the Australian coat of arms. There are two creatures. An emu, a large bird that cannot fly, and a kangaroo. Neither can move backward . . . they can only

YOUNG VOICES: The Dale Junior Choir in action as Dr Brian Jennings prepares to address the assembly

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● Reports by **JOE SUTTON**

go forward. In whatever you do or attempt to do remember the message conveyed by this picture: Forward and onward — always. Only remember the good things of the past."

- Cocky Farrer's motto: Facta non verba — Deeds not words.

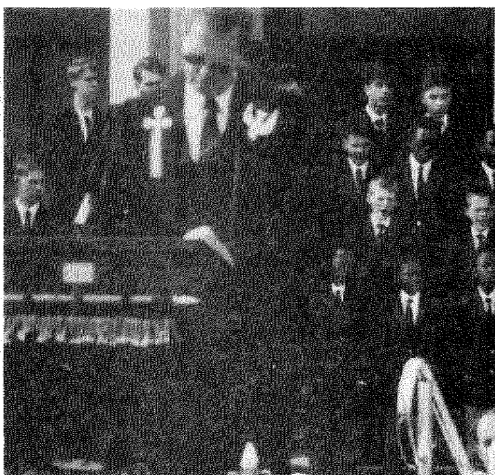
- How did Cocky Farrer get his nickname? Derek Moodie, incoming National President of the Old Dalian Union, explained when he listed the outstanding sporting achievements of the Farrer family in his speech at the Reunion assembly.

Stephen Eric Penfold Farrer, was first nicknamed "Bantam" at boarding school — "he was so small and full of bounce."

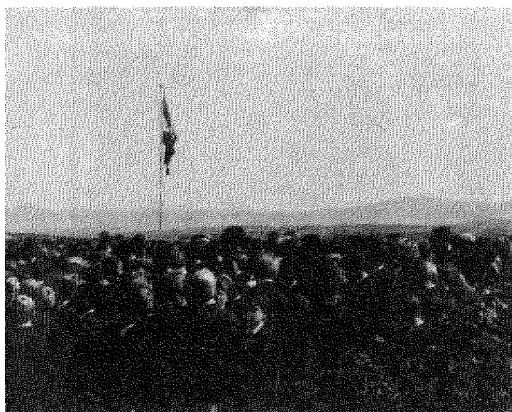
Later, when he bowled right-handed and batted left-handed at cricket, he was called "Bantamcock" — "it was absolutely cockeyed." This was shortened to "Cocky" — a nickname that has stuck all his life. He used the cockerel logo in his business.

Cocky was educated at Dale Primary, Grey High School and Rhodes University and played first team or first league cricket, tennis, rugby, badminton, table tennis and golf. He captained the Albert and King cricket clubs for 30 years.

He first played cricket for Border in 1929 — and captained the team in 1947. He also captained Border at tennis and was president of both the Border cricket and tennis unions. He served on the Dale school



SPORTING FAMILY



Memorial in the Hallowed Courtyard to honour the fallen and other conflicts.

T — by Cocky (who had lost his dad)

committee for 20 years.

Cocky's late wife Nora was a South African junior tennis player and Border ladies' champion. Her brothers, Bene and Philip Street, who both won colours at rugby and cricket at Dale, attended Reunion. Bene and his wife Biddie are from the Natal South Coast and Phil from Zambia. Phil was Victor Ludorum at Dale in 1927.

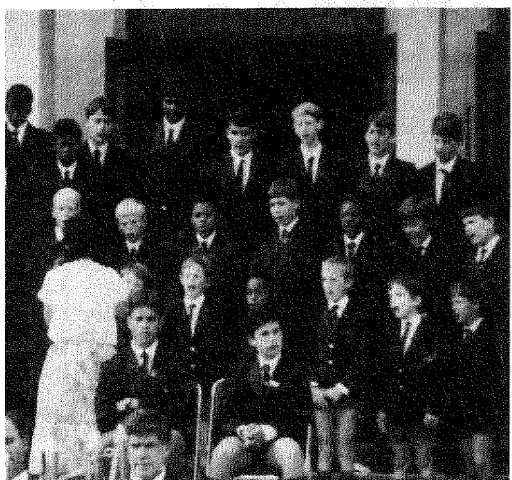
Cocky's son Eric, an ex-Dale teacher, has played cricket for Border and cricket and rugby for SA Country Districts. He is manager of the Border cricket team and SA Country Districts.

His wife Carol (hockey and netball), is secretary and catering convener of the Dale PTA. Their sons Stephen and Ricky are playing Dale first team cricket and hockey and daughter Kathy is following the family sporting tradition at KHS.

Cocky's double Springbok son Buster Farrer (at cricket and hockey) represented Border at cricket (captain), hockey (captain), tennis, squash and golf. He was ODU National President in 1990-91. His wife Maureen (swimming and diving) looked after the Dale tuckshop for a number of years.

Their sons are Michael (who plays squash, cricket, hockey and tennis) and Colin (cricket, hockey and squash). Daughter Lynn (tennis and hockey), is married to David Wood, a cricketer. Their one-year-old son is the Albert Cricket Club's youngest member.

Cocky's daughter Margie (tennis) and her husband Barry Hawthorne came from Johannesburg. Their son Michael, captain of Dale cricket and hockey and deputy headboy of Dale in 1977, was with them.



GRAND OLD MAN: Family head Cocky Farrer responds to tributes at the assembly, flanked by his son Buster and friend Percy Davis. Behind them teachers Rob le Roux and Deon Boshoff

THE UNEXPECTED GUEST

MUCH-LOVED Dale cricket coach Percy Davis — known to thousands of Daliens as "Sparrow", "Uncle Percy" or "Mr Dave" — paid a surprise return visit to his old turf at the 1991 Reunion and was glad to find his friends and the school in great shape.

Percy, who coached at Dale for 28 summers, was invited by Buster Farrer to join the Farrer family of King William's Town as guests of honour at the Reunion.

It was a surprise to Stephen (Cocky) Farrer, 84-year-old head of the family and a friend for more than 40 years, when the old pro arrived in King shortly before Reunion. Friends were delighted to see him sitting on the platform with the Farrers at the opening assembly.

Percy, just turned 76, spent the weekend recalling old times with Cocky, attending Reunion functions and meeting friends and Old Daliens he had coached.

"Those boys were my boys," he told me with pride. Everywhere he went he was stopped — "and there were only two whose names I could not remember."

Among the former Dale stars he met were Ray Ranger and Sid Knott, who went on to represent Border, and Trevor Macdonald who also gained provincial honours. Buster Farrer, with whom he stayed, was Percy's "first Springbok" and the following week he renewed acquaintance with another, pace bowler Kenny Watson, up from Port Elizabeth for the Dale-Selborne rugby day.

Over the Reunion weekend Percy was greeted by Jackie Wainwright, Gordon Daniel, Mike Mourant and Malcolm Anderson ("my first Dale captain"), Malcolm (Mossie) Hawkes, Martin and Chris Sheard and among the younger cricketers, who were nippers in his time, Robin Knott and Graham Leurs, son of Dale's cricket master Adri Leurs.

Other old friends were Les Gardner, former editor of the Mercury, and Jack Rosenberg, twice Old Dalian National President, whom Percy met in Port Elizabeth while Jack was playing for the local club Algoa more than 40 years ago.

Percy had spent three seasons coaching Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage schoolboys. Russell

Sparrow flies in to surprise old friends

Searle, ex-head of Muir College, recruited him to coach at Dale when he moved to take over the reins in 1952. Percy retired in 1980.

What were the highlights of his visit?

* Joining in the comradeship of the Dale Family getting together — "I have never heard of a school with such an old boys' union or a Reunion like Dale's."

* Meeting old boys one thought one would probably never see again.

* The Sunday service in the Hallowed Courtyard, where Percy was moved by Ray Palfra-man's singing of the memorial hymn.

* But to crown it all to see his old friend Cocky — "He still plays a good game of snooker and beat me practically every time."

They sat and recalled the many December 25s when Cocky as Father Christmas and Percy, as his assistant, Santa Claus, delivered gifts to the families of customers of Farrers' shop — "We used to finish up at the Grey Hospital and the Old Folks Home where I sang to them."

Percy was impressed with the Dale Junior extensions at the old King Convent where he used to play Santa at the girls' matric farewell and "have the odd dance with a nun."

After Reunion Percy went on to spend a few days in Port Elizabeth with Peter Fenix, another Old Dalian who learnt his cricket under him and represented Transvaal and Eastern Province after leaving school.

Looking back on his coaching years at Dale, Percy told me; "Dale was good to me although I never got rich. I'm proud I did 28 seasons as continuity counts with the boys."

Percy Davis is happily retired at home in Houghton-on-the Hill outside Leicester with his wife Midge. She kept the homefires burning for him for 33 English winters while he coached in South Africa and Rhodesia.

But he says: "I feel as if I've never left Dale. I still feel part of it."

Ivan Stotor, tragic 1981 matric guest

ONE of the 1981 Dale matric boys who were guests of honour at the 1991 Reunion died in a motor accident over the weekend.

He was Ivan Stotor, a road surveyor with the engineering department of the King William's Town municipality. Ivan, 27, the son of Doug and Nancy Stotor of King William's Town, was one of four brothers, all educated at Dale.

● On the Friday morning Ivan sat with ex-schoolmates of the class of 1981 in the Hallowed Courtyard at the Reunion assembly and heard

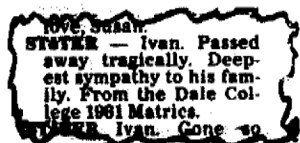


IVAN in the 1981 Sixth rugby team.

Dale teacher Adri Leurs introduce him and others to the gathering.

● On the Saturday night, hours after watching the rugby, he was killed while driving home to Cambridge, East London.

● Next morning at the memorial service in the Hallowed Courtyard the congregation stood in silence in his memory. On parade his 17-year-old brother Patrick, incoming student officer of the Dale Cadets, carried the ceremonial sword after receiving it from Transvaler Anthony Meredith, the outgoing officer.



Darren Gudman, manager of the SA Perm in King, who was at Dale with Ivan from Sub A to matric and served with him in the army, described him as "happy-go-lucky, a true friend — and so dependable."

At Dale his interests included cross-country and rugby. After leaving school he did his national service with the engineers, including 14 months on the South West African border.

He took his higher diploma in civil engineering at the Port Elizabeth Technicon. To his family we extend our deepest sympathy.



HONOURED: Among the 1981 guests at the assembly: Garth Willis, Craig Westcott, Pierre Ferreira, Greg de Wet, Anthony King, Richard Newton and Darren Gudman



LEFT: Transvaler Anthony Meredith, 1990-91 student officer of the Dale Cadets, holds the ceremonial sword he later handed over to Patrick Stotor, the incoming student officer

RIGHT: The morning after losing his elder brother ... Patrick Stotor bravely leads the Dale Cadets at the memorial service



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It was a very good year ...

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first quarter. Peter Morris became the new pro from the beginning of the fourth term. Brian Nixon (since deceased) was the groundsman.

Mike Russell was National President of the Old Dalian Union and will be remembered for his Reunion challenge to all sports teams: There are only two acceptable results: Win or draw.

"The first cricket team made a hash of things against Rondebosch at the Cape Schools week — 33 all out while I went to buy a scorebook," lamented Mr Leurs.

Bradley Osborne scored a record 202 points in 18 games on the rugby field. The First XV, captained for the second time by Deon Linde, played 20 games, won 17 and lost three.

Dale produced 39 Border representatives in 14 sports, including swimming, life-saving, boxing, cross-country, soccer, hockey, squash, biathlon, surfing, shooting, cricket, baseball, rugby and tennis.

Fourteen boys received honours for sport and academics. The Dale squash courts were built and opened. The new tennis courts were completed. Jackie McGlew, former Springbok cricket captain, was guest of honour at the prizegiving.

Yes, it was a very good year.

WANTED: A HOME FOR ODU

A DALE supporters' clubhouse is planned by the new National President of the Old Dalian Union, Derek Moodie.

Responding to a speech by the outgoing National President, Buster Farrer, at the 1991 Reunion dinner, Derek listed this as one of his projects for his year of office:

He said: "We need a home — a home builds security and strength. Not just a room at the school or any other room for that matter. A home we can be proud of which will also serve the community that helps us ... We need a Dale supporters' clubhouse, backed by the Old Dalian Union and run with the schools, parents, friends, supporters and perhaps a service club or two."

Calling for a full-scale recruitment drive for Daliens, Derek added: "We need boys at the schools to carry on our traditions ... We need to look out for boys to keep our colours flying."

HOW TO KEEP TIME WITH DALE ...

DALE clocks, battery operated, with a wooden-type frame and the school crest, are available at R60 from Joe Sutton (Phone 011-453-6524).

By **MARISS EVERITT**

NOT only was Jenny Moodie the first woman to chair the Dale College Parent Teachers' Association in King William's Town — she spearheaded a fund-raising drive which broke the bank.

Jenny won't take the credit for it — it was the teamwork of her committee that did it, she says. They raised R159 000 in her two years of office.

Initially she had reservations about being the first woman to step into the PTA chair — and she had to live up to the excellent example set by previous chairman Mick Webb.

"I was highly elated but also a bit nervous of the reaction. But with the team we had we never looked back."

Of her two-year term, Jenny said: "The most amazing thing was the way people came together and worked together for the boys. Bishop Desmond Tutu said recently that your captain can only be as good as your team and our team over the two years was phenomenal in the way they pulled together."

The committee hit a record in 1989 when it raised R50 000. "When asked if I would stand again I said, 'Let's double it.' In 1990 we raised R109 000. Again everyone pulled together."

One of her highlights during those two years was the Sun-Festi Dale, a fund-raising fete convened by Eldin Rudolph which netted R35 000.

"That was really a coming together of the Dale Family — without their help we would not have been able to do that."

The reward came in being able to present the school with two new 15-seater buses which were desperately needed. Another, much more personal, highlight was when she was presented with the Per Ardua award for service to Dale.

She paid tribute to Delene Kieck and Anne Kotze, two co-opted members of her committee who received the award for their work at school tuckshops. "They did a wonderful job and raised a lot of money," she said.

Jenny admires the efforts of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association in raising money for Dale. She said: "They work so hard. This is a real feather in their caps because we in King William's Town are near the school and can feel the pulse of Dale, whereas they are far away."

LADY IN RED AND BLACK



JENNY and DEREK MOODIE . . .
new challenges for both

"It would be so easy to send your child off to boarding school and then to forget about it. But these people raise thousands."

Last year, while on a visit to Johannesburg, she presented the prizes at the association's annual Fun Day.

Jenny was born and grew up in King as a member of the well-known Pautz family. Her brother Mike is an avid Dale supporter. He has won Springbok colours in angling and was a world champion five years ago. Mike and several cousins are Old Dalians.

While Jenny was in Std 6 at Kaffrarian High

she was invited to the Dale matric farewell by Derek Moodie. They started going out and have been together ever since.

"There are about six of us who married Dalians. We say that was the start of our pull towards Dale," she said.

The Moodies have three children. Lise, the eldest, is studying to be an executive secretary at Technicon Natal in Durban. Martin is doing his post-matric at Dale and is in the front row of the First XV and Keryn is at KHS.

Jenny has been involved with Dale since Martin started school at Dale Junior. She sat on the college PTA for three years before being elected to the chair.

"I miss it terribly. But it is important to have new blood on the committee. I think two years is quite long enough."

Jenny's commitment to Dale is evident also in what she wears. "I have a phobia about that," she confessed when asked about her penchant for wearing red and black.

"I am afraid of a jinx if I don't wear red and black, particularly at a rugby match. As for official occasions, I enjoy wearing red and black. It is also very fashionable at the moment."

Jenny has a morning job at the family business which has three directors, her husband, brother and brother-in-law. The wives look after the admin. It's another team effort.

Derek has been elected National President of the Old Dalian Union and this has brought new challenges for Jenny. She is helping with a fund-raising drive to build a supporters' clubhouse to be run by the ODU.

"I have a feeling for Dale. The ethos, the spirit is something very special," she said.

● The new PTA chairman is Bob Funnell, managing director of De Gama Textiles in Zwelitsha and a former chairman of the Dale Junior PTA. Jenny Moodie, who worked with him in the junior PTA, says he is very enthusiastic and creative.

"They are going to do a whole lot of different things. They started off with a big bang at the rugby festival."

Bob and Lyn Funnell have two Dalian sons, Rickie and Mark, in Standards 9 and 6. Their daughter Lyn is at university.

NOW DEREK THE DEDICATED IS CASTING FOR BIG FISH

A DEDICATED worker, totally committed to the Old Dalian Union and to Dale — that's the ODU's new chief, Derek Moodie.

This tribute was made by the outgoing president, Buster Farrer, when he inducted Derek as National President at the Reunion dinner.

Derek grew up in King William's Town where his Old Dalian father, the late Don Moodie, ran a stationery shop which was well patronised by Dalians before and after the Second World War.

His mother, Gwen Moodie, still lives in the town.

Derek spent his entire schooldays at Dale where he played for the first hockey team and matriculated in 1964. After five years with the Standard Bank he joined his in-laws, the Pautz family, at Hoza Stores. He is now a director and manages the supermarket.

Derek has been on the Old Dalian Executive since 1977 and the Dale College Management Council since 1988. He was a member of the Dale

Junior PTA for six years.

After listing his many involvements in local affairs, Buster Farrer commented: "A most impressive record of service to the community . . . even Mick Webb would be impressed."

One of Derek's major interests is angling — he has managed Border teams since 1980. Said Buster: "Derek's fishing involvement is sure to help in whatever ventures he has planned for his term. I know he plans to throw out bait and land enough big fish to bolster the union's coffers."

Pray tarry a moment for a toast to Dale . . .

DEREK MOODIE, inducted as the Old Dalian Union's new National President, paid his tribute in verse when he proposed the toast to Dale College and Dale Junior.

Written by an old family friend, "Uncle Bill" Davie, with a little bit of help from Derek, the poem read:

*Ladies and gentlemen, Old Dalians and guests
Pray tarry a moment with chatter and jests
Whilst your new National President, now acting as host
Does his first formal duty of proposing a toast.*

*Part One of the toast is for Dale Junior school
Where we first learnt to spell and observe every rule
Laid down by our masters Dummy Taylor, then Roy
And now Roger Budler has to guide every boy
When we had learnt all the basics of spelling and sport
It was time to move on to a more advanced port.*

*To that great seat of learning, the font of all knowledge
I'm referring, of course, to our famous Dale College
We had brilliant headmasters, Russell Searle and Bill Rowles
Then came Colin Thomson to appear on the scrolls
And now Malcom Andrew sits on the big chair
With reins in his hands, plus the worry and care
Of shaping the future of all the young men
Who will add to the credit, again and again
Of Dale's reputation for facing the test
And producing fine fellows, South Africa's best.*

*Now I give you the toast, if you will please stand
With a wish in your hearts and a glass in your hand
That the future of Dale be so bright that it seems
To be graced with the lustre beyond all our dreams.*

Ladies and gentlemen, I give you Dale

Watch out for another Dale Fun Day

NOTE THE DATE: Sunday, September 29, 1991, for a day of sport and fun with Transvaal Dale parents, Old Daliens and friends.

The annual Fun Day, held for the past two years at Easter, will this year be held two days after our boys return home for the September holidays. So bring your Dalian sons and the rest of the family along.

The day will start at 11am at Benoni Country Club, east of Johannesburg, off the R22 freeway to Witbank. Take the second Benoni offramp to Benoni/Brakpan, turn left at the traffic light and right at the next into Morris Ave., Morehill.

The proceeds will go to both the college and the junior school. Last year's Fun Day raised more than R6 000.

There will be golf, tennis, squash, bowls and bridge — but those who prefer to walk around and watch are also welcome.

THE GOLF tournament, will be a betterball stableford, starting at 11.30am. Please book early. Fees will be R35 for adults and R20 for schoolboys. This will include green fees, playing and caddie fees but NOT caddie tips.

TENNIS, SQUASH, BOWLS and BRIDGE will each cost R10 a player. Flat heels please, bowlers.

Refreshments, meals and snacks will be available at the halfway house and in the clubhouse lounge in the evening. These will be at players' and visitors' own expense.

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namment and **PRIZES** for all the sports. Sponsorships cost R100 a hole, R50 a tee or R50 a green.

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TENNIS AND SQUASH: Margaret and Fred Switala (896-2054). **BRIDGE:** Buntly Sutton (453-6524) and **BOWLS:** Fred Friskin (896-4998).

Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot . . .

ONE of the joys of attending a Dale Reunion is to meet your old mates — chaps who were at school with you in those far-off days.

Usually one encounters few contemporaries. But this time it was different for some older Old Daliens, a time for meeting friends they had not seen for up to 50 years: some paunchier, all grey and a few thin, on top. By nature they had hardly changed. And most of them were joined by friendly, patient wives. Daliens choose well.

At the CB Jennings Field two Old Daliens met for the first time since they left in 1942. They were Bush Bennett and Vincent (Ching) Cockcroft who played in the first rugby team of that year. They shook hands on the old grandstand that has stood almost unchanged since their schooldays.

Burly ex-forward Cockcroft, who farms near Grahamstown, had put on a bit of weight. Bennett, one-time star athlete, looked as lithe as when he glided over the hurdles in the early forties. He lives at Gouubie, near East London.

At the opening assembly in the Hallowed Courtyard a face from the past greeted me, his hair growing grey and thinner. We had not met since 1944 and I didn't recognise him.

"Roy Lucke," he replied and we recalled our days at Diocesan Hostel in the forties. This was his first Reunion since he left Dale in 1948. "I came back because I felt Dale needed some support," he said. After years in Rhodesia he now lives in Natal.

Roy spent most of the Reunion joking and swooping yarns with a rather portly old friend, the ebullient Bill Beckley, who left Hostel in 1946 and has fathered five Daliens — his laatlammietjie, David, is in Standard 7.

At the PTA cheese-and-wine evening we chatted to Arthur Jardine, not seen by most of us since the forties. He's greyhaired but looks as lean and nuggety as he was as a scrumhalf in '44. Arthur, a former Dale dayboy who married the former Joan Fleming of King, settled in Rhodesia and still lives in Bulawayo.

There, too, was the urbane Basil Day (College House, matric class of '42) who has returned to farm near his home town of Komgha after years as an accountant in Johannesburg.

At the Reunion dinner were Basil's brothers Keith and Richard, also of forties vintage, and

When old friends meet . . . Jack Rosenberg, Noel Jennings and Bill Beckley



burly Noel Jennings, captain of the 1946 Dale rugby team and the youngest Jennings brother.

Noel, a retired headmaster who lives in Cape Town, sat with his sister-in-law Marj, widow of the legendary Dale Springbok, CB, and her minister son Brian, who said grace at the dinner and conducted the Memorial Service on the Sunday. His son David is carrying on the Jennings tradition at Dale (See Page 7).

Bill (Bucket) Beckley reserved seats for ageing ex-colleagues at the rugby. There was a seat for a forties veteran of the now defunct Durban House, Jack Rosenberg, one of our staunchest King William's Town Old Daliens.

Jack and Mike Mourant, a comparative youngster of the fifties era, were in good voice with the old supporters' cry of AYE-GIBBILI-AYE-OH!

The veterans gave vociferous support to the Daliens on the field, but there was no mercy for anyone who dropped a pass. Nor for a ref or linesman whose rulings they disputed ("Where's your eyes?").

Two grey-haired gentlemen from an earlier Dale decade groped their way past seeking a seat. They were Les Gardner, ex-editor of the Mercury still writing in retirement in Pinetown, Natal, and Tommy Sockolich, 1934 flyhalf in CB Jennings' unbeaten Dale First XV, who has spent 20 years in Canada.

Having lost his wife over there, Tom has come back to his roots and is living in East London. The Dale Clock he bought from me nine years ago is still ticking, he says.

After the match the "forties" group were joined by Dougie Mundell, another Hostelite, who has returned to the Border after years spent in Johannesburg. "He calls himself my apprentice and claims I taught him to smoke and drink" jokes the irrepressible "Bucket" Beckley.

"Now that you've retired, why don't you come back to civilisation," said Old Dalian (class of '42) and ex-headmaster Billy Rowles, after the Sunday service. Bill, who retired in 1977, lives at Kidd's Beach, near East London.

Old soldiers like Bill and his ex-sailor brother Sam no longer wear their war medals at the service or stand on parade in the glaring sun. The few are growing somewhat frailer and some have faded away.

Sadly over the weekend one reflected on old Hostel colleagues of the forties who are no longer with us: John Landrey, Walter Stafford, Andrew Meyer, Lance (Biddee) Blaine, Sammy Bennett, Graham (Snake) Ashkettle, Cedric (Sinnie) Edwards, Henry (Horse) Galloway, Jeff Cumming and Douglas Lear (killed in the Korean War).

We hope more of the survivors with their tolerant wives will be back at Reunion next year to quaff a beer and recall those days when Taffy, Monk, Shops and Walter, Worm, Karretjie and Buzzard tried to inculcate some of life's finer values in an often recalcitrant youth. Those were the days . . .

Are you listening ex-Hostelites Des Mills, Peter and Harold Budler and Quentin Coaker? — **JOE SUTTON** (Diocesan Hostel, class of '44)

FIRST IN THE CAPE: CHEERS FOR MARTIN!

LAST YEAR'S Dale College dux scholar, Martin Laing, has won the prestigious Duke and Duchess award for being first in the Cape in the 1990 matric history examination.

He is the son of Brian and Nita Laing of King

William's Town and is now in the United States on a Rotary Exchange scholarship. Dave Knowles, head of the history department, said: "Martin was an outstanding academic at Dale." His elder brother Justin was also a dux scholar.

100 YEARS ON ... A GREAT CELEBRATION

What a feast of rugby!



TALKING SPORT? Steve Tshwete, ANC 'Mr Sport', chats to fellow Dale parent Trevor Bennet and Barry Turner, since elected the ODU's Senior National Vice-President.

OLD AND NEW: Dale Springboks Mike Jennings (left) and Pee Wee Howe meet 1991 First XV captain, Stephen Hatley



● Pictures by **ROB HENSEN** and **TRACI MACKIE**



WHAT'S THE SCORE? The ten teams



CAPTAINS BOTH: Charlie Pope (left) and Chow Bissell, in 1965 colours

IT was a mini-Reunion — but with a difference. Rugby enthusiasts from the Border and beyond flocked to King William's Town over the Easter weekend to see ten top South African schools compete in the Dale Centenary Rugby Festival.

Dale Springboks and captains of yesteryear, Old Dalians, Dalians, parents, Kingites and supporters from the visiting schools joined in to celebrate 100 years of rugby at the college. They saw schoolboy rugby at its best.

The festival has been hailed as an outstanding success on and off the field.

The Border schools — old rivals Dale, Selborne and Queens — dominated the festival without losing a match. As is customary in festivals of this kind the local teams did not play against each other.

Said Headmaster Malcom Andrew: "It was exciting rugby. Many tries were scored and no one misbehaved on or off the field. The King community were completely involved and people poured in from East London and Queenstown. The festival brought us many good vibes."

The total points scored by each side were Dale 82, Selborne 76, Queens 60, Paarl Boys' High 55, Durban High School 43, Hilton College 39, Maritzburg College 35, Glenwood High 28, Pretoria Boys' High 12 and Kearsney College 10.

Each squad consisted of 20 players and each player was assured of at least one game.

"The atmosphere was tremendous. The youngsters enjoyed it so much that some of them — particularly those from Paarl — said they could not wait to come back," said Adri Leurs, one of the organisers.

The games were played in excellent spirit but with tremendous commitment, even on the Satur-

day in extreme heat. The rugby was hard and competitive and over three days drew about 4 000 spectators. Some of the best performances were reserved for the third and final day.

For Old Dalians it was a time of reunion with old mates and teachers who have since moved on to other schools. Among these were Peter Reed, former superintendent of Paterson House now coaching the Selborne First XV, and his Second XV coach and manager, Pierre Ferreira, who used to coach the thirds at Dale.

Back, too, was former Dale First XV coach Alister McCallum, an ex-superintendent of Diocesan Hostel now also at Selborne and, from Maritzburg, Len du Pisanie, another former First XV coach.

Two of Dale's four rugby Springboks, Mike Jennings (Britain, 1969-70) and Pee Wee Howe (Australia 1956) and several Dale ex-captains were among the guests. The captains ranged from Dudley Diedericks (1944-45) to Andrew Bennet, who led last year's unbeaten Dale side.

In between were Noel Jennings (1946), Ted Warren (1954), Transvaal Eddie Coetzer (1957), guest speaker at the centenary dinner, Gavin Busse (1958-59), Dudley Muir (1962), Charlie Pope (1964, unbeaten), Chow Bissell (1965), Bruce Butler (1967), Roy Seeney (1971), Gary Boucher (1972), Martin Sheard (1974), Rodney Long (1987) and Quinton Maritz (1989).

The festival kicked off on the Thursday at

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DALIANS AT DINNER: Left, Andrew Canny and Gary Bedser. Right, Jonathan Staples, Hilton Fortmann and Greg Stone



DALIANS ON ATTACK: From the left, Mark Wessels, Stephen Hatley (with the ball) and Shaun Sharpe in festival match

An era ends for the sporting Mourants

THE MOURANT family have ended an era at Dale — until the next generation arrives there.

The first Mourant, grandfather Gervaise, arrived at Dale in 1924 and matriculated in 1933; the last, Miles, came in 1985 and left in 1990.

In between have been Gervaise's two sons, Mike (1950-1957) and Ken (1957-1964), Mike's two older sons, Guy (1978-1984) and Haydn (1981-1986), and Ken's son Michael (1982-88).

Grandfather Gervaise Mourant spent ten years at Dale after attending KHS in Sub A and Sub B and was headboy of Fuller House in his final year. He was Town Clerk/Treasurer of Margate from 1946 to 1961 and died in 1966.

Mike was sent to Dale in Standard Three. "I was bunking school so often at Margate and missing more than half of my schooldays that the old man said 'enough!'" Mike recalls.

"On my first Saturday at Dale, aged nine, I saw Peewee Howe, Gavin Duffy and 'Jam' Midgeley in white blazers and longs. They were like Greek gods and I set my heart on one day earning colours."

Mike did. He played first team cricket in 1956-57 and for Border Schools in 1957. He was also a school prefect. Mike remembers Headmaster Russell (Rusty) Searle with awe. "He used to pace the corridors of Joubert House after lights out and noticed every loose screw," he said.

Still teaching then were pre-war stalwarts Taffy Williams, Walter Schnell, Karretjie Marx, Shops Workman and Monkie Lazarus, who had all taught Mike's dad. Eggie van Niekerk and Zak Maree taught Mike, Ken and later Guy.

Born in King William's Town and now living in Glendower, Edenvale, Mike remains a staunch



Penelope (later Calamity) Jane



Grand-dad Gervaise (left) and Mike Mourant

"banana boy." He spent 47 years in Natal where he was prominent in Old Dalian and parent affairs and for five years drove a minibus for Natal Dalians from Pinetown every school holiday to King and back.

In 1984 the Natal branch bought Penelope Jane, a bus later re-named Calamity Jane. Mike was the conductor. Mike was National President of the ODU in 1986-87 and has attended 18 Reunions.



In earlier Dalian days: Michael (jnr), Denise, Haydn and Guy Mourant

For his services to Dale Mike received a Per Ardua Award.

After coming to the Transvaal in 1987 he joined the Dale Parents' Committee and hosted parents' and Old Dalian meetings at his office in Johannesburg. He is manager of First National's North City Corporate branch in Braamfontein. Mike chaired the ODU Transvaal branch for a year and is now secretary/treasurer.

Ken Mourant was a school prefect at Dale and a member of the unbeaten 1964 First XV which was captained by Charlie Pope and included Springbok Mike Jennings, now of Bedfordview.

In 1981 Ken organised a return trip by the 1964 team to King for two Reunion games and a grand get-together. He is general manager of the Rand Mutual Hospital in Johannesburg.

Guy Mourant was a school prefect at Dale and won half-colours in academics and cricket. At rugby he won colours and played for Border Schools but was injured during his navy service while captaining the Natal Command East team. He is now at Rhodes where he coaches the university Under 20 side and plays golf.

Haydn is studying marketing through Unisa and plays league golf for Royal Johannesburg.

Youngest Mourant brother Miles won colours for cricket and half-colours for golf at Dale and played Nuffield cricket for Border. He goes to the army this month.

Ken Mourant's son Michael is studying commercial interior design in Johannesburg.

When will the first of a new generation of the sporting Mourant dynasty enter Dale? "That's up to Guy, Haydn, Miles and Michael," said Mike. "Dale will be needing some cricketers in the next century."

Vaughan for Jamboree

TRANSVAAL Dalian Vaughan Harrington has been chosen as one of 72 South Africans to attend the 17th World Scout Jamboree in Korea this month. He was presented with his Springbok Scout scarf and colours in Johannesburg in June. Vaughan, in Std 9 at Dale, is the son of George and Ute Harrington of Linden, Johannesburg.

On and off the field, a tremendous success

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King's historic Victoria Grounds with an impressive ceremony and march past in which the ten teams displayed their banners and mascots and met the Headmaster of Dale, Malcom Andrew, and the President of the Border Rugby Union, Ronnie Grobler.

Dale ran up the biggest score of the festival in the opening match to beat Glenwood 38-9. The late game was played under floodlights.

On the Saturday at the CB Jennings Field the former Dale captains — some of them squeezed into their old colours blazers — were introduced to the crowd in front of the grandstand.

That night a festival dinner was held at the War Memorial Hall with the walls decorated impressively with the badges of the competing schools. One of the highlights of the evening was the rousing performance of the war cries of the ten schoolboy teams, finishing off with Dale.

Steve Tshwete, the ANC's sports negotiator, whose son is at Dale Junior, was a guest at the dinner. Welcoming him, Mr Andrew referred to him as a leading figure in attempts to bring about reconciliation in South African sport. From a "rugby mad" school the Headmaster wished him well in his efforts.

This rugby festival added greatly to Dale's prestige and reflected great credit on the organisers, led by Old Dalian Jack Rosenberg. It will not be repeated next year as this would clash with Selborne College's rugby centenary, but expect it again in the future.

● After crushing Glenwood, Dale scored a close 13-9 win over Maritzburg, who put in a strong second-half challenge. In their final outing the Dalians overwhelmed Hilton 32-7.

Of the other sides Selborne impressed the most with a good all-round side and looked the one to beat this season. And on the following Saturday Dale lost 7-0 to them in King.

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NOW IT'S CRICKET'S TURN FOR TRIUMPH

DALE cricketers are still hitting their opponents for six. After an exceptionally successful season in 1990 the Dale First X1 maintained their excellent record in the first quarter of this year. They did not lose a match.

The 1990 team have been rated the best in the school's 127-year cricketing history. And this follows last season's unbeaten run by the Dale first rugby team.

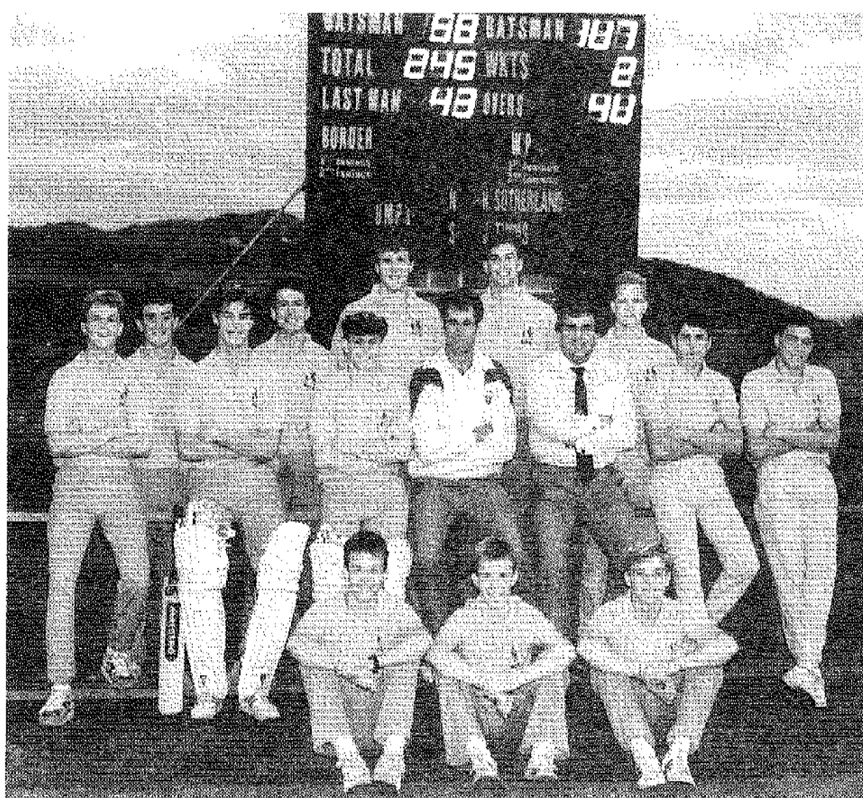
This year some excellent performances have been recorded, including a century by the captain, Richard Bennet. Perhaps the most decisive contributions came from Transvaler Gavin Franken, who helped Dale beat both Kingswood College and Grey High School.

Playing in Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown, he came in when a bit of wielding the willow was very necessary. This he did admirably.

Against Kingswood he scored a lightning 22 which set Dale up for a two-wicket win. Against Grey he did the same and hit one of the biggest sixes seen on that ground for a while. He finished up with 24 runs and Dale won by three wickets. Gavin, son of Norman and Margie Franken of Bedfordview, is also in the Dale first rugby team.

The other Dale teams also fared well during the term, particularly the Under 15A's, who became the first Under 15 cricket team to beat Selborne in seven years.

Last year's Dale First X1 played 17 matches, won 13, drew three and narrowly lost one. Eight centuries were scored, including five by captain Steven Pope and two by Robin Knott, the sons of two outstanding Old Dalian cricketers, Charlie Pope and Sid Knott. Richard Bennet picked up the other ton.



WINNERS: The Dale team who topped the inter-schools night league: Sitting (left to right): Miles Maurant, Robin Knott, Steven Pope, Roy Palmer (pro coach) Adri Leurs (master in charge), Michael Beckley and Justin Mitchell. Standing at back: Richard Bennet, Gary Bedser, Stuart Slater and Gavin Franken. Seated in front: Stephen Farrer, Ricky Farrer and Mark Bahlmann.

In the final of the Sakkie Marshall high schools day-night series against Selborne, Dale knocked up a phenomenal 245 for two in 40 overs.

Pope carried his bat to score 107 while Knott, also undefeated, scored 58. The other runs came from Transvaler Miles Maurant, with 43, and Richard Bennet, 19. Selborne replied with 186 for six for Dale to win by 59 runs.

Maurant, son of Mike and Denise Maurant of Glendower, Edenvale, performed very well during the season and was one of six Daliens chosen for the Border Nuffield side.

The 1990 bowlers also produced outstanding figures, including Graeme Leurs' eight for 44

against Kingswood; Franken's four wickets for five runs against Kimberley Boys' High and five for 22 against Wynberg Boys' High; and Gary Bedser's six for 31 against Dale while playing for Tarkastad.

In the Cape Schools cricket week held in Queenstown Dale won three out of four matches, beating Kimberley Boys' High by 185 runs, Wynberg Boys High by nine wickets, Plumstead High by 156 runs. They drew with Bishops.

There were substantial wins during the season against Graeme, Kingswood, St Andrews, Queens, Cambridge and Port Rex.

Transvaler Justin is faring well on the fields of England

CRICKETER Justin Mitchell, son of Mr and Mrs C Mitchell of Randburg, is enjoying his stay in England on a scholarship to Exeter Cathedral School.

In a recent letter to Dale cricket master Adri Leurs, he reported that after 12 games he had a batting average of 30 and had taken 29 wickets.

Justin is the fourth Dalian and second Transvaler to be awarded the scholarship and follows John Beckley, Mark van Buuren and Steven

Palframan, the 1990 scholar. Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Vin van Buuren of Randburg, is completing his Air Force service at Hoedspruit, Transvaal.

Steven, son of Ray and Sheila Palframan of King William's Town, is taking a social science degree at Rhodes and playing cricket for the university and Eastern Province B.

John, son of Bill and Diana Beckley of East London, is in the time-share business with his brothers James and Peter in the Canary Islands.

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BRIAN . . . brave fight

BRIAN AYRES: Quiet, hard-working colleague

BRIAN AYRES, former chairman of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association, died in March, aged 48. His illness last year in the prime of life came as a great shock to his friends and colleagues.

Brian graduated in civil engineering at the University of the Witwatersrand and served on the railways for 22 years, finishing as senior bridge engineer of Spoornet. A keen tennis player, he served on the committee of the Darrenwood Tennis Club. Another great interest was wild life, particularly birds.

Brian and his wife Margaret joined the parents' committee early in 1987. He was vice-chairman for

two years and became chairman in June 1989. He was re-elected in 1990 but resigned a few months later because of his ill health.

Brian devoted much of his time and energy to the association: he ran the tennis section at Fun Days and regularly won prizes. He worked tirelessly at catering drives and assisted with railway bookings.

He was a cheerful, friendly colleague whose quiet and unassuming nature hid the courage and strength of character that carried him through months of suffering.

His optimism and buoyancy was still evident at the Beer Mugs evening last November, three months be-

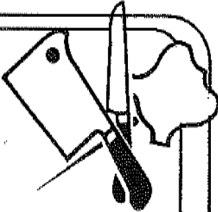
fore his death. Our deepest sympathy goes to Margaret and their sons Craig and Warrick, an Old Dalian.

● Rusty Gibb, chairman of the parents' association, paid tribute to Brian in his 1990-91 annual report.

He said Brian had steadfastly and unselfishly served the cause of the committee for many years.

"Without the support of Margaret, who played a pivotal role in also supporting our cause, he would not have achieved the success he did.

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TERTIUS MYBURGH: Fun-loving schoolboy and journalist tailor-made for diplomacy

TERTIUS MYBURGH, who died in Johannesburg last December, was one of Dale's most prominent and influential sons.

He was Editor of the Sunday Times for 15 years and resigned in September on the threshold of a new career as South Africa's Ambassador in Washington. It was a role for which he appeared to be tailor-made. But within days illness prevented him from taking up this post and he died two months later — three weeks short of his 56th birthday.

Tertius Myburgh became a national figure as a highly successful editor and a perceptive political commentator. He appeared frequently on television and was in demand as a guest speaker at banquets, dinners and business conventions.

As an Old Dalian he was always ready to help as a speaker at Dale, Old Dalian or parents' functions.

He gave the keynote address in King William's Town when the Dale Educational Fund — the Dale Appeal — was launched in 1983. He was a speaker and master of ceremonies at parents' Fun Days, the Transvaal Old Dalian farewell to cricket coach Percy Davis and a prestigious Old Dalian dinner-dance at the Carlton Hotel.

Born in Komgha, the son of a veterinarian, Albert Tertius Myburgh grew up in what he called "a very traditional Afrikaans household." Years later he told broadcaster John Bishop that he went to "an English boarding school with the injunction from my very traditional father: Go and learn their language my son, so that you can compete on equal terms." He was to succeed brilliantly in both.

Tertius said there were "some very happy years at boarding school." But he confided with



Tertius in Std 7 at Dale

friends that, knowing very little English, it was difficult at first.

He spoke with pride of his alma mater where he was prominent in dramatic productions and concerts and matriculated in 1952.

Ex-schoolmates remember him as a mischievous, fun-loving and popular lad. Already he was a talented pianist. At Joubert House he played at common room evenings and when boys practised for dances. He played at assembly, concerts and rugby matches.

"He didn't need written music - he just picked up a tune and played," said a friend. "He didn't push himself at school. He had a natural ability, good general knowledge and always knew he was going to make it."

Ken Owen, an old friend and colleague who succeeded him as editor, says it was at Dale that Tertius, "a lonely Afrikaner, learned to win acceptance by mastering minute details of accent



Tertius Myburgh speaks at a Dale function

and social behaviour of an English society which he admired. The experience was to equip him with extraordinary social sensitivity."

He sharpened this facility at the University of Cape Town and entered journalism on an English newspaper and magazines in Bloemfontein.

From there he joined the Argus Company's London bureau after playing jazz piano in nightclubs. After four years he returned to South Africa and as political correspondent of The Star he covered the assassination of Dr Verwoerd in Parliament in 1966.

He spent a year at Harvard University in the United States as the holder of a Nieman Fellowship, an award much coveted by journalists. After editing the Pretoria News he became Editor of the Sunday Times, South Africa's largest newspaper, in 1975. He edited his paper with flair, faith and moderation and has been

hailed as a bridge-builder between races and communities.

Tertius spoke equally fluently in Afrikaans and English and wrote English with a rare feeling for the idiom and nuances of the language. Socially he was equally at home in the English atmosphere of the Rand Club or in the Nederduits Gereformeerde Kerk of which he was an elder.

Tertius Myburgh was a warm-hearted, considerate colleague and friend, an inspiring and buoyant boss. He loved company and enjoyed enlivening a party after midnight by playing the piano. Everywhere he made friends.

In tributes he has been described as a man of wit, charm, vitality, unflinching courtesy and unflagging optimism. American diplomat Chet Crocker called Tertius, while an editor, "South Africa's most effective ambassador."

Nine years ago Tertius told interviewer John Bishop: "Foreign policy interests me enormously. I love Washington particularly."

It is tragic that cancer robbed this enormously talented, distinguished Old Dalian of fulfilling his dream. He would have made a splendid ambassador.

● To his widow Helmine, his son Phillip and daughters Danielle and Jacqueline we extend our heartfelt condolences.

● The Headmaster of Dale, Malcom Andrew, the Headboy, Stuart Goulding, Transvaal parents and Old Dalians joined politicians, diplomats, journalists and friends at a memorial service in Johannesburg. Another was held in Cape Town.

● The Tertius Myburgh Memorial Hospicare Fund now stands at R174 815,35. Its address: National Cancer Association House, PO Box 2000, Johannesburg 2000.

— JOE SUTTON (Tertius Myburgh's deputy editor for 15 years)

QUOTE

● We should never lose sight of the larger goal — to give Dale's dedicated teachers the wherewithal to continue producing boys of which we can all say with pride: There goes an Old Dalian. — Tertius Myburgh at the 1983 launching of the Dale Appeal.

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