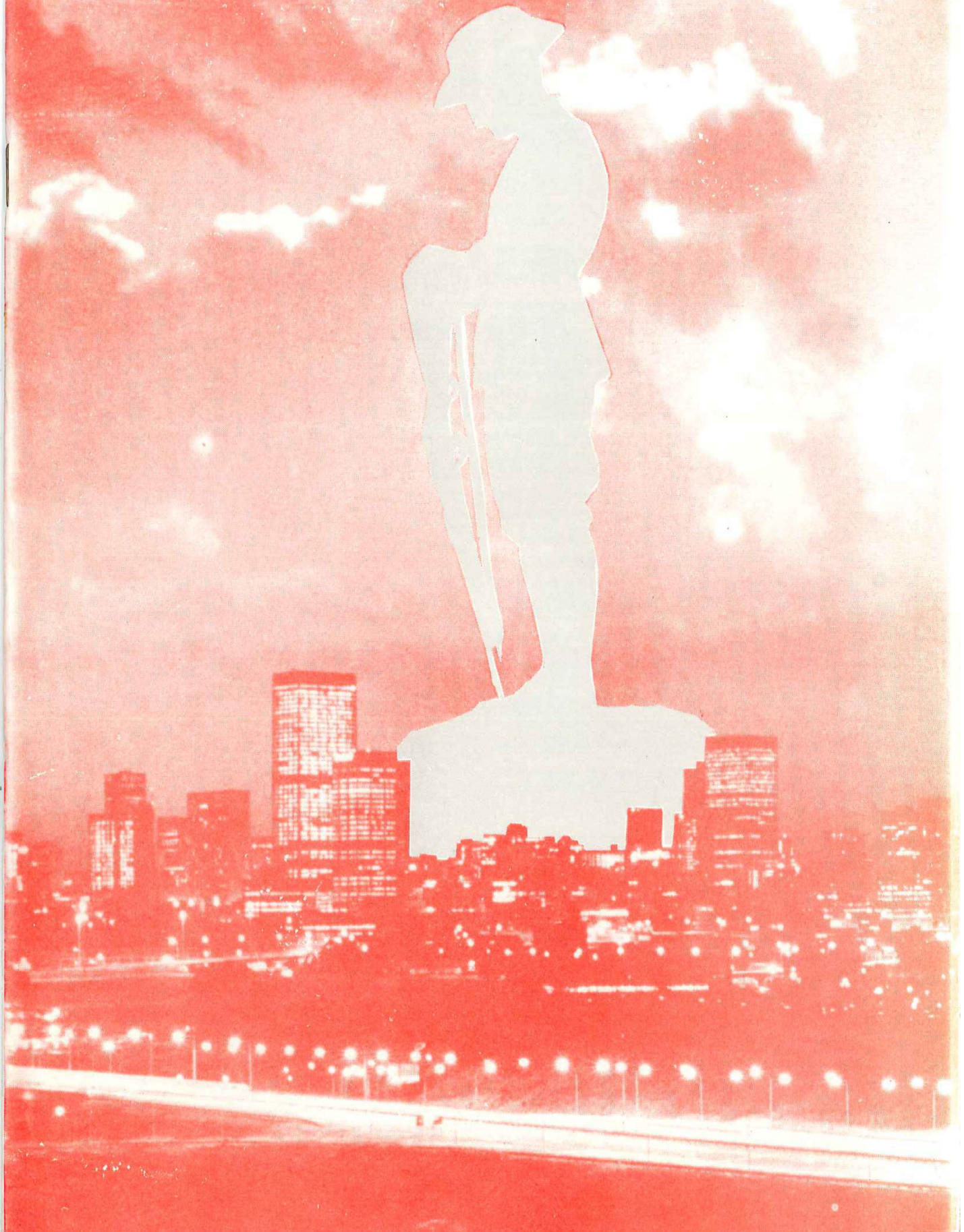


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Why Dale needs more boarders

THE Headmaster of Dale College, Malcom Andrew, has challenged every Transvaal parent to recruit a boarder for the school. And after two whistle-stop tours of Witwatersrand primary schools and interviews with interested parents he has enrolled nearly 40 new boys for 1992.

Why, one may ask, these continued campaigns to attract more boarders? Are enrolment numbers dwindling?

The answer is NO LONGER. Two years ago this was so — caused by economic circumstances and the ripple effect of a declining white birth rate. This trend is still being felt in white schools nationwide and many schools have closed.

But at Dale the decline has been stemmed by vigorous recruitment, mainly in the Transvaal, and partly by the influx of the New Dalians, boys of colour admitted after an overwhelming "yes" vote by parents last December.

To keep Dale on top and maintain traditional standards it is essential to keep its enrolment at a high level. Once this dips below a certain figure a school is regraded. The number of teachers and the number of subjects offered are reduced. State subsidies — already meagre — are cut further.

It is vital for Dale's future progress to keep its hostels open. Only last year Paterson House was threatened with closure because of the overall dwindling level of boarders. But the school hung in there and crisis was averted. Today Presby and the other hostels are flourishing.

Full hostels can keep costs down. "The fuller the hostel the more economical it is — and the cheaper for you, the parent," says Mr Andrew.

Another reason for the recruiting drive is to keep up the quality of Dale boarders. Down the years boarders have been an important element of Dale. They have brought variety and vigour, talent and spice to the school — in the classrooms, on the sportsfields and in cultural spheres.

How big can Dale College grow? Enrolment for 1992 will be from 480 to 500 boys, including 70 blacks and Indians — 14 percent compared to 10 percent this year.

The Headmaster believes that a comfortable target would be 530 boys with full hostels and a full school. Next year there will be about 210 boarders but this could reasonably be stretched to 250.

But Dale is still selective about whom it accepts. When interviewing interested boys and their parents on his Transvaal tours Mr Andrew is emphatic about one thing: He demands real interest and commitment from both.

Dale is not interested in boys who will drop out after weeks or even months of boarding school life. It is looking for quality — boys who will enhance the school's high reputation and uphold its traditions.

Dale needs boarders. So why not go out there and find a good one?

— The Editor

QUOTE

● Like a successful business a school cannot stand still. It must grow — within reasonable limits. Controlled growth can be the road to progress. — From an editorial in *TransDale* in October 1978. The same principle still applies today.

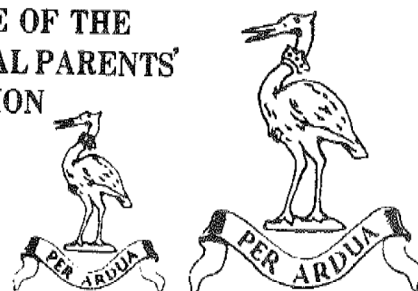
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● Richard Newton tells of his career as a TV newsman — Page 9

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The Tvl Dale parents' committee for 1991-92

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

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NEW FACES AT THE TOP



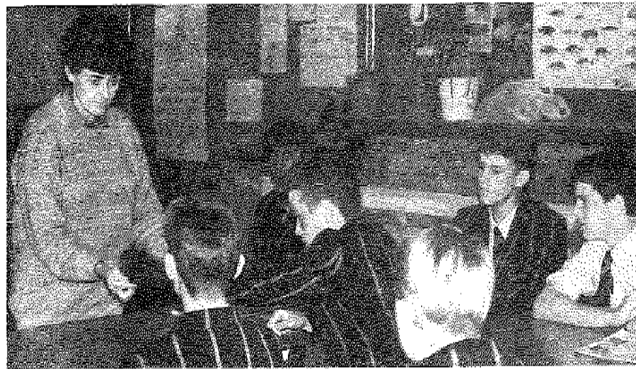
● Trio at the helm of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association. Left to right: Des Keates, secretary, Ian Davidson, vice-chairman, and Rusty Gibb, chairman.

● Let's have fun while we work — Page 6

Our maths and science teaching is tops, says Headmaster



MATHS . . . Graham Nolan at blackboard with Std 9 pupils



BIOLOGY . . . Judy Sheard and class. Dale has teaching edge

40 NEW TRANSVAAL BOYS FOR DALE

NEARLY 40 Transvaal boys have enrolled as boarders at Dale College for 1992. This follows two whirlwind visits by the Headmaster, Malcom Andrew, to the Witwatersrand to promote the school.

Dale's excellent teaching of maths, science and biology was emphasised in an advertising campaign and on visits to 20 primary schools. Mr Andrew believes Dale has the edge on many Transvaal schools in teaching these subjects.

On the first visit, from June 19 to 21, Mr Andrew was accompanied by his deputy, Des Gendell. Mr Andrew visited ten primary schools scattered all over the Reef — from Craighall Park, Sandown and Blairgowrie to Constantia Kloof, Honeydew, Halfway House, Alberton and Kempton Park. Mr Gendell accompanied Mr Andrew to most of these schools and also visited one in Vereeniging.

In three days Mr Andrew addressed about 500 boys in Std 5 and including some in Std 4 on the merits of boarding school education. He met headmasters and teachers and later interviewed interested parents.

The response to these visits and to newspaper advertisements was so enthusiastic that Mr Andrew returned to Johannesburg in August.

On the night of August 6 he stepped off a plane at Jan Smuts and was driven straight to a meeting at Jeppe Preparatory School. He had been invited to join Johannesburg high school headmasters addressing Std 5 pupils and their parents. The result: Four boys from this school have since enrolled at Dale.

In the next three days Mr Andrew visited ten schools stretching from Bedfordview, Benoni, Boksburg, Germiston and Alberton on the East Rand to Parkview and Bryanston in the north and

SCIENCE, MATHS AND BIOLOGY: HAS YOUR SON HAD TEACHERS IN THESE SUBJECTS THIS YEAR?

DALE COLLEGE

invites applications for 1992 for boys from Std 6 to Post-Matric.

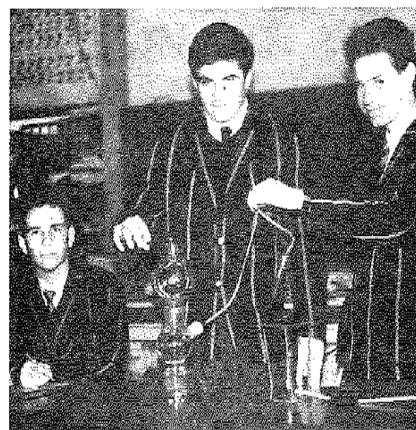
We offer you a full staff of which 85 percent are men. The Headmaster, Mr M Andrew, will be in Johannesburg from August 7 to 9 for interviews with parents and boys at Sixth Floor, Arbour Square, 92 Julia Street, Braamfontein.

Mr Andrew, who visited the Transvaal in June, is returning in view of an enthusiastic response from parents and boys.

One of the adverts inviting Transvaal boys to enrol at Dale. Note the emphasis on the teaching of maths, science and biology.

● Reports: **JOE SUTTON**

● Pictures: **ROB HENSEN**



SCIENCE . . . Wimpe Heath, Brett Step and Clifton Hoyle

Fairland, Florida and Horizon Park in the west. He spoke to more than 500 boys and established friendly ties with certain headmasters.

The Headmaster visited schools in the mornings and interviewed parents and boys in the afternoons and evenings. Again there was a strong response from parents to suburban newspaper advertisements. Others booked interviews with the Headmaster after his visits to schools.

Parents and boys met the Headmaster in the Johannesburg office of Transvaal parents' chairman Rusty Gibb. Evening interviews at his home went on till late at night. One interview was held

at Jan Smuts Airport while Mr Andrew was waiting to catch an early morning plane.

Commented Mr Andrew: "It was hectic but well worthwhile. The response from parents and boys was most encouraging."

"I think, Dale has a good deal to offer the Transvaal, particularly through very good teachers in maths, science, biology and accounting, who seem to be lacking in many Transvaal schools."

"We offer an environment for education where many big city distractions don't apply or can be better controlled. We offer a set of values which many parents think are important."

'Find me a Dalian' challenge to parents

HEADMASTER Malcom Andrew has issued a challenge to every Transvaal Dale parent: Go out and sign up a future Dalian.

He told the annual general meeting of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association: "Go to your church, your friends, your office colleagues and neighbours. There must be kids who truly do not have maths and science teachers. We have them in abundance."

Mr Andrew spoke after visiting six primary schools on the Witwatersrand in two days. "The education system up here has a problem," he said. "Today I visited a school with 1 000 pupils and without a maths teacher. Some maths teachers are on circuit from school to school."

"At Dale we underestimate what we've got. We take it for granted. We've got one boy in the Science

Olympiad — 37th out of 2 400. There are 21 others in the top 30 per cent of South Africa. Our Science Department is unbelievably strong.

"The maths average in the final matric exam last year was 69 percent. In 1989 it was 72."

"In history, Martin Laing won the Duke and Duchess Award (top in the Cape) and in the Computer Olympiad Clifton Hoyle got 96 percent. We have spent thousands on computer programs and videos — on science, biology and maths."

"We have a top and dedicated staff. Part of the R10 000 (donated to the school this year by Transvaal parents) will go to rewarding dedicated teachers. We look after our teachers. They are very precious."

The Headmaster appealed to parents to pay their

fees on time. He said: "Every hostel is self-financing. Not a rand comes from the department. The income we get is used to feed the kids and run the hostels."

"The fuller the hostel the more economical it is — and the cheaper for you, the parent. If each hostel is full then each is economically viable — then your boarding fees are kept down."

"We need more boys in the hostels. Please help us recruit them. Would each of you now try to enrol one Dalian?"

● Mr Andrew thanked parents for the R10 000 given to Dale College — and the R3 000 to each hostel, which termed "even more remarkable." "There are very few schools where parents are so magnanimous," he added.

Farewell matrices . . . a newboy's salute

● A TRANSVAAL Dalian was chosen to make this year's farewell speech by a newboy to the matrices at the valedictory ceremony.

He is pint-sized Gareth Padgett, 13-year-old son of Steve and Sue Padgett of Bracken-hurst, Alberton. Gareth carried a box on stage to stand on as he reached for the microphone. Here is his speech:

Mr Andrew, guests, members of staff, matrices and post-matrices of 1991 and fellow Dalians.

On behalf of the school and particularly this year's newboys, I would like to thank the standard tens and post-matrices for the part they played in college life.

To Stuart (Goulding), Clifton (Hoyle) and the prefects, thank you for setting such a good example for us to follow . . . well, most of the time anyway.

Listening to the reports at the prize-giving on Friday, one got the impression that 1991 has been a good year.

The school has produced outstanding academic

results. Participation in the cultural side of the school has been exceptional.

The sporting results have been of the usual high standard. And the newboys have been the best the college has ever had.

I would like to thank the matrices who have contributed to the success of 1991 by being captains of sports teams, chairmen of societies or by inspiring us through their academic excellence.

Special thanks to Glen Patience for being such a fine example of enthusiasm and academic effort. It is not often that one finds someone who snores so loudly in class that it almost wakes up Gareth Comeley.

A feature of 1991 has been the number of seniors driving custom-made vehicles.

John Griffith, for example, had the rear shock absorbers on his Datsun bakkie reinforced. While most drivers would feel safer having a roll bar fitted over the roof of their cars, Gary Street fitted a bar to the boot of his Pulsar.

However, the matric experiencing the most

trouble with his car has been Andy Slater, whose Beetle breaks down in the same place outside Dale College at least five times a day.

A number of matrices were involved in research projects. In one, Stuart Slater proved conclusively that smoking is bad for your health.

In another, Richard Murrin and Hendrick Ferreira, working as a team, proved that a long fringe does not automatically make you come first in Std 10. Rather, the essential requirement is a set of very thin legs.

On behalf of the newboys I would like to thank Michael Woudberg for the concern he showed by carefully checking the quality of each item of food we bought from the tuckshop. Unfortunately the tuckshop did not stock razor blades!

To all the matrices and post-matrices, as you leave us . . . Goodbye. Good luck. We have enjoyed having you at Dale. We wish you everything of the best for your future lives.

Oh, and one last thanks — to my own personal hero, William van Zyl. One day I hope to have a body just like yours.

The new Old Dalians get their colours

ELEVEN outgoing Transvaal matrices were among those welcomed to the Old Dalian Union in a rousing ceremony last month.

With nicknames typically Dalian, they were: Andre (Slobs) Roberts, Glen (Nerd) Patience and Anthony Meredith of Johannesburg, Eric (Roach) Brown of Randburg, Richard (Dirty Durrin) Murrin, Philip (Stompie) Livingstone and James Mac-Millan of Kempton Park, Gavin (Six Pack) Franken of Bedfordview, Jody (Skapie) Watson of Germiston, John Churchill and Greg Hains of Benoni.

Every year a large number of new Old Dalians are welcomed into the fold. The ceremony is held on the night after the prize-giving.

The Dale Junior Sub A's entertain the matrices and their parents by singing songs and finally doing the War Cry.

After an address by a prominent Old Dalian, usually the national president, a couple of teachers take delight in telling all the "unmentionables" about each boy who receives his colours — from his parents if they are present.

Nicknames, ambitions and highlights of a boy's school career can provide some interesting and amusing anecdotes.

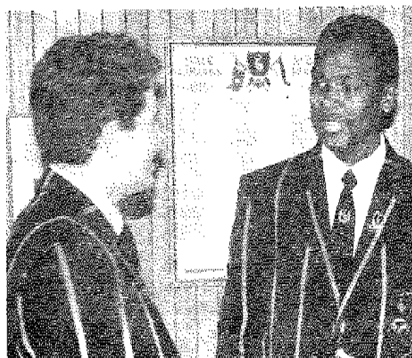
This function over the years has proved invaluable in getting Dalians to join the old boys' union. This year for the first time two black pupils joined the union. History was made and none too soon. Yao Ayivor and Wame Ngcakani were the proud recipients (See Page 5).

For the parents who attended it was a poignant occasion. Transvalers included: Neville and Colleen Patience, ending nine years as Dale parents, Trevor and Pat Meredith (seven years), Eric and Janie Brown and Eileen Churchill (four years). John and Sheila Watson's son Jody is returning for a post-matric and Paul and Aileen Murrin will make the trip again next year when their younger son Alexander leaves Dale.

A few parents stayed for Tuesday's valedictory ceremony when 1991 headboy Stuart Goulding welcomed his successor Derryk Jordan.

For some parents and boys it's an end of an era. Hopefully not an end to contact with Dale and the Transvaal Parents' Association. See you at the next Fun Day!

Advocate-singer John Fletcher with Std 6 and 7 award-winners Warren Olivier (best newboy), Marc Funnell (scholar-sportsman), Transvaler Robbie Gemmell (athletics) and Darren van Niekerk (shottist). Dr Fletcher of Johannesburg presented the prizes



Dale's first black prefect, Tshiwo Yenana, with new headboy Derryk Jordan



Kevin Efune receives his prefect's badge from the Headmaster, Mr Malcom Andrew

CONGRATULATIONS, TRANSVALERS

TRANSVALER Kevin Efune has been chosen as a Dale College school prefect and headboy of Diocesan Hostel for 1992.

Kevin, 17, has been at Dale for two years. His parents, Allan and Marilyn Efune, of Greenside, Johannesburg, are on the committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association.

A number of Transvalers have been made hostel prefects.

Dominic, elder son of Rusty and Janice Gibb of Saxonwold, Johannesburg, is headboy of Sutton House. Hostel prefects there include Philip and David Switala, sons of Fred and Margaret Switala of Boksburg, and Justin Vince, son of Mr and Mrs R W C Vince of Roodeport.

Alexander Murrin, younger son of Paul and Aileen Murrin of Kempton Park, and Michael Gemmell are prefects at Paterson House. Michael is the elder son of John Gemmell of East London and Janet Friskin of Boksburg.

Prefects at Diocesan Hostel include Sean Harris, son of Mr and Mrs W E Harris of Germiston, Greg Overend, son of Stewart and Marilyn Overend, of Roodeport, and Brendan Rich, son of Mike and Pat Rich of Florida.

The new headboy of Dale College is Derryk Jordan, son of Gail Jordan, a teacher at Dale Junior, and David Jordan of King William's Town. The deputy headboy is Ricky Funnell, son of PTA chairman Bob Funnell and his wife Lynn.

Tshiwo Yenana, 15-year-old son of Bowen and Beatrice Yenana of Bisho, is the first black Dalian chosen as a school prefect. He turns 16 in April and has played wing for the Under 15a rugby team and as a spin bowler for the Under 15a cricket team.

His father is public relations officer for the Foreign Affairs and Information Department of the Ciskeian Government. Mrs Yenana is a school teacher.

● The first two black schoolboys to become Old Dalians reflect on a history-making year

STIRRED BY THE SPIRIT OF DALE

By WAME NQCAKANI
Dale's first black matriculant

AFTER being at a private school which admitted blacks I was still not sure how different Dale could be. However a doubtful cloud still hung over the school due to the action of four or five boys.

My stomach, as I recall, was knotted with uncertainty, if not fear. I knew nobody and kept to myself like someone who cannot speak the common language.

I was put into a class, Std 10c, and seeing all the friends together released a new feeling. I had to admit it: I was an outsider.

My conversations with various people were nonsensical and full of "small talk" about rugby. After all Dale was, as I saw it, a rugby school.

One of the first guys I met was Stuart Elmes. He was about the first guy who spoke of things other than rugby, school and views on racial discrimination. Despite his efforts to wedge me into the flow of the school, I still felt like an outsider.

Inter-house athletics was my first attempt to get involved. I came second in the Under 17 200 metres. I directed myself towards athletics. Things were different to St Andrews — these people were of a different calibre. These were people who made it for themselves; they had not had it made for them.

Stuart suggested that I come to hostel. I didn't mind but it was two weeks into the second term when I finally arrived at Sutton House. I moved into a room with Stu and it was a while before I realised that I had made the right decision.

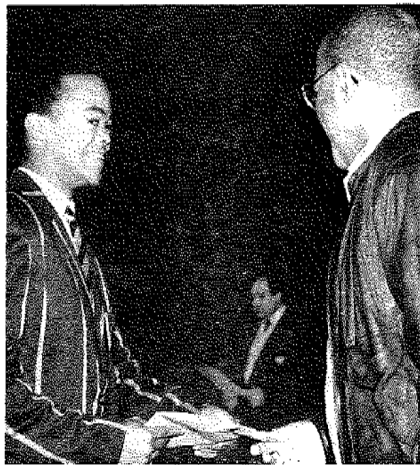
The other matrics were "different", with a laid-back approach to hostel life. That seemed to pull me into the flow of the school and hostel.

Even now I know and feel indebted to them as without them I would not have made it.

The rugby season was one that will never be forgotten. The team spirit and school spirit awed me. St Andrews was a thing of the past; it held a lot of good memories but nothing like what Dale now holds.

Life at Sutton is a part of me now, no other hostel is as tightly knitted. The guys are not terribly talented in sport or academics, but the spirit is felt immediately.

The third term was no problem. One incident did shake me and revealed to me the power of



PROUD father Vuyo William Nqcahani of Ciskei, presents his son Wami with his Old Dalian colours Pictures: ROB HENSEN



PROUD Yayo Ayivor receives his colours from Old Dalian national president Derek Moodie.

peer pressure. I had a fight with one of the white guys.

Looking back I don't know why it happened. If I could live this year again I would do things differently, especially with that incident. The fight relieved certain tense feelings so maybe it was meant to happen.

Looking back on 1991 I know I've grown up a lot and learnt a lot. One thing I learnt is that not all people are the same and that to know someone you must look deeper than the outside.

I've made history by being the first black matriculant and one of the first two to become members of the Old Dalian Union. But looking back I realise that without the help of the Sutton matrics I would never have got this far.

Thanks... Gavin "Six Pack" Franken, Stuart "Notorious Nerd" Elmes, Andrew "Slobs" Roberts, Eric "Motor Mouth" Brown and Jonty "Mighty Mund" Elmes.

Dale and Sutton House have become a part of me which I will never forget; it will be sad leaving.

A GREAT 1991: I'LL NEVER FORGET IT

By YAO AYIVOR
Dale's first black post-matric student

DALE! DALE! You must be off your head to go to such a school, didn't you hear what happened...

That's what most of my peers said when I decided to come to this school. I myself was adamant that Dale was the school for me, since I was going to do a post-matric course.

I simply said to myself that if things didn't work out I'd just leave.

It's four terms later and I'm still here. 1991 has been a great year and one I'll definitely never forget. Coming here enabled me to experience different spheres of life, both cultural and educational.

To be part of Dale College has been a great honour.

I feel I settled in much faster than the rest of the blacks because I was much older and had previously been in a multi-racial school where I had been the headboy.

Hostel life was the only real difference to me as I had never been a boarder. Living under such strict rules took some getting used to but I really enjoyed my stay at Paterson House ("The Best").

The atmosphere and spirit in the hostel has been stupendous and I'm proud to be associated with Presby.

It was here that I was nicknamed EPOD (Everlasting Piece Of Darkness).

Being here has enabled me to make new friends to whom I'll soon have to say farewell at the end of the year. (Hopefully I'll get to see them at the next Reunion).

Racial discrimination has been minimal. There have been a few incidents among the juniors rather than the seniors, due mainly to the maturity of the boys at school.

Society has accepted the change readily and if there have been any doubts the people haven't gone out of their way to show it. On the whole I am impressed by the way they have handled it.

Something that concerns me and is noticeable among all the boys is the way the "minority" take advantage of their colour to get away with certain misdemeanours at school.

There is a definite difference in the way punishment is handed out. The minority seem to be punished more lightly than the majority.

I feel that punishment should be handed out equally.

The highlight of my year has been becoming one of the first black Old Dalians in the history of the college.

I believe that Dale College has been a good example of the type of education needed for the growth of the future country.

● Thanks Slobs, Six Pack, Notorious Nerd, Motor Mouth and Mighty Mund... without your help I would never have got this far

Let's have some fun while we work!

THE Transvaal Dale Parents' Association has an energetic new team of leaders, who are building on the solid foundations of the past — with a few fresh ideas of their own.

Apart from hard work, fund-raising and service, the accent continues to be on entertainment, camaraderie and fun.

The men at the top are Rusty Gibb, chairman, Ian Davidson, vice-chairman, and Des Keates, secretary. All are ably supported on the committee by their wives.

Rusty, who is manager of First National Bank's First Auto branch in Braamfontein, Johannesburg, was elected chairman last November after the death of Brian Ayres.

Rusty and Janice Gibb, whose two sons Dominic and Oliver are going into Standards 10 and 8 at Dale, joined the committee in 1989.

Ian and Marie Davidson, who were co-opted to the committee early in 1990, have one son, Ashley, going into Std 9. Ian represents Continental Shipping Lines in Southern Africa.

Des and Helen Keates, also co-opted during 1990, have a son, Dorian, in Std 8. Des is in the new business special projects department at Liberty Life's head office in Braamfontein.

Colleen Patience, whose younger son Glen matriculates this year, remains on as treasurer and organiser of the block-booking scheme until the next annual general meeting in June 1992.

The association's main objectives remain: To provide closer links between parents and the

R14 400! IT'S A RECORD!

TRANSVAAL Dale caterers raised R14 400 at the Goldfields Kennel Club's Dog of The Year show over a weekend in August. This is the highest figure raised at any single function by the parents' association.

About 40 parents worked for two days at the show after preparing for it the previous day. "This was a tremendous effort," said Rusty Gibb, the chairman. "We are well on the way to reaching our fund-raising target of R50 000 for the current year."

headmasters and PTAs of Dale College and Dale Junior; to raise funds for both schools; to encourage recruitment of boys from the Transvaal and to assist Transvaal parents where possible. These aims are being pursued vigorously.

● The committee keeps in close touch — by telephone and letter — with the headmasters of both schools and hostel superintendents.

● TransDale, started in 1975 and now in its 25th issue, provides a link between the Transvaal, the schools and the Dale Family. It circulates not only among Transvaal parents and Old Dalians, but also in King William's Town, East London, and Durban. It seeks to promote both schools and keep parents informed and enter-

tained about school and parent activities.

● Fund-raising has become one of the association's major activities. Last June it gave R15 000 to the two schools and R3 000 to each hostel for the wellbeing of boarders (Page 8).

Most of the money is raised by catering at dog shows and receptions. Committee members and other Dale parents toil long and hard over many weekends. But chairman Rusty Gibb believes that as well as raising funds and providing service, these outings should promote camaraderie among parent workers — they should be fun.

The same goes for the family sports day, known as the Fun Day, where a record figure of R10 000 was raised on September 29. Proceeds have grown fivefold in six years (Pages 10-11). A fun occasion that raised R7 500 this year was the Blarney Brothers dance. Another evening with this popular group will be held next June.

● Parents of boys going to Dale for the first time in 1992 have been welcomed to the Dale Family at a "new parents" reception (see below).

● The association organised two successful promotional visits to the Transvaal this year by Headmaster Malcom Andrew (Page 3).

● The association helps parents by arranging cut-price block-bookings on buses to and from King William's Town. It also helps those in acute financial difficulties to keep their sons at Dale.

Rusty Gibb and his enterprising committee have some new plans for parents' activities in the New Year. Watch out for details!

A TOUCH OF FASHION FOR THE MOTHERS

IT was meant to be a mums' morning of fun — but it turned out to be a mini money-spinner, too.

Eight Dale mothers and 64 friends attended the garden party organised by ladies of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association and hosted by chairman's wife Janice Gibb at their home in Saxonwold, Johannesburg, on September 28.

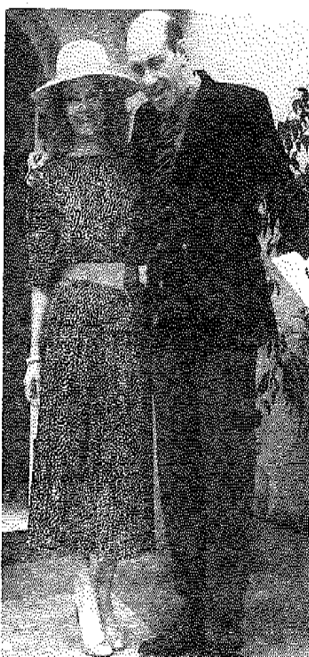
Top of the entertainment bill was a fashion show produced by Sally Millin and Bridget Drewitt of Cleavers Designware. The models were Wendy Millin, Sally's sister-in-law and presenter of the TV programme Face to Face, Jackie Haberton and four schoolgirls from Parktown High.

Master of ceremonies and fashion compere was the urbane Ian Davidson, association vice-chairman, who was press-ganged at short notice on his return from a trip abroad. Rusty Gibb ran around lending a hand. Among the guests: Headmaster Malcom Andrew and his wife Pam.

The prize for the best-presented table was won by Dale parents Lynn Rau and Sheila Watson of Germiston. The theme of their table was a Christmas fantasy. The prize for the best hat went to the only lady who wore one.

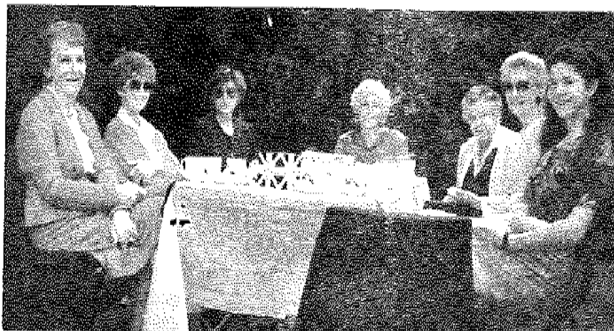
Another programme item was an amusing presentation by Frances Sutton on body language. Men were targeted for posing with their hands in the "figleaf" (full frontal) or the "Prince Philip" position (behind their backs). Even Ian Davidson, the MC, did not escape some mild teasing.

The garden party raised R430 for Dale funds and was a useful practice venture for a future annual event.



Ian Davidson welcomes Wendy Millin

A table with King William's Town links. From left: Joyce Gibb, ex-KHS mother of chairman Rusty Gibb, Geraldine Stegman, Lyn Redmond, Old Dalian wives Ros and Suzie Moore, another OD wife, Vanessa Davidson, and her daughter Melissa. Their table theme: The Queen's unofficial birthday.



ANY QUESTIONS, NEW PARENTS?

PARENTS of boys going to Dale College for the first time in 1992 were welcomed into the Transvaal Dale Family at an informal gathering on October 23.

The question-and-answer evening was hosted by Rusty Gibb, chairman of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association, and his wife Janice at their home in Saxonwold, Johannesburg.

This meeting was the first of its kind held for several years. Its aim: To provide the "new" parents with information and advice and answers to any questions about Dale.

The evening, attended by 18 new parents and six committee members, proved to be a great success.

Rusty Gibb explained the purpose and aims of Transvaal Parents' Association and gave information about the school. He advised the parents about travel and other arrangements affecting them and their sons.

Tales of past experiences were aired and good relationships established with the newcomers.

The committee members present were Rusty and Janice Gibb, vice-chairman Ian Davidson and his wife Marie, secretary Des Keates and his wife Helen and Allan and Marilyn Efune.

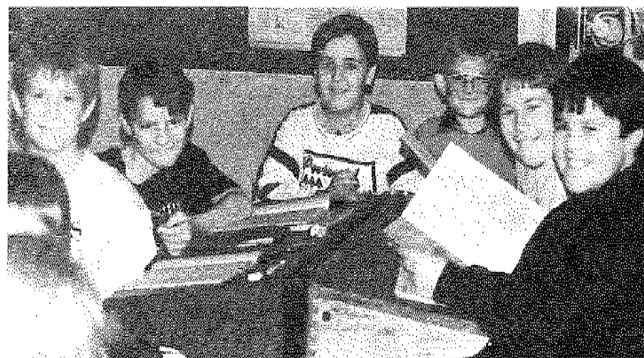
Parents of the following new boys attended: Warren Hall from Farrarmere Primary School, Benoni, Justin Byrne (Bedfordview Primary), Mark de Villiers (Glenvista High School), Liam Winwood (Meredale Primary), Andrew Krull (Westridge High), Warren, William and Arthur Halliday (Highlands North) and Tony Hutchinson (Christian Brothers College, Boksburg).

● A braai for 1992 new boys and their parents is being held at the Gibb residence, 11 Ashwold Drive, Saxonwold, on Sunday, December 8. Parents of Transvaal boys already at Dale are also welcome.

The power of a positive school



DETERMINATION ... at the Dale Junior inter-house athletics



HAPPINESS IS ... wearing casuals on 'civvies day' even if this costs R1

PARENTAL support — of our boys and our school — has always played a vital role in the activities, planning and successes of Dale Junior. And it will certainly continue to do so.

You are the parents who care, are involved, share the successes of our school and understand and appreciate all that Dale aims to do for its pupils.

One of our major objectives is to create a positive attitude in our school — we want all members of this school family to be positive in themselves and their abilities.

Every boy needs to realise his potential and seize all opportunities created for him. He needs to make the most of every day — positive thinking is the one thing that can guarantee success.

Help your son to develop these positive attitudes — analyse what he is not achieving; analyse why he is not participating and competing regularly in our very comprehensive programme.

Don't blame the school for any shortcomings — rather seek to cultivate a positive, go-getting attitude in your son.

Yes, Dale Junior is a positive school, an active school and a proud school — all boys need to feel part of this positive atmosphere in the school.

We clamp down firmly on boys who do not work, who behave badly, who struggle to accept the basic values that have brought our school so much credit, who do not participate in school activities.

We do, however, need you parents, where applicable, to play a major role to avoid any negative, sub-standard attitudes to develop in any boys.

More than ever it has become necessary for parents to participate in school matters in such a way that they will be able to make a positive

By ROGER BUDLER

Headmaster, Dale Junior
(adapted from an address to the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association)

● Pictures: ALLAN CAMPBELL

and active contribution in the interests of the child in particular and the school in general.

With an enrolment of some 427 boys Dale Junior is full. We are in a position now that we have never known before. This situation has its benefits but creates problems:

● We cannot enrol every boy who applies to come to our school.

● We find ourselves in the position that every applicant, of whatever race, is analysed thoroughly to ensure that every pupil enrolled is of the calibre that can do justice to the ethos and standards of our school.

● Turning down applicants because the school is full is a new experience and one that gives one no sense of satisfaction.

● This new situation puts even greater pressure on the management of the school in the whole process of applicant evaluation.

● We shall not in future enrol boys who are not of the required academic standard; whose parents are not committed to playing their part in the funding of education; who are a disciplinary problem; who do not intend — judged by previous records — to commit themselves to the wide variety of activities at our school; who are sent to Dale for any other reason than because they want to be Daliens.

Our hostel, DV Taylor House, is full — with 98



ON STREAM (from the right): Aubrey Smith, Wandile Mbangata and Mxaba Magoma

boys from all parts of the country.

The faith and judgment our parents had last year to enable this school to open its doors to all races has, without doubt, been a great success.

We thank you for your outstanding support last November — giving us a very strong mandate to proceed with the Model B status.

We enrolled at the beginning of this year, after extremely careful selection, 58 non-white pupils, of which the large majority are black.

Because of this and the increase in white numbers, our numbers increased from 358 to 427 — an average of 30 boys per class.

We have received 280 applications — other than Sub A — to fill no more than 15 vacancies from Sub B to Std 5 — certainly an unenviable task. Enrolments for 1992 are now complete — 440 boys for 1992.

● The Dale Junior staff, a dedicated, committed and loyal bunch of teachers, shows a pleasant degree of stability after a large turnover in 1989-90. Only one new staff member has been appointed for 1992.

Nothing is too much for our staff — no hours too long, no destination too far. Endless hours in service for this school and our boys is part of their daily routine.

The school of achievement

HEADMASTER Budler told Transvaal parents: "We are loaded with achievers at our school." Some highlights:

● 239 merit and academic badges were awarded for these efforts during the June exams.

● 850 Heron certificates have been awarded in the Junior and Senior Primary departments this year.

● We are represented in the Border Primary Schools Choir.

Outstanding athletics results include:

● Six first places, five second places, seven third and six fourth places at the Border primary schools championships.

● Two long-standing Border records were shattered by young Daliens.

● Three boys were selected to represent Border at the All-Cape championships.

● Brendon Spring broke the All Cape Under Ten long jump record.

● Dale Junior came second to Queens in the Triangular Athletics meeting.

● Dale Junior dominated the Border Primary Schools cross-country, both in numbers taking part and in individual successes.

● We confidently rank ourselves third on the Border (in junior school) swimming and are getting stronger by the day.

● Professional cricket and tennis coaching is benefiting many boys and producing pleasing results.

● Three out of eight Dale Junior boys were in the Border side in the SA Biathlon Championships. Dale Junior won all the primary schools trophies at the

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THANK YOU, TRANSVALERS!

DALE hostels have thanked Transvaal parents for their donations and told how the money is being spent on little luxuries to improve boarders' quality of life.

The Transvaal Dale Parents' Association gave R30 000 to Dale College and Dale Junior at its annual general meeting in June. Of this R30 000 went to each hostel for the benefit of boarders.

Now superintendents and headboys of the hostels have written expressing their appreciation.

● Dave Knowles, superintendent of Paterson House, thanked the Transvaal committee and parents for their "wonderful gesture."

"It is inspiring to know that there are such supportive parents out there working so hard for the welfare of our boys in hostel," he said.

"We have spent the money you sent us last year by buying a new video machine, re-covering one of the sofas in the common room, buying a second snooker table (one is now in the common room, the other in the matric room) and replacing the curtains in the dormitories and the common room with more colourful ones.

"The generous donation you have sent us now will be spent on similar lines — we are considering a new TV set, re-stocking the reading room with novels . . . and a computer to help the boys with their prep work in the evenings."

Kevin O'Connor, headboy of Paterson, wrote thanking the association "immensely for the generous donation."

"The money will be used so that all the boys will be able to benefit in the near future."

● Graham Nolan, superintendent of Diocesan Hostel, wrote: "Year after year you allow us to improve the quality of life of the boarders at our hostel by providing these 'extras' not covered by the Cape Education Department. Thank you. We do not take your gifts for granted."

After the boys' needs and preferences were canvassed, the money is being spent on a one-third size snooker table, a new TV set (for which money had already been saved) and a computer.

Diocesan headboy Gary Bedser wrote: "Thank you very much for your efforts and generosity. They are immensely appreciated."

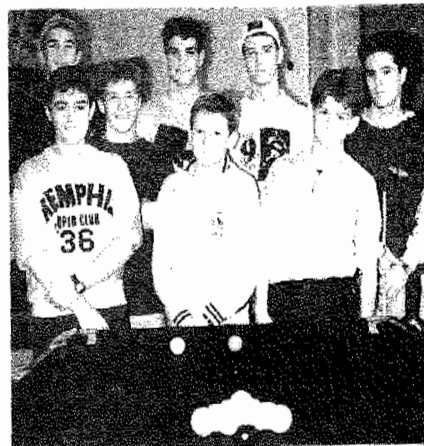
● Mick Paterson, superintendent of Sutton House, said the association's "extremely generous donation of R30 000 to our hostel fund was

LOGGING ON . . . Transvaal James MacMillan, a prefect at Paterson House, busy on the hostel's new personal computer



R3 000 gifts bring a

bit of fun and comfort to hostels



most welcome and will be spent immediately on projects that will directly benefit all the boys."

"The majority will be used to purchase more comfortable seating for our TV and games room.

At the new snooker table in the Presby common room. From left: Brett Trollope, Dimitris Velonius (Germiston), James MacMillan (Kempton Park), Kevin O'Connor (headboy), Wayne Grummit, Ryan Bennie, Richard Hollingworth and John Churchill (Benoni)

A new snooker table will also be purchased." ● Glynn Harris, superintendent of D V Taylor House (the Dale Junior Hostel), said the "most generous donation . . . will most certainly be used to the benefit of all the young boarders."

Letters of thanks were also received from the Headmasters of Dale College and Dale Junior, Malcom Andrew and Roger Budler.

The national president of the Old Dalian Union wrote congratulating the association on raising R30 000 for the two schools.

Mr Andrew said Joubert's R30 000 was being spent on padded chairs for the reading room and office, repairs for the boys' video machine, six new trees planted in front of the hostel, a new fence along the driveway and paint. Some money was being kept in reserve.

Dale Junior: The many-sided school loaded with achievers

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Border Triathlon championships.

● Hockey is fast becoming a powerful sport — the first team was unbeaten, scoring an exciting victory over a star-studded Grey side in the final of the inter-schools mini-hockey festival hosted by Dale.

● Fourteen rugby sides were active in a demanding season — from Sub A to the Under 13a side who took part in the Wynberg 150th celebrations.

● Five Dale Junior boys represented Border primary schools at Craven Week. Rugby results were most encouraging.

● Regular chess leagues are being held and we have an active One Way Club — the Scripture Union.

● Squash teams have played weekly in Border Schools fixtures — thrashing Queens 4-1 before our rugby teams were taught a lesson the next day. The Gym Club has 50 enthusiasts.

Mr Budler listed these new developments at Dale Junior:

● R16 000 has been spent on reading programmes this year.

● Family information manuals have been made available to parents.

● Additional facilities at the playing fields are being constructed.

● The Management Council is now led by Colin Ogden after Dale Junior said farewell and thanked Mick Webb, who served as chairman for 11 years.

● A marginally altered school uniform is planned for 1992.

● Greater emphasis is being placed on pupil activity in the classroom rather than a total spoonfeeding approach.

● The Special Class is to close at the end of the year due to lack of numbers — this was inevitable with the new enrolment policy.

The loyal men who earn their 'Honorary Old Dalian' blazer

WHAT does it mean when you see someone wearing an Old Dalian badge with the word "Honorary" underneath it?

About ten years ago the Old Dalian Executive Committee initiated a drive to get more members of staff to join the Old Dalian Union. But staff members felt uncomfortable wearing the ordinary Old Dalian badge as they were not Old Dalians in the true sense of the word. They had not attended Dale.

After lengthy deliberation it was decided to include the word "Honorary." This was found most acceptable and many members of staff joined the union. At this stage only staff members were entitled to this privilege.

During 1990 the ODU executive decided to extend this to non-Old Dalians who had served on the school management councils for a full term of three years and were into a second three-year term.

Mick Webb and Ivor Penny joined the union immediately. Vernon Maybery, who had served on the old school committee for many years, was honoured by his sons who presented his colours to him.

Over the years some teachers have been honoured either by their sports teams or a particular class and presented with their Old Dalian colours as a gesture of appreciation.

One of the interesting features of a first team rugby game is to see the rugby staff lined up behind the goalposts in their Honorary Old Dalian colours. The Honorary Old Dalian staff are happy to identify with the union in its activities, not only at Reunion but throughout the year.

At least 12 staff members at the college and five at Dale Junior are proud to wear the Honorary Old Dalian colours.

— ADRI LEURS, Dale College teacher and Honorary Old Dalian.

● A Witbank Old Dalian, Richard "Zack" Newton, looks back on his years at Dale College and talks about his career as a TV and radio news reporter.

By JOE SUTTON

TEN years ago he was a familiar figure on the Dale stage. Tonight you may see him on the TV News, wearing his Old Dalian blazer.

The self-assured young man with swept-back hair and tinted specs is Richard Newton (class of '81), TV and radio journalist, based at Bloemfontein and covering events in the Free State.

His voice is confident, urgent and strong. His reporting is crisp and tight. There is no time for frills on the box.

Since he joined the SABC a few years after leaving Dale, Richard's coverage has included a tornado in Welkom, coups in Lesotho, riots and boycotts in the Goldfields, murders and the St Helena mine disaster.

Recently he has reported on the Highlands water scheme controversy and the bloody clashes at the President Steyn mine in Welkom.

That's a long way from the Reunion plays and the debating society in King William's Town, but the experience there must have stood him in good stead. He received his colours twice for dramatics, won awards for debating and chaired both societies.

"Everything I learned in these spheres was thanks to Errol Hort," says Richard. "He really was a man in a million. I owe him a hell of a lot." (English master Mr Hort collapsed and died in the classroom in 1984 after teaching at Dale for 22 years.)

In his last year at Dale, Richard played in "Seagulls over Sorrento," produced by Mr Hort at Reunion. Newspaper critic Una Graven wrote: "Richard Newton must be congratulated on his natural, easy manner on the stage and the way he captured the brash humour of Badger."

Yorkshire born, Richard Newton moved to Rhodesia with his parents as a one-year-old in 1964. They lived in Redcliff, a small steel industry town, until 1969 when the family moved to Witbank, Transvaal, where Richard attended junior school. His father, David Newton, is a divisional manager at Highveld Steel.

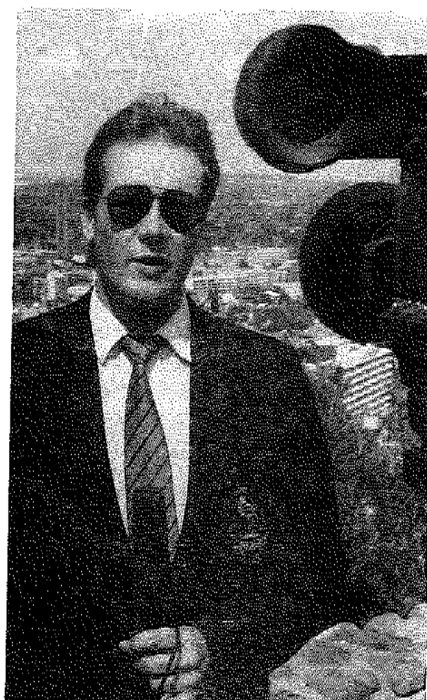
In 1977, just 14, Richard arrived as a newboy at Sutton House. "On my first day Dave Howell (a Std 7 boy) decided that I would be known as Izaac (after the mathematician). Many believed that Isaac was my real name."

The nickname, later shortened to Zack, was to stay with him through his later years at the Durban Technikon where there were a number of Old Dalians.

After two years at Sutton, Zack was "transferred" to Diocesan Hostel. He recalls: "Diocesan was then regarded as 'the worst' hostel. There was no grass at either 'Top' or 'Bottom' Hostel and we had the honour of being gated almost every weekend to plant grass. But the food was OK with the highlight being trifle on a Sunday."

He went on to become deputy headboy of Diocesan and a school prefect and regards these as among the highlights of his schooldays. "Another highlight of my days at Diocesan was the inter-house rugby final in 1981 when we drew 6-6 with Frank Joubert."

Vrystaat!



Richard Newton reporting from Bloemfontein...

Richard played for what he calls the "almost unbeaten Dale thirds." The 1981 school magazine reports: "Richard Newton hooked superbly for the thirds, having developed into a devastating striker almost overnight."

Richard recalls: "Academically I was never anything to write home about. My interests lay in cultural affairs and sport."

"One of my most embarrassing moments was during Non-Smoking Week in July '81. I gave a speech on the dangers of smoking and convinced many people that I had given up. Later that afternoon I was caught with a fag in my mouth by Geoff Kieswetter (a teacher)."

In those days there were about a dozen Dalians from Witbank. They used to take a bus to Johannesburg and then join the Transvaal school train to King — a somewhat turbulent journey.

An interest in journalism developed while Richard was on the staff of Khale, the newspaper run by KHS girls and Dalians.

His main friends at Dale were Mark and Greg de Wet, Steve Barkhuizen and Kim Harvey. The friendship with the De Wet brothers continued after they left school. They toured Europe together. At the Durban Technikon, where Richard took a diploma course in journalism, he shared a

flat with Mark. He worked with Greg loading lorries at Witbank Steel. Richard's mum, Anne, now works at a Transkei holiday resort, Trennerys, run by the De Wet brothers' parents.

Richard did his national service at 8 SA Infantry in Upington and spent nine months as an operations medic on the border.

He entered journalism on the Mercury in King William's Town and then worked on the Daily Dispatch in East London, the Witbank News and finally the Vista, a regional newspaper in the Free State Goldfields.

He was offered a post on the SABC radio desk and worked in the Goldfields for nine months before being transferred to Bloemfontein. There, after another six months on radio, he moved to television.

"I prefer radio and television to the print media," says Richard, "but print is the best school of journalism. The experience gained on newspapers is a must for any journalist."

Richard still has ties to radio and does live sports coverage on rugby and cricket for local radio. He has a Friday morning programme called the "Whether or Not Slot."

Would he recommend journalism to Dalians as a career? "Certainly," he says, "but it is not as easy as it looks. Again, newspaper journalism is the best school and any journalist must do time on the papers."

"TV and radio work is also not as glamorous as it appears. You tend to work long days and many evenings and most weekends. We rarely get away before seven or eight at night if we have a story on."

Some of those one or two-minute "stand-uppers" (on-camera reporting scenes) take hours. "I've known us to need up to 17 takes before we get it right," he said.

His working experiences include: "Some hairy moments during the riots, sinking up to my waist in a flooded river bank, driving into a storm water drain during the Stannic Mountain Rally and having to do a story among 60 dead pigs."

Richard was one of the 1981 matric guests of honour at the 1991 Dale Reunion. Thirty-one of the class, including Mark (Pinks) and Greg de Wet, and some of their teachers returned to the school.

Apart from Zack and Pinks there were chaps with Dale nicknames like Beast, Beachnut, Paw Paw, Piggie, Scants and Chesty.

"It was great to see the guys again," he said. "Many of them have changed physically but in character they are still the same."

The fun-loving, popular Richard has not changed much either, says one of his 1981 mates. "He was enthusiastic in whatever he did and he's still like that — boyish and bubbly, like a bottle of champagne."

Of his old school, Richard says: "I'm proud to be an Old Dalian and recommend Dale to prospective parents and pupils. I think it prepared me for many aspects of the real world and gave me a good base to work from."

"The school has changed in the ten years since I was a pupil but on my last visit I was impressed."

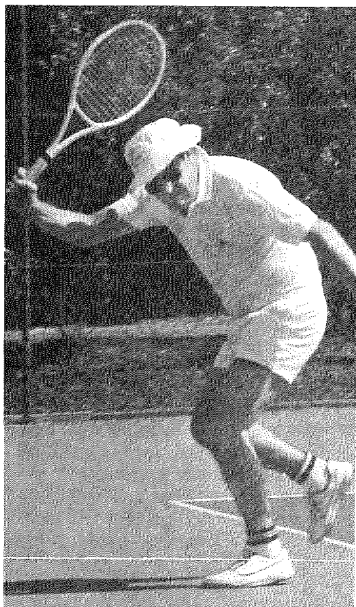
"I think Dale is a good example of a school moving into the New South Africa. The school does have a proud history, however, and must never lose sight of that."

LAST WORD: Is Richard married? His reply: "I am still single and have no marriage plans on the horizon. Any offers out there?"

GREETINGS TO THE DALE FAMILY

From L L F (Lyle) WOOD

The Birmingham, 302 Oxford Street, East London 5201



TENNIS champion Mick Bissell... a cricket cap on the court



GOLF WINNERS Kingsley Rowland and Louis Roodt receive the SA Oil Mills Trophy from Patrick McLaughlin of Tiger Oats



A GIFT FOR DAD: Schoolboys Rory G. Papastefanou, third in the golf, each w

Fun Day breaks R10 000



OFF-COURT beer glasses for winner Mick



TENNIS winner David Switala

Anyone lost a five iron?

A FIVE iron golf club was found at Benoni Country Club on the Transvaal Dale Fun Day. If you lost one call Sutton at 453-6524.

FOR the first time the proceeds of the annual Transvaal Fun Day, held on September 29, topped the R10 000 mark.

Sponsorships, boosted by a massive R2 200 from Tiger Oats and Fatti's and Moni's, associates of SA Oil Mills, contributed about half of this total for Dale College and Dale Junior funds.

A record field of 138 golfers, including parents, friends and more than 30 Old Dalians, added more than R3 000 in takings — thanks to a generous discount in green fees from Benoni Country Club.

Support came also from the proceeds of raffles, tennis, squash and bridge competitions and a "special" contest on the 8th golf hole.

At the prize-giving, the Headmaster of Dale College, Malcom Andrew, praised the parents' association's efforts in raising funds for his school and Dale Junior. The prizes were presented by his wife Pam and Janice, wife of parents chairman Rusty Gibb.

The first prize in the golf tournament was shared by a player who came in as a late replacement only days before the event. Kingsley Rowland, a 16-handicap member of Bryanston Country club, had a dream round of 79 — the first time he had broken 80.

He and his partner, Louis Roodt, a regular supporter of Fun Day golf, headed the strong field with 48 points. They also won the best gross prize. Rowland won a nearest-the-pin prize and a two-club.

"He just couldn't go wrong," said former Dale parent Daphne Yelseth, who invited Kingsley to join her fourball when Old Dalian Barry Pain and his wife had to withdraw late in the week.

Rowland and Roodt each won a Micro-jet garden irrigation system donated by Stewarts and Lloyds, a

● Pictures: TOM EDLEY

R50 Hyperama voucher and a compact disc presented by Teal Trutone Music.

They chose Paterson House as the winners of the SA Oil Mills Trophy, which was presented by Patrick McLaughlin of Tiger Oats, who had played in a fourball including Old Dalian Colin Kretzman of Fatti's and Moni's.

Beaten on a count-out were Athol Carter and John Stewart, who won CD's and R50 vouchers. One point behind were two Transvaal schoolboys, Rory Garton, 13, and a late entry, Parry Papastefanou, 14. Each won a car battery donated by Old Dalian Donald Searle, son of the late headmaster.

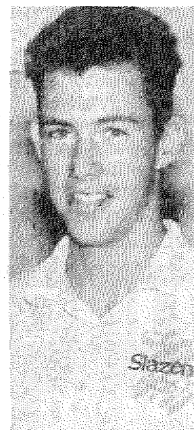
Parry, who is at Benoni High School and a member of Benoni Lake Club, filled a gap in Rory's fourball when he pitched up at the country club looking for a game. Rory, who is in Std 5 at IR Griffith Primary School in Randburg, is a member of Kyalami Club.

Visitors Harry Esterhuysen and Wally Aldridge were fourth, followed by Donald Searle and Terry Sutherland, captain of the Transvaal Old Rhodian Golf Club.

Bob Worth, father of ex-Dale headboy and sportsman Bradley Worth, won 9th prize and Old Dalian Stephen (Tich) Wakeford came in 10th.

For those who didn't make the first 12 there were a host of other prizes for lucky draws, donated by supporters of the Fun Day.

The prize for the "most golf" went to two of a family of six De Klerks who took part — Brian and Gail, brother and sister-in-law of former Dale parent



TENNIS (from left): Liesl Ellis, Brian Bissell, Michael Gemmell

BRIDGE: So serious! Rita Pomera

... AND A RECORD TOTAL FOR DALE FUNDS



Voerman and Parry
on a car battery



TWO-CLUBS: Nine of the ten who scored twos, plus Robbie Voerman (with box), who somehow managed to get into the act

SQUASH WINNER:
Schoolboy Robbie
McFadden with his
backpack prize



GOLFING Old-Dalians Dave Ellwood and Robbie Voerman just made the cut to win a prize from Headmaster's wife Pam Andrew

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John de Klerk. Their score: 19 points.

Denise Mourant, mother of three Old Dalians and husband of Old Dalian stalwart Mike, notched both the ladies' longest drive and nearest the pin on the third. The other went to Vicky D'Agnel, a former Dale parent and regular Fun Day supporter. Darren Gillard hit the men's longest drive.

Mick Bissell, chairman of the Transvaal Old Dalian branch, came out tops in the tennis with Dalian David Switala. Second prizes went to another Dalian, Michael Gemmell, and Jill Mourant whose Old Dalian husband Ken was fourth with Phillip Switala. Brian Bissell and Liesl Ellis won third prizes.

The squash was won by a young schoolboy from St Stithian's College, Robbie McFadden, followed by a Dalian, Dorian Keates, Dale parents Brett Wintgens and Fred Friskin, another Dalian, Ashley Davidson, and Tanya Sedice, from Kaffrarian High School.

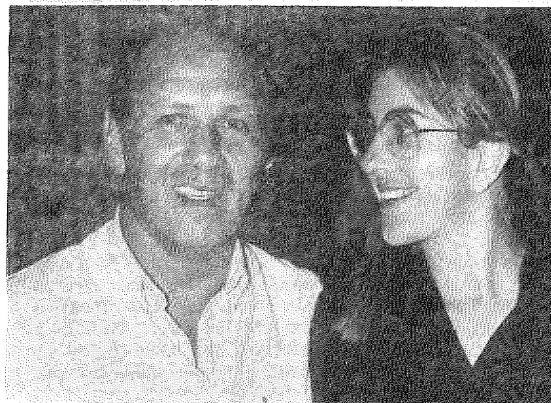
Bowls could not be played this year as the Fun Day fell in the closed season when greens are being rested and restored after the winter months.

Headmaster Andy Andrew, who came prepared to play bowls, joined the bridge ladies and won a prize along with D Cuthbert, S Ferguson, M Maraitus, Joan Cawry, Rita Pomeranetz, Elizabeth Brunjes, Colleen Patience and Bunty Sutton.

At the prize-giving chairman Rusty Gibb paid tribute to Tiger Oats, Fatti's and Moni's and SA Oil Mills for their continued support for the Fun Day.

He also thanked First National Bank, who through Old Dalian Barry Pain, donated R500, Teal Trutone Music and Stewarts and Lloyds, who had made major contributions to the prizes. These came

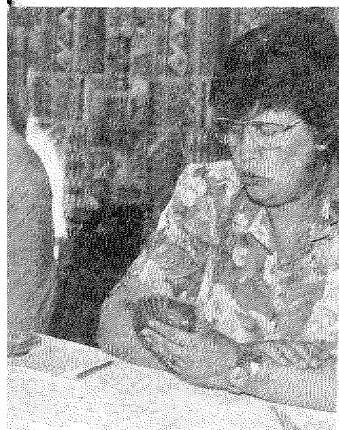
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MOST GOLF: Longest day for Brian and Gail de Klerk



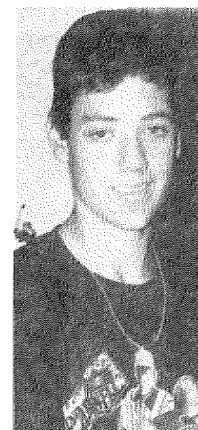
SQUASH! Brett Wintgens wins a hug from Janice Gibb



Patience (left) and Colleen Patience



BRIDGE: Andy Andrew (with Janice Gibb) and Elizabeth Brunjes



SQUASH: Ashley Davidson, Dorian Keates



Bob plays it cool in the hot seat

By **MARISS EVERITT**

A BAPTISM of fire and straight into the hot seat! That's how Bob Funnell describes 1991 — the year he took over as chairman of the Dale College Parent Teachers' Association without first having sat on that committee.

It's not that Bob lacks experience in parent bodies. He served on and chaired both the Dale Junior and the Kaffrarian High School PTAs for a total of seven years. But, he said, the style at Dale College is different.

"It's a big school with a big system and a lot of tradition. So one has to get the feel for the environment and how things function."

He had two or three stalwarts from the old committee to guide him during his early days in office. The others were new, but young and vibrant, he said.

"I entered with a bit of trepidation but I am now starting to enjoy it. Initially it was hard to find my feet and it has not been without drama, but we have come up smiling," Bob said.

He paid tribute to the teachers and the Headmaster of Dale, Malcom Andrew, who have given him every support he could wish for.

Bob and his wife Lynn, originally from East London, have lived in King William's Town for 30 years. Lynn is deputy headmistress of the Kaffrarian High School.

Their elder son Ricky enters matric as the Dale College deputy headboy next year and Marc goes into Std 8. Their daughter Debbie is studying for a BCom at the University of Port Elizabeth, towards a CA.

Despite Bob's honesty about the hiccups, it is obvious he is working to a well-ordered plan. This year he and his committee have concentrated on fellowship rather than fund-raising. There were good reasons for this.

"We have a largely new committee. With the current economic depression we felt it was unfair to fleece local businesses and decided to concentrate on holding fellowship functions and starting up new projects.

"If we chalk up R20 000 at the end of the year I will be happy," Bob said. Functions, which have all brought in a small profit, have included dances and a country and western evening.

The Maybery Mile, a street fun-run held in October, attracted 125 runners and is to become an annual event. This is a joint venture between the Dale PTA and Maybery Estates. The idea came from Dale stalwart Anne-Marie Maybery and the estate agency put up the cash prizes.

Entries were invited from boys and girls in Under 14, 16, 19 and open categories. A bonus

FAMILY MAN . . . Bob Funnell with wife Lynn and sons Ricky (left), Dale's deputy headboy for 1992, and Marc, who goes into Std 8



Fellowship this year,

megabucks next, says the King PTA chairman

prize of R400 was offered to a runner who could break the 4min, 15sec barrier.

"We thought it was beyond the limit," said Bob. But a top Queens College athlete, Robert Jacks, ran the mile in 4:10 and earned the bonus prize along with the R80 for his section.

"For the first time out the support was pleasing. We intend to build on this. More sponsors are interested. We want to attract more Border runners in future," said Bob.

Next year the Maybery Mile will piggy-back the Sun Festi Dale, initiated last year by the past PTA led by Jenny Moodie. It will now be held every second year.

"At the Sun Festi Dale next year we are going to make megabucks. The aim is to raise R50 000," said Bob, who hopes to attract patrons from East London.

Financial constraints on schools dictate that fund-raising is an essential PTA function.

Bob paid tribute to Jennie Moodie who did a stalwart job last year of raising funds. He said her example had been difficult to follow.

As director in charge of the Da Gama Textile Factory at Zwelitsha Bob works an 11-hour day and often brings work home. Like others on his committee he has to divide his commitments.

Catering takes top priority among the PTA's functions. "The school and its traditions dictate that we have to have a very strong catering team," said Bob.

The tuckshop alone requires two or three people to run it. Then there is catering at all the functions. "At Reunion I saw a body of women who have endless resources, recipes and access to supplies," he said.

Part of Bob's PTA baptism centred on the centenary rugby festival over Easter. This was the first time Dale College had hosted a festival that brought 250 rugby players to the school.

"The PTA's involvement was on the catering side. It was a baptism of fire and I still have the burn marks. But we came out ten out of ten. No-one died of food poisoning and everyone put on a kilogram or two."

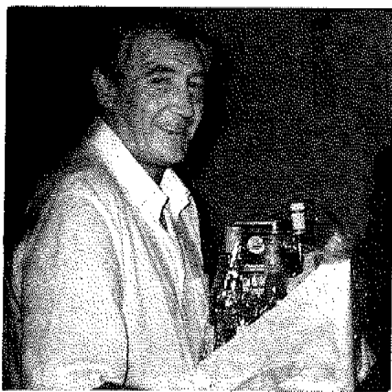
Bob paid tribute to the mothers who have set a high catering standard at Dale. This standard was hard to emulate, but must continue.

"We try to provide good solid food. We aim to cover costs and make a 10 percent profit. We don't want anyone to go away feeling cheated."

The rugby season is a hectic time for PTA committee members who are at the field by 7.30am to sell tickets, soft drinks, man the tuckshop and sports centre and provide the popular boerewors rolls. The tuckshop brings in around R20 000 a year and the boerewors rolls R6 000.

It has been a busy year for Bob and his committee and a countdown session is being held. "We will review the past year, build on our strengths and sort out our weaknesses," he said.

Fun Day sponsors get a big thank-you



CHEERS! Hamper winner John Imrie

● **From Page 11**

through Old Dalian Harry Voerman jnr and Dale parents' committee member Peter Lotter.

Rusty announced that Safweir, an associate company in the Dorbyl group, had through Peter Lotter donated a submersible pump worth R3 000. This was being sent to Dale College for use at the school.

Since SA Oil Mills's involvement in 1986 with the award of its trophy, the proceeds of the Fun Day have grown from R2 300 that year to R3 000 in 1987 and 1988, R4 300 in 1989, R6 000 in 1990 — and R10 000 this year!

● Old Dalians and Dale parents struck it lucky in the raffles. John Imrie, a former Dale parent who played in the golf with his sons, won the first hamper and the second hamper was won by Dale parent Peter Lotter. The first painting was won by Old Dalian John Kirkwood and the second by Elize van Rensburg, an office colleague of Flick Lotter.

Chairman Mick grabs a flyhalf for Dale

MICK BISSELL, Transvaal ODU chairman, scored a coup for Dale this year by finding his old school a first team flyhalf in Johannesburg.

He is Shaun Sharp, a former pupil of Westridge High School, where Mick was deputy principal before going into business in 1989.

Mick acted fast when tipped off by Westridge's first team coach that Shaun was moving to East London with his family and considering going to Selborne or Hudson Park. He spoke to Shaun's father, alerted Headmaster Andrew and left the rest to his cousin Chow Bissell in East London.

The result: A find for Dale rugby. Shaun, still 15 and in Std 8, looks a good long-term prospect.

● Mick was publicly thanked by the Headmaster at the Fun Day prize-giving.

LIFE is blooming for an Old Dalian saved by a kidney dialysis machine 14 years ago and later by a transplant from his brother.

Thirty-one-year-old Ian McCune, is back in King William's Town as a horticulturalist. He runs a garden service business in the town.

In 1977 the Dale Family rallied round to support the frail Standard Nine boy who faced a life and death situation — kidney failure.

Headmaster Billy Rowles started a fund on the Border to buy a dialysis machine for 17-year-old Ian. And three years later he received a kidney transplant from his brother Gordon.

Here Ian looks back on his schooldays and shares his memories of those troubled times. He'll never forget the school and the friends who helped him when the future looked bleak.

Ian's health problems began when he was in Std 6 at Queens College. He had moved to Queenstown with his parents after starting his schooling in King William's Town at Hillcrest Primary and Dale Junior.

In Std 8 he returned to Dale College and trips to Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town revealed a serious kidney problem.

One day he lost consciousness and was put on a kidney dialysis machine immediately to cleanse his blood of impurities. His kidneys could no longer cope with this job.

Ian told TransDale: "Mr Rowles telephoned to see how I was soon after we returned and started the fund for the dialysis machine straight away.

"He was an excellent headmaster. He made it his job to look after every pupil at Dale and in the first week of each year he knew the names of every Std 6 boy," he said.

Donations poured in from the Border, from Queens College and from Old Dalians all over the country.

More than enough money was raised for the kidney machine and in the first year, 1977, Ian and his mother made many trips to East London to be trained to use the machine at home.

Despite the many weeks away from school and the strain of the dialysis machine Ian kept up his studies and completed his schooling.

Even when he could not take part in his favourite sports, rugby and waterpolo, he was always there to cheer Dale on at matches.

DALIAN AMONG THE DAHLIAS

By LISA MORRIS



● A decade after his kidney ordeal, IAN McCUNE finds peace in the gardens of King

William's Town. Ian's memories of those years seem very clear. He remembers the support and love of the Dale Family. "They never allowed me to sit on the sidelines and feel sorry for myself."

Sadly a person with kidney problems cannot remain on a dialysis machine for ever and it became necessary for Ian to find a donor for a transplant operation.

He soon discovered many willing to make the sacrifice. His entire family wanted to donate a kidney.

Tests, however, revealed that Ian's elder brother Gordon was the best candidate and on September 28, 1980, the operation took place. Time has showed it to be a success.

Ian spent two to three months in Cape Town recovering from the operation and then returned to King William's Town to consider his future.

"I always had an interest in horticulture," he said. "My dad's work involved horticulture and farming. Nature conservation was always important to me, so I enrolled at the Cape Technikon and studied horticulture.

He completed his studies in 1987 and worked for SA Transport Services in Pretoria and Maritzburg until the end of 1989 when he bought a garden service business in King.

Looking at Ian today, there are no tell-tale signs of the ordeal he went through during his schooldays. He says he enjoys being his own boss but owning a business is a big responsibility.

Even though his business takes up much of his time he plays hockey for the King Thirds who have won their league two seasons in a row. He also plays social squash.

While he is still on medication and goes to East London every couple of months for a check-up, he says he is in good health.

His brother Gordon, an attorney in King William's Town, has not suffered any ill effects from his kidney donation. He plays first league cricket for the Pirates Club.

Ian has not married. But when he does and if he has sons they will go to Dale, he says.

"I suppose I'm a Dalian through and through. After what I've been through I firmly believe that old friends are the best friends."

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Those were the days before inflation

● This is the 25th issue of TransDale, magazine of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association. How did it all start?

BACK in the early 1970s, when there were a few dozen Transvaal boys at Dale, a handful of dedicated parents got together and launched an association. Its aims: To help parents and boys and to promote the school.

Today there are more than 100 boys from the Transvaal at Dale College and Dale Junior. The Transvaal Dale Parents' Association is a bustling body that this year raised R30 000 for the two schools. Its magazine, TransDale, has grown from eight small pages to 20 in a larger format.

The founders were David Turnbull and the late Ted Crossey, who each had three Dalian sons, Harry Voerman, two, and David Halse, one.

Dave Turnbull, of Johannesburg, says the initiative to start the association came from Billy Rowles, then Headmaster of Dale early in 1973. "We formed a steering committee including Ted, Harry and Dave Halse."

In July 1973 Mr Rowles came to Johannesburg on a rugby tour and the association held its first meeting in the Dunvegan Community Centre in Edenvale. David Turnbull was the first chairman. The committee included Ted, vice-chairman, Harry, and Dave Halse, secretary.

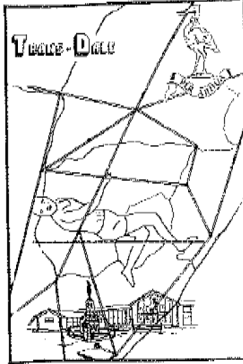
Other pioneer members of the association were Vic and Hettie Harley of Benoni.

Monthly meetings were held at members' homes in Edenvale and Benoni. "Our main task was to get a line of communication between Dale and the parents," said Dave Turnbull.

Harry Voerman started TransDale as a newsletter in 1975. He canvassed advertisements in King William's Town and gathered news about the school and the activities of Dale parents. Later Joe Sutton took over.

Harry also started the Dale Clock Fund, which sold 200 clocks at R19.95 in the first two years and raised R1 000 for Dale funds. Dale clocks are still selling but the price is now R60.

Harry and his late wife Ruth hardly missed a Reunion while their two sons, Harry and Robbie,



TRANSDALE PIONEERS (left to right): Harry Voerman, David Halse and David Turnbull
Left: TransDale in an earlier era . . . when Dale boarding fees were less than R100 a term

were at Dale in the seventies. Nor did David and Tessa Turnbull, who had three Dalian sons, Ewan, Grant and Graeme. The two families accompanied the rugby tour of Rhodesia in 1975.

The committee started the block-booking scheme on trains to and from King, helped organise rugby tours to the Transvaal and put up the players in their homes.

Organised tours of parents to King began in 1974 when a group stayed with King parents and visited places of interest in the district.

Dave Turnbull gave way to Ted Crossey as chairman through pressure of business and left the committee in 1976. Ted, who had three Dalian sons Neil, Russell and David, died in 1982, aged 49.

Early TransDales recall incidents and prices in the seventies before inflation took over.

● Reunion-bound Dave Turnbull was trapped for speeding near Jamestown in 1976. He challenged the legality of the trap and escaped the R100 fine — a lot of money in those days.

● Midge Hilton-Green, housemaster at Sutton House, told of a turbulent trip on the school train to Johannesburg in 1977 — "to keep Daliens from going off the rails." He snatched "only handfuls of sleep between the yelling at passing trains and screaming in the tunnels." The cost to parents for his fare and return air flight was R3 each. By 1990

this had grown to R25.

● In 1976 three Old Daliens flew from Rhodesia in a light plane to King William's Town for Reunion. On the final day the trio's plane flew over the Memorial Service at Dale and dipped its wings in salute.

● Return tickets to King in 1976 cost R34.60 per pupil thanks to a saving of R12.40 a ticket through the block-booking scheme. Today's return bus fare is R300.

● A development fund levy launched in the Transvaal in 1973 made a brisk start. But the R20 levy failed in 1976 — except at Witbank which raised R300. Later parents were asked to donate R10 a family to a fund or even R5 if they could not afford R10. Today's levy: Still R10.

● Mince! mince! mince! In 1979, after complaints of too much mince in various guises at Dale hostels, menus were published in response. And the standard of meals improved.

● In 1967, when the Turnbulls' first son Ewan went to Dale, fees for boarders were R40 a term. Next year they were R60.

By 1972, when David Halse's son Rory started there, the cost had risen to about R80. In 1980 it cost R115 a term to send a boarder to Dale. Today it costs R550 in boarding fees, a R20 hostel levy and R260 for school fees. That's inflation for you!

VOERMAN: PENSIONER PAINTER

PENSIONER Harry Voerman, founder member of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association and the first editor of TransDale, is pressing ahead in retirement with his new career — as a serious artist.

This year the Dutch-born painter with two Old Dalian sons has:

BROKEN the cultural boycott in Holland by exhibiting his work there in defiance of anti-apartheid protests.

HELD a South African exhibition of his abstract oils and a new range of vivid water colours, painted during and since a recent visit to the Natal South Coast. He has completed 30 works in three months.

Harry Voerman, of Dunvegan, Edenvale, who settled in South Africa 32 years ago, put 27 abstract oil paintings on view in a gallery in Gouda, Holland, in June.

The exhibition caused a stir after it was opened by a senior South African Embassy official. The South African flag fluttered outside the gallery in Gouda.

Angry Anti-Apartheid Movement activists protested and threatened to have the gallery owner blacklisted by the United Nations. The AAM also warned that it could make it difficult for Mr Voerman to exhibit in South Africa.

But nothing came of these threats. The exhibition continued without incident and has since moved to another town, Alphen-aan-de-Rijn. This

has been Harry's first showing in Holland

Mr Marius Erkelens, owner of the Art and Interiors Gallery, said: "Two years ago when I met Mr Voerman I would not have dared to exhibit his work in Gouda."

"In the atmosphere of those days I was afraid I would have my windows stoned. But today things have changed and I thought I'd like to be the first to break the cultural boycott."

Harry, 64, has been painting for 20 years and has sold his works to people in Brazil, Japan, Australia and Switzerland.

His late wife, Ruth, started a picture-framing business in Edenvale in 1972. After her death five years later he took charge until 1984 when he handed over control of the Art and Framing Centre in Van Riebeeck Avenue, Edenvale, to his younger son Robbie.

Harry's exhibition at the Peter Loveday Foundation Centre, St Andrews School in Bedfordview, was opened by the Rev Murray Albertyn of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Elma Park, where Harry is an elder.

He said: "Harry Voerman's artistic skills take us by surprise for such is the nature of freedom. They are charged with emotion, for such is the nature of the man which marks him as an artist, to bring home to us the vibrancy in life in vivid colours, lofted harmony and hope at our disposal. All his work is alive - alive to what is alive to us."

— JS



HARRY VOERMAN: Art at home and abroad

561 for one!

The year Dale rugby hit cricket scores . . .

IT WAS a rugby season of "cricket" scores — like 72-nil, 66-3, 47-3, 40-nil, 38-9, 36-6, 31-7 . . .

The 1991 Dale first rugby team became the first team in the school's 100-year rugby history to score 561 points in a season. Only 118 points were scored against them.

Last year's side were unbeaten in 20 games. This year's played 22 games, lost one, drew two and won 19, beating the 1990 team's scoring record by 68 points.

The 1991 team scored 90 tries and only seven were scored against them. Transvaler Gavin Franken, on the wing, was the top try-scorer (17), exceeding his feat of 11 tries in 1990.

The captain, scrumhalf Steven Hatley, was the top points-scorer with 185 points (12 tries, 37 conversions and 21 penalties). Sixty-two of the 90 tries were scored by the backs and 28 by the forwards.

These impressive statistics reflect another remarkable rugby season for Dale, which kicked off with a highly-successful centenary festival over the Easter weekend.

Unlike last year's team the 1991 Dale firsts suffered a defeat, but if anything this improved their play.

Comments Mick Paterson, the first team coach: "Unbeaten records have an inhibiting effect on a side's performance. They become tense and cautious.

"After our 7-nil defeat by Selborne in May the Dale side had less pressure on them. They visibly relaxed and turned in some superb performances.

"Perhaps the greatest asset this side had was the fact that they never panicked on the field when things were not going according to plan.

"They played thinking, controlled rugby. Team spirit, guts, determination, thorough preparation and mental approach won the day on many occasions."

Remarking on the "control and maturity shown by the team throughout the season," Mr Paterson said: "They possessed a fantastic team spirit and pride and were intensely loyal to one another and their coach."

He praised the outstanding leadership of Steven Hatley. "He always commanded the respect of his players and opposition alike. He led by example and the team's success can, in no small way, be attributed to him.



THE TWO STEVENS who led Dale rugby this season. Both Steven Hatley (captain, left) and Steven Hall (vice-captain) were congratulated on their success by the Mayor of King William's Town, Mr Bev Radue, in his induction speech. Hatley was also praised for his achievements at water polo (See Page 17).

Hatley and vice-captain Steven Hall were re-awarded honours. Gavin Franken, son of Norman and Margie Franken of Bedfordview, was awarded honours.

"Franken performed brilliantly for both the college and Border Schools. A complete wing — fast, good swerve and brilliant on the cross-over," says the Dale coach.

Flanker Hylton Fortmann, son of Henk and Rene Fortmann of Boksburg, who did not play in the third term because of injury, was awarded half-colours.

Six "veterans" of last year's unbeaten team, were re-awarded colours: David Arbuthnot, Matthew Mawson, Martin Moodie, Jonathan Staples, Bevan Venables and Michael Woudberg. The only new award was to Free Stater Nathan Aitken-Cade, son of Mr and Mrs ES Aitken-Cade of Welkom.

Coach Paterson says Aitken-Cade "turned in some tremendous and consistent performances for both the college and Border Schools. An excellent hooker with a quick foot and very mobile."

Hatley captained the Border Schools 'A' team in the Craven Week in East London. They included five other Daliens, Aitken-Cade, Moodie, Hall, Franken and Staples.

Three other Daliens were selected for the Border Schools XV at the Craven Week: Venables (vice-captain), Mawson and Woudberg.

Shaun Sharp, formerly of Johannesburg, and Richard Bennet were chosen for the Border Schools Project Week team which played in a tournament at Mossel Bay.

Mr Paterson said Hatley, awarded honours in both rugby and water polo, "rates as one of the greatest sportsmen produced at Dale in recent decades. A big, strong and very mobile scrumhalf with exceptional ball skills. A player for the big occasion, he handled the pressures of captaincy and place-kicking exceptionally well."

He described Steven Hall, selected for SA Schools after the Craven Week, as "an exceptionally hard-working and mobile lock, an exceptional line-out forward. He turned in some tremendous performances; the team's nice guy!"

● Dale was again unbeaten at the Cape Schools Week and won the trophy for scoring the most tries (nine).

The fields are green but rain stops play

BEFORE the September holidays the Dale playing fields were in bad shape because of the drought.

Then someone mentioned the word cricket and down came the rain. Now the fields have been restored to their former beauty, but little cricket has been played.

Heavy rain also fell in Cape Town when the Dale First XI travelled there to take part in the Cape Schools Week, but cricket was played.

Against Bishops Dale suffered their first interschools defeat for a long time. After being 72/4, Dale were all out for 77 in reply to 118 by Bishops.

Dale beat Plumstead High by eight wickets (Plumstead 55, Dale 58/2) and drew with Wynberg Boys' High and Rondebosch. Wynberg were out for 151 and Dale finished with 94/8. Rondebosch scored 142/7 against Dale's 182/6 decl.

Back in King, Dale drew with the Westville Boys' High touring team. Bad light stopped play with Westville 136/7 in reply to Dale's 182/6 decl. The game against St Andrews in Grahamstown was abandoned because of rain with Dale 101/4. Other matches were completely washed out.

'COOL HAND LUKE' HEADING FOR NORTHERNS CORRAL

HIS team-mates call him "Cool Hand Luke" — because he's quick on the draw and ice-cool under pressure down in the Loftus corral . . .

Dale's star 1990 flyhalf, Luke Smith, has hit the limelight in Northern Transvaal rugby — and will be playing there again next season.

After leaving Dale, he has spent a year on national service at the Air Force Gymnasium at Valhalla, Pretoria. He intends joining the SA Police in January and will be eligible for Northern teams.

Luke has impressed critics with some fine displays at flyhalf for Northern Under 20s and scored 84 points in six Midas Cup games.

He also notched 80 points in four games for the Northern Transvaal senior B side, including 22 in the curtain-raiser to the Curric Cup final.

Luke's deadly goal- and drop-kicking as well as his touch and tactical kicking has caught the eye of rugby officials and sports writers.

But he has also shown that he can get his line moving fast and go for the tryline himself. He was chosen as player of the year for the SADF Under 20 team.

Despite job offers on the Rand he has decided to return to Pretoria. He considered staying in

the Air Force but chose the SAP instead.

Some critics see Luke as a potential successor to his hero, the Northern and Springbok flyhalf, Naas Botha. But Luke shrugs off descriptions of him as a "second Naas", saying that he plays his own game.

"I like to run with the ball and give my team-mates a chance to score points," he says.

"Sure my goal is to play for Northern but to suggest that I am a second Naas or will follow in his footsteps is not true. No one can be compared with him and I certainly don't want to."

Luke is the son of Billy and Mayva Smith of Quigney, East London. He says his father taught him all he knows about rugby and helped him with his kicking.

At Dale in 1990 Luke scored 207 points to break Bradley Osborne's record of the most points scored by a Dalian in one season.

He played for Border in three Craven Week tournaments but like Naas Botha he never made the SA Schools side.

Now "Cool Hand Luke" looks like Dale's best flyhalf prospect since Lennie Gerber, "wonder boy" of the late sixties, who pivoted for Northern in the middle seventies.

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Waterpolo joins the big league

BY DEON BOSHOFF (coach)

IN FIVE YEARS Dale has become one of the top waterpolo playing schools in the country.

The turning point came during the 1987 season when all open and junior sides were unbeaten, a feat not easily achieved.

From then waterpolo rose from the ranks of a minor sport to one of the main summer sports at Dale. The school gained nation-wide recognition.

In that year Dale completed a successful tour of Natal, beating the top schools and retaining their unbeaten record. The 1987 side also won the Vides tournament and the Derek Horn tournament against top competition.

Dale players dominated the Border Schools side and Border eventually was recognised at the SA Schools tournament with Craig Torr, the Dale captain, being selected for the SA Schools B side. He toured Israel with the South African Under 19 side.

Dale's involvement in the men's club league has benefited the players greatly. Many Daliens have represented the Border Men's A sides at the nationals and in the Kramer League.

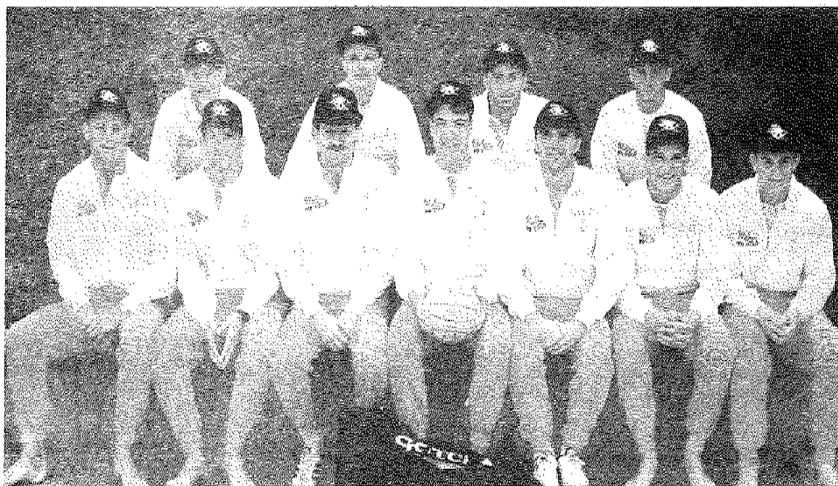
The strength of the Daliens in the men's league is shown by the success of the Alberts team (mainly Daliens, a few Old Daliens and one teacher) in winning all major trophies on the Border in the last three years.

In 1988 Raymond Butcher was the first Dalian chosen to represent the South African Schools A side. Neal Hatley was selected for the B team.

In 1989 three Daliens were selected for SA Schools, Steven Hatley and Glen Mann in the A side and Gary Butcher in the B. This was probably the highest representation from any one school in the SA Schools teams.

The Border Schools side, comprising only Daliens and Selbornians, did well to come second in the SA Schools tournament in 1990.

The Dale side again had a successful season.



The Dale first waterpolo team in tour kit. Back row (left to right): Kevin Kotze, Simon Wilcock, Carlo Tito and John Griffith. Front: Transvaler Hilton Fortmann, Derek Butcher, Dave Knowles (manager), Steven Hatley (captain), Deon Boshoff (coach), Clinton Penny and Chris Moseley Pictures: ROB HENSEN



FITNESS, strength and stamina . . . Deon Boshoff puts his team through their paces

Steven Hatley was selected for SA Schools and Robbie Davies was unlucky to miss the B side. Border won the tournament.

The strength of Dale waterpolo is recognised throughout the country and the team is regularly invited to prestigious waterpolo festivals. In 1989 and 1990 Dale took part in the SACS festival, losing only one match each year.

This year the side were invited to the DHS 125 waterpolo festival in Durban, where parents gave strong support. The side played extremely well

on occasions but were erratic and lost goals through lack of concentration.

RESULTS: Beat Glenwood College, 7-2, drew with DHS 6-all, lost to Kearsney College 3-9, beat Westville 8-1 and Pinetown 10-1 but lost to the favourites Northmead 4-7 after being level 4-4 a few minutes from time.

Steven Hatley was again the side's top goal-scorer, netting 29 of the 44 goals. He and Derek Butcher, along with the unbeaten Northmead side, were selected for a team of the best players at the end of the festival.

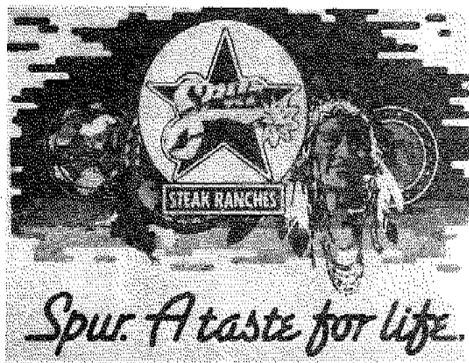
The two Border schools represented at the festival, Dale and Selborne, again proved to be among the top waterpolo schools in the country. Border should do well when they defend their SA Schools title at the end of the year.

Highlights of the 1991 season have been the inclusion of Hatley and Butcher in the Border men's team which won the B Section of the Currie Cup. Hatley was the top goal scorer in the competition and was selected as one of the top 13 players in the B section.

He was chosen as the Amatola Sports Star of the Year for his achievements in waterpolo.

The Dale side competed in the Rhodes University tournament. They did well to beat Old Selbornians, Tech A and B, and Crusaders and drew with the University of Port Elizabeth. They were narrowly defeated by Rhodes in the final.

Waterpolo is a growing sport, requiring fitness, strength, stamina and excellent ball skills. It is also excellent out-of-season training for any contact sport.



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Dr BRIAN JENNINGS (1960), who has been working with his brother Michael (1964), the former rugby Springbok, in Bedfordview, Transvaal, for Memorial Parks, a cemetery facility project, is moving to Port Elizabeth in December. He will become minister of St John's Methodist Church, Havelock Street.

Brian and his wife Loraine, formerly of King William's Town, returned to South Africa last year after four-and-a-half years in the United States. He was pastor of the United Methodist Church in Alhambra, Southern California. Their son David is in Std 7 at Dale.

Adrian Meyer, dux medalist and deputy headboy in his matric year, 1979, who qualified as a chartered accountant after graduating at Rhodes University, is working as a banking manager in Toronto, Canada. His wife, formerly Heather Webber of Johannesburg, gave birth to a daughter in June.

Younger brother Colin Meyer, deputy headboy and first team rugby player in 1981, who graduated in civil engineering at UCT, is working for the Chairman's Fund of Anglo American and De Beers at their head office in Johannesburg.

He has been managing major building and educational projects nation-wide. In December he will be married in Cape Town to Andrea Rathke, a former member of the SA Foreign Service.

Adrian and Colin are sons of the late Andrew Meyer, who matriculated at Dale in 1943.

Harry Voerman, who matriculated in 1975 and toured the Transvaal and Rhodesia with the Dale rugby team that year, has been appointed general manager of Teal Trutone Music in Johannesburg.

A Hollander by birth, Harry was called up by the Dutch Army while holidaying in Europe during 1980. He spent six months as a soldier in the Dutch contingent of the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon. He and his wife Janet, formerly of Grahams-town, have a daughter and a son.

Harry's younger brother Robert (1976) runs an Edenvale art and picture framing business, which

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

● A column of news briefs about Old Dalians. The Editor, TransDale, 33 Sheila Street, Dunvegan, Edenvale, 1610, invites contributions..

he took over from his father five years ago. A keen cyclist, Robert rode in the Argus tour for the second time this year. His wife Sandra gave birth to a daughter last year.

Mark van Buuren, who left Dale after a post-matric course in 1988 and spent a year on a cricket scholarship at Exeter Cathedral School in England, is working for his father's company in aviation.

He joined National Airways Corporation at Lanseria Airport, near Johannesburg, after completing his national service in the Air Force in August.

A Dale first team cricketer for three years, Mark is playing for the Randburg Cricket Club in the Transvaal promotion league. His brother Craig is in Std 7 at Dale.

The three Old Dalian Zasman brothers, who grew up in King William's Town, are now all living in the Johannesburg area.

Ken Zasman (1942), who retired to the Transvaal in 1983, is recovering from a stroke at his home in River Club, Sandton. His wife Vera was for years a photo-journalist on the Mercury in King.

Ken, who played loose forward and wing for the Dale First XV in 1941 and 1942, is the eldest of the trio, followed by Issie (Zwick) and Lionel (Nummy), who also played first team rugby in the forties.

Zwick is remembered as a powerful, 216 pounder who played lock forward, centre and No 8 for Dale from 1941 to 1943. He also won colours at athletics as shot-putter and played for the first cricket team.

The youngest, Nummy, who moved to the Transvaal two years ago, was recently appointed a senior sales executive of the McCarthy motor group in the Toyota franchise.

He was headboy in 1949 and captained Dale at rugby, cricket and athletics. Pushing 60 but still an active athlete, Nummy ran the Comrades Marathon for the fourth time this year and rode in the Argus cycle tour.

Ewan Turnbull (1972), a former secretary of the Old Dalian Union in the Transvaal, who has been with the SA Eagle Insurance Company in Johannesburg for several years, has moved to the company's main branch in Durban. He is the son of Dave and Tessa Turnbull, founder members of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association.

Beckley brothers James (1979), Peter (1984) and John (1989), are working in the Canary Islands in a time-share business. James, 29, who owns the firm, has been in the Canaries for four years and Peter, 25, for three.

John, 19, returns to South Africa in January after a year to go to Rhodes University. Eighteen-year-old brother Michael (1990) is taking a BCom degree course and doing well in Under 20 cricket at Natal University, Maritzburg.

They are the sons of Bill Beckley, well-known East London Old Dalian of forties era and a member of the national executive of the ODU.

The remarkable Beckley parents, Bill and Diana, have yet another son, David, 14, goes into Std Eight next year at Dale. Is this a record?

Miles Mourant, who matriculated at Dale last year and obtained colours at cricket and half-colours at golf, is doing his national service in the Army Intelligence at Potchefstroom. He recently took part in the Western Transvaal cricket trials.

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LES GARDNER:

Dale's 'Mr Mercury'

WE called him "King William's Town's King of Scribes" . . . Les Gardner (right), staunch Old Dalian and veteran sports writer, died in Amanzimtoti, Natal, in October, aged 77 — on the eve of returning to his home turf on the Border.



Sport was his great interest to the end — Les was watching World Cup rugby on television when he collapsed in his chair.

He was holidaying at the coast with his wife Felicity and looking forward to moving to East London, meeting old friends and watching cricket. The Gardners had been married 52 years.

King-born Leslie Denton Calvert Gardner matriculated at Dale College in 1932 and began his newspaper career in the town as a linotype operator. Two years later he became the (King) Mercury's sports editor and finally its editor for 22 years.

After retiring in 1978 to Pine-town, Natal, he continued to write sports columns for the Mercury and the Daily Dispatch.

Les was one of five brothers who attended Dale. Monty, Ronald (nicknamed Hobbs, a former Border cricketer and president of the Border Cricket Union) and Vernon have passed on. The youngest, Alan (Spider), lives in England.

Les, who attended Reunion this

year, was on the ODU executive for 20 years and president in 1958.

He had an encyclopaedic knowledge of cricket and rugby in particular and was an authority on Dale and King sporting history. His nostalgic series, "Those Were the Days," recalling sporting and other exploits in the town, was meticulous in detail and spiced with anecdotes.

David Denison, who succeeded Les as editor, praised his "boyish enthusiasm, dedication and an insatiable appetite for work." He wrote: "Les, the Mercury and Dale will forever be synonymous."

Cocky Farrer, King sporting legend and an old friend, said: "He was one of the best. He had an amazing memory with all sorts of records stored in his head." Friends paid tribute to Les as "genuine, likeable and honest . . . an archetypal gentleman."

We extend our condolences to his widow Felicity, his daughters Delicia (Lindy) Byrne of Kloof, Natal, and Diana Black of East London, and his brother Alan.

BARRY BECKLEY: Footwear's 'Mr Sunshine'

BARRY BECKLEY, Old Dalian and former Transvaal Dale parent, died in hospital in Welkom on November 7 after becoming ill on a business trip.

He was an agent in the footwear industry for 32 years and lived in Rynfield, Benoni.

Barry, 62, was known as "Little Bucket" as a boarder at Diocesan Hostel from 1943-45. A keen athlete, he won the Junior Victor Ludorum for two years, excelling in the two miles, mile and 880 yards.

After leaving Dale he spent four years in Rhodesia where at 18 he was the main buyer for the Rhodesian Railway Co-op. He played rugby for Southern Rhodesia.

A talented singer, he won medals in Rhodesia and spent eight years studying opera in Italy and performing in Britain and Europe.

Back in South Africa he entered his father's shoe business, Sunshine Agencies, which he later

took over. He travelled the country and was known as "Mr Sunshine" among his clients, many of whom became his friends.

Barry was also known as "The Little Singer." He joined the Johannesburg Welsh Male Voice Choir and sang for charity and at old folks' homes. The choir sang at his requiem mass in Benoni.

Barry, whose youngest son Michael was at Dale in his matric year of 1963, was a regular supporter of the parents' Fun Day. He played in the golf tournament weeks before his death.

He leaves his wife Tootsie, daughter Helen, sons William, Barry and Michael and three grandchildren. To them, his 89-year-old father William, his sister Audrey and elder brother Bill we extend our sympathy.

WARREN SHIRLEY: Tragedy at 20

WARREN SHIRLEY, of Weltevreden Park, Roodepoort, who was a boarder at Dale College in 1985-86, died in a motor accident on November 10 — a month before his 21st birthday.

He was the son of Peter and Lesley Shirley, former committee members and still staunch supporters of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association.

Warren (right), a sales representative for Beacon Sweets, was a keen golfer and loved watersport. In 1988, with his partner Jeff Frank, he won first prize in the golf tournament at the parents' Fun Day. He was presented with the SA Oil Mills Trophy by his father on behalf of SA Oil Mills. We extend our condolences to the Shirley family.



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