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## Meeting the needs of the Nineties

The old order changeth, yielding place to new -Tennyson

AS South Africa waits for further dramatic changes in its education system Dale College and Dale Junior are quietly facing up to the challenges that lie ahead.

This issue of TransDale seeks to explain how this is being done. It spotlights the new-style management councils of Dale College and Dale Junior designed to meet the economic needs of the modern semi-private school.

The governing bodies are being run on business lines using local commercial, industrial and legal talent.

Among the strategies being considered is a plan to rationalise the use of land and buildings on the 40-acre Dale College campus.

The Headmaster, Mr Malcom Andrew, gave a hint of things to come when he said in his year-end review:

"In the hostels for historical reasons we have four kitchens, four dining halls, four laundries etc. A long-term rationalisation plan is on the table that will improve on this for business (as opposed to emotional) reasons.

"The huge Dale campus incorporates land we do not use and will not use in the future. A long-term strategy being examined by the Governing Body is how best to use this land to benefit the school and consequently the boys and their parents."

Forecasting "exciting business decisions" to benefit the college, the Headmaster added: "In future decisions cannot be made for historical/emotional reasons . . ."

The question implied here is: Can the new Dale afford to maintain deteriorating costly old buildings with separate dining halls, kitchens and laundries?

One option being mooted is to replace the two oldest hostels with a university-style residence complex including a joint dining hall, kitchen and laundry. There may be advantages other than financial in such a development.

A suitable spot for a hostel village would be on land adjoining Frank Joubert House, which could be integrated into the complex.

It would be sad to see Sutton House and Diocesan Hostel pass into history. They have served the school well. But progress and economic realities may demand that like old soldiers they must fade away.

These harsh realities will impose further demands on the whole Dale Family — the governing body, the staff and boys of Dale, parents and Old Dalians Friends of Dale and the local community.

The Headmaster says the Dale Family will have to determine its own future. With faith, determination and innovation — and considerable support from parents — Dale should rise to this challenge and look forward to the new era with confidence.

#### The sturdy spirit of King

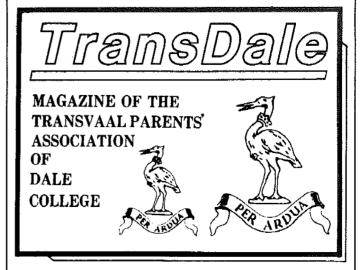
AFTER the horror of the senseless King William's Town Golf Club tragedy some shafts of light shine through:

- The cool courage and compassion of those who rushed to comfort the dying and help the wounded;
- The spontaneous reaction of good citizens of King who drove out to offer aid:
- The tireless efforts of doctors and hospital staff of all races to save lives and ease pain;
- And finally, amid the aftermath of shock and gloom, the way the town rallied to console and support the bereaved and the injured.

This is the spirit of King. Many of the brave folk involved at the scene and afterwards are Dale parents, staff, Old Dalians or staunch friends of the school.

We salute them, as we condemn the perpetrators of this dreadful deed. To the families of former Dale parents Ian and Rhoda MacDonald and well-known King residents David and Gillian Davis, we offer our heartfelt condolences.

The Editor



## The Tvl Dale parents' committee for 1993

THE NEW committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association is: Rusty and Janice Gibb, 15 Ashwold Road, Saxonwold, Johannesburg 2196. Home: 646-5848. Bus: 339-5011. Rusty is chairman.

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- Former vice-chairman Ian and Marie Davidson were re-elected to the committee but have since regretfully resigned for family reasons.
- If you have any problem concerning Dale College or Dale Junior boys you may approach any of these members.

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## DALE GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS

THESE are the men who now run Dale College on sound business as well as sound educational lines. They are the members of the new-look Governing Body, also known as the Management Council.

The council includes the headmaster and his deputy and prominent local business and professional men. Ten members are former or present Dale parents and five of the 12 are Old Dalians.

In his 1992 year-end review, Headmaster Malcom Andrew said: "Innovations to ensure that the school operates on sound business principles have been made in the composition of the Governing Body."

"Each member now has a portfolio for which he is responsible and reports at monthly meetings."

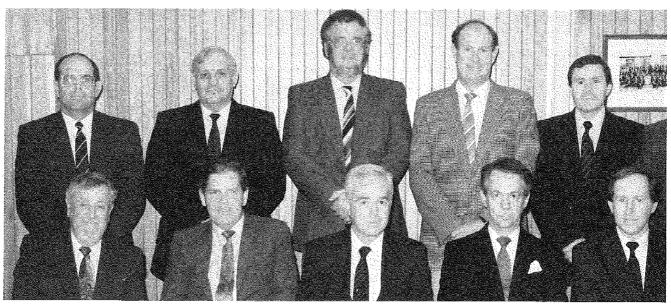
The chairmen of the PTA and the Hostel Committee and the National President of the Old Dalian Union are all members of the council. This practice will continue, said Mr Andrew, to give the body added thrust and direction.

"We believe that this team of dedicated and talented men can make their best contribution to the school when given room to display their initiative and their expertise."

He added: "The Governing Body should know that the staff have absolute faith in you. Of particular note, when mentioning the Governing Body, is the meticulous way they keep control of the school finances and here a special vote of thanks must go to Mr Des Brooks (the treasurer)."

"I do not believe that we could find a better or more talented group of men in which to trust the future welfare of this school in these uncertain times."

### And here are the men who run it . . .



NEW TEAM (from left). Back: M Paterson (deputy headmaster), R Breetzke, T Smith, C Ogden, R Funnell. Sitting: J Rosenberg, M Andrew (headmaster), N Woollgar (chairman) W Heath (vice-chairman) D Brooks (treasurer). Absent: E van Deventer, I Penny. 

Picture: ROB HENSEN

THE Governing Body or Management Council, 1992 to 1995, consists of:

NEVILLE WOOLLGAR, B.Comm., chairman, who attended Dale from 1948 to 1957 and has served on school bodies for many years. An attorney (one of the senior partners in the firm, Hutton and Cook), he is a past national president of the Old Dalian Union and has been chairman of the Dale College School Committee, which became the Management Council, for 14 years. One Old Dalian son, Barry (1981). Address: PO Box 44, King William's Town 5600. Phone (0433) 23410 (Work), 21196 (Home).

WILLEM HEATH, BA, Llb, vice-chairman, is chairman of the Hostel Committee. He has been a member of the council since 1989 and vice-chairman since 1991 and is also a member of the Dale Junior Management Council. He is a judge of the Ciskei Supreme Court to which he was seconded after serving on the Transvaal bench and 17 years as a practising advocate. Sons Willem (Wimpie) matriculated at Dale in 1991 and Marius is in Std 7. Address: 3 Chamberlain Street, KWT. Phone (0401) 92315 (W), (0433) 34256 (H).

RODNEY BREETZKE is responsible for Old Dalian Union liaison and sports liaison. Now national president of the ODU, he has been on the council since 1985 and has served on the Dale

## Each member has his special role

Junior PTA. Rodney, who left Dale in 1957, is marketing director of Da Gama Textiles. Two Old Dalian sons, Darryl and Kelvyn. Address: 28 Nico Malan Drive, KWT. Phone: (0401) 41311 (W), (0433) 21155 (H).

DES BROOKS, treasurer, responsible for the school's finances, has been a member of the council for eight years. Des matriculated at Dale in 1962 and completed his articles of clerkship in accountancy. He is managing director of Norris Ford in King William's Town. One Old Dalian son, Graham (1991). Address: 10 Jacaranda Road, KWT. Phone: (0433) 23417 (W), 24182 (H).

COLIN OGDEN, CA (SA), is treasurer for the hostels and handles applications from parents for bursaries and reduced school fees.

He was chairman of the Dale Junior Manage-

 THE TEAM THAT RUNS DALE JUNIOR — Page 5 ment Council in 1991-92 and is still a member of that body. Colin is chief executive of Radue Weir Holdings in King William's Town. Sons, Kevin (Std 8) and Darren (Std 6) at Dale College and Glyn, in Std 4 at Dale Junior. Address: King's Road, KWT. Phone: (0433) 24445 (W), 21643 (H)

IVOR PENNY, is secretary of the council. He was on the Dale Junior Committee for seven years, vice-chairman of the Dale Junior PTA for four years and a member of the College Committee, later the Management Council, for six years and has been on the PTA for six years. Ivor (Cambridge Certificate NTC IV) was made an honorary Old Dalian in 1990. One Old Dalian son, Clinton (1992). Address: Grosvenor Lodge of which he is manager), KWT. Phone: (0433) 22312.

BOB FUNNELL is responsible for the development of facilities. He is chairman of the Dale College PTA and has also been chairman of the Dale Junior PTA. Bob, who holds the qualifications NDIA, MPMI (RSA), is director in charge of Da Gama Textiles. Two Dalian sons, Ricky, deputy headboy for 1992, and Marc, now in Std 9. Address: 134 Queens Road, KWT. Phone (0401) 92315 (W), (0433) 34256 (H).

TREVOR SMITH, BA, B Ed, M Ed, TED, holds

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THE pace of change in education is increasing and the Dale Family will have to determine its own future.

The Headmaster, Mr Malcom Andrew, issued this challenge in his 1992 year-end report. He said that in two years Dale College had changed radically after 131 years into an open, semi-private school — and more changes were on the way.

Mr Andrew added: "You (the parents), we (the staff) and future Dalians are going to work very hard indeed to ensure that the values for which we stand at this school are not diluted or distorted because of the shortage of manpower or the shortage of funds."

Noting that payment of fees was now compulsory and legally enforceable, the Headmaster added: "The account for one's children's education will now have the same importance as the account sent to us by the doctor, chemist and the greengrocer."

"Without the collection of these fees the standard of teaching in the classroom, the education inside and outside the classroom and the extramural programme would all slowly but inevitably disappear in a morass of non-achievement."

Mr Andrew said that in 1993 the college would have 20 per cent fewer teachers than in 1991.

"Theoretically this means that in 1993 classes will be 20 per cent larger, the extra-mural programme will be cut by 20 per cent, the staff and parents (via the PTAs) must work 20 per cent harder etc.

"The alternative is that we must compromise the educational aims of the school. The Governing Body and staff feel that we cannot compromise the aims of this school. We will not succumb to the pressure outside to become mediocre."

However, change had not ended, said Mr Andrew. "More staff cutbacks are expected in 1993 and in subsequent years. Financial cutbacks by the Cape Education Department over the past few years which have hurt us will not only continue but will become more severe.

"This in turn will result in even more change that you, the staff and the pupils will have to adapt to.

"The bottom line is: The Dale Family will have to determine its own future."

What is the Dale Family? The Headmaster listed the Governing Body, the staff, the pupils, their parents and the PTA, Old Dalians, especially the Old Dalian Union, the Friends of Dale and the King community.

The theme of increasing change was echoed by the Headmaster of Dale Junior, Mr Roger Budler, in an address to Transvaal parents and in his year-end review.

He said in Johannesburg: "We have undergone

## **CHANGE:**

## Challenge of the Nineties

- ANDREW: The Dale Family will have to determine its future
- BUDLER: We'll need vision and courage to face the unknown

significant changes and will most certainly have to have the vision and courage to prepare ourselves for the many changes which lie ahead — unknown may they be."

The moves to Model B in 1990 and Model C in 1992 had brought open schools, greater autonomy but significantly high financial implications for parents.

"What lies ahead for us — who knows — one will have to wait to see what constitutional changes take place in the near future and the implications these changes will have on education throughout South Africa.

"I have absolutely no doubt that with our continued selective approach to enrolment, we can and are developing a non-racial or open school of high calibre, filled with boys who realise the need to develop sound values — who realise and appreciate the endless opportunities the school creates for them.

"Dale Junior has the history, the tradition, the staff, the parents and the vision to secure an extremely bright future.

"To face the future our boys need the best possible education. Schooling may no longer be taken for granted. The time has come for every boy who has the privilege to be educated in the Dale environment to count his blessings and work dynamically towards developing positive attitudes towards all aspects of schooling."

Noting that DV Taylor House was full with 90 boys from all over the country, Mr Budler appealed to Transvaal parents "to do whatever you can in your community to ensure that we maintain a steady stream of quality boys from the Transvaal."

Continuing his theme of change in his year-end report, Mr Budler said: "A healthy school is one which has a strong sense of its own identity and mission, yet has the capacity to adapt readily to change.

"We need to plan pro-actively and generate strategies and action plans based on intelligent and informed forecasts. I firmly believe that our staff, our PTA and specifically our governing body are busy doing just this.

"I am full of confidence that we are heading in the right direction. Why? Because we are using our facilities to the full. We have gone a long way — in fact significantly further then the norm to do away with tokenism in our non-racial enrolment — these are the key issues of tomorrow.

"If we continue to do this Dale Junior can continue to control its destiny, maintain and strengthen its own standards, ethos and traditions.

"The key issue is: We must continue to tackle our daily tasks with energy, enthusiasm, with a positive attitude and be prepared to adapt and diversify.

"The present Dale Junior is the type of schooling wanted in the future — we are not only doing things right but we are doing the right things.

"The Dale Junior staff has realised that the typically primary school education is too stereotyped, too rigid, too information based, too fact regurgitation based.

"This has worried us and has resulted in us spending many hours discussing and strategising how we can make the education our boys receive far more meaningful in preparing them for life — preparing them for the significantly increased challenges that lie ahead.

"Our teaching programme will continue to stress the basic concepts in mathematics and languages....

"But then through our other subjects to turn our attention from mere information and facts strongly in the direction of developing the following skills: research, summary making, problem solving, note taking, paragraph writing, media skills, computer skils, study skills, listening and communication skills.

"Outside the traditional teaching programme attention will be given to first aid, life-saving, doit-yourself projects, social skills concentrating on manners, etiquette, hygiene, moral values and public speaking."

## 'A team of talented, dedicated men'

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the academic portfolio and is deputy chairman of the hostel committee. Son, Alexander, has been at Dale for four years and is now in matric. Trevor is rector of in-service teacher training for the Ciskei. Address: 6 Patricia Place, KWT. Phone: (O403) 612161 (W), (0433) 34017 (H).

EDGAR VAN DEVENTER's portfolio is the development of sports facilities. He served on the Dale Junior Management Council for eight years. Edgar, who holds a Natal Building Society Certificate, is chief executive of the Ciskei Building Society. Son, Adrian, ex-headboy of Dale Junior, is now in Std 7 at Dale College. Address: 27

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JACK ROSENBERG is responsible for the recruitment of pupils. Jack, who matriculated in 1945, has served on the councils of both schools (junior for 18 years and college for 13 years) and has twice been national president of the Old Dalian Union. A former hotelier, he is now a property consultant for Rose-Innes Estates. Address: 109 Queens Road, KWT. Phone (0433) 23585/6/7/8 (W), 73735 (H).

MALCOM ANDREW, BA, BEd STD, headmaster of Dale College since 1982.

Educated at Dale Junior, Selborne College and Rhodes University. Two Old Dalian sons, Christopher (1989) and Gary (1990). Address: Frank Joubert House, Joubert Street, KWT. Phone: (0433) 21968 (W), 22156 (H).

MICK PATERSON, BSc, BEd, HDE, deputy headmaster, in overall charge of college hostels. Last year he was awarded the Exceptional Service Award by the Cape Education Department. Mick has coached several successful Dale first rugby teams, including the unbeaten 1990 side. Son Mark is headboy of Dale this year. Address: Paterson House (of which he is superintendent), Albert Road, KWT. Phone: (0433) 22714.

## The team that runs Dale Junior



COLIN OGDEN hostel and staff



RUSSELL GRIGG hostel and staff



ROGER BUDLER school promotion



MALCOLM CAMPBELL hostel, school finances



JACK PATEL buildings, grounds

THESE are the men who run Dale Junior. Headmaster Roger Budler describes them as "young, energetic, involved, concerned, supportive, knowledgeable and having the ability and wish to look ahead."

Says the chairman of the Governing Body, Colin Ogden: Because of the move to Model C status, it has been necessary to run the school as if it is a business and to consider the product.

In his report for 1992, he adds: "Not only has our product quality been excellent but also the business management has been sound and the school is now in a strong business position.

"Obviously with inflation costs will go up, so

also will school fees, but we do not anticipate any severe shocks to our pockets in the future."

Members of the new Governing Body have been given specific portfolios to handle. They include the headmaster, two chartered accountants, four businessmen, a judge and an advocate who is also a preacher.



BRUCE SMITH extra-mural facilities



WILLEM HEATH academic programme

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BILLY KNIGHT fund-raising



KEITH MATTHEE long-term planning

COLIN OGDEN, chairman, is with Russell Grigg responsible for DV Taylor House and for the teaching and non-teaching staff.

Colin has two sons at Dale College and one at Dale Junior. Darren was headboy of Dale Junior last year. Glyn is in Std.4. Colin is also a member of the Dale College Governing Body. (His qualifications and activities are described on Page 3.)

RUSSELL GRIGG, an Old Dalian (matric class of 1971) is a director of Norris Ford, King William's Town, of which he became sales manager in 1981.

With Colin Ogden he is responsible for the hostel and the staff. He has been a member of the Dale Junior Management Council since 1990. Russell is chairman of the management committee of the King William's Town Children's Home. His son Matthew, 9, is in Std 3 at Dale Junior.

MALCOLM CAMPBELL, whose responsibilities include school and hostel finances, completed his articles of clerkship with a Queenstown firm of chartered accountants after matriculating at Queens College in 1975.

He was transferred to King William's Town in a managerial position in 1981 and appointed a director of the firm, Charteris and Barnes, in 1987. Malcolm has been a member of the Dale Junior Management Council since 1990. His son Robbie was deputy headboy in 1992 and Steven is now in Std 3. JACK PATEL, whose portfolio includes buildings and grounds, is a King William's Town businessman in wholesale and retail fresh produce, gifts and property.

Educated at the University College of Durban and Unisa, he has been president of the Kaffrarian Chamber of Commerce and regional first vice-president of Assocom (Cape-Border). He became a member of the Dale Junior Management Council in 1991. Son Veeral, 11, is in Std 4 at Dale Junior.

BRUCE SMITH (extra-mural activities) is financial director of VDZ Construction in King William's Town. He has been a member of the Dale Junior Management Council since 1990.

Bruce matriculated at Dale College in 1972 and has two sons at Dale Junior, Michael in Std 5 and Andrew, who started this year. His interests include Round Table, golf and squash.

WILLEM HEATH, whose Dale Junior portfolio includes the academic programme and equipment, is also a member of the Dale College Governing Body.

He has been a member of the Dale Junior Management Council since 1991. A judge of the Ciskei Supreme Court, his qualifications and activities are described on Page 3.

BILLY KNIGHT (fund-raising) is resident partner of Coopers Theron Du Toit, chartered accountants, in their King William's Town and Bisho offices, which he opened in 1984.

He qualified in 1976 and after working in Britain he became financial manager with two international manufacturing companies in South Africa. He has been a member of the Dale Junior Management Council since 1991. Billy has twin sons, Matthew and David, in Std 5 at Dale Junior.

KEITH MATTHEE (long-term planning) is an advocate of the Supreme Court and a preacher in the Methodist Church in King William's Town since 1978.

Keith is a national council and regional executive member of the Democratic Party and a national council member and regional chairman of Lawyers for Human Rights. He has two Dale Junior sons, Daniel in Std 3 and Matthew in Std 1.

ROGER BUDLER, the Headmaster, is also responsible for school promotion. An Old Dalian (matric class of 1970), he was deputy and acting head under Roy Taylor and became headmaster in 1990. Roger, who holds a Higher Education Diploma from the Graaff-Reinet Training College, was national president of the Old Dalian. Union from 1989-90.

## R26 000 FOR THE TWO DALES!

TRANSVAAL Dale parents raised R26 000 for Dale College and Dale Junior in 1991-92. Cheques were handed over to the two headmasters at the annual general meeting in June.

Ten thousand rand went to Dale College, R3 000 to each college hostel, Sutton, Diocesan, Paterson and Frank Joubert, R3 000 to Dale Junior and R1 000 to its DV Taylor House.

The R10 000 has been used by the college to upgrade its computers. Machines bought eight-years ago were becoming obsolete to handle the size of education programmes available. They have been sold and replaced with larger and faster computers.

Thanking parents, Headmaster Malcom Andrew reported: "We now have 17 new computers with memories large enough to handle the increasingly sophisticated programmes we use for teaching and administration.

"All these computers will be available to the pupils in the computer room both during the school day and after school.

"The large memory will ensure that every maths, science and biology programme we have purchased from around the world will be freely available to our pupils. I believe this will be a tremendous asset to Dalians."

Joubert House has spent its donation on common-room seating, burglar bars for groundfloor windows, blocked photos for the commonroom, upgrading of some run-down areas of the hostel, computer disks and repairs to kitchen equipment.

Mr Andrew said the money was most useful at a time of no support from the government for minor repairs and improvements in the hostel.

Diocesan Hostel has bought lounge furniture and a television set for the hostel common-room. Letters of thanks have been received from Graham Nolan, superintendent, and Kevin Efune, headboy.

Paterson House planned to spend the money on recovering a lounge suite and a new, strong, "Dalian-proof" sofa, replacing snooker cues and table-tennis bats, a set of hostel rugby and hockey jersies and more books for the reading room.

Dave Knowles, then superintendent, wrote that the R3 000 donation "could not have come at a better time. Having spent the June holidays repairing the tennis court... as well as getting the



R26 000 SMILES: Headmaster Andrew receives the cheque from chairman Rusty Gibb.

Picture: ROB HENSEN

## How the hostels are using R3 000

#### Transvaal gifts

dormitories painted, the hostel levy account was down to R31,70!"

Thanking the association, Mr Knowles added: "Your hard work is never taken for granted."

Richard Bennet, Paterson House headboy, added: "We believe we have some of the best hostel facilities in the school and your PTA has helped us to provide most of them — the computer, the second snooker table etc."

Mick Paterson, then superintendent of Sutton House, wrote that the money would be spent on projects that would directly benefit the boys.

"We are indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated and hard-working group of parents in the Transvaal and your continued support of the college and the hostels is most appreciated."

Headmaster Roger Budler said Dale Junior would use its R3 000 donation to benefit our boarders and the school's academic programme.

"We value your efforts, your support, your concern and your generosity. Congratulations on an outstanding year — you have achieved remarkable things in a difficult financial period."

In his annual report for 1991-92 Rusty Gibb, chairman of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association, said the R26 000 donation to the two schools had left the cupboard bare. This was because of R4 000 bus transport losses, the production of two issues of TransDale and assistance given to some needy parents.

Because of the economy it had been a quiet year for catering. Many dog clubs had switched to in-house catering and the Blarney Brothers dance held in June had raised only R4 000 (R1 500 less than last year) because of poor parental support in selling tickets.

More successful ventures were the Goldfields Open Show which raised about R13 000 and the 1991 Golf/Fun Day which earned nearly R10 000. The chairman said apathy among parents was a major concern to the committee. "Given the newly-acquired Model C status the two Dale schools will require substantially more support. We as parents wishing the best for our children must rally round and support and sponsor our fund-raising ventures."

He appealed to parents for innovative fundraising ideas. "Let's rather get your support and labour rather than having to dip into your pockets." he said.

Rusty said the past year had seen efforts focused on recruitment and better travel facilities for Transvaal Dalians. Success had been achieved in both fields.

Explaining the switch from rail to bus and then air travel, he said there had first been trouble with the Railways. Then bus travel had been abandoned because of the high costs of hiring two buses and the difficulty found in filling all the seats.

By block-booking seats the association had negotiated a return air fare of R350, the same cost as the bus fare. (This has been increased in 1993 to R420, plus airport tax and admin. fee). The switch to air travel was a new era for Dale and very popular with the boys.

### Mini-brochures — a new way to promote Dale





THESE mini-brochures to promote Dale College and Dale Junior have been designed and produced by members of the Transvaal parents' association.

A wide spectrum of Dale activities, academic, cultural and sporting, is reflected in the brochures.

Full-colour pictures depict life in the classroom, the laboratory, on the sportsfields and in the hostels at Dale — "the home-from-home boarding school."

The four-page brochures tell something of facilities offered and the philosophy of Dale — a blend of traditional dignity, academic achievement, discipline, sportsmanship and culture. The theme: Pre-

serving the best of the past . . . promising the best for the future.

Senior school brochures have been used successfully in recruiting drives at Transvaal primary schools. Dale Junior brochures have been distributed at recreational clubs, medical waiting rooms and day-care centres and plans are afoot to drop them in letter boxes in selected areas.

● Please help us distribute these brochures among potential new Dale parents or elsewhere. For supplies phone Joe Sutton (622-9818).

● A sub-committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association has been set up to streamline recruiting of new Dalians.

#### THE ACHIEVERS...FROM STD 6 TO POST-MATRIC



ACADEMIC: Darren Menzies, Michael Watson, Kevin Efune and (In front) Michael Tuck and Greg Mackay



SPORT AND SPECIAL MERIT: Robert Gemmell, Jonathan Gill and Brendan Rich Pictures: ROB HENSEN

TRANSVAAL Dalians were among those who won prizes and awards at the college's 1992 year-end ceremonies.

In Std 10 Kevin Efune, son of Allan and Marilyn Efune of Greenside, Johannesburg, won prizes for mathematics and Afrikaans, an award for diligence — and a special merit prize for his all-round contribution to school life. Kevin was headboy of Diocesan Hostel in 1992 and a college prefect.

Brendan Rich, son of Mike and Pat Rich of Florida, received a prize for his praiseworthy attitude. He was a Diocesan Hostel prefect.

Michael Watson, son of John and Sheila Watson of Parkhill Gardens, Germiston, won a prize for business economics.

Post-matric pupil Craig Wood, son of Robert and Wendy Wood of Randburg, won a prize awarded to the player who had done the most for hockey and another for hockey umpiring.

Robert Gemmell, son of John Gemmell of East London and Janet Friskin of Boksburg, won a prize for the best cross-country performance. Robert was also awarded colours in athletics last year.

Jonathan Gill, son of Jack and Cecilia Gill of Benoni, as leader of the First Aid Squad, received the college prize for practical service on behalf of

# Congrats, you Transvaal Dalians!

the squad. Jonathan is a prefect at Sutton House this year.

The Dale First Aid Squad was awarded a trophy at the annual parade of the East London branch of the St John Ambulance Brigade.

Std 8 academic awards for diligence went to Michael Tuck, son of Allan and Pixie Tuck of Oberholzer, near Carletonville, and Greg Mackay, son of John Mackay of Kensington, Johannesburg, and Sally Weetman of Port Elizabeth. Darren Menzies, son of Neil and Beryl Menzies of Primrose, Germiston, won an award for progress.

At the junior prizegiving (Stds 6 and 7):

Wayne Sedice, son of Odette Sedice of Edenvale, won prizes for all-round proficiency in games, a tennis prize for the most dedicated junior and a shield for the most promising junior hockey player.

David Graetz, son of Wendy Graetz of Sandton, won an award for diligence in Std 6 and a trophy for the best all-round under 14 swimmer.

Std 6 awards for diligence also went to Simeon Loughran, son of Chris and Maria Loughran of Glen Marais, Kempton Park, Warren Hall, son of John and Kate Hall of Farrarmere, Benoni and William Pelzer, son of Jan Pelzer of Kempton Park and Maxy Pelzer of Berea, Johannesburg.

Bernard Lariviere, son of Dennis and Yvonne Lariviere of Florida Park, won an award for diligence in Std 7.

Colin McGowan was awarded a prize for the most improved under 15 hockey player in 1992. He is the son of John and Diane McGowan of Sherwood Gardens, Brakpan.

Peter-John Case, son of John and Ursula Case of Delmas, won the trophy awarded to the best junior marksman. At the Paterson House annual leavers' dinner Peter-John won an award as the best newboy.



#### SORRY, SELBORNE!

THE June 1992 issue of TransDale reported that "Three Queens College boys and two Queenians attended the Reunion assembly as guests." This should have read: "Three Queens College boys and two Selbornians attended..." Glad to have you, Selborne. Our apologies! — Ed.

ACADEMIC: Warren Hall, David Graetz and Simeon Loughran

SPORT: Peter-John Case, David Graetz, Wayne Sedice and Colin McGowan (left front)



#### **▼ FROM OUR TRANSDALE POSTBAG**

I FOUND the June 1992 issue of TransDale extremely interesting, especially the article on Kenny Watson ("A sad over-up for Kenny").

I know him well and played with him at Dale. And thank you for the honorable mention ("Where are they now?"). — CRAIG HODGSON, 94 Montgomery Road, Highlands, Harare. THE JUNE 1992 TransDale has been admired and appreciated by the Rowles family and sundry Old Dalians who live in this area. Congratulations! — BILLY ROWLES (ex-headmaster), Kidds Beach, 5264.

● Many thanks, Billy, for your R30 donation towards the cost of TransDale. — Ed.

### Go well, Neville and Colleen!

#### TEN YEARS' SERVICE 'BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY'

STALWART parents Neville and Colleen Patience — the couple who helped put the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association firmly on its financial feet - have retired after nearly ten years on the committee.

Neville was chairman for two years and Colleen was treasurer for eight. In 1988 both received the Per Ardua Award for meritorious service to Dale College.

Tribute to their service "beyond the call of duty," was paid by chairman Rusty Gibb at the 1992 annual general meeting.

He said it was due largely to their efforts that the association became entrenched in dog-show catering. Neville was also involved in recruitment and organising golf days.

No stouch for work, Colleen had been heavily involved in "time-consuming and frustrating" transport arrangements for Transvaal Dalians and a "dynamo" in the association's catering ventures.

He extended "warm and heartfelt thanks for

their tireless efforts" over the years. "With much sadness we see them go," he said.

Rusty presented Neville and Colleen, who were going on an overseas holiday, with a briefcase and a travelling bag for their "tremendous service to Dale College."

Responding, Neville said it had been enjoyable, hard work but "above all we have made a lot of

"We leave with a bit of sadness but a lot of relief. You guys can get up at 5am," he said.

Presenting her last treasurer's report, Colleen thanked present and past committees "from the bottom of my heart for their support, encouragement and help with the bus bookings and for coming up with the right suggestions.

"Rusty has thanked me, but you cannot do it alone," she said.

Neville and Colleen later wrote thanking the committee for their gifts and "the support over the years."

Wishing the committee well they said: "We



Neville Patience receives a farewell gift from chairman Rusty Gibb . . . no more getting up at 5am

hope you will go from strength to strength as our schools need the support for our boys to become the leaders of the future.

"We are still available for any assistance. but please not at 5am. Amadoda for ever!"

 Neville and Colleen have two Old Dalian sons. (See "Where are they now?" — Page 23).

### Transvaal matrics get Old Dalian colours















Kevin Efune and mum



Michael Gemmell and dad



Derek Rau and ODU chief

A PROUD night for Dale matrics and parents. Several Transvaal parents presented their sons with their Old Dalian colours after attending their last prizegiving the previous evening.

For Fred and Margaret Switala it was the finale of nine years as Dale parents. Elder son John attended Dale from 1983 to 1989 and twin brothers Phillip and David from 1988 to 1992. Fred and Margaret have been committee members of the Transvaal parents' association for most of that time.

Paul and Aileen Murrin of Kempton Park attended their second successive Old Dalian col● Pictures: ROB HENSEN

ours evening, ending a seven-year link with Dale. Last year it was Richard Murrin's turn (he was at Dale six years); this year Alexander's (seven years). Paul and Aileen had a five-year spell as committee members.

Others to receive their colours included Brendan Rich (five years at Dale), son of Mike and Pat Rich of Florida, Kevin Efune (three years), son of ex-committee members Allan and Marilyn Efune

of Johannesburg, Derek Rau (six years), son of Lynne Rau of Germiston and the late Karl Rau, whose elder son Grant left Dale in 1989, Michael Gemmell (seven years ), son of John Gemmell of East London and committee member Janet Friskin of Boksburg, Dominic Gibb (three years), son of chairman Rusty and Janice Gibb of Johannesburg. Michael Gemmell is back at Dale doing a post-matric course. Younger sons Robert Gemmell and Oliver Gibb are still there this year so it's not over yet for their parents.

Some matrics received their colours from Old Dalian National President Rodney Breetzke.

#### Tea and then beer as Old Dalians celebrate with oldest of the 'club'

## Happy (96th) birthday, Uncle Bert!

A GROUP of ageing but sprightly Old Dalians made Bert Tuck's day when they joined him and his wife Enid in a quiet celebration of his 96th birthday. They found the old couple in good health.

Bertrand Wallace Tuck, believed to be the oldest Old Dalian and a great-great-uncle of a present Transvaal Dalian, lives in Moorshead Street, Gonubie, near East London. He was 96 on October 19 and Enid turned 90 four days later.

The first Old Dalian callers were Lyle (LLF) Wood and Lionel Swingburn, who both left Dale in 1932, Bush Bennet (1942) and Bill (Bucket) Beckley (1946).

"We had tea and cake from 10 am till 12, then we each had a beer, Enid included," said Bill. "They are a very jolly couple. Enid can read without glasses."

Later in the day the Tucks were visited by two younger Old Dalians — the Headmaster, Malcom Andrew, and the National Senior Vice-President of the Old Dalian Union, Barry Turner, who lives at Beacon Bay, East London.

The Tuck family have had links with Dale for generations. Bert's older brothers Leslie and Granger left the college around 1910 and Bert in 1913. Bert went farming near Barkly East and Maclear and then in Rhodesia.

Some years ago Bert made a bequest to Dale College in memory of Granger, who was an outstanding sportsman. He won colours in rugby, cricket, soccer and tennis. His tennis team-mates, Cecil and Doug Blackbeard and Dennis Spence went on to play for South Africa. Another, Marchant Davis, won the SA doubles title.

Bert's great-great-nephew and Leslie's great-grandson, Michael, is at Diocesan Hostel and in Std
 this year. He went to Dale three years ago.

Mike's father, Alan Tuck, matriculated in 1967



FULL OF BEANS: Nonagenarians Bert and Enid Tuck with their pets

and now owns a business in Oberholzer, near Carletonville, in the Western Transvaal.

Alan's wife Pixie told me that Mike was a third generation Dalian. "The Tucks skipped a generation at Dale as Alan's father, Ian, did not attend the school."

The Transvaal Tucks keep in touch with their old folk in Gonubie. When they took Michael down to King last month for the first Dale term they visited Bert and Enid and found them "full of beans."

"We phone Uncle Bert and Aunt Enid every few months and would like to bring them up from Gonubie to King for a Reunion.

"But Uncle Bert is rather frail to travel. If the weather is good next May we might manage it."



OLD DALIANS ALL: Lionel Swingburn, Bush Bennet, Bill Beckley and (in front) Lyle Wood and Bert Tuck

### Dale's 'Mr Art' moves on to a new canvas

GENIAL Adri Leurs will be fondly remembered by hundreds of Dalians and Old Dalians as he enters a new phase of his career after 20 years at Dale.

He has moved to Selborne College on promotion — and Dale's head of science, Bev van Heusden, has joined him there as a fellow teacher and his wife.

Adri and Bev, the first woman head of department in Dale history, married in December.

Parents may remember him best as one of the teachers who bid farewell to their matric-leaving sons and welcomed them to the ranks of the Old Dalian Union.

When the lads returned to Reunion having "come of age" the popular Adri enjoyed being able to have a pint with them.

Ten years after their matriculation Adri was often the one to welcome them as Reunion guests of honour. And as before he dished out some goodnatured ribbing, recalling their nicknames, achievements and exploits.

Adri Leurs is one of a breed of stalwart Dale teachers who gave a large slice of their lives to Dale.

Educated at Graeme College, he earned his status as an honorary Old Dalian. He served on the Old Dalian executive for 14 years and was ADRI LEURS . . . service in the studio, on the sportsfield and in the Old Dalian Union



chairman of the union's Mother Branch in King

As master in charge of the President's Room at Dale he made it a showpiece. As editor, he made the Old Dalian newsletter, The Heron, a busy, newsy publication.

As head of department, art teacher, cricket organiser and honorary Old Dalian Adri played a wide-ranging role in college life.

He came to Dale in 1972 and taught Afrikaans, religious and physical education and art. Under his leadership art outgrew its "Cinderella" status and became a matric subject.

In the cultural field he built and painted sets for plays, established the school museum, orga-

nised the school archives and decorated the sports centre. He designed badges and ties and updated honours boards.

On the sports fields Adri's efforts centred on cricket and rugby as an organiser and coach.

For 14 years he was in charge of cricket at Dale and active in Border schools cricket as an executive and a Nuffield selector. He managed Nuffield sides and organised the Cape Schools Cricket Week when held at Dale.

Involved from the outset in high school cricket unity talks he became secretary of the organising body. Both his Dalian sons, Graeme and Gary, have shared his interest in cricket.

He coached and toured with rugby teams and helped to organise the Cape Schools Rugby Week at Dale as well as the school's 125 anniversary celebrations.

Paterson House invited Adri back as guest speaker at their annual leavers' dinner where he reminisced about his two years as superintendent there in the early seventies.

A farewell tribute in the 1992 Dale Magazine read: "To hear Mr Leurs speak of Dale is to hear a man who has loved a college almost as though it were a person . . ."

Adri Leurs has left a gap at Dale College difficult to fill. Go well Adri, you remain a respected honorary Old Dalian. — J S.

## The battle to pay those new fees

DALE COLLEGE parents are battling to pay the increased fees required by Model C status — but only three per cent had not done so by the end of 1992.

This was disclosed by the Headmaster, Mr Malcom Andrew, on a visit to Johannesburg in December.

Dale's 97 per cent paying record contrasts sharply with those of some Transvaal schools reportedly in trouble because parents cannot or will not pay the higher fees.

Mr Andrew told Transvaal parents at the annual "new boys/new parents" braai: "You are not paying fees to supplement those who don't want to pay. Some families are suffering pain but they regard education of their children as a priority."

School and boarding fees are up by 16 per cent this year (see panel). But there is help for parents who genuinely cannot afford to pay the higher fees. They can apply for government aid (maximum R500 a year) and the school can also help in needy cases. "When asked to assist we have tried," said the Headmaster.

Discussing the move to Model C status, he said: "We didn't have a choice. We believed we could make it work."

He told TransDale: "We're running a business and we're keeping our heads above water. Next year it's going to cost from R40 000 to R60 000 in teachers' salaries alone if we're going to retain class sizes and employ qualified teachers.

## THE TOTAL COST TODAY: NEARLY R2 000 A TERM

IT now costs nearly R2 000 a term to send a boy to Dale College as a boarder.

Fees are up by 16 per cent this year. School fees, which are compulsory, are now R480 a term (R390 in 1992). Boarding fees (R660 in 1992) are now R745. There is also a R40 hostel levy for amenities like M-Net and newspapers. This brings the total to R1 265.

To this add R440 for air fares to and from the Transvaal plus the cost of stationery and text-books, clothes, pocket money and incidentals.

"The department pays teachers' salaries up to a pre-determined limit. We are allowed one teacher to every 24 boys. If you want more teachers you pay for them. We are paying a librarian, a part-time Xhosa teacher, a part-time art teacher and another full-time teacher."

In addition the college is paying the bursar, who acts as financial manager of the school and the hostels, plus eight of the 12 black staff.

Because of subsidy cuts Dale has lost seven teaching posts paid by the department in three years (two in 1990, two in 1991 and three in 1992).

Mr Andrew said enrolments were up for 1993. There would be about 500 boys at the college and 500 at Dale Junior, which he regarded as a vote of confidence by parents.

He said Transvaal parents had thanked him for the opportunities offered to their sons and for what the school had done for them. Some boys had undergone a transformation at Dale.

Mr Andrew praised his relatively young staff, mostly aged from 35 to 40 — "I am the oldest."

"We have made history again — by appointing a black man to teach Xhosa and another to teach maths and science, a 26-year-old from Rhodes University, who beat 23 other applicants for the post.

"We are not playing tokenism to be ahead of the pack. We've done our homework and know where we are going."

"We look forward to 1993 with tremendous confidence. No school can be blessed with greater support than Dale."

About 100 people — including "new" Dale parents and sons going to the school in 1993, a number of "old" parents and boys and most of the parents' committee — enjoyed the braai in the garden of chairman Rusty Gibb and his wife Janice.

Deputy Headmaster Mick Paterson, now superintendent of Paterson House and in overall charge of college hostels, accompanied Mr Andrew on his visit.

### The first time your son goes to Dale $\dots$

WHAT can parents and their sons expect from Dale College when the boys go to the school for the first time?

Rusty Gibb, chairman of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association, offered some answers when he welcomed about a dozen "new" parents into the Dale Family at a reception in Johannesburg last September.

Rusty reassured the newcomers that the boys would find a happy life in the friendly atmosphere and camaraderie of the Dale hostels and at the school itself.

"The first two terms might be a bit unsettling," he said. "Don't give in. Let the boys see out the first year."

Rusty told how the boys built friendships and a bond with each other. They became engrossed in their hostels, believing their own to be the best.

"By the time they get to matric — when they are the main manne — they really enjoy it."

Other points made by the chairman included:

- Nearly 100 Transvaal boys go to Dale and Dale Junior. There are about 80 Transvaal Dale parents, and "it's amazing what those 80 parents do for the school."
- Dale emphasises academic excellence and a healthy balance with sporting excellence. Boys are encouraged to work hard and play hard. There is recognition for sporting, cultural and academic achievement. There is emphasis on tradition.
- The hostels are well run and the boys are well fed and come home healthy. The terms are short eight to ten weeks. Soon they are back and you have to stock up your pantry.
- FAGGING: Dale takes this tradition further.
   Older boys become mentors to the younger ones.
  - TRAVEL: The committee assists parents by

## Some helpful tips for 'new' parents

block-booking seats first on trains, then buses and now on aircraft.

"The boys are really enjoying flying. The reports are fantastic." said Rusty. The school transported the boys to and from the airport west of King William's Town.

Veteran committee member Fred Switala, who has had three sons at Dale, urged parents to go to King for the annual Reunion.

"It's a big weekend," he said. "The boys appreciate it and enjoy it if you go. It is not just for Old Dalians."

Added Rusty Gibb: "When you visit the school and the hostels you will see the tradition of Dale and the way the boys behave. They will greet you spontaneously."

Margaret Switala told the story of a homesick Dalian who cried to his mum on the phone. She put the phone down and last year he passed

Said Margaret: "Some parents miss their boys more than their boys miss their home." Added Rusty: "Some boys get so blase they do not phone home."

Another piece of advice: "If your boy has any quirks, tell the housemaster."

The party was held in the offices of First Auto in Braamfontein, Johannesburg, where the committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association holds its monthly meetings.

Among the "new" parents was 40-year-old Denis Schattil of Birch Acres, Kempton Park, who was at Dale from 1964 to 1967. He recalled his days at Weir House, a hostel which has since been closed.

To get to King William's Town from Zambia he travelled three nights and four days in the train.

The new boys come from some of the 20 primary schools visited by Headmaster Andrew on his "whistle stop" tours of the Witwatersrand last June and August.

Wendy Smith of Suideoord, Johannesburg, brought her son Jonathan, who first became interested in Dale when he heard headmaster Malcom Andrew speak at a presentation at Jeppe Preparatory School. The meeting was also addressed by headmasters of Johannesburg schools, but he went home and told his mum he wanted to go to Dale.

Tony and Ewa Miles of Jukskei Park, Randburg, had booked two sons, Michael and Daniel into Dale. Michael was from Jeppe High and his brother from Jeppe Prep.

From the East Rand came Mr and Mrs Phillip de Jager of Germiston, whose son Dean was at Freeway Park Primary, Boksburg, and Mr and Mrs D Blackshaw of Sunward Park, Boksburg, whose son attended Parkrand Primary, also in Boksburg.

Others are from Birch Acres and Aston Manor in Kempton Park, Freeway Park and Colin Mann Primary in Boksburg, Farrarmere Primary, Benoni, Aloe Ridge Primary, south of Johannesburg, Mondeor Primary, Johannesburg, Constantia Kloof Primary in Roodepoort and Cliffview Primary, Fairland.

What attracted them to Dale? The Headmaster's visits to schools and later interviews, the new mini-brochures promoting the school and advice from friends associated with Dale.

## FROM KOMGA TO CAMILLAGATE

Burly Old Dalian Peter Malherbe is no journalistic lightweight. Here he tells of his move to London after a testing term as president of the SA Union of Journalists.

WHEN Border boy Peter Malherbe left Dale College his headmaster advised him to go on the stage. "He seemed to think I would be more suited to a career in the theatre, as I had won prizes for public speaking and done some fooling around on the stage," says Peter.

Instead he chose journalism — "I knew that news was for me."

Today, 15 years after leaving Dale, Peter is the Sunday Times's foreign correspondent in London, reporting on anything from serious political news to Royal shenanigans, Camillagate and all.

Recalling his work on Khale, the newspaper produced by Dalians and girls from the Kaffrarian High School, Peter says:

"Perhaps the headmaster (Billy Rowles) was concerned that I was heading for trouble in the field of journalism. I had already ruffled a few feathers by writing a piece for Khale sending up a King Mercury columnist.

"She used to write these strange (but popular) columns about social events, describing what everyone was wearing in great detail. I did the same about a school dance (going over the top, of course).

"In her next column she responded, saying I was welcome to have her job."

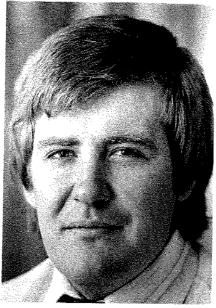
Years later while working for the Sunday Times Malherbe called in at the Mercury office and introduced himself. "But I don't think she linked me to the cheeky schoolboy who had once made fun of her column."

Cathcart-born and Komga-raised, Peter Malherbe won the prize for the best speaker in Afrikaans two years in a row. At the first ceremony the guest speaker was his future editor, Tertius Myburgh (who also came from Komga).

Peter says he was no great sportsman but played for the first tennis team and remained a great Dale rugby supporter after leaving in 1977.

"It was a great thrill being back in the Border area in the 1990 season when the first team was unbeaten for the first time in 26 years," says Peter, who saw most of the games.

After leaving school and completing his army service he took a Bachelor of Journalism degree at Rhodes University. He joined the Sunday



Reporter Peter Malherbe today and (right) as a boy at Dale . . . the 'old school tie' helped



Times in 1981 and did well in the first year or two. "One reason for this was that I was helped by the 'old school tie'," he says.

"Both Tertius Myburgh and the managing editor, Joe Sutton, were staunch Old Dalians and always referred to me as 'the young Old Dalian.' Their support and enthusiasm for the profession ensured that I was hooked for life!"

After returning to Rhodes to complete his honours degree in journalism, Peter had spells on the suburban Hillbrow Herald and the Sunday Tribune, followed by a two-year stint on the Daily Dispatch in East London where he became business editor.

He has interviewed celebrities from ex-Miss World Anneline Kriel to controversial AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche and the late oil tycoon, Marino Chiavelli.

Some of his stranger stories have featured a little Eastern Cape hotel with peep-holes in the bedroom ceilings and a Northern Transvaal farmer who beat his labourer to death for running his dog over with a tractor.

Last year Peter returned to the Sunday Times for "a busy and exciting year." He was elected president of the SA Union of Journalists during a crucial time in South Africa's media and political history.

"One of our major achievements in this time, when journalists were increasingly coming under fire, was getting the major political parties to attend a conference on the safety of journalists and to sign a declaration ensuring every journalist's right to protection."

As president, Peter appeared live on TV1's Agenda to explain the SAUJ's campaign to protect journalists. "I found it quite unnerving to be questioned by another reporter (Adrian Steed)." He attended the congress of the International Federation of Journalists in Montreal, Canada, in May 1992.

Last October Peter was appointed London correspondent of the Sunday Times. He lives in Islington, north London, but he says: "I've kept my townhouse in Johannesburg to ensure that I 'come home' when my stint ends next year."

He enjoys being in Europe at this time of greater European unity. "It's great being able to travel so cheaply, too," says Peter, who spent his Christmas holidays in Paris and at a Swiss skiresort.

No lightweight in his physique or his craft, the amiable Peter does not explain how he fared on the ski slopes.

From his desk in central London Peter reports on news affecting South Africa as well as political and economic issues in Britain and Europe.

"And, of course I supply stories for the Sunday Times back page and news on the never-ending Royal sagas."

Peter Malherbe may have made a great career as an actor, but he's doing nicely in journalism, thank you — and enjoying it.

What does he miss being away from home?
"Braais, holidaying on the Transkei Wild Coast
and seeing Dale win at rugby!"

—JS

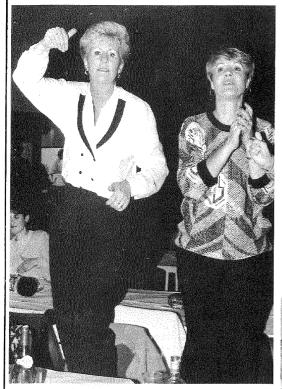


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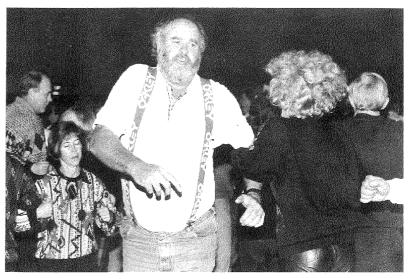
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## BEGORRA! Dancing in the aisles and on



CHAIRLADIES: Ex-Dale parent Rina Fortmann and friend



SENDING IT: The dancer in braces, his blonde partner and the lady with her eyes shut



WHAT a rollicking evening it was! They san and danced in the aisles, on their chairs and or the tables.

Old Da

Young and old joined in the fun of the Blar ney Brothers show arranged by Transvaa Dale parents at the Braamfontein Recreational Centre in Johannesburg.

About 500 enthusiasts - parents, Old Dalians and friends - turned up for an evening



Heidi Switala, sister to three Old Dalians, and Tracey Wright



Kate Tonkin, wife of Old Dalian Malcolm, and one of their party, William Major



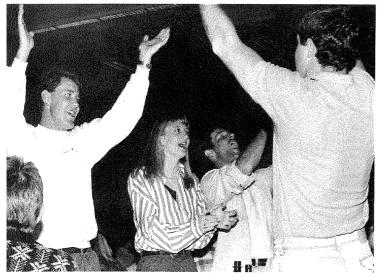
Kingsley Reynhardt and friend Cindy Armstrong



Workers: Janice Gibb, Flick Lotter, Marie Davidson, Margaret Switala and (behind the bar) Allan Efune and Breti



## the tables as Dale supporters let rip



lian Grant Bresler with friends Sarah Coxall, Matthew Major, Michael Devereux

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of entertainment.

The Blarney Brothers, that popular group of self-exiled Irishmen from Durbs, belted out an almost non-stop mix of old favourites, new songs, singalong songs and songs to dance to.

Paul and Damien McIlroy and associate Tony Fisher, who have been called "The Pied Pipers of Durban," gave it their best.

Soon the dance floor was crowded and dancers spilled over into the aisles. Others stayed at their tables and danced on them.

As they say: You don't have to be Irish to enjoy them. Sure, there were Irish songs, but there were English, Scots, American and some Afrikaans numbers, too.

As promised it was a "squeaky clean show where you could take your mother or a group of nuns without them being embarrassed by a string of crude jokes."

A small group of Dale parents toiled hard to prepare the hall and food for the revellers and clear up afterwards.

◆ After all expenses were paid — and they were heavy — the show raised R4 000 for Dale funds, not as much as was hoped for a great deal of effort, but it all helps and to use an old cliche, a good time was had by all.



ON THE TABLE: Old Dalian Barry Macaulay and his sister Sandy



Dale parents Neil and Beryl Menzies find some space to rock



Ex-Dale parent Ailsa de Klerk and (sitting it out) husband John



! Wintgens





Receptionists: Colleen Patience, Odette Sedice, Helen Keates and Marilyn Efune. Above: Old Dalians render the War Cry





## Good Luck TransDale!

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## Mike Russell

## Khangela, iKariba!

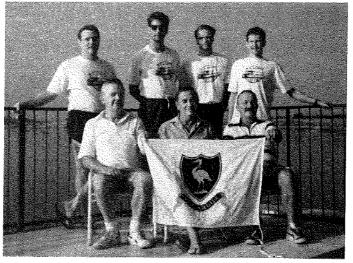
The week the Dale War Cry echoed over the Zambesi

◆ The Lake Kariba dream cruise contest, organised by the East London branch of the Old Dallan Union, was won by Mike Russell of King William's Town.

Mike, a past President of the ODU, passed on the R15 000 prize — donated by Old Dalian Neville (Vleisie) Phillips (1946) — to "the young ones." His Old Dalian sons Colin, 29, and David, 26, and Colin's wife Penny took four friends on an unforgettable seven-day cruise. Here is Colin Russell's story:

WHEN we won this prize we were very excited but we could never have dreamt what awaited us.

Our party had close ties with Dale College. I left Dale in 1982, my brother David in 1983, Willam Nagel matriculated there in 1984 and his wife Tracey at KHS in the same year. The remaining couple, were Keith Kavachi, son of an Old Dalian, and his wife Belinda.



AMADODA
ABOARD THE
AVALON:
William Nagel,
David Russell,
Keith Kavachi,
Colin Russell
with (in front)
Neville Phillips,
Noel Blazey and
Arthur Jardine

Seven very enthusiastic holiday-makers left for Lake Kariba on October 23. We were met by our host, Neville Phillips, and his two good friends, Old Dalians Arthur Jardine (1946) and Noel Blazey (1948).

We spent the next seven days cruising the lake on Neville's houseboat, the Avalon, which can only be described as a floating five-star hotel. The food was out of this world, the drinks never stopped flowing, service was at one's beck and call and yes — we caught some tigerfish.

The three senior Old Dalians, Noel (see no evil), Neville (speak no evil) and Arthur (hear no evil) kept us on our toes, showing us new sights and telling us new stories.

As the Dale War Cry echoed across the waters of Lake Kariba we youngsters realised what gentlemen and what success stories Old Dalians can be.

This has got to be one of the best prizes a person can win. Many thanks to Dale and Neville Phillips for this wonderful experience.

## From King boy to Kariba cruise 'king'

BY JOE SUTTON

ONE of Dale's best all-round sportsmen is back on his feet three months after having a bilateral hip replacement operation.

At 65, Neville (Vleisie) Phillips, who won colours in cricket, rugby, tennis and athletics, is learning to walk again on his farm in the Karoi area in Zimbabwe.

From his bed in the Sandton Clinic, where he had a four-and-a-half-hour operation in November, Neville told of his "fantastic" life as a tobacco farmer in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, after leaving Dale in 1946.

Now he has another career — running cruises on Lake Kariba for tourists on a 34-ton houseboat he built himself.

This year he donated a seven-day cruise including food and drinks on his boat, the Avalon, as the prize in a competition run by the Old Dalian Union's East London branch.

Neville, who once played golf off a four handicap, decided to have the operation after he had to give up the game two years ago. Both his hips had deteriorated from arthritis, probably caused in his fast bowling days.

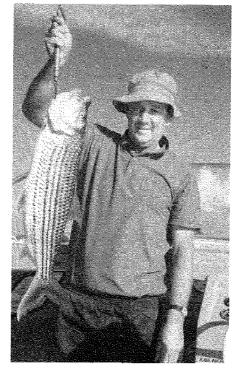
When he stopped playing golf he was "a very commercial 12 — a ringer," says his daughter Jenny, one of a family of golfers.

After three weeks in hospital, Neville was driven to Jan Smuts Airport by ambulance and was accompanied home by Jenny, who had flown in from Zimbabwe. His wife Margot returned by car.

"In three months I'll be walking normally without crutches," he said, anxious to get home and mobile.

At Harare he was carried from the plane in his wheelchair, transferred to a bed in the back of a station-wagon and driven 2 000 kilometres by Jennie back to the farm in Karoi.

Ahead lay a rather frustrating period of recu-



BACK ON HIS FEET: Old Dallan Vieisie Phillips after a double hip operation

peration and he can't wait for the day when he will be able to have a long soak in the bath again!

It is now three months since the operation and Neville can get around mostly without crutches. Although not supposed to drive a vehicle yet he sneaks off to motor around the farm.

He hopes to be back playing golf by the middle

of the year and intends to get his handicap down again.

In his latter Dale years at Diocesan Hostel with friends like Bill Beckley and the late Jeff Cumming, King boy Vleisie was known as a bit of a hellraiser.

He enjoyed intimidating masters when playing cricket against them. When Neville bounced a ball off Jannie Jansen's head the master wanted to know why he didn't like him.

Once he gave the matron's pet peke an unconventional haircut and after owning up was called in by housemaster Drollie Rowles. In the sanctuary of his study Drollie questioned him sternly and then burst out laughing.

After leaving school in 1946, Neville gave up a promising cricket career by going to Rhodesia. "It was quite a decision to make," he says. He had played for Border in the Nuffield tournament in 1946 and after taking eight wickets for 11 runs in nine overs he was selected for the Nuffield XI. He was also the SA junior javelin champion.

Then out of the blue Bill Beckley sent a telegram from Umtali saying he had a job for him. Neville persuaded Arthur Jardine, a fellow Dale rugby player, to go with him. Within days they were off.

On the car journey up Arthur shot his first trophy, a jackal, Neville recalls. "We cut off the tail to keep as a trophy and put it in a cake tin. For weeks afterwards we were hunting for a dead rat in our digs until someone opened the cake tin!

"Bill regularly caused a sensation in Umtali by walking down the pavement on his hands stark naked and in his sleep — or so he claims." Some people will go to any lengths to get attention.

Neville got tired of working in a sports shop for £25 a month and decided to go farming for £5 a month. From there he went on to own four farms,

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THERE was no parents' association in the Free State or the Transvaal when Horace Coaker sent his son to Dale College back in the forties. A pity — had there been one he would surely have stirred the pot.

Horace, an outspoken Dale parent of a bygone era, was a controversial character wherever he moved — in politics, business and in the church.

In politics he was a failure, in business a dynamic success. In religion he was a dissident but devout, practising Christian.

But as a political prophet he was proved tragically perceptive. Back in the 1930s he foresaw the grim consequences of racialism in his country — and he said so.

His remarkable career, which spanned half a century of turbulent South African history, is described in The Story of a South African, by Mark Leach (Sandton Literary Agency).

From the small Free State town of Ladybrand Horace Coaker built up a family business into a flourishing nation-wide pharmaceutical and cosmetic industry.

Two Old Dalians, Horace's son Quentin (matric class of 1944) and Raymond Howell (1933), who won colours at cricket and tennis, figure in this absorbing book. Howell, a pharmacist, became managing director of the company and later married Horace's eldest daughter Jill.

Quentin, who had already shown signs of his father's forthright character while at Diocesan Hostel, joined the family business after serving in the Royal Navy in the Second World War. He later became a director.

The company pioneered popular remedies like "Dr Heinz Nerve Restorative" and "Dr Muller's Appendicitis Cure" and the deodorant "Body Mist," which it exported successfully.

The "Lion of Ladybrand", known for his sharp wit and courageous defence of the underdog, first tasted controversy in local government and in the Association of Chambers of Commerce. He represented Assocom at overseas congresses until he clashed with Nationalist Cabinet Minister Eric

# SAGA OF A MAVERICK DALE DAD

HORACE COAKER: Crusading tycoon and courageous political prophet



Louw over misquoted political statements made abroad.

In fiery pre-war sallies into politics for unusual causes — like defending townsmen against the results of government protection of farmers — the maverick Horace lost his deposit in two Johannesburg parliamentary and provincial elections. In 1948 he failed in a bid to represent blacks in the Senate.

From the early thirties he opposed racialism and injustice. He attacked the pre-war United Party's legislation of "setting white against black."

He predicted that racist practices would lead to "revolution and disintegration... moral decay of the unwieldy masses when no man's home,

children or goods will be safe from superlatively fashioned criminals . . . "

In 1948, with devastating foresight, he warned that "segregation would have terrible political and moral consequences for South Africa if not stopped."

Before the general election that swept the Nationalist Government into power for the next half century he forecast: "Unless there is a change of heart in Europeans then South Africa is doorned to demoralisation of millions of people who will cause confusion, riot, anti-social behaviour, mass dishonesty, floods of misery, poverty, immorality, disease of body and mind en masse, crimes of violence . . ."

All this ruffled feathers and he gained a reputation in government circles as a liberal to be watched. In 1953 Horace and Quentin were denied entry into America and detained for nearly three weeks on Ellis Island on unfounded suspicions that they were "communists."

In 1967, after he moved his home to Lesotho, Horace lost his South African citizenship because he used his British passport to travel to his factory in nearby Ladybrand. For several years he was virtually exiled and had to get ministerial permission to enter his country. He was 78 before his birthright was restored.

Horace, whose first wife Violet died at 56, clashed with the Anglican Church after a disastrous second marriage ended in divorce. Defying church laws, he remarried and for some years he and his wife Winifred were denied communion.

Despite this disagreement and his nonconformist views on church dogma Horace remained deeply committed to practical Christianity and to mission and charitable work among the Basotho. He helped many people to help themselves.

Horace Coaker died in Maseru in 1983, aged
 Winifred, who was awarded the OBE for her work for the Lesotho Save the Children Fund, died in 1990. Quentin, 66, who still has business interests, lives in semi-retirement in Sandton with his wife Naideen.

### Ten grand-daughters, then at last a boy!

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three of which he has now sold to his sons-in-law. In his first year across the Limpopo Neville took up hockey and represented Rhodesia. He played provincial cricket, rugby and baseball and found time to play tennis and golf as well before he went farming

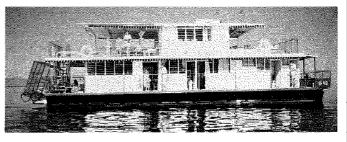
He married Margot, a Rhodesian girl, and they had four daughters — but no Dalians. "I wrote to Dale asking them to turn it into a co-ed school," he joked.

Moira, the eldest daughter, married Allan Harris, whose family own Kariba Ferries. Jenny, the second daughter, married Bill Bales Smith, an excrop spraying pilot now a farmer. Catherine married Dr Kevin Robertson, a veterinary surgeon from East London who has since bought one of Neville's farms and is farming in Karoi.

The youngest daughter, Debra, married Richard Black, who was once Neville's assistant and now farms on his own in Karoi. The girls produced ten grand-daughters before the long-awaited grandson arrived. James Ross, nicknamed "The Boss," is now two.

Neville bought an aircraft before he had even had a flying lesson. In 1976 he flew to King William's Town for the annual Dale Reunion with Arthur Jardine and another Old Dalian, Buddy Brownlee.

The Avalon . . . "a floating five-star hotel"



During the Rhodesian bush war he flew his Cessna on operations with the Police Air Wing for seven years. On many dangerous missions his plane was shot at 22 times but was hit only once. Neville had 2 600 flying hours when he gave up flying a few years ago due to deafness.

After 40 years of tobacco farming Neville needed another diversion. He spent eight months building a houseboat and now divides his working life between farming and running Kariba cruises.

He owns a private cottage on the shore of Lake Kariba from where he completed most of the work on the houseboat.

The Avalon is powered by two 160 hp diesel engines, has four double cabins (one en-suite) but can accommodate up to 14 people. Neville takes fishing and game-viewing groups in the 12-seater pontoon fishing boat that is towed behind the

houseboat.

"Dad's one of the best tourist guides on Kariba," says his admiring daughter Jenny.

With crocodiles on the prowl, a swimming cage is lowered into the water when the boat is moored. Some guests relax in a chair in the pool while sipping gin and tonic or their favourite beer to beat the Kariba heat.

Neville enjoys the "free-and-easy, friendly" outdoor life of the north and feels closer to nature. "After I'd been in Rhodesia for a year I went back to South Africa for a month's holiday. I returned after a week."

As he battles to walk again Neville just can't wait to get back to the golf course and his house-boat, which he loves as much as his farms and, of course, his family of which he is justly proud. "It's a fantastic life," he says.

### Bunker, rough, green or fairway, it's never easy











Styles classic and not so classic. Among them: Jimmy Johnston, Andy Moorcroft and Sandy Stofberg. Who are the battlers?

# Bradley makes it worthwhile as golf day nets R7 600 for Dale

OLD DALIAN sportsman Bradley Worth, better known as a cricketer, squash player and baseballer, scored in a new ball game when he took the honours with his brother Gary at the Transvaal Dale parents' 1992 golf day.

The tournament, held for the sixth successive year at Benoni Country Club, raised R7 600 for Dale College and Dale Junior. Of this R2 450 came from a massive donation by the Tiger Oats group who have been the main sponsors of the Transvaal sports day since 1986, when they introduced the SA Oil Mills Trophy.

Transvaler Bradley, who was headboy of Dale in 1985 and now lives in King William's Town, was on a brief visit to his family in Johannesburg when the tournament was held in September.

His father Bob, who seldom misses a parents' golf tournament, was still recovering from a broken leg so Bradley joined the family fourball.

The Worth brothers, playing off 24 and 18, scored a phenomenal 48 points in the betterball stableford competition to win holidays at Mount Everest Game Reserve and Sun City.

When asked which hostel he had nominated to hold the SA Oil Mills Trophy for the next year, Bradley had no hesitation. "There is only one hostel — Diocesan!" he said.

The next three pairs were tied on 44 points and the result was decided on a countout. Karen Wales, wife of Old Dalian Peter Wales, and her partner Tom Retief, were judged second, winning holidays at the Coach House in Tzaneen and the Mountain Inn in Swaziland.

They were followed by another Worth brother, Brent, and his partner John Crawford in third place and T Holden and R Pollock in fourth. Their prizes included R100 vouchers from the Hyper-



WINNERS Gary Worth and brother Bradley (right) with parents' chairman Rusty Gibb, Laurie Troxler of Tiger Foods, vice-chairman's wife Marie Davidson and the SA Oil Mills Trophy

RUNNERS UP Karen Wales and Tom Retief with Marie Davidson, who presented the prizes

Pictures: RICHARD BLADES

ama, and boxes of 15 golf balls donated by First Auto Bank.

The SA Oil Mills Trophy was presented this year by a director of Tiger Foods, Laurie Troxler, an Old Dalian whose fourball included another Old Dalian, Trevor Boesch.

Other leading sponsors this year were First National Bank with R500 and Busaf Sales, which donated R200 and a number of prizes. Old Dalians Barry Pain of FNB and Ray Karshagen of Busaf were among the golfers.

More than R1 000 was raised by raffles for three liquor hampers and half a lamb donated by Alan Davies of Houghton Butchery, an Old Dalian

and former committee member of the parents' association.

The hampers were won by Alison Noble of Bedfordview, Piet Fourie of Vereeniging and Brian van der Westhuizen of Benoni.

Parents, Old Dalians and friends who are regular supporters of the tournament made up a field of 118 golfers and the day drew a large crowd of family supporters and friends.

Dave Turnbull, who sent three sons to Dale and was the founder chairman of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association in the early seventies, won a nearest-the pin prize. Called to the platform,

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### No jokes, please, as blondes scoop the golf prizes



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Dave said he was pleased to see the association had gone from strength to strength.

An Old Dalian and regular golf day supporter, Jimmy Johnston, won the other nearest-the-pin



STAR **GOLFER** Keith Mills . . the best gross and the iongest drive



LADIES' NEAREST THE PIN: Karen Wales LADIES' LONGEST DRIVE: Sandy Stofberg

award and Karen Wales won both the ladies' awards.

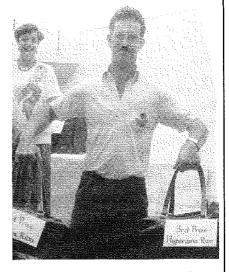
Prizes for the best gross and the longest drive went to Keith Mills, a one-handicap ex-Natal golfer and county player in New Zealand. His individual gross score was 76 strokes and his team gross 72.

Appropriate prizes for the "most golf," won by T Hughes and N du Pisanie, were two golf guides (to iron out bad shots), bags for balls on the practice range and shooting sticks to rest weary





TWO-CLUB WINNERS: Peter Lewin, nameless lady, Denise and Mike Mourant, Ray Karshagen, Piet Fourie and Dave Turnbull. Absent: Jimmy Hill and Mike Isikson



THIRD: Brent Worth took partner's, too

Rusty Gibb, chairman, welcoming the visitors, thanked the Tiger Oats group and the other donors for their support. The prizes were presented by Marie Davidson, wife of parents' committee vice-chairman Ian Davidson, who was master of

◆ The 1993 Transvaal Dale Parents' Association golf tournament will be held on Sunday, October 3, shortly before Dalians return to school for the last term. Tennis and squash will be played if there is sufficient response.





FIFTH PRIZE: Peter Lewin and Tyler de Klerk

### Riding high!

That's our Colin, on the way up the Anglo ladder

WHO is that handsome, sober-suited young man on a bike? He's Old Dalian Colin Meyer pictured with some Anglo American colleagues caught free-wheeling to work and back.

The four-some recently decided to flex their muscles as part of the National Cycle to Work Day.

Why the suit? Colin was still to change into cycling gear for the 22,7 km ride back to Epsom Downs in Sandton.

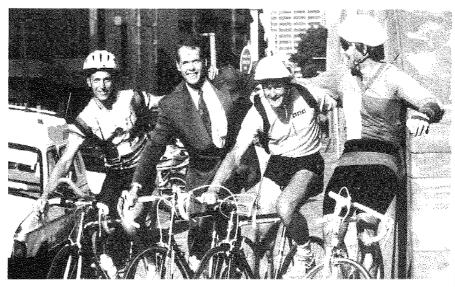
That morning the pilgrimage through busy traffic to Fox Street, Johannesburg, took them almost an hour. "It was quite a hair-raising ride," said Colin.

Deputy headboy and first team rugby player at Dale in 1981, he is now in his sixth year with the Anglo American Corporation in Johannesburg.

Colin joined Anglo after army service and graduating in civil engineering at UCT. He's been learning the wide-ranging business ever since.

First came a year as a project engineer in the civil engineers department, then three years as a project manager in the Anglo American and De Beers Chairman's Fund. This is the fund that gives away millions of rand every year to deserving projects and causes.

Last year he worked as a management trainee in new mining business associated with Anglo's moves to get back into Africa. This involved



COLIN MEYER (second left) with colleagues Gary Lane, Andrew Copeland and Beric Robinson

Picture: Interface

travel to Angola, Maputo and Botswana and a visit to Germany.

This year Colin has entered a new sphere of his training after being seconded to a small Anglolinked company making woollen rugs and tapestries. Based on the Witwatersrand, he is in charge of the retail operations of the Kraal Gallery, part of Masana Ltd, which has ten stores nation-wide.

This may seem a far cry for a civil engineer raised on a sheep farm in the Adelaide district of the Eastern Cape.

But Colin, 29, sees his training spell in the retail

business as an exciting challenge in his progress within the Anglo American Corporation. It's a long and varied haul up but he's enjoying it.

● Colin is the younger son of the late Andrew (Porky) Meyer, who matriculated at Dale in 1943, and Mrs Elizabeth Taylor, formerly of King William's Town, and now of Fish Hoek, Cape.

His brother Adrian, dux medalist and deputy headboy at Dale in 1979, is now in banking in Toronto, Canada, where he lives with his wife Heather and baby daughter Kathleen Grace.

## Signor Luke's heading home soon to the Blue Bull corral

FORMER star Dale flyhalf Luke Smith who has been spending the European winter playing in Italy is coming home to fight for his place in the Northern Transvaal A team.

His goal is to fill the gap in the Blue Bulls lineup left by the retirement of Springbok captain Naas Botha.

Although attempts have been made to lure him back to the Eastern Cape, his mother, Mayva Smith, says Luke is dedicated to Northerns and will be returning to Pretoria.

Encouraged by job offers there he has left the South African Police, which he joined after leaving Dale in 1990.

Luke obtained unpaid leave from the SAP last September to join the Italian rugby "Spaghetti train" during the South African off-season. He flew home to East London for Christmas and New Year and bought himself out of the force.

Now he may return to Northern Transvaal before his contract with the Italian club Mirana near Venice expires at the end of March. "Northerns want him back," says his mother.

All this follows an up-and-down provincial season for Luke after an outstanding Under 20 season in 1991. He started off well, deputising for Botha, who was absent in Italy, but lost form in key matches against Western Province and the Wallabies and ended up being dropped by Northerns and the Police club's first team.

"He was even demoted to the Police third team while still playing for Northerns A team and after being awarded his colours," says mum.

After Botha's return Luke suffered from lack

of match practice while sitting on the reserve bench and found it difficult to regain his form.

High spots with the boot early last season included his three drop goals and penalties in 35 minutes against Transvaal before leaving the field with an injured shoulder and his four penalties and a conversion against Eastern Province. He excelled in a match for Northerns B scoring 24 points against Natal.

Deputising for an injured Botha against Border in July, Smith scored 20 points in the Blue Bulls' 88-29 romp. This included a try, six conversions and a penalty. An ankle injury prevented him from kicking further goals in that high-scoring game.

Luke has enjoyed living and playing in Italy but found the winter conditions difficult and the standard of rugby lower than in South Africa.

"The Italians have been very friendly and hospitable to him and he has picked up the language quite well," says Mayva Smith.

He has been interviewed live on Italian radio and appeared on a recorded TV programme.

Luke brought three of his clubmates home to East London for his two weeks' Christmas holiday. They didn't know much English and he chatted away with them in Italian.

But Luke realises his rugby future is in South Africa. He's rearing to go and determined to regain his place as Northerns' pivot.

LUKE SMITH . . . aiming to fill that Naas gap

• Picture: The Citizen



## I'll miss the boys most, says Boetie

By ANGELIQUE ARDÉ

DALE COLLEGE has bid a sad farewell to jolly Des Gendall, retiring deputy principal, teacher

Des, his wife Shelagh and their brood have been members of the Dale Family for more than seven years. As the Government cut back on teaching posts, Des accepted a retirement package last

He says that in the final reckoning finance was the reason for his decision. Now new challenges have stirred his adrenalin and he has taken a post as a training officer in the city engineer's department of the Port Elizabeth municipality.

For the Gendalls this is a return to their former hometown. Des came to Dale in 1985 as deputy head from the co-educational Alexander Road School in Port Elizabeth and with Shelagh quickly became part of Dale life.

He taught geography and was for some years superintendent of Frank Joubert House.

It was perhaps in administration that Des proved most valuable to Dale. At the 1992 Reunion, Headmaster Malcom Andrew described him as "the hardest-working man I know."

And in his year-end review, Mr Andrew said: "Des Gendall is everything that one would want in a deputy: loyal, committed, hardworking, trustworthy and a man of integrity."

The school had thrived under his leadership when he acted as headmaster in the first term of

As a member of the school Management Council Des was involved in high-level planning on the future of Dale. He accompanied Mr Andrew on recruiting visits to the Transvaal. Apart from his academic and administrative duties he coached rugby and cricket and was involved in Interact, the community service club.

Dale will miss him — but what will Des miss most? Without hesitation he replied: "The boys . I'll miss watching them grow.'

Affectionately known as Boetie, he will be remembered not only for his contribution to the overall success of Dale, but also for his sense of humour. His favourite quips include:

\* Follow me to my office. I'm right behind

you.

\*Chaps, I've spent a lot of time putting

\*Chaps, I've spent a lot of time putting these geography notes together. If you lose them, I'm going to take them away from you.

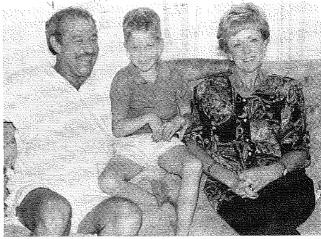
Des is a witty, dynamic little man who has been committed to Dale. The word "special" keeps cropping up in conversation about the school.

What, I asked, is the secret of Dale's success? He replied: "The whole picture: the King community, the headmaster, the excellent staff, the facilities, the setting, the parents, the boys . . .

"The boys just get stuck in and become a part of something. It's just a very, very healthy set-up.

GOODBYE TO KING: Des Gendall, wife Shelagh and their "laatlammetjie, Matthew, 6 . . a new home in PE at the year's end

Farewell to the man who used to say: **Follow** 



me to my office, I'm right behind you!

Gendall: A little stick of dynamite

FLASHBACK: Headline from a 1986 TransDale story about the energetic Des

The school has an excellent policy when handling the pupil. And if you look at Old Dalians you will find many success stories."

Some of Des's beliefs and philosophy of life emerged when he was a guest speaker at the Diocesan Hostel leaver's dinner last year.

He said great institutions grew out of men of great character and Diocesan Hostel epitomised the true understanding of brotherhood as explained by John F Kennedy.

Quoting Kennedy, Des said: "Human brotherhood is not just a goal. It is a condition on which our way of life depends. The question of our time is not whether all men are brothers - God answered that - but whether we have the strength and will to make the brotherhood of man the guiding principle of our daily life."

Des said the brotherhood of Diocesan baffled the intellect but would please JF Kennedy. "Diocesan is a potent catalyst . . . where guiding principles are strongly cherished. Diocesan is a joy and you can't get richer than that.'

What motivates this live-wire? "I have to keep moving," says Des, rocking attentively in his armchair. After reflecting for a moment he replied: A sense of purpose. What do you think, Shelagh?"

Shelagh, who had sat silently on the couch opposite Des, gently agreed. "Behind every successful man is a woman," I prompted.
"Of course. Naturally," laughed Shelagh, who

says she has thoroughly enjoyed her supportive role in Des's career.

An anonymous tribute in the Old Dalian journal, The Heron, summed up Des Gendall appro-

"Possibly his most enduring gift to colleagues has been his generosity of spirit which has worked so unostentatiously but persistently.

'His modesty has frequently shrouded his sacrifices. This tribute recognises the loss of someone who is more than a colleague and more than a teacher; it is the loss of an unorthodox, valuable model of personhood.'

At present Des is driving home to King and back to Port Elizabeth every weekend. The Gendalls will move to PE at the end of the year when their younger son, Parry, 17, matriculates at Dale. Six-year-old Matthew, the last addition to the family, is in Sub A at Dale Junior.

They will be following Bronwyn, 32, now married and living in Port Elizabeth, and Murray, 19, who is doing his diploma in electrical engineering at the PE Technikon.

The Gendalls are sorry to be leaving King. Des said he could not adequately thank the Dale Family, the King community and the Old Dalians for the friendship, support and encouragement given them over the past seven years.

"We have been drowned in hospitality and are grateful for the warmth and friendship of so many good and well-disposed people."

## Cheers, TransDalians!

with the compliments of **Bill and Diana Beckley** 

P.O. Box 3254 Cambridge 5206 Telephone (0431) 52517 Fax (0431) 52078 Stalwart Old Dallan Lyle (LLF) Wood will turn 79 on April 16 this year. Here he looks back on his ten years as a boarder in the twenties and early thirties.

Facilities were austere and discipline strict, but boys thrived in a decade of great Dale sporting achievement.

IT is 71 years since college historian Lyle (LLF) Wood arrived at Dale College as a boy of eight and 61 years since his final year there.

Sadly, the long line of Woods at Dale has come to an end (temporarily, at least). Lyle's grandson, Lawrence Ernest Henry Wood, who left Dale in December 1991, is the last of more than 20 members of the clan to attend the school.

Lawrence, who spent six years at Joubert House, matriculated in 1990 and was presented with his Old Dalian colours by his grandfather. He returned in 1991 to improve his pass, then did his army service with the Parabats.

Last year a remotely-related Wood from the Transvaal completed a post-matric course at Dale. Craig Willoughby Wood, son of Robert and Wendy Wood of Rand Park Ridge, was the first of this side of the family to attend the college. They are descended from an 1820 Settler family.

There are no prospective Dalians from Lyle's family on the horizon.

The founder of this remarkable Dale dynasty of Transkei traders and farmers was a British Army captain, Alexander Thomas Wood, who died in the 1877-78 frontier war.

Two of his sons, Lyle's father Henry Irvine (HI) Wood and Oscar Wood, attended Dale College. Both brothers became national president of the Old Dalian Union.

Lawrence Lyle Fitzroy Wood is a man who lives for Dale College, past and present and has faith in its future.

Born in 1914 in the Willowvale district of Transkei, his memories of Dale go back to 1920 with his mother preparing the outfits of his three elder brothers for boarding school. The conversation went like this:

Lyle: Where are they going? Mum: To Dale College.

Lyle: Why Dale? Mum: Because that's where your father went to school! (HI Wood was at Dale from 1884 to 1886, when King William's Town was an outpost on the turbulent Cape eastern frontier.)

In 1922 Lyle followed his brothers to Dale. "For the first two years my brothers and I travelled to and from Idutywa railway station by ox wagon until my father acquired a motor car in 1924," he told TransDale.

Lyle remembers his first day at Dale well. "My brother Alexander took me to the headmaster's office to be enrolled. At the door the Rev FJ Sutton walked past and smiled at me."

Over the next ten years the young LLF was to return to the headmaster's study several times to receive his share of strokes for schoolboy misdemeanours — 50 in all.

"The first were two strokes — when several of us in the primary school were sent to his office for unsatisfactory classwork. The most were eight, which several of us received for smoking."

Lyle was first at Diocesan Hostel and then at College House (now Sutton). "At College we lived a mildly Spartan existence with limited catering and toilet facilities.

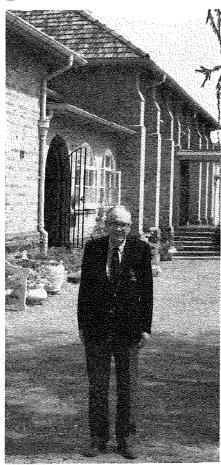
"This did us no harm and we thrived. But how different things are today. There has been much improvement."

Lyle recalls the day the headmaster's son was born on April 16, 1927. (He shares the same birthday)."The headmaster announced the event

## DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH . . .

## LLF

#### The man who lives for Dale, past, present and future



LYLE WOOD outside what was once his school, It's now Dale Junior. • Picture: ROB HENSEN

at assembly and said a toast had been drunk with Tomango orange squash, a popular beverage in those times."

Lyle paid tribute to the headmaster and his staff who included BM (Bernie) Vercueil, GAC (Nipper) Sheard, Captain HH (Cappie) Lund, Neil (Bull) Paterson, GC (Taffy) Williams, BC (Bruce) Gordon, WP (Walter) Schnell, EC (Shops) Workman, HW (Herby) Arnott, EW (Drollie) Rowles, LJ (Monkie) Lazarus, Abraham (Boepie) Johns and two primary school heads, WS (Crack) Galloway, and JA (Balletjie) Hall.

"Of those who nurtured me at Dale only Shops Workman is still living — in Port Elizabeth. He will be 89 this year."

The twenties were years of great sporting achievements by Dale. Lyle Wood recalls some highlights:

- "When Dale set up a record score of 64-nil against Queens College, I was the Dale linesman."
- In 1923 Dale won the 2nd Border senior rugby cup, the only school side to achieve this (they played 16 games, won 14, lost one and drew one. Points: 194 for, 23 against).

Lyle's elder brother Arthur Llewellyn, who played in that team, is still living at 87 in the Komea district.

● In 1928 Dale cricketer Bob Byron scored 101 for SA Schools against the MCC touring side. This was the first century made by a SA schoolboy against an international side and according to Lyle has been achieved only once since — by another Dalian, Hylton Ackerman, 108 for Border against the 1964-65 MCC tourists.

From an early age Lyle was a sports enthusiast. In 1924, aged 10, he watched Border play R Cove-Smith's British Isles rugby tourists in East London. And four years later he saw the All Blacks play Border in King.

In his first rugby game for Dale seconds—against Queens—Lyle scored three tries on the right wing. "I remember LJ Lazarus, our main coach, saying, 'Wood, I did not expect as much as that from you."

He was awarded second team colours and his cap is in the Cultural Activities Room at Dale. Lyle played one game for the first team, the first of the 1932 season, and scored the first try, but was concussed late in the second half.

That year his father became very ill and Lyle left school midway through Std 9 to go into the family trading business.

Fifteen years later, on his father's death, he inherited the business. He ran it till 1960 when because of ill health he sold it to his younger brother.

In 1945 he was elected to the executive of the Transkeian Territories Civic Association and the area's roads advisory board in 1948. He resigned from both in 1952 for health reasons.

He studied Transkei history and came to be regarded as an authority in this sphere. He also has a good knowledge of Border history and wrote a history of Dale College up to 1976.

LLF Wood has attended scores of Old Dalian Reunions and functions "from Port Elizabeth to Pretoria." He was national president of the ODU in 1943 and 20 years later he invested the college prefects, including HO de Villiers as headboy — "an honour I will always cherish." (HO later became a rugby Springbok.)

In 1967 Lyle turned the first sod of the new Dale gymnasium and in 1982 he received the college's Per Ardua Award for "loyal and devoted service." At the 1989 Reunion he was a guest of honour of the college and the ODU...

His memory for dates, facts and figures is amazing and woe betide any newspaper or correspondent who gets a fact wrong. LLF, a prolific letter-writer, is quick to correct them.

Today at The Birmingham home for the elderly in Oxford Street, East London, Lyle lives modestly in a sparsely furnished room.

Yet four years ago he established the LLF Wood Trust with a donation of R12 400, from which the interest is used for bursaries at Dale.

"Latterly he seems to have taken a new lease of life and walks up to three kilometres a day," said an Old Dalian friend, "If ever an Old Dalian is ill in hospital Lyle Wood will visit him."

In an average week he attends three services at St Saviour's Church, goes shopping for fellow residents and himself, writes letters to the Daily Dispatch and from time to time contributes

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THE Wood family tree is complex with many bearing similar names. As far as is known, those who attended Dale College include:
HENRY IRVINE WOOD, national president of the

Old Dalian Union in 1929.

Five sons: Alexander Thomas Wood, Arthur Llwelllyn Granary Wood, Henry Irvine Wood, Lawrence Lyle Fitzroy (LLF) Wood, Redvers Horatio Clyde (Tug)

Five grandsons: Anthony (Tug) Wood, Rodney Llwellyn Wood, Lawrence Ernest Henry Wood, Robert Dale Wood, Francis Clyde Wood.

Great-grandson Lawrence Ernest Henry Wood, son of Lawrence Ernest Henry Wood and grandson of Lyle. OSCAR WOOD, youngest brother of HI Wood and

#### THE WOODS WHO WENT TO DALE

national president of the Old Dalian Union in 1939. (No sons at Dale).

Two other brothers, Orlando Sutton and Alexander Thomas, did not attend Dale, but their sons did: Alexander Thomas Wood (son of Alexander Thomas), three sons of Orlando Sutton Wood: Alexander Thomas Seymour Wood, Orlando Wood and Douglas Wood.

Grandson Michael Wood, son of Douglas Wood.

Great-grandson Harland Wood, grandson of Alexander Thomas Seymour Wood. Cyril Govan Wood, a brother of Lyle Wood's mother (born Ivy Maud Wood, and daughter of James Wood, Lyle's uncle. Lyle's mother and father were first cousins.

Lyle's only sister married an Old Dalian whose son, Alan Wood McGillewie, also an Old Dalian, died last year.

 Alexander Thomas Wood's daughter Joan married an Old Dalian John Rayment whose son Gary Rayment, a grandson of HI Wood, also attended Dale. Three other brothers-in-law also attended Dale.

• Mark and Andre Wood, who attended Dale in the 1980s, do not appear to be related to Lyle's family.

#### A son of Dale till the final whistle

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historical items to the paper's Chiel column. On Saturdays he watches Dale play cricket or rugby in King, East London, Grahamstown or Queenstown. Old Dalians take him there

He is grateful to the East London Old Dalians "who have so generously looked after me" — in particular Bill Beckley and his wife Diana.

Lyle Wood is tremendously proud of his school and his family's contribution to it. "Two of my elder brothers and one younger were awarded rugby honours. I know of no family to equal or better this," he says.

"Dale has a history that compares well with other schools and it could have an even more lustrous future. It has a part to play in the New South Africa. There will be a growing demand for admission to the college.

"Dale College is very much part of my life it has been for many years and will continue to be so till the final whistle."



Lyle Wood and a close friend, Edna Rudolph, pictured at an Old Dalian red-and-black dinner in East London. They are both residents of a home for the elderly in the city.

#### **GO BY BUS TO THE** 1993 REUNION

TRANSVAAL Dale parents are arranging a Johannesburg-King William's Town bus trip for the 1993 Reunion on the weekend of May 7-9.

Those wishing to join the party should call Fred and Janet Friskin at (011) 896-4998. Accommodation will be available at Dale hostels.

 Dale will play rugby against Grey High School, Port Elizabeth, on the Saturday.

#### Calling all 1983 matrics!

THE 1983 Dale matric class will be guests of honour at this year's Reunion. Apart from attendance at the assembly and other functions the matrics are planning a breakfast, brunch or lunch on the Friday or Saturday.

Those interested should call Hazel Fick at the Old Dalian office in King (0433-21243) or Stuart Sutton (011-706-5101) or write to Stuart at PO Box 98654, Sloane Park 2152.

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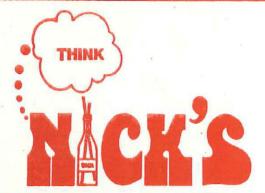
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