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DALE GOES SEMI-PRIVATE

A new status ... a new challenge

BARELY 15 months after going non-racial, Dale College and Dale Junior have entered a new phase in their history — by becoming semi-private schools.

The decision was virtually forced on them by the Government. The two schools' management councils had little option but to choose the Education Department's Model C status.

The alternative was to be downgraded, to lose teachers and face bigger classes. Standards would inevitably drop.

Instead, apart from having staff salaries paid for by the State, Dale will be master of its own fate. It will lose all other government subsidies. The difference will have to be made up by parents, the school itself and the community it serves.

This will call for higher and compulsory fees, more fund-raising by the Dale Family and sound and imaginative financial school management. Dale is virtually going into the education business.

This may seem a high price for greater independence and the right to maintain a school's traditional high standards. But the choice is between progress and decline.

The management councils of Dale College and Dale Junior have accepted the challenge, supported by parents who attended PTA meetings in King William's Town.

The haste with which the Government has changed course and steam-rolled through its plan has raised eyebrows.

Only 18 months ago Education Minister Piet Clase made it difficult for schools to move to non-racial status. This year his successor, facing a staggering budget cut, gave schools two months to decide on their future status.

For weeks schools were in the dark about the details of the plan. Conflicting versions were given to different schools, the goalposts appeared to be moved and Dale will still lose three teachers. Many questions remain unanswered.

But despite reservations about the Government's tactics, the Dale management councils are confident that the new status will benefit the two schools and their pupils.

The demands on the Dale Family, particularly parents, will be high, but the advantages are considerable. Model C status offers Dale many opportunities. One of these will be to free itself further from the shackles of bureaucracy that have long been a source of frustration.

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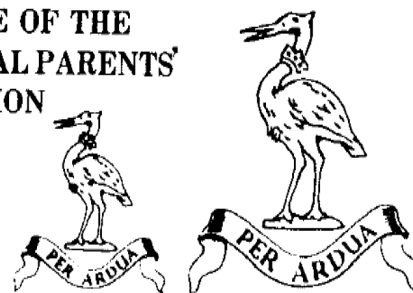
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A NEW committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association will be elected at the annual general meeting on June 27. Here is the present committee:

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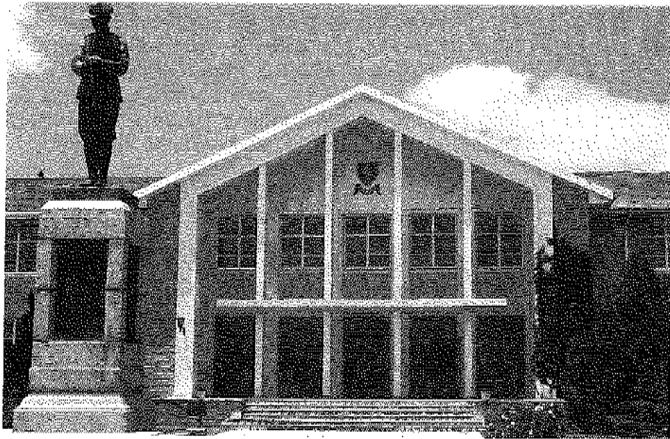


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Why Dale has gone for Model C



DALE COLLEGE and DALE JUNIOR . . . challenging demands and greater opportunities in a new, semi-private status

By JOE SUTTON

THE Headmasters of Dale College and Dale Junior have explained the advantages of accepting Model C status under the Government's new plan. They see in it challenging new demands but greater opportunities for their schools.

HEADMASTER Malcom Andrew of Dale College said: "I believe Model C will benefit Dale (if we are not forced to put up our fees too much) because:

- "We will become in effect a semi-private school and therefore better able to protect the ethos that is particularly Dale's.

- "We will have greater autonomy to decide what we want, as opposed to what the department wants.

- "We, as a school, will be forced to bring the community into the school to help with library, sports coaching, reading programmes etc."

Mr Andrew added: "The staff will be challenged more in the new dispensation than previously. Good teachers will excel and the weak will fall by the wayside.

"We will be able to determine our own admission policy and, when the political position changes, this could be crucial to our survival."

HEADMASTER Roger Budler of Dale Junior said: "I am full of confidence that the Dale Junior Family is strong enough, positive enough and jealous enough to protect the standards and ethos of this school.

"Let us create an opportunity out of the future

Headmasters see benefits in more autonomy

rather than be bogged down by the present problem."

"The worst to be hit under the proposed plan would be Model B and status quo schools that choose to remain the way they are. If they do not accept Model C they will be allocated fewer teachers and this will inevitably mean there will be very big classes.

"The bottom line is that under the Model C dispensation we have a more favourable staffing allocation."

Dale College Deputy Headmaster Des Gendall, then acting as headmaster, said in an end-of-term message to parents: "If the successful ethos, high level of commitment and character building structures of Dale are to be kept alive we have no option but to accept Model C."

The switch to Model C comes about 18 months after parents voted overwhelmingly in a nationwide ballot to support their management councils' proposal to move to Model B status.

This status gave schools a measure of autonomy and the right to admit selected boys of other races. The new scheme introduced at Dale in January 1991 has proved most successful.

But in December 1991 the executive of the Cape English Speaking Teachers' Association learned of a new Government proposal to help resolve the department's deficit.

On February 20 this year the Minister of Manpower, Education and Culture, Mr Piet Marais, publicly announced the plan to convert all status quo and Model B schools automatically to Model C schools by April 1.

This could be avoided only if a management council or a "significant number" of parents preferred a school to retain its present status.

The Minister said that for financial reasons by August 1 about 4 000 white teachers would be retrenched or have to take early retirement. If most schools decided NOT to accept the new plan the figure could rise to 11 000.

A department circular to parents said the white education budget had been drastically cut because of the economic climate.

"To balance its books, the department has the choice to reduce quite severely the number of teachers at your school, or to stop providing the services for which it has traditionally been largely responsible."

Even under Model C Dale College still stands to lose one teacher in July and two in December. The full implications of the move to Model C status are still not clear.

Headmaster Budler sees the move as an attempt to move towards parity for children of all races. "At present there is complete imbalance: for every R1 spent on educating a non-white pupil, R6 is spent on a white pupil."

What the new status means Smaller classes, more teachers

THESE are the main provisions of a Model C school, as outlined by the Cape Education Department:

- The school governing body, representing parents, manages and controls many facets of the school. It has wide powers.

- Staff salaries approved by the education authorities are paid by the State.

- The costs of the day-to-day running of the school are met by parents and the community served by the school.

- The school and hostel buildings, grounds, furniture and equipment are transferred free of charge to the governing body, which is now responsible for their maintenance.

- The governing body will pay for services like

water, electricity, telephones, textbooks, library books and stationery previously provided by the State. Parents will fund many of these services.

- A Model C school can have a sponsoring body which can raise funds for the school and parents who cannot pay all the fees.

- The governing body can appoint teachers at entry level. It can decide on the school's admission policy, curriculum additions, the use of school buildings, grounds and other facilities and the school's financial policy.

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ARGUMENTS for Model C status include:

- Classes will be smaller than at schools under Model B.

- Model C will keep more teachers in the classrooms than at Model B schools.

- Model C will help to keep standards high.

- It will put the school in a better position for future dispensations in education. The department has described the move as "the first of many anticipated changes."

- It will give school communities greater management autonomy and self-determination on the school's character.

What new status will cost parents

● **DALE COLLEGE** estimates that the new compulsory school fees will mean for most an extra R67 a month — about R2 a day.

The fees up to the first term for one boy were R290 a quarter (R97 a month). These will rise by R190 to R480 a term (R160 a month). Per capita fees for brothers, now R235 a quarter (R79 a month), will rise by R190 to R425 a term (R141 a month).

The Headmaster, Malcom Andrew, has agreed to "accommodate and/or guide parents seeking financial assistance." Limited funds are available.

During the second term fees are being charged at two-thirds of the above amounts — two-thirds of R480 = R320.

Official subsidy forms are now available to parents. They are complicated and for high school pupils worth a maximum of R500 a year.

Mr Andrew believes school fees in the third and fourth term could be held at R400-R440.

Parents will have to pay for stationery and textbooks from January 1993. The school will sell to parents all the textbooks the school has received from the department over the years.

"These books will then belong to the parent and if looked after properly be a good source of income for purchasing books in 1994."

"Boarding fees hopefully will not be affected by the change in status," Deputy Headmaster Gendall has told parents.

● **DALE JUNIOR** estimates that fees will rise from the previous R130 a term to R330 a term, but not immediately. They will total R263 for the second term.

Parents, however, will not have to pay for textbooks and stationery at Dale Junior.

Colin Ogden, chairman of the school Manage-

ment Council, said in March that current fees were R130 a term for the first child with a discount of R30 a term for each additional child.

Under Model C fees would rise to R330 a term, but these could be paid at R110 a month and would apparently only be effective from May 1. These could be paid by debit order on bank accounts.

The fees have now been set at: April 1992, R43.33. May, R110. June, R110. Total for second term: R263.

Parents who can "genuinely not afford to pay these fees" may apply to the department, through Mr Budler or Mr Ogden, for assistance.

Mr Ogden added: "The changes facing the school are definitely not all negative. I am sure that Dale Junior will continue to grow from strength to strength and continue to provide our boys with the best education available."

Dale to tour Natal: Mossie steps down

OLD DALIANS, Daliens and their parents are expected to turn out in force to support the Dale first rugby team on their Natal winter tour.

Starting with a match against Port Shepstone on June 24, the tourists will play a visiting Rondebosch, Cape, side at a Natal venue on June 27, Maritzburg College on June 29 and Empangeni on July 1.

A red-and-black dinner will be held at the German Club in Westville on June 26. Headmaster Malcom Andrew and members of the Old Dalian Union executive are to attend.

Meanwhile Macolm (Mossie) Hawkes, a leading figure in the ODU in Natal for most of the past 20 years, has stepped down as the "Banana branch" chairman.

His association with the branch was interrupted only by a transfer in the early eighties to Port

Elizabeth where he took the chair of the PE branch for four years.

On his return to Durban in 1985 he was soon coaxed into resuming the chair and held the post until February this year.

Late last year Mossie was promoted to senior area manager of Nedbank in Durban, responsible for 16 branches.

Tribute has been paid to his dedication and commitment to Dale and the ODU and his solid contribution to the Natal branch.

Leadership of the branch has passed to "young guard" members Stuart (Tickey) Sutton (chairman) and Mark de Wet (secretary).

Mossie, still close at hand as vice-chairman and adviser, remains active in the branch which has a strong group of loyal stalwart Old Daliens, injected with a stream of enthusiastic youngsters

in recent years.

Fifteen to 20 members attend monthly meetings at the Westville Country Club. Regulars include Mossie, Dave Mitchell, John Fredericks, Trevor McDonald, Cedric O'Connor, John Gouveneur, Malcolm Wilmot, Pierre le Riche, Rob Lear, Mark de Wet and Stuart Sutton, who arrived in Durban early last year.

A "young Old Dalian evening" at Malcolm (Cruncher) Wilmot's home last July attracted 17 under 30s, Cruncher being regarded as an "honorary under 30."

A dinner in September was attended by more than 50 Old Daliens young and older, including guests from the ODU executive.

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WIN A WILD COAST GETAWAY WEEK!

A **COMPETITION** with a prize of a week for two at Trennery's Hotel on the Transkei Wild Coast is being organised by Natal Old Daliens.

Tickets cost R10. The draw will be held at the Natal branch's June 26 dinner.

Those interested in this competition and other Natal OD activities may phone Stuart Sutton at 230-108, Mark de Wet 764-0298 or Mossie Hawkes 764-1939, all code number 031 and in evenings.

Book now for Fun Day on September 6

THE annual Transvaal parents' Fun Day will be held on September 6 at Benoni Country Club.

Golf and bridge bookings may be made through Joe and Buntie Sutton (phone 453-6524). For tennis and squash please phone Colleen Patience (787-0300, work, or 942-4325, home).

Last year's Fun Day raised more than R10 000 for Dale funds. Parents who can help with sponsorships and prizes may call Joe Sutton.

Dale gave them their big chance

Reports by **MARISS EVERITT**

HARD training and the opportunities offered by Dale College — this was the recipe for success for Steven Hatley, one of the finest all-round sportsmen the school has seen.

His achievements speak for themselves. He played scrumhalf for the Dale First XV and the Border Schools side for two years — first as vice-captain and then as captain for both teams.

The 1990 Dale side was unbeaten, the 1991 team lost one match. In 1991, when he was the team's place-kicker and also scored 12 tries, Steven notched up 185 points, a record for a Dale scrumhalf. The Dale side scored 560 points in 22 games — another Dale record.

Steven played first team waterpolo for Dale for four years and was captain for the last two. He was a Border Schools waterpolo player for four years — with two stints as vice-captain and one as captain — and a member of the SA Schools A side for three years.

In 1991 he captained this side, was top scorer (with a record-breaking 35 goals) in the SA Schools tournament in Bloemfontein and was voted player of the tournament. He was also a first team Dale swimmer and member of the Athlone Shield A team.

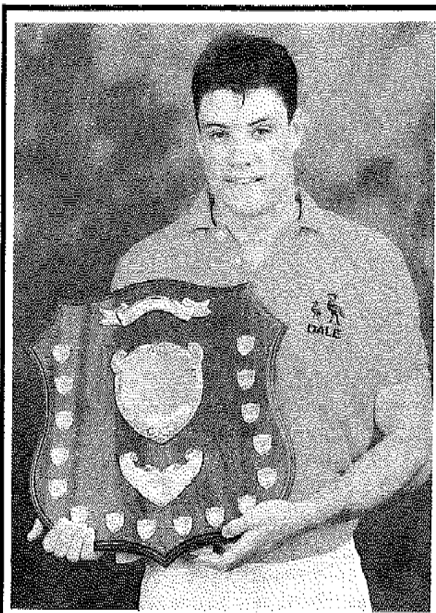
Steven was awarded Dale honours for rugby and waterpolo in 1990 and again last year. Another distinction was his election twice as Amatola Sports Star of the Year against provincial (adult) competition.

"Dale has been the best part of my life," says 19-year-old Steven. "I would not trade my years there for anything. The spirit was great and the opportunities were there for me to grab."

Mick Paterson, his rugby coach and a deputy principal, described Steven as one of the best sportsmen ever to have played for Dale. "He is a fantastic all-rounder."

Mr Paterson says Steven has the right temperament for true sportsmanship. "He remained well mannered throughout and never allowed his achievements to go to his head."

But Steven says his sporting achievements did not come easily. "I worked very hard at the



WATERPOLO: Steven with shield . . . player of the SA Schools tournament

STEVEN HATLEY:
It was a hard road to the top, says rugby and waterpolo star

sports I played. This required a lot of training."

While at Dale Steven also played waterpolo for the Albert Club where he received much encouragement from the Old Dalian Linde brothers.

He said he had always been a good swimmer and this, with encouragement from his older brother Neal, got him into waterpolo. He got

bored with cricket and quit at Under 14 level.

Neal also played Border Schools and Dale first team rugby and waterpolo. The eldest Hatley brother, Philip, earned his national colours for swimming.

Their father, Alan Hatley, said Dale had done him proud. His sons all attained matric exemptions, were sportsmen and left the school as well-rounded individuals.

"The only thing that gives one more pleasure than kicking the winning penalty, scoring the winning goal or captaining a great team is to watch your son do these things," said Mr Hatley, who played soccer and cricket in Britain.

He left England at 28, continued to play soccer until he was in his early thirties and has since become involved in junior soccer clubs and waterpolo.

"Steven is fortunate to be a natural and has made us so proud of him." He believed Steven owed his success so far to the Dale passion for sport and in particular to his coaches, Mick Paterson (rugby) and Deon Boshoff (waterpolo).

Steven was born in Bulawayo where he did most of his early schooling. He spent a short time in Umtata before the family settled in King. He entered Dale College in Std 6.

His parents recently moved to East London where the youngest Hatley, Ryan, aged 11, is now at school.

Steven earned a rugby bursary from the Natal Technikon where he is now studying marketing and sales management.

"I devoted most of my time to sport at school and so went back to do my matric again. Now I am working at attaining a better balance between the two."

Once he has graduated he plans to stay in Durban. Marketing is a wide field and he is not yet sure which career path to follow.

Since moving to Durban he has played waterpolo for Glenwood Old Boys and rugby for Natal Under 20s.

Last word from coach Paterson: "We are going to see him as a Springbok, certainly at waterpolo. He is a very good scrumhalf and I'm sure he is going to go far in rugby as well."

CLIFTON HOYLE: On stream for computer career

ONE would expect an A student to be a bit of a bookworm — but not Dale's top 1991 matric pupil, Clifton Hoyle, whose interests range from electronics and computers to the stage.

He was deputy headboy, a hostel prefect at Frank Joubert, chairman of the school's Computer Club, the Student Christian Association and Argo — the society which co-ordinates the cultural activities at the school. He is a past chairman of the Debating Club and also found time to play waterpolo, hockey and squash.

Clifton's main loves are mathematics and science and the allied fields of computers and electronics.

He was the only Dalian selected for the Border maths team last year. When he was in Std 9 he was placed among the top 180 in the national maths olympiad. His prowess in mathematics also earned him first place in the bursary examination at the Grahamstown Maths Winter School.

As a Std 6 boy Clifton came first in the school's computer olympiad and repeated this feat twice

during his high school years. In his matric year he scored an estimated 96 percent in the national computer olympiad.

In his free time Clifton wrote computer programmes and worked out electronic circuits, acted in, stage managed and did the lighting for productions by Kamads (the King William's Town Amateur Musical and Dramatic Society) and the Kaffrarian High School.

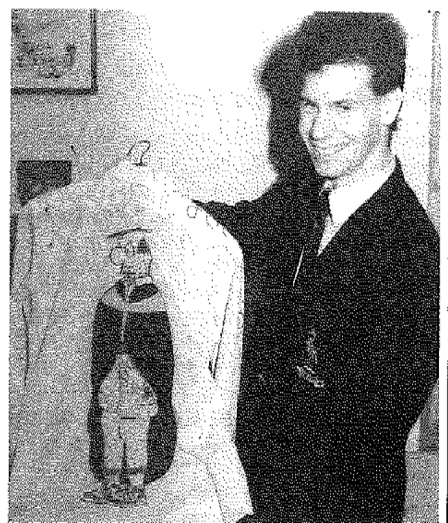
So where did he find time to study and become Dale's only A aggregate matric student in 1991?

"Most of it was just ability — and by the grace of God. I used to pray before each exam and before sitting down to study."

He did his homework conscientiously, but he

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FAREWELL JOKE . . . This caricature, drawn by KHS matriculant Andrea Bell, took pride of place on Clifton's signed shirt on his last day at Dale



Thank Heaven For Little Boys!

IN their striking red and black-lined cloaks they are familiar figures at the Dale Reunion and other big occasions . . .

They welcome headmasters and bid them farewell in song . . . On Valentine's Day they serenade the KHS girls with Thank Heaven For Little Girls . . .

In 20 years the Dale Junior Choir have brought joy to hundreds of visitors and become a vibrant and vital part of school life.

They have won gold medals at eisteddfods and their voices are heard on radio and TV, at prize-givings, festivals, musicals, weddings and old folks' homes.

One of their saddest performances was at the funeral of one of the choir's founders, Dale master Errol Hort, who died in harness in 1984.

In 1964 a music inspector reported: "Dale can indeed be proud of its choir. This is almost a unique achievement for a boys' school." That accolade still holds good today.

Here are some of the high notes in a journey through the life of the Dale Junior Choirs. It starts in 1962, an eventful year in which the college celebrated its centenary and Dale Junior (officially Dale College Boys' Primary School) opened with DV (Dummy) Taylor as principal.

The new choir of 65 to 100 voices from Standards 4 and 5 (conducted by Therle Twissell, supported by Estelle Wrede and Errol Hort) performed at the centenary celebrations and in a musical, Pedro the Fisherman.

Other early highlights were singing at the wedding of Miss Wrede and Owen Bahlman in 1967, performing in the pantomime Pinocchio; and competing in the Border Eisteddfod.

This was the first of a series of eisteddfod triumphs, including gold medals at East London in 1969 and again in 1979, when they won the "out-right winners" shield.

In 1971 the choir were invited by the Old Dalian Union, for the first time, to sing at the annual matric social.

The choir again struck gold in 1972 at the Fort Beaufort Eisteddfod and in 1973 they reached the semi-finals of the CJ Langenhoven school choirs competition.

The Dale Junior Choir — in touch, in tune and always in good voice



In 1975 the choir were invited to sing The Lord's Prayer at the Dale College memorial service for the first time. They played a prominent part in the farewell assembly to Dummy Taylor and welcomed in song the new Headmaster, Ken Schaefer.

Dale Junior had its first Open Day in 1978 when the choir sang Thank Heaven For Little Girls. Two busloads of excited Dalians travelled to Port Elizabeth to take part in a musical evening at Grey. The next year, Dale Junior reciprocated by hosting a musical evening in King William's Town.

In 1980 the choir sang farewell to Ken Schaefer and welcomed their new head, Roy Taylor (son of Dummy).

Dave Botha, accompanied by Paul Byrnes, conducted the choir in 1981. They toured the Transvaal and were invited by the Bethany Emmanuel Church to take part in their Transworld Radio broadcast service.

An enthusiastic Junior Choir from Sub A to Std 1 was started in 1982, conducted by Anne Prior and with Maureen Hiles as accompanist.

In 1983 the choir, directed by Mrs P Williamson, won a gold medal at the Grahamstown Eisteddfod and took part in a successful production of Oliver with KAMADS.

The choir of 24 voices were heard in thousands of homes in 1984, when one of their songs was broadcast on SABC radio.

DV Taylor Hostel was opened during the year and the choir honoured their past headmaster in song. Their performance at Grey Hospital 125 celebrations was televised.

In 1985 the choir won a gold and a silver medal at the Grahamstown Eisteddfod. Dave Botha bade farewell to "the choir and school I love so dearly."

Margie Hammond became choir mistress in 1989. Five boys were selected for the Border Regional Choir.

The choir sang a farewell song, composed by Mrs S Freercks, to Headmaster Roy Taylor and in 1990 the Junior Choir welcomed his successor, Roger Budler.

Last year Std 5 Choir members had many successful performances. The most exciting was singing with 350 other children in the Mass Choir Festival in East London.

They also took part in a choir festival hosted by KHS. The Christmas Nativity, a lengthy programme, was performed for the school and at Holy Trinity Church.

It was a sad loss for the Junior Choir when Maureen Hiles left Dale to teach in East London. Yvonne Flugel now helps whenever possible.

This year the choir of 40 voices is performing at the German Festival, the East London Mass Choir, the East London Eisteddfod and the Dale PTA Fashion Show.

Hooked on computers since Sub B days

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maintains: "I don't think I worked hard enough to deserve my result. My only A aggregate in matric was for the final exam."

Clifton's parents have strong links with Dale College. His father, Canon James Hoyle of Holy Trinity Church in the town, sits on the local PTA executive, the hostel committee and the school management council. His mother, Louise Hoyle, teaches maths and science at the school and taught Clifton when he was in Std 7.

"I was very proud of my son's results," said Mrs Hoyle. "We were not surprised, but had not counted on his achieving an A aggregate. We were delighted that he did it." (Clifton is their only son. His younger brother died when he was in Std 5.)

Clifton said Dale gave him the opportunity to do and learn many things which otherwise would not have been available to him. Becoming a boarder in his matric year was another new experience.

Dale's head of science, Bev van Heusden, said Clifton had always been a top student with a tremendous interest in the sciences. "He has an enquiring mind."

Queenstown-born Clifton's family moved from East London to King when he was in Std 5. From early boyhood he has been fascinated by maths, science and computers.

"My parents got a computer when I was in Sub B and I have been playing with them ever since. I don't mean playing games, although I enjoy those too, but work on programmes. I wrote my first programme when I was in Std 1."

When Lynn Funnell, deputy headmistress at

KHS and wife of Dale PTA chairman Bob Funnell, did her M Ed on computers in education, she designed the programme for her thesis and Clifton wrote it.

Clifton says has been "playing around with" electronics for five years and enjoys designing circuits and putting them to practical use.

He did the lighting for the Kamads production of Grease and played Ike Skidmore in Oklahoma! I have enjoyed my involvement with Kamads. My favourite is doing the lighting."

Clifton is now studying electrical engineering at the University of Cape Town. He chose this B Sc course because it encompasses both computers and electronics.

Once he has completed his bachelor's degree he will decide whether to continue studying or go into the commercial field. Either way this Old Dalian seems headed for a bright future.

By JOE SUTTON

WHAT'S going on here? Why, it's Andrew Matthews, star of the Dale stage a decade ago, making his professional debut in a Johannesburg theatre.

The towel he is wearing is his sole costume in much of the hilarious farce... well, until he loses it in his final exit.

Andrew plays the frustrated husband of the bright young thing in the picture (Edwina Sheridan of Cape Town) who is having an affair with a British Tory MP. The Ray Cooney West End hit, *Out of Order*, has been playing at the Alhambra Theatre in Doornfontein since February.

Andrew is enjoying his entry into professional theatre, but he looks forward to moving from farce into more serious drama for which he has been trained.

At present comedy, being more popular with audiences, is his bread and butter, though he admits it is a little thinly spread. To help make ends meet he's "daylighting" with television work and occasional advertising voice-overs.

He has had a slot as a presenter of CCV-TV's Thursday night Local Scene. When asked for an example of an ad in which he features, he jokes: "Listen to the radio ad for Durban's Edward Hotel. When you hear the word 'Fantastic' — that's me!"

Andrew, son of farmer Ted and Barbara Matthews, formerly of Alice and now of Humansdorp, showed early promise as an actor at Dale.

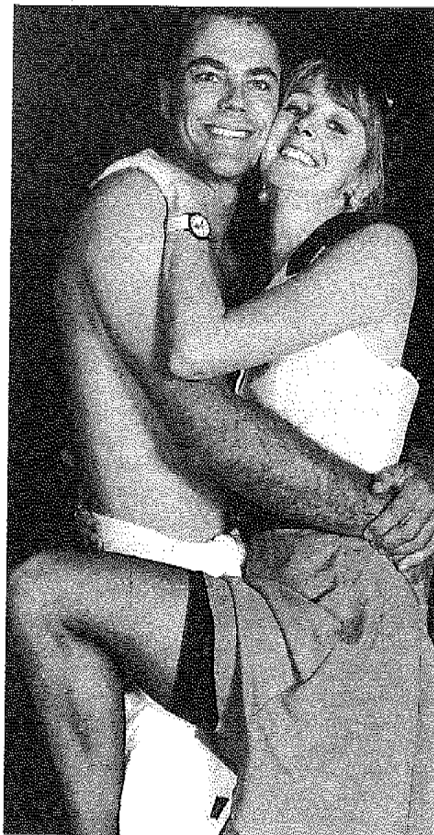
Beginning in 1980 with *The Happiest Days of Your Life* while still in Std 7, he performed in five Dale productions as well as in the inter-house plays.

Andrew was awarded honours for dramatic art in Std 9 and matric and also received honours for academics. He was one of the school's leading debaters and won best speaker awards in both English and Afrikaans.

His stage performances were acclaimed by local critic Una Graven:

1981 in *Twelfth Night*, which won for Dale the Border Theatrical Association trophy: "... an entertaining performance as the likeable but

'allo, 'allo, 'allo!



It's our Andrew in a cheeky pro debut on the Jo'burg stage

bumbling Sir Andrew Aguecheek. Some of his best lines were lost in the boisterousness of the company he kept but his comic mannerisms and expressive face compensated for the loss."

* 1981 in *Seagulls Over Sorrento*: "... particularly sensitive performance as the young orphan seaman."

* 1982 as Michael Starkwedder, the lead role in *The Unexpected Guest*: "... in full control (of his role) played with a naturalness and credibility throughout the play."

* In 1983, when he had a smaller non-singing role in the musical, *Salad Days*, the critic remarked on his "supreme confidence."

Andrew says he owes much to the inspiration and guidance of Errol Hort, who taught him English and directed him on the stage from Std 7 until matric. Errol died tragically in 1984 after collapsing in the classroom.

Commented Andrew: "Errol was the greatest. He was so caring and responsible for us in much more than the teaching side."

In his matric year Andrew was a college prefect and deputy headboy of Frank Joubert House.

"Dale had a great balance between culture, sport and academics," he said. This meant a great deal to him because he loved his sport as well as the other activities in which he took part.

"In our matric year we wore our colours in academics and drama with pride." He felt this had not been so when he first came to Dale.

On leaving Dale Andrew did two years' national service, spent a year at a Johannesburg bible college and another year backpacking in Europe and Britain.

After four years at the University of Cape Town he graduated BA in dramatic art and English and also gained a performer's diploma in speech and drama.

* *Out of Order*, presented by Pieter Toerien, moves to Cape Town in July before heading for the Wild Coast Sun. The cast includes seasoned farceurs Rex Garner (who also directs the play) Tim Plewman, Graham Armitage, Kenneth Baker, Melody O'Brian, Peter Holden, Tammy Bonnell and Bella Mariani.

An academic boom at Dale

ACADEMIC and cultural activities were among the highlights of Dale life in the first term of 1992.

Acting Headmaster Des Gendall reported outstanding participation in national olympiads and eisteddfods. The English, accounting, maths, science and computer olympiads together drew 352 Dale entrants.

Altogether 105 Daliens competed in a five-hour study skills course — the highest percentage of any Border school.

Daliens have been active in advanced study programme conferences, a critical reasoning seminar, the business and JSE games and an inter-schools Afrikaans debating competition.

At the academic assembly on February 7 ten Daliens were awarded all-rounders ties: Ricky Farrer, Ricky and Marc Funnell, Theo and Russell Kretzman, Mark Paterson, Tyrone Swartz, George Hammond, Gareth Davies and Jonathan Anderson.

Ricky Farrer and Ricky Funnell also won academic colours, with last year's headboy Stuart Goulding, Kevin Efune (of Johannesburg), Russell Weyer, George Turner, Gary Backlund, Hendrick Ferreira, Alistair Thackeray, J Jordan and T Downing.

Three Daliens received outstanding results in the first term exams: Richard Cawood (Std 9), Glen Bodington and S Meggersee (Std 6).

Wild life and Gebiac (geography-biology) outings included a Tsitsikama hike, a visit to the Addo Game Park and two local excursions.

Twenty-seven Daliens toured Europe and the United States in December and another tour is being planned.

Transvalers win awards

CONGRATULATIONS to these Transvalers who won awards at the 1991 Dale College prizegivings:

● Joseph (Jody) Watson (special prize for general knowledge and Std 10 prize for progress).

● Vaughn Harrington (Die Rapportryerskorps Prys vir Afrikaans).

● Anthony Meredith (the Col J Geddes-Page memorial sword for the best student officer).

● Greig Hains (Victor Ludorum).

● Gavin Franken (the Percy Davis prize for cricket and the Bob Curling memorial trophy for rugby).

● Philip Livingstone (the Old Dalian prize for cross country).

● Ashley Davidson (Std 8 academic prize for progress).

● Greg Overend (Std 9 academic merit award for diligence). Russell Overend (Std 7 prize for progress).

● Kevin Efune (Mr and Mrs Derek Moodie's prize for diligence, Std 9).

● Richard Murrin (Std 10 Norris Ford prize for metalwork).

● Robert Gemmell (the Turner centenary trophy for meritorious performance in athletics).

● Craig van Buuren (Std 7 prize for diligence, The School's prize for courtesy and the Ezra Rosenberg memorial trophy to a Std 6 or 7 boy for sportsmanship).

Sing and dance with the Blarney Brothers!

THAT popular group, the Blarney Brothers, will be entertaining Dale parents, Old Dalians and their friends in Johannesburg on Saturday night, June 13.

The singalong and dance show will be held at the Braamfontein Recreational Centre, cnr. Harrison and Smith Streets, Braamfontein, from 8pm. Food and refreshments will be on sale.

The group of Irish musicians, who appeal to young and old alike, pride themselves on producing a "squeaky clean show where you could take your mother or a group of nuns without their being embarrassed by a string of crude jokes."

Their repertoire includes a mix of old and new songs, Irish songs, singalong songs and "action

numbers" in which the audience can take part.

Brothers Paul and Damien McIlroy and associate Tony Fisher, who have been called "The Pied Pipers of Durban," have just returned from an overseas tour. They have also been appearing on a CCV-TV series, You Don't Have to be Irish.

* Book now for the the Blarney Brothers, who delighted a large audience of Dale supporters at a concert-dance early last year.

* Tickets are available at R25 a head from Rusty Gibb (Phone 339-5011 bus., or 646-5848 home), Colleen Patience (787-0300 bus., or 942-4325 home), or Joe and Buntly Sutton (453-6524). Old Dalians are asked to phone Mike Mourant at 403-2074 bus., or 453-7255 home.



Andy heads for Transvaal

DALE College Headmaster Malcom Andrew will visit Transvaal primary schools early in June and August to promote the school.

He will meet headmasters and address Std 4 and 5 boys on boarding school education.

Mr Andrew will visit schools on the East and West Rand and in Johannesburg, Sandton and the Vaal Triangle. Last year two similar visits led to more than 30 Transvaal boys enrolling at Dale.

The Headmaster, who is to attend a red-and-black dinner in Durban on June 28, will fly to Johannesburg the next morning to meet Transvaal Dale parents at the association's annual general meeting.

The meeting will be held at First Auto Bank, Arbour Square, Juba Street, Braamfontein. Note the date: Saturday June 29.

Mike wins a Kariba cruise

MIKE RUSSELL, a past president of the Old Dalian Union, has won a seven-day cruise aboard a luxury cruiser on Lake Kariba, Zimbabwe. This was the first prize in a nation-wide competition organised by the East London branch of the union.

Mike, a King William's Town businessman, can take a party of seven guests with him on his cruise later this year.

The prize was donated by Zimbabwean Old Dalian Neville (Vleisie) Phillips, a Dale first team rugby and cricket player in the forties and later a Rhodesian hockey and baseball player. He is still a top golfer and tennis player.

The funds raised from this competition will be used to promote the East London branch and help establish an ODU clubhouse in King.

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Happy reunions for brave Bruce, back from Britain

TRANSVAAL Old Dalian Bruce Holmes, who was brain damaged and partly paralysed in a motor accident in 1988, is back in South Africa after 16 months in Britain.

Bruce and his mum Marlene returned to their Witbank home last November.

Still in his red-and-black wheelchair, with its sticker, "I love Dale," he had warm meetings with old friends at his much-loved alma mater when he attended the annual Reunion weekend in May.

With Marlene and her friend Ron Churcher, Bruce flew to East London and stayed in King with the Efstratiou family.

He was helped around the Dale campus by his classmates Stellios "George" Georgio and Andrea "Effie" Efstratiou.

Friends who met Bruce at Reunion said he appeared to be conversing much better than at his last Reunion visit in May 1990.

When Bruce, who left Dale five years ago, was introduced to Mrs Andrew, the head's wife, he remarked: "Of course I remember Pam."

He had fairly long conversations with Old Dalians and is quite aware of his condition. He said that although his long-term memory was good his short-term memory was a big problem.

When the former Dale rugby star was asked at the Memorial Service on the Sunday about the previous day's Reunion match against Queens, he could not remember the result. (Some Dale fans, however, would say this was a match best forgotten!)

Mrs Holmes says the visit to England was "brilliant" for Bruce. They were impressed by the treatment provided by the National Health Service and the degree of commitment shown to people with Bruce's condition. But they both love South Africa a great deal, so decided to return.

Bruce now attends the St Giles home for the physically disabled in Johannesburg and spends weekends at home in Witbank.

Since his return to South Africa, Bruce has renewed friendships in the Transvaal with old classmates, including Bruce Wallace and Brian Greenway.

Farewell, Fossil: No longer a fixture

By SHANE MARAIS

THAT well-known fixture at Dale, Terry Lennard (fondly known as Fossil or Gog Goks) has finally laid down his chalk to look forward to a well-deserved rest.

But he is quick to retort: "This is not a retirement; it's an application for retrenchment."

Terry says he does not know where the nickname Gog Goks came from. "I'm sure there is some peculiar mystery connotation to that word," he chuckles and one almost gets the impression that he knows more than he is letting on. (*Igogogo* is Xhosa for a paraffin tin).

"The reasoning behind Fossil is much easier to explain: The boys at Dale can barely remember a time when I was not there," he adds.

Terry has devoted more than 20 years to educating Daliens and easing their way out to the "big, bad world."

He has taught geography and history (his main subjects), maths, English and Latin.

Although often seen on the sports field, he describes his interest in sport as "not keen or competitive." He has coached rugby, cricket and squash and been "pretty much involved" in arranging hiking outings and accompanying boys on outdoor adventures such as the Fanie Botha and Outeniqua trails.

He laughingly relates how he and some Daliens went swimming in the nude at the Mac Mac pools in the Eastern Transvaal. "We had just dived in when a group of German tourists rolled up in a bus and stayed just long enough for us to almost freeze to death!"

During his time at Dale Terry was in charge of both Diocesan Hostel (three years) and Sutton House (four years), but he says he will always have a soft spot for Diocesan as it was the first.

An old Hostel boy recalls that when the popular Terry left in 1975 he was described in a farewell speech as "the best managing director the Diocesan Holiday Inn had ever had." It was a happy home from home.

Terry has served under four headmasters but was careful not to single out any one of them, saying diplomatically: "They are not comparable; they all had their good points and their annoyances."

Of those colleagues who stand out in his memory, Terry mentioned stalwarts like Walter Schnell and Taffy Williams.

Allan's two spare legs — for sport and fishing

TERRY LENNARD'S son Allan, who lost a leg in a freak rugby accident six years ago, is doing famously, says his dad.

"Allan has had three artificial legs to date and keeps the old ones as spares. He says one leg is for general wear, another for sport and the other for



THE LENNARDS: Brian, Eileen, Terry, Allan and Mark, with family pets

The day Gog Goks and his schoolboy tourists were caught skinny-dipping!

"I also fondly recall people like Bob Pretorius, who was my first great friend at Dale. We got into all sorts of mischief and have had some hilarious, basic and bawdy times together . . ."

Terry described Errol Hort as "a real dramatic type whom the boys loved. He could wrap everyone around his little finger and it was real tragedy when he passed away."

Of the boys who passed through his hands Terry mentioned Transvalers Grant Turnbull, Harry Voerman, Neil (Fido) Crossey and Bruce Vorster, who was killed tragically in a mining accident.

Terry said Dale had given him a lot of friendships among colleagues and Old Daliens. He has taught fathers and sons, like the Bissells and the Popes.

"It's amazing how much brighter the sons can sometimes be," he laughed. "Fathers and sons are often very similar. For example, if a father is good at sport or at academic work, the son usually follows the same pattern," he said, adding: "And they're just as frustrating."

Do the fathers who excelled usually expect their sons to achieve just as well? Terry says

smilingly: "They expect them to do better! I think fathers tend to expect too much from their sons and to forget their own shortcomings."

Terry Lennard joined the Dale staff in 1964 after matriculating at Churchill High School, Rhodesia, and graduating BA Hons at Rhodes University in 1961. He obtained a post-graduate certificate in education from London University in 1962.

Between 1966 and 1973 he dabbled in lecturing and commerce and sojourned in Australia before returning to Dale. He acted as vice-principal many times.

In his 1991 annual report Headmaster Malcom Andrew referred to Terry's retirement and said: "Thank you Terry for your loyalty and the work you did preparing Daliens for life."

Terry has been described by Deputy Headmaster Des Gendall as "a man of intellect, wisdom and humour." His response to this tag? "Bull! I would agree with the humour part, but I don't know where he dug up the intellect part."

Retirement plans? Terry says he and his wife, Eileen are planning a lot of overseas travel. "Last year we travelled to the UK and next time we'd like to visit Europe," he says enthusiastically.

Terry adds: "I certainly don't plan to sit around doing nothing, but I'm taking it easy for now, doing some woodwork and looking around for temporary jobs to keep me busy."

Within weeks of his retirement last December, he was back for a spell of teaching at Dale in the first term of 1992. He will be available to teach temporarily whenever Dale calls.

GREETINGS TO THE DALE FAMILY

From L L F (Lyle) WOOD

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REUNION HONOURS FOR A GREAT DALE FAMILY ... AN

The Dalian who hated maths but loved his school

The true s they called

WHERE are they now? The little Dalian who wrote: "I hate mathematics ... but I love this school and will send my boys to Dale." The Old Dalian soldier whom a general described as "the best driver I ever had."

Former Dale College headmaster Billy Rowles told these stories to the Reunion assembly when he responded to tributes to the Dale Rowles family.

"This is the greatest tribute that can be paid to anyone by any school — let alone the best school, the greatest school," he said.

"Old Dalians have a common denominator. I'll always be proud that I too went to Dale. We the Rowles family are proud to have an 82-year link with the school."

"Whenever I see that heron, that red and black ... I can't tell you what it means to me."

He said he would like to get in touch with an Old Dalian called Bott who as a boy of 12 or 13 in Std 6 wrote an essay which read:

It was a pity when we arrived in King. It was very dark and cold and I didn't see the city. I think it must be a wicked city. The boys seem nice but are funny in their speech. They wear hats like grand-dad had to wear with striped ribbons round them.

This is a very uncivilised town. The people are ignorant. Even the masters at Dale are ignorant. On Sunday they asked if I was a Christian. I said, "No. I am a Presbyterian."

I will never play in class and I will be a good little boy and I will work hard on all my subjects. During school I will never talk when a teacher goes out. In all my subjects I will do what is expected of me and try hard in arithmetic and English.

I do not like arithmetic and English. I do not like accounting, Latin, biology or geography. I like P.T. I hate mathematics.

But I love this school, will always remember Dale and will send my sons to Dale.

Billy Rowles, a British Army officer in the Second World War, recalled a letter he received as headmaster from a post-war South African general.

The general described how he saw a man in a red tracksuit among a crowd of soldiers. He called the man out to report to him and told him: "You will be my driver."

The Old Dalian national serviceman turned out to be the "best and most dependable driver" he had ever had.

Concluding, Billy quoted from a verse which he read at his farewell assembly in 1977.

... and now it is a sad farewell to some. But you'll always remember what Dale has done.

To cherish your lives with an esprit de corps

That you don't often find in this life any more.

The friendships you have made will last for life.

You will remember the pleasures as well as the strife.



15 YEARS ON ... Ex-headmaster Billy Rowles addresses the Reunion assembly

And may the Heron be with you wherever you sail.

God bless you and remember your old school Dale.

● The family's 82-year link with Dale includes: EW Rowles, ten years as a pupil, 18 as a master; Billy, ten years at school, 12 as headmaster; Sam, 11 years at Dale, Joe ten, Peter four, Robin four and Brian three.



Khangelale iDale College!

PINT-SIZED Syabulela
Mgabedeli 7, of Zwelitsha, Ciskei ... he led the Sub A's and B's in the War Cry and the rugby song, "QC, waar is jou lekker span?"

● Reunion pictures by ROB HENSEN
● Reports by JOE SUTTON

TO YOUNG and old at Dale he was fondly known as Drollie. That was EW Rowles, head of the Rowles family who were honoured at the 1992 Dale Reunion.

Seventeen members of his family attended the celebrations that marked an 82-year association with the school. They heard Drollie hailed as "a worthy son of Dale, who placed the interests of the school before all other considerations."

Headmaster Malcom Andrew noted that the assembly of Old Dalians, staff, parents and Dalians was one of the largest since he took office in 1982 and that most of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association committee were present.

Incoming Old Dalian National President Rodney Breetzke pictured Drollie Rowles as "a short, sturdy figure with the stentorian voice of authority, inevitable black walking stick and ever-ready sympathy ..."

Not only did he exert an immense influence on individuals but a number of boys attended the college thanks to his generosity.

Drollie taught at Dale for 18 years, was a foundation member of the Old Dalian Union in 1923, secretary of the union for 23 years and its president in 1934.

In the classroom and as warden of Durban House and Diocesan Hostel he had his own brand of punishment. Erring younger boys were given the option of a kiss or a clout. The boys always took the clout.

To quote Dale historian LLF Wood: "To me EW Rowles is the greatest Dalian thus far."

Born in 1892, Drollie spent ten years at Dale and left in 1909 after gaining an honours cap for soccer. He died in 1946, aged 54.

Heading the family at the Reunion assembly was Drollie's eldest son Billy, who was associated with Dale for 22 years, including 12 as headmaster.

Sharing the reunion spotlight were Bill's younger brothers Sam and Joe and sister Mary Fowles, known to Dalians as Tottie and the widow of an Old Dalian, Ginger Fowles. Her elder sister Alicia Gibson, known as Tickle, of Umndloti, Natal, and younger sister Florence (Wally) Selby, of East London, sent apologies.

Billy and his wife Isobel were accompanied by their Old Dalian son Peter, their daughter Ann and Old Dalian son-in-law Sandy Davis and children David, Catherine

PER ARDUA AWARDS FOR



Three Dale mothers receive the Per Ardua Award from to right: Carol Farrer, Carol Webb and Cherie Gouldin dall, of whom the head said: "I know of no man w

THE 1982 MATRICS on of Dale Drollie

Do you want a kiss or
a clout? he would ask

and Diane, and their other daughter and son-in-law Colleen and Graham Bell, also an old Dalian.

Sam and his wife Kay came with their Old Dalian son Brian and daughter Natalie.

Introducing the family, Rodney Breetzke recalled that Billy Rowles as a boy at Dale was given "six of the best for taking too close an interest in some of the lovely girls" of KHS when he should have been in class.

Billy played for the first rugby and cricket teams. He worked and played hard and showed a "tendency to grasp life and live it to its full potential."

He was wounded while serving with the Green Howards, a British regiment, in the Second World War.

After graduating at Rhodes University he taught at several schools, was headmaster of two before becoming Dale's seventh headmaster in 1965.

Said Rodney: "Billy was a dedicated and exemplary head . . . a dynamic man who inspired his pupils to live life to the full."

His achievements included the building of the gymnasium, the BN Rowles Swimming Pool and an important role in setting up the Dale College Trust. He retired to Kidd's Beach in 1977.

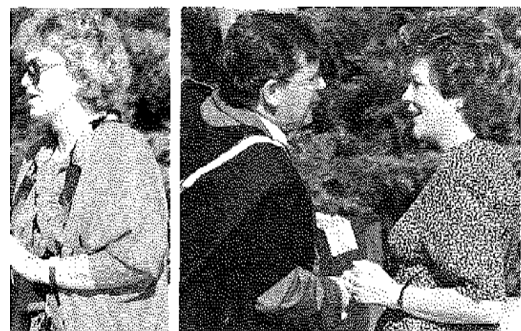
Sam Rowles, described as "mischievous at heart and the naughty boy at school," has also retired there. He served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War and was on the ODU executive for several years.

Both he and Joe, the youngest brother who most resembles his dad in appearance, played their part at Dale. Joe, who matriculated in 1954, is managing director of the Ciskeian Small Business Development Corporation after a banking career in the Rhodesias.

Billy's son Peter is managing director of a plant nursery in Natal. Sam's son Brian is head of the foreign finance department of First National Bank in Port Elizabeth. Another Old Dalian son, Robin, who could not attend Reunion, sent apologies from Port Elizabeth where he is deputy principal of Alexander Road School.

With the Rowles party at Reunion were a close friend of Billy Rowles, Old Dalian Sam Tarr from Escourt, his brother Billy and his wife Joy.

THREE DALE MOTHERS



Headmaster Andrew for loyal and devoted service. Left: An award also went to Deputy Headmaster Des Gennings. His loyalty is beyond question."



TEN YEARS ON . . . The 1982 matrics return to Dale College as honoured guests

THE BOY WHO LEFT HOME — TO HOLIDAY AT DALE!

WHATEVER happened to the 1982 Dale matric who ran away from home during holidays and returned to Paterson House three days before school opened?

He was found by the superintendent asleep in a dormitory fairly late in the day and claimed that he had left home so he could have a holiday.

When asked how he had got into a locked hostel he claimed to know his way around and made it in easily.

This story was told to the Reunion assembly by Dale master Adri Leurs when he welcomed the 1982 matrics back as honoured guests. The boy who wanted a holiday was not present. Nor was he named but we think he is a Transvaler.

The 1982 matric class totalled 83 and more than 20 returned to Dale for Reunion along with four teachers, Pierre Ferreira and Alastair McCallum, now teaching at Selborne, Mrs LA Scheckle, now at Hudson Park High School, and ex-woodwork master Basil Birch, who now has a furniture business in King.

Matrics who sent apologies included Dieter Wust, a chartered accountant in London, and 1982 headboy Mark Norton, a medical doctor in the United States.

Looking back on 1982, Adri Leurs said the most significant highlight was the arrival of Malcom Andrew as the new headmaster. In his opening address Mr Andrew had quoted a definition which

stated: "A school is four walls with tomorrow inside it."

Adri told the 1982 matrics: "Well here you are. You are it. You have made it. You have become those tomorrows."

They represented many different professions — engineers, managers, sales representatives, architects, chemists, chartered accountants, medical doctors and the self-employed. One had joined the ministry.

Other 1982 recollections included:

● Jack Rosenberg was serving his second term as ODU National President.

● The first rugby team captain was Dion Linde. Selwyn Keen captained the first cricket team. Andrew Prior was dux scholar. Bryn Resell was deputy headboy.

● Business leader Raymond Ackerman was guest of honour at the prize-giving.

● Walter Schnell, an Old Dalian and master at Dale for 44 years, died aged 77.

● The college had nine provincial representatives in 11 sports.

● Dave Knowles, Butch Wiggett and Graham Nolan, now on the Dale staff, had spells as student teachers at the college during the year.

Mr Leurs told the 1982 matrics he hoped the Reunion weekend would stay in their memories "so long that you will have no doubt where to send your sons one day."

After it was all over . . . a quiet little jog

● Headmaster Malcom Andrew, after completing his final duty at his 11th Dale Reunion, donned his running togs and set off on a relaxing Sunday afternoon jog.

That evening he addressed a different audience — as a preacher at his local church.

● EC (Shops) Workman, master at Dale from the thirties to the fifties, sent a telegram of good wishes to the Rowles family from his retirement home in Port Elizabeth. He was National President of the ODU in 1956.

● Hazel Fick, marking ten years as secretary

of the Old Dalian Union, was thanked by the new ODU National President, Rodney Breetzke, for her dedication and loyalty.

● Eleven Dalians joined 31 girls in a KHS production of the musical *Anne of Green Gables* as part of the Reunion celebrations.

● Three Queens College boys and two Queensians attended the Reunion assembly as guests.

Queens Headmaster Dudley Schroeder, Old Dalian, vice-principal and rugby coach under Billy Rowles in the early seventies, saw QC beat Dale 3-nil in the Reunion match.

For a 'double parent', a new family

RODNEY BREETZKE (nicknamed Tou), the Old Dalian Union's 69th National President, could be termed a "double parent."

Since losing his wife Glenda ten years ago he has (to quote former ODU president Derek Moodie) "done an outstanding job in raising his three children."

He has been both dad and mum to Old Dalian sons Darryl and Kelvyn and daughter Roxayne.

Rodney, aged 52, is one of the best-known members of the Dale Family. King William's Town born and bred, he left school in 1957 and is director of Da Gama Distributors, responsible for marketing home-sewing fabrics.

He served on the Dale Junior School Committee for a number of years and has been on the Dale College Management Council since 1985.

After never donning a Dale rugby jersey (because of a personal commitment) while at school, Rodney took up the game and played in senior Border rugby in his first season. He played for Alberts firsts and Amatola as a prop forward and also league squash and badminton for many years.

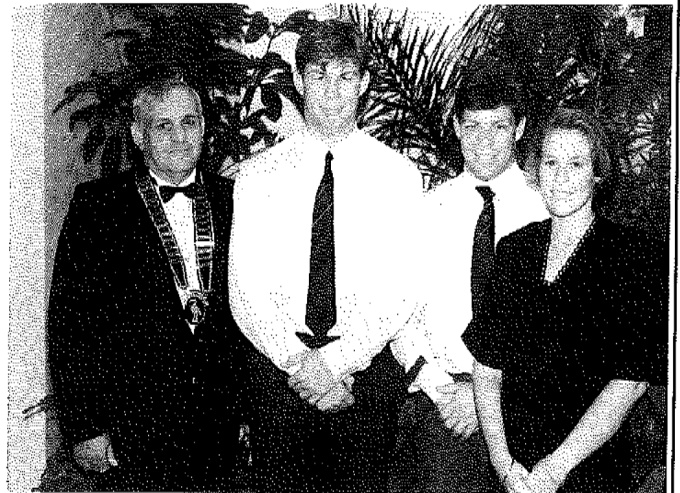
Both his sons played for Dale firsts at rugby. Darryl, who has a national diploma in building management, works for I/TA in Port Elizabeth.

Kelvyn, who announced his engagement to Heidi Weyer on the night of the Reunion dinner, has a national diploma in marketing and works for Da Gama Textiles in East London.

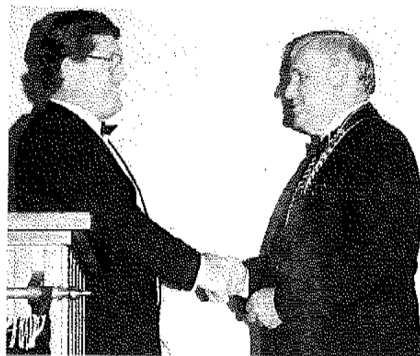
Daughter Roxayne is in her second year at the Port Elizabeth Teachers' Training College.

Rodney is active in King William's Town community life. He is past chairman of the Children's Home and assistant treasurer of the Bethany Emmanuel Baptist Church.

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DALE DAD . . . new Old Dalian chief Rodney Breetzke with his sons Kelvyn and Darryl and daughter Roxayne



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OVER TO YOU . . . The outgoing President, Derek Moodie, congratulates his successor



● Pictures by ROB HENSEN

Run with the ball of life, says Derek

DEREK MOODIE, outgoing National President of the Old Dalian Union, told the Dale Family at the Reunion assembly: Life is like a ball. Catch it and run with it!

He noted that except for the rugby ball most team games were played with a round ball.

"The soccer ball is round and smooth with crevasses where it is sewn. The golf ball is round and smooth with a whole series of indentations . . . whichever ball we look at is round with a few lumps and bumps and smooth patches.

"God created the world 'round' — a perfect sphere — but it also has a few lumps and bumps and smooth patches, its mountains, its valleys, its oceans.

"How life is just like a ball, with all its ups and downs. It symbolises love and peace and joy, sorrow, pitfalls, heartache.

"But remember, a ball always bounces back! So when you experience smooth patches, rough patches, ups and downs, let your aim be to catch that ball and run with it.

"Play ball, with friends and foe alike . . . Let life in all its roundness be part of you. And so may Reunion for you all — be a ball Renewing old friendships, making some new . . .

And let us never forget Dale's call 'Per Ardua Ad Astra' to you all."



AT EASE: Drum-major and headboy Derryk Jordan and his cadet band at the Memorial Service

A TOAST TO DALE AND A MESSAGE FOR ITS SONS

RODNEY BREETZKE, inducted as the Old Dalian Union's new National President, gave this message to the Dale Family when he proposed the toast to Dale College and Dale Junior at the Reunion dinner:

Let us attempt to teach our young sons who go out into life very soon to have faith in themselves and their own ideas, even if everyone tells them they are wrong.

Let us endeavour to teach them to be gentle with gentle people, and tough, in the right sort of way, with tough people.

Let us give our sons the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone else is getting on the bandwagon. And let us teach them to listen to all men, to filter all they

hear on the screen of truth, and most importantly to retain only the good that comes through.

May God give wisdom to our teachers as they facilitate the germination of this process — our desire for our sons — ably led by our ambitious headmasters at schools that we as Old Dalians can only be proud of.

Earlier Rodney paid tribute to Derek Moodie's commitment and leadership and presented him with a past president's tie and certificate.

He praised Jenny Moodie for her support, energy, helpfulness and hospitality and raised a laugh when he added: "Derek, in case you do not know, Jenny has agreed to continue her support-

ive role as the president's unofficial 'wife' . . . er . . . 'first lady' for the coming year."

Rodney said he looked forward to "a year of involvement, teamwork and friendship."

"It is tremendously encouraging to see that red-and-black dinners are to be held in Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London and King William's Town during the year," he said.

● The union's Senior National Vice-President is Barry Turner, an East London businessman, and the Junior Vice is Jock Wright, a head of department at Dale Junior. Ted Phillips was elected honorary secretary and Colin Loubsher re-elected treasurer.



JACK'S NEW PLACE: AT 64 A CAREER IN PROPERTY

By JOE SUTTON

AFTER 27 years in the hotel business staunch Old Dalian Jack Rosenberg has called "Time Gentlemen" and started a new career as an estate agent.

He joined Rose-Innes Estates in King William's Town early this year and he says: "I am enjoying it very much and have already put through a few nice deals."

Jack's move into property follows the closing and demolition of the 130-year-old Central Hotel, a familiar landmark on the Market Square. The site has now been developed into a shopping centre.

Under Jack and Ezra Rosenberg, the Central became the Mecca of Old Dalians, especially at Reunion.

He recalls: "Jack's Place (the restaurant) used to stay open until 2am with Old Dalians reminiscing about their schooldays — fellows like the late Tommy Marshall, the late Jack Wainwright, MP, Henry Nash, Leo Crossman and Bill Beckley, who lived and spoke Dale all the time."

The Rosenbergs hosted Old Dalian banquets at the hotel and later catered at dinners held in the War Memorial Hall.

The demise of the Central is an end of an era. First Jack leased it under a management contract to a hotel group.

He says: "That was the biggest mistake of my life because it went only one way and cost me every penny."

When the group withdrew, Jack sold the property to a bank, which demolished the building and erected shops. Now Jack, who had retained control of the bottle store, is out of this and the hotel business altogether.

Jack went to Dale in 1938. "I was the youngest Dalian to volunteer to go to Durban House (the former Kaffrarian High School girls' hostel which was reopened as a Dale hostel) under Drollie Rowles.

"That was where I first met Dalians like Drollie's sons Billy and Sammy, Bush Bennett, the

GOODBYE TO ALL THIS . . .

Mine host Jack Rosenberg . . . a flashback to a TransDale advert

Sephtons, the Weidenmans and the Shones.

"Drollie was to me one of the greatest teachers and characters in my years at Dale.

"His famous words (when warning errant boys) were, 'I'll kiss you with my big fat lips!' Or, 'Do you want a clout?'"

"I remember how annoyed he used to get if a Dalian left school and did not go into the army (it was during the Second World War).

The war was over when Jack left Dale in 1945 and he went into the butchery business in Port Elizabeth.

He became chairman of the PE branch of the Old Dalian Union and later after moving to King William's Town he was twice national president (1960 and 1982).

He is still on the national executive, served 18 years on the Dale Junior School Management Committee and has been a member of the Dale College Management Council for several years.

Last year he led the committee that organised Dale's successful centenary rugby festival.

Jack went into the hotel business in King in 1964. There were happy years and also sad ones, when he lost a daughter (in a horse-riding accident) and later his wife Ezra.

At Dale the left-handed Jack was an all-rounder for firsts and a nippy scrumhalf or flyhalf for the Second XV and occasionally for firsts. In Port Elizabeth he played rugby for Crusaders and cricket for the Union Club with the late Tufty Mann, the Springbok left-arm bowler.

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Genial Jack has a proud record of public service. He has been president of King William's Town clubs and the Chamber of Commerce, a borough councillor since 1981 and was deputy mayor in 1990.

At 64, Jack is still playing golf "though my knees are beginning to pack up from old rugby injuries." He is an active member of the Nomads, that jolly bunch of golf fanatics who raise a ton of money for charity. He was captain of Border Nomads in 1986.

And if ever you need someone to auction a rugby ball or anything for Dale funds you can't go far wrong with Jack Rosenberg (see picture).

Ask the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association who called on his services at a Fun Day a few years ago. He'll be auctioneering property next.

Small in stature but big in heart, Jack is devoted to Dale and King. There can be few more loyal to his town and his old school.

"I was very fortunate to have gone to Dale," says Jack, looking back on "wonderful years at a wonderful school."

"Today Dale is riding on the crest of the wave in academic and sporting achievements with a tremendous staff under Malcom Andrew and a great school management council under Neville Woollgar.

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How the good folk of King (with a little bit of help from Jo'burg) brought joy to a girl who can't walk

BRAVE Trudie Crossman, 13-year-old stepdaughter of an Old Dalian and former Dale teacher, has seen two dreams fulfilled this year.

- Trudie, who suffers from a rare bone disease and cannot walk, has a new wheelchair — thanks to well-wishers in King William's Town.

- She obtained the chair when she and her family were flown to Johannesburg in April on a holiday trip where she met her hero, Radio Five disc jockey Jason Roberts.

Her weekend trip, arranged by King William's Town Rotary Anns and the Reach For A Dream Foundation, included visits to the SABC, Gold Reef City, a helicopter ride, and the Johannesburg Zoo.

Trudie's parents, Gareth and Gillian Crossman, who live in King, work for a Bisho supermarket where Gareth has found a new career.

Trudie was born with both arms and legs broken and suffering from osteogenesis imperfecta, commonly known as "brittle bones."

Stepdad Gareth says: "She's very fragile, like china — even the slightest knock can cause a broken bone."

Before she was five she suffered more than 50 fractures, but Gareth says she has become more careful with age. She will, however, always be confined to a wheelchair.

"She is a really intelligent child and is always eager to do well," Gareth says.

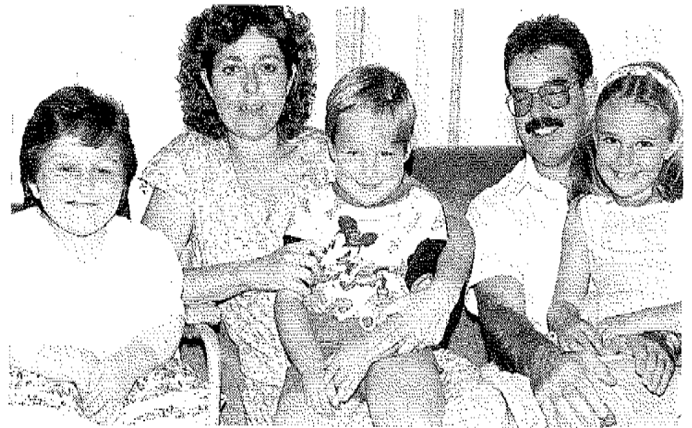
When she started school at Kaffrarian Junior Primary in 1985 money raised by the St Croix Lions Club in Port Elizabeth bought her a motorised wheelchair. But this chair, suitable for infants, had become too small when she entered high school at KHS in January.

King William's Town Rotary Club and Rotary Anns helped Gareth and his family to raise funds to buy a larger and sturdier wheelchair.

As the campaign was still R4 000 short of its target, the Crossmans raised a loan so they could get the wheelchair in Johannesburg. Fund-raising is continuing. The new chair is making Trudie's life a lot easier.

On her dream flight to Johannesburg she met Border cricket captain Peter Kirsten on his way

THE CROSSMANS
... Trudie, Gillian,
Andrew, Gareth
and Sandra



BY SHANE MARAIS

to play for South Africa in the West Indies. "I wished him good luck," said Trudie.

The Crossmans were met by officials of the Reach for a Dream Foundation and lent a minibus for four days. The highlight for Trudie was lunch with Jason Roberts.

Said Gareth: "It was the best holiday we have ever had. The foundation treated us like gods. Everything was perfect... like a month of fun and excitement packed into four days.

Then it was back to school for Trudie and back to work at Bisho for Gareth and Gillian, who have found a new lifestyle since he joined the supermarket.

The fact that Gillian had worked there for five years was one of the main reasons for Gareth's career move. "It is very convenient for us both to be working for the same company," he says.

After starting as buyer for the firm in October 1990 he is now operations manager of the super-

market owned by "Mack" Kopke.

Gareth, who matriculated at Dale in 1974, joined the school staff in 1984. He taught history and later became a head of department. After part-time study he obtained his B Ed degree in 1987.

He coached the first cricket team for his last three years there and also coached tennis and rugby. He was superintendent at Paterson House from 1985 till September 1990.

A tribute in the Dale College Magazine of December 1990 read: "He is probably the only Old Dalian to have lived in all four hostels as pupil and staff member. His contribution to school life in the academic, sporting and hostel spheres has been immense."

Said Gareth: "I definitely miss the boys..." Then he quickly rephrased his sentence. "I definitely miss SOME of the boys and the social side at Dale. But I have come to realise that quality life spent with my wife and children means everything to me."

"I have settled down well in my new job and am thriving on the day-to-day challenges and deals. The hours are long but the 'package' was an offer I could not refuse."

- Gareth is the son of Leo and Bronwen Crossman of Port Elizabeth. Leo is a past president of the Old Dalian Union. Bronwen is the daughter of the late Taffy Williams, long-time teacher at Dale College, and Phyllis Williams.

- Old Dalian singing advocate John Fletcher made a record of Christmas carols late last year for the Reach For A Dream Foundation.

Thanks, TransDale, for those memories!

THE Turner family of Kensington, Johannesburg sent this letter to TransDale after its December 1991 issue:

"Thank you for TransDale and its interesting articles. It brings back happy memories of times past and the friends we made.

Our son David (1981-85) says he was newboy to Richard Newton (Vrystaat!, TransDale Decem-

ber 1991).

Richard nicknamed David "Julius" (after Julius Jeppie because he came from Jeppie Prep). He will always be Julius to his Dale friends and Old Dalians who knew him."

- Drew and Inez Turner were committee members of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association in the eighties. Inez was secretary.



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By SHANE MARAIS

OLD DALIAN Steven Palframan has proved to be one of the most promising young cricketers to emerge during the recent season.

As a wicketkeeper he took 30 catches and made four stumpings for Border and helped establish his province as a team of national standard. His hard-hitting batting has also been impressive.

Steven, son of former cricketer Ray and Sheila Palframan of King William's Town, has had a relatively short career in cricket packed with highlights and excitement.

At Dale he played for the First XI with his brother Michael for three years and was awarded honours, but his achievements went beyond cricket.

Steven played hockey for the firsts for three years, won his colours and captained the side in his matric year of 1987. He played Border Schools hockey that year and later for EP Under 21 and EP B.

He won colours with his brother in dramatic art and half colours in squash in which he represented Border Schools. He edited the Dale-KHS newspaper Khale. He won a prize for all-round proficiency in games and a trophy for the best all-round scholar and sportsman in Std 10.

Soon after making the Border Nuffield side for the second time in late 1987 Steven left for Exeter Cathedral School in Devon, England, on a one-year coaching scholarship.

Even at this early stage his talents as a wicketkeeper-batsman were apparent. While in England he played for Sidmouth in the Devon first league, helping them to win the league for the first time. He kept wicket, opened the batting and scored 2 200 runs at an average of 45.

His ability again drew attention as he was selected for the Devon Under 19 team which won the English Under 19 championships that year.

Back in South Africa the 1988-90 season was important in Steven's career. He played for Border Colts and Country Districts teams and made the SA Country Districts team while rising from tenth to fourth in the Rhodes University batting order.

While at Rhodes on a cricket bursary he also played a few matches for the Eastern Province Colts and the EP B side and was selected for the SA Universities B team.

In 1991 he moved back to King William's Town and joined the Pirates Club, causing quite a stir as the Palframans, an old King family, have always been staunch Alberts members, with father Ray being the current club secretary.

Steven's love for cricket was inspired by his pharmacist father, a former Border Country Districts wicketkeeper, who sings the Memorial Song at Reunion services.

He recalls an early cricket experience when

Our Steven — Border cricket's rising star



STEVEN PALFRAMAN . . . one determined goal

his dad "arrived at practice one day when I was eight or nine. I said I wanted to be the keeper because my dad's a keeper." But Steven is quick to add that his mother Sheila is also a keen fan.

Others who have influenced his cricket include Dale coaches Percy Davis, Peter Morris and Roy Palmer as well as his Rhodes coach Harry Birrell.

Of his recent wicketkeeping feats, probably the most impressive was his "impossible" leg-side catch to dismiss Free State opener Richard Steyn. This stunned sportswriters into predicting a bright future for King's highly-talented wicket.

Daily Dispatch reporter Telford Vice recently wrote: "The sight of Steve Palframan, Border cricket's homegrown wicket-keeping sensation, launching himself down the leg or the off to dismiss spectacularly another baffled batsman is fast becoming a regular feature of Border's

matches.

"Recently he has shown that his performances front of the stumps are no less exhilarating with a string of fiery, well-played innings."

Against Western Province, Steven impressed as a wicketkeeper and rescued Border in one innings with an aggressive knock of 36 off 34 balls, including seven fours.

Reputed Cape Times writer Michael Owen Smith, wrote in the Sunday Times at the time: "This was no light-hearted slog. He got into position beautifully to counter McMillan's short-pitched attack and, as a result, was able to hook, pull and cut with authority."

"Considering that he is more than a decade younger than the country's established keepers, he seems to have the field open to establish himself at national level in the future."

Speaking to Steven one is immediately impressed by how little his acclaim has affected his personality. He is extremely modest about his achievements and shrugs good-naturedly when asked about his acrobatic exploits. "Sometimes they stick, sometimes they don't," he says.

Another feather to add to his already brimming cap was his recent victory over King cricketer Dave Howell, to become the second winner of a memorial single-wicket competition held in King William's Town in March.

Steven did battle with Border cricketers Bradley Osborne (an Old Dalian who won the title last year), Dave Howell, Dave Nosworthy, Bruce Roberts, Mackie Hobson and Simon Base to scoop the R1 000 prize-money and win the trophy. He also won the prize for the most sixes in the initial round, a total of three.

In April Steven graduated from Rhodes with a B Social Science degree and left soon afterwards on his second trip to England where he is playing for the Brooklands Club in the Cheshire League for the season.

"They have arranged a job for me so in the near future I could find myself on a building site or picking apples," he said. "But as long as I can play cricket, I'll be okay."

"The entire trip is focused on gaining experience for myself, to work on my batting and to have a good time," he said.

An added bonus to being in England is that his girlfriend, Rhodes graduate Sandy Dwanger, is au-pairing in London. "She went over in December so I can't wait to see her," he said. He will return from England in time for the 1992-93 season.

Speculating on a future career ("I don't suppose cricket will always be my life"), Steven said he was undecided but was thinking about teaching or personnel management.

Above all Steven has one determined goal: to play cricket for his country. With a track record like his, it wouldn't be surprising if Dale has turned out a future international cricketer.

Dale's young Ace gets nod for England tour

A PROMISING Dale cricketer has been chosen to tour England with the South African Schools Under 15 team in August.

He is Andile (Ace) Mxenge, a Std 9 lad who has shown promise as an all-rounder since he was coached by First XI Dalians in a grass-roots development programme.

Andile moved from Bisho Primary School in Std 6 to Hector Pieterse High School in Zwelitsha where he benefited further from coaching schemes led by Greg Hayes, co-director of the Border Cricket Board..

Andile came to Dale in Std 8 last year and did well with bat and ball in the Under 15a side. He bats No 5 and is a medium-pace bowler.

This year he has played for the Dale first and second teams and was nominated by Greg Hayes for the SA Under 15 trials at Easter.

When he returned to Dale he merely said: "It went very well."

The tourists will play six games in England, including three three-day "Tests" and one one-day "international." *

Coming up: A 1993 cloth Dale calender

TO promote Dale the Old Dalian Union executive in King William's Town is producing a 1993 cloth calendar incorporating Dale College, Dale Junior and the ODU.

These will be available for R10 in October from the union, its branches and the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association.

The calendar is printed in red, black and gold. For further information phone Hazel Fick (0433-21243) or Joe Sutton (011-453-6524).

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A sad 'over up' for Springbok Kenny

By SHANE MARAIS

FORMER Springbok and Old Dalian fast bowler Kenny Watson has had to give up top cricket after a brain operation that saved his life.

Kenny was the seventh Old Dalian to play Springbok cricket and Dale's 42nd sportsman to wear the green and gold.

The 36-year-old Border player was taken to hospital with a cerebral aneurism minutes before he was to open the bowling in Border's Castle Currie Cup match against Transvaal.

Both Kenny's father and brother died on the cricket field. His dad, William (Billy) Watson, died aged 33 after suffering a brain haemorrhage while batting in a Port Elizabeth club match when Kenny was only six.

Tragedy struck again in 1985 when Kenny's younger brother, Owen (Willie) Watson, 27, a popular Transvaal Old Dalian, collapsed from a heart attack while bowling his fourth over in a club match in Johannesburg.

At net practice in February two days before Kenny was to face Transvaal in Border colours he suffered two blinding headaches. "I went to the chiropractor because I thought my neck was out," he said. After seeing his doctor initial tests indicated a minor bleed.

But ten minutes before he was to take the field against Transvaal his chiropractor phoned the Buffalo Park ground with the urgent message: "Under no circumstances must he play."

Kenny said the warning gave him peace of mind. "I had been a bit hesitant about going on to the field," he said, "but had also thought I was making a mountain out of a molehill."

"I was told that if I had played I would not have gone off the field alive, so it turned out to be the right decision."

The five-hour operation signalled the end of his long and successful career, but it saved his life.



KENNY WATSON . . . saved just in time

Describing the operation as "life or death," the surgeon said Kenny had been days or possibly hours away from a fatal haemorrhage.

Kenny's girlfriend Bridget McLaren said he had accepted that he may never play competitive cricket again.

"Kenny felt he had had a good innings," she said. "He was just grateful he'd had so many good years."

Kenny is dubious about his chances of playing top cricket again. "If I was 22 or 23 maybe I would chance it, but what is it going to prove now?" he said.

He had enjoyed playing cricket because of the good friends he'd made. Highlights included being selected as a Springbok and playing with and

against some of the world's best, including New Zealander Richard Hadlee.

At Dale Kenny won honours at rugby and cricket in 1974. An outstanding fast bowler, he played for the first cricket team for three years and was its vice-captain.

He won a South African Schools cap and played for the Border senior side while still at school. He was 12th man for SA in the first one-day international played in Port Elizabeth.

In March 1982 Kenny replaced the Western Province fast bowler, Stephen Jefferies, in the SA team against Graham Gooch's rebel touring England side in the third Test at Kingsmead.

Kenny has also played Currie Cup cricket for Eastern Province and English county cricket for Nottinghamshire.

He spearheaded the EP attack for ten years and played in three unofficial Tests, one against Gooch's England XI and two against Lawrence Rowe's West Indies side in the 1983-84 season.

A team-mate and close friend, Springbok Kenny McEwan, said: "Kenny has never had a bad season — never let anybody down. It's a pity there aren't more guys like him playing."

Kenny said he had been overwhelmed by the kindness shown to him throughout his ordeal. He would not be totally lost to cricket. "I would like to be involved in some way in the future."

● Four shirts worn by Kenny Watson in his cricket career are being offered in a competition by the Old Dalian Union in King William's Town.

In addition to his Springbok shirt, which still bears the red stains of ball-polishing, they include three worn in Castle Currie Cup, Benson and Hedges and Nissoon Shield matches.

Tickets can be obtained for R5 from Adri Leurs at the ODU Union, PO Box 248, King William's Town, 5600, or Colin Farrer at Farrer's Sports, 18 Maclean Street, King William's Town, 5600.

Proceeds will go to Kenny Watson in recognition of his services to cricket.

BORDER'S BRAD PADS UP FOR ANOTHER ENGLISH CLUB

OLD DALIAN and Border cricketer Bradley Osborne is spending another cricket season in England, this time playing in the South Durham League.

The Border opening batsman and top scorer in the 1991-92 season has played for Middleton in the Central Lancashire League during the English summers since 1989.

This season he has moved to the South Durham League and plays for the Thornaby Club. He and his wife Wendy, a former teacher at Dale Junior, and their baby daughter are living in Middlesbrough.

During the last South African season Brad scored 801 runs for Border,

including nine fifties, and took 15 wickets.

An outstanding sportsman at Dale during the late seventies and early eighties, Brad's record of scoring the most points in a rugby season was broken only in 1990 by Luke Smith, now playing for Northern Transvaal B and standing in occasionally for Naas Botha.

He has been prominent in King and Border cricket for several seasons. In March he won a sponsored R6 490 from the Amatola Sun at Bisho for his performance in one-day interprovincial matches. Half his earnings went to the cricket development fund.

Dale Junior pitches in to help young sportsmen

DALE Junior is playing its part in developing cricket and rugby among less privileged young children of all races.

Last December Dale Junior hosted the OK Under 12 cricket festival in which eight teams from various parts of the Border took part. The young cricketers stayed at DV Taylor House and matches were played on Dale fields.

No matches took place on the first day due to wet pitches, but net practices and fielding sessions were held. Videos were shown that evening.

Many of the children, especially those from the rural areas, had never played a match before. But some showed encouraging talent, including Dumisa Makalema, an off-spin bowler who took eight wickets in two matches.

Forty-nine white, 43 black and four coloured children from the King William's Town and surrounding area, Queenstown, Keiskammahock, Middledrift, Dimbaza, Mdantsane and East London took part in the festival.

Dale Junior has offered to host the festival again next December as part of the Border Cricket Development Programme.

The school has also become involved in the Isida rugby project started four years ago in East London. It now forms part of the development programme of the United Border Rugby Football Union.

The programme's aim is to provide opportunities for rugby skills to be developed among under-privileged communities.

This year the project was extended to schools in the King William's Town area including Dale Junior. Boys from different race groups are coached once a week and taught teamwork. The project encourages running rugby with correct attention to basics.

A league has been started and a representative team selected for short tours.

* When schools cricket on the Border was unified in March teams from the Border Schools Cricket Union and the Border Senior Schools Sports Union mixed in a limited overs fixture played on Dale College's CB Jennings Field. The two unions have merged to form the new Border Schools Cricket Union.

BERTRAM Wallace Tuck, believed to be the oldest living Old Dalian, will celebrate his 96th birthday on October 19, 1992. He left Dale College in 1914.

Bertram's wife Ethel Enid, sister of an Old Dalian, will be 90 on October 24. Best wishes and good health to the Tucks, who live at 6 Moorshead Street, Gonubie, near East London.

Transvaal Old Dalian John Switala has won a week's trip to the Comores as one of the two best gym instructors at the Bedfordview Health and Country Club.

He was recently appointed maintenance and operations manager of the gym after working at the club since early last year.

John, 22, is the son of Fred and Margaret Switala of Boksburg, long-serving committee members of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association. He attended Dale from 1983 to 1989.

His 17-year-old twin brothers Philip and David, who have been at Dale since 1988, are in their matric year. They are Sutton House prefects and give first aid at rugby matches as St John Ambulance lieutenants.

Craig Hodgson (1973), ex-Diocesan Hostel, is managing director of Lee Agencies, a hardware business in

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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

Harare, Zimbabwe. East London-born Craig is the son of Robin (Bing) Hodgson, who left Dale in 1949 and later emigrated to Rhodesia.

Craig, who won cricket colours at Dale, later played for Zimbabwe. Holidaying with his family in April at Ballito, Natal Coast, Craig encountered Old Dalians staying in the same complex.

Warrick Ayres, who matriculated in 1990, is taking a horticultural course through Technikon RSA and working at Ferndale Ridge Nurseries in Randburg.

Warrick, 19, is the son of Margaret and the late Brian Ayres, former chairman of the Transvaal Parents' Association.

While in Std 8 at Dale in 1988 he won a top prize in the nation-wide SH Skaif research competition for junior botanists.

After leaving school Warrick toured Europe with his elder brother Craig and began working in Ferndale this year, specialising in bonsai plants, cycads and cypresses.

Veteran Old Dalians Jack Wiggett (1936) and Hugh Barritt (1939) attended this year's Reunion, as well as regular visitors Eustace Peveritt (1934) and LLF Wood (1932).

It was Jack's first Reunion since leaving Dale, where he played for the first rugby team in his final year. Jack, who lives in Natal, is the father of Dale master Neil (Butch) Wiggett (1983).

Eustace, 85, has not missed a Reunion since his first visit in 1979, 55 years after leaving Dale in 1924.

He lives near Port Shepstone on the Natal South Coast with his wife, whom he married in 1983 after being widowed a year earlier. Recently he went on a 22-day fast to improve his health.

LLF (Lyle) Wood, the Dale historian, lives in East London and is a frequent visitor at school sports events.

Here's to Dale! A toast is revived after 60 years

A TOAST to Dale College composed more than 60 years ago and used at an Old Dalian dinner in Idutywa, Transkei, in 1934, has been revived at a dinner of the East London branch.

The toast was composed by HI Wood, father of Lyle Wood and national president of the Old Dalian Union in 1929. It reads:

Here's to Dale, the school of my youth.

Here's to the college that made me.

Here's to the masters, both present and past.

*And to those under the yew tree *.*

Here's to her shadow, may it never go less.

May her honour grow greater and greater.

Here's to her sons, now out on their own.

Proud sons of their old Alma Mater.

Here's to the puppies she's now training on;

A glorious future awaits them,

If they follow the path, Per Ardua,

The path that the college has laid them.

** Yew trees have for generations graced the graveyards of Europe.*

The toast was proposed by HI Wood at a dinner to mark the visit of the 1934 Dale rugby team which ended the season unbeaten. The captain of the Dale First XV

of that year was CB Jennings, who three years later toured New Zealand and Australia with the Springboks.

The replying speech was made by F W (Drollie) Rowles, then national president of the union, a teacher at Dale and father of Billy Rowles, a later headmaster. Lyle Wood was present at the dinner and the toast to the guests was proposed by his elder brother, Alexander Thomas (Lex) Wood.

The toast appeared in the second issue of the Dale Magazine of that year and was apparently not used again for 57 years. At the East London dinner in 1991 it was proposed by branch secretary Cedric Bosman.

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BARRY BECKLEY: A son's touching tribute

** A brief obituary on Barry Beckley, a Dale parent and Old Dalian who died last November, appeared in the December 1991 issue of TransDale.*

Here are extracts from a moving tribute made by his son Michael at his funeral.

HOW do you measure a man's wealth? If it be by material goods and money, then my father was not wealthy. But if it be by love of his family, his fellow man, life and his God, then my father was extremely wealthy.

I believe this old Irish prayer pretty much sums up my father's philosophy in life.

*Take time to work
It is the price of success
Take time to think
It is the source of power
Take time to play
It is the secret of eternal youth
Take time to be friendly
It is the road to happiness
Take time to dream
It is hitching your wagon to a star
Take time to love and be loved
It is the privilege of the gods
Take time to look around
The day is too short to be selfish*



Barry Beckley (top), with son Michael and dad William Forrest Beckley, who turns 90 this year

*Take time to laugh
It is the music of the soul*

I'll never forget when I joined my father in his business, he said to me: "Son, remember that when you've lost everything in life, including your family, you have only two things left, God and your name!

"So be proud of your name and never do anything to blemish your good name because once you've lost that, you have nothing."

Dad was proud of being a Beckley and everybody he met knew it.

He taught us as boys to look a man in the eye and to shake his hand firmly and never break our word.

He travelled throughout South Africa and was extremely well known throughout the shoe industry as an honest, hard-working man. His knowledge of footwear was highly respected and helped a lot of people to earn a good living with his advice.

As a boy at Dale College he won the Under 16 Victor Ludorum twice in a row which has yet to be repeated. He sang throughout Europe and Britain in operas.

He married one of the most beautiful women in the Eastern Province. They had four children.

He loved to sing, he loved to sell and he loved the sunshine. He lived life to the full.

One evening when we were on the road and had done a day's work, I looked back. In that day my dad had sung O Solo Mio to a shopful of people in a little town in the Transvaal; had sold a quantity of shoes to a client who had started abusing him when he walked into the shop...

We'd swum in a roadside dam and had lunch next to the dam; we'd chatted to some farmers about crops and the good rains in the area; we'd discussed selling methods while driving along and we'd seen quite a few customers

** Michael Beckley was a college prefect and played first team cricket for Dale in his matric year of 1983.*

After serving two years in the SA Navy, where he received a citation, Michael made two trips to the United States.

Michael, who went into the property business in 1990, is now an estate agent in Sandton. He and his wife Joanne have a baby daughter.

who had bought from us, and we had earned a good living.

What an eventful day for me, but just another day to Dad.

Sunshine Agencies was the perfect name for my dad's business and I'm sure that many people think of him more as Mr Sunshine than Mr Beckley.

He was always ready with a smile, a song, a joke or a good honest opinion and to many he was more of a friend than a salesman.

He also really enjoyed a game of golf in the sun or a skinny-dip in the heat of summer.

My father made mistakes, as we all do in life, but he rarely made them at the expense of others.

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