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INTO A NEW ERA

Capital news for King and Dale

THE news that King William's Town will probably become the capital of the Eastern Cape in the new South Africa can be good for the town and Dale College.

This is the general reaction of both "town and gown" to the reported decision of the African National Congress to back King as the regional capital. Second prize would be for King to be one of two or three "mini-capitals" if a compromise is required.

The Headmaster and the college Governing Body are optimistic about future prospects. It is confidently expected that either choice would lead to an influx of people of all races into King and boost the town's economy. This could benefit Dale and the Kaffrarian High School.

Already King is experiencing a property revival, presumably anticipating a capital decision.

Another expected spin-off is that those who make up the new regional government will send their sons to Dale and ensure that they get the best possible education. It is thought that they would wish to protect the two schools from overcrowding and ensure sufficient teachers and facilities to cope with any increase in pupils.

Amid the political turmoil and the uncertainty hanging over the future of education in this country this is a ray of light.

Changes are bound to come but the chances are that the new Government will not regard intervention in high-quality schools as a priority.

The fact that semi-private schools who have accepted multi-racial Model C status are now financed largely by their own resources may limit Government action for some time.

The Government will have a massive job on its hands financing and sorting out the mess of thousands of state schools which have suffered one way and another during the apartheid era.

For the time being Model C schools would appear to be safe, but nothing is certain and the price of continued autonomy will be high.

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Dawn of a hostel village

ONE way in which Dale can help ensure its financial autonomy is to sell unused land and rationalise its campus.

Historic Diocesan Hostel, Dale's oldest hostel building, has been sold to a developer and Sutton House, home of the first Dale College, is likely to follow once financial requirements have been concluded.

The first part of a new combined hostel will rise on the hill near the school before the year's end. Headmaster Malcom Andrew's dream plan of an integrated hostel village has at last got off the ground.

Traditionalists will be sad to see the 133-year-old Diocesan and the 117-year-old Sutton buildings go, dilapidated as they are and an increasing burden on the school's finances. Many of the thousands who have passed through their portals will have fond memories of their days there.

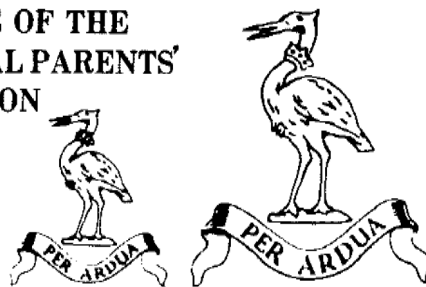
But the renowned spirit of the two hostels will live on in an innovative new home where for the first time there will be no separate dining room and no prep room.

Both present hostels are costing Dale too much to maintain and, sad as it may be, economics must prevail over sentiment.

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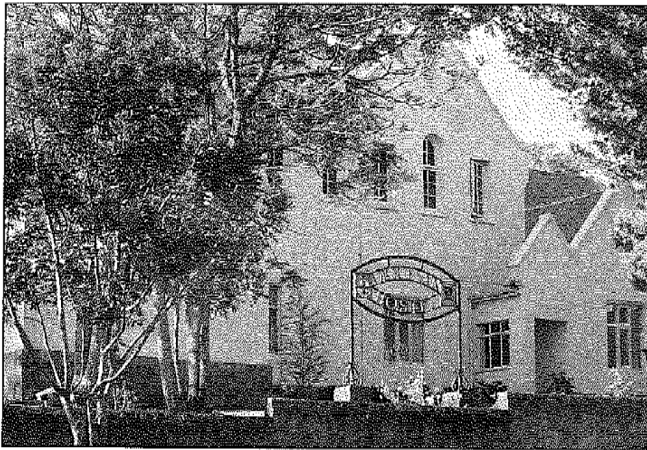
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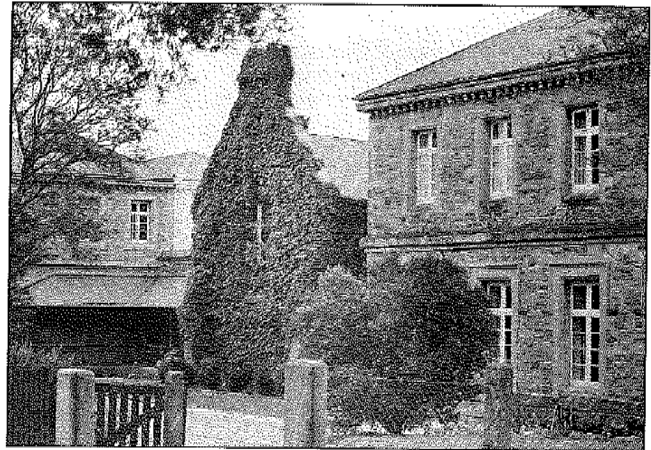
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The hostel village on the hill



SOLD: Historic Diocesan Hostel: Soon a restaurant and townhouses



BEING SOLD: Historic Sutton House: The stone facade is to remain

A BOLD, imaginative plan to build a Dale College hostel village, including new boarding houses and a central dining hall, has cleared its first hurdle.

The 133-year-old Diocesan Hostel has been sold and negotiations to sell the 117-year-old Sutton House have reached an advanced stage. Building of the first part of a combined hostel near the swimming pool and the school is due to start in May.

The second stage of the hostel will only be launched after the sale of Sutton House is concluded.

The concept is a dream of Dale Headmaster Malcom Andrew to solve the problem of the two deteriorating hostel buildings, to centralise boarding accommodation nearer the school and to make the hostels more cost efficient.

The hostel to be built on land between Frank Joubert House and the school will be integrated into a new university-style complex with a joint kitchen and laundry, as well as staff houses. Further improvements and extensions on the site are envisaged when finance is available.

In another development Paterson House, built in 1925 as the Presbyterian Hostel, is being expanded to take any overflow of boarders.

Sutton House, built in 1877 as the first Dale College, is a national monument. Diocesan Hostel, built in 1861 as the Diocesan Grammar School, was taken over in 1903 as an Anglican hostel and later by the Education Department.

Explaining his concept of a hostel village to Dale parents and later at an Old Dalian symposium, Mr Andrew said the two historic hostels were too far off the campus and needed a major cash injection for renovation and restoration.

The answer lay in a centralised village sharing kitchen, dining hall, laundry and sickbay facilities on vacant land near Joubert House, the BN Rowles pool and the main school building.

Diocesan Hostel has been sold to a King Wil-

'Dream' plan to build central complex to replace decaying buildings: Goodbye to Diocesan and Sutton could be next

By JOE SUTTON

liam's Town businessman, Colin Wheatley, for R1 million. He plans to develop townhouse accommodation at "top" hostel and a restaurant at "bottom" hostel. [Mr Wheatley is the husband of artist Paulette Wheatley, whose paintings of Dale buildings grace the homes of many Old Dalians and friends of Dale.]

Builders are on site modifying "top" hostel while 44 boarders are packed into limited accommodation at "bottom" hostel. Some are living temporarily at Frank Joubert House.

The proposed sale of Sutton House for R700 000 to a syndicate has been held up by financial considerations. If the sale goes through the syndicate plans to develop the property into offices and an up-to-date gymnasium.

The historic grey-stone facade and clock tower would be retained and the name Sutton possibly perpetuated as part of the name of the new building, which would remain a national monument.

The names of Sutton and Diocesan will be perpetuated in some form in the combined hostel which will eventually house 86 boarders, a superintendent, deputy superintendent and at least three duty masters.

A novel concept is the layout of the six dormitories which will each house 14 boys (two seniors and 12 juniors). Each boy will have his own partitioned "space" — a fixed cubicle comprising his bed, locker and desk. Each cubicle will have its own window. Fans may be added if needed later.

The new hostel will have no prep room. Boys will work at desks in their cubicles. There will be no laundry — all washing will be done at the Joubert House laundry 50 metres away.

When both stages of the new hostel are complete there will be five staff homes — a three-bedroom, two bathroom house for the superintendent, a three-bedroom, one bathroom flat for his deputy, plus three two-bedroom flats. These

could be used for two single male staff or possibly a young married couple.

"To ensure that the running of the hostel is even more cost efficient, the 86 boarders and the hostel staff will have all meals in an extended Joubert dining hall," said the Headmaster.

"One of the many advantages of the new hostel is the elimination of a kitchen, dining-room and laundry — all expensive to operate.

Paterson House, now owned by the Dale Hostels Trust, is being expanded by "glassing in" the upstairs balcony to house 15 extra boarders increasing the hostel's capacity to 100.

Already two prefab structures used as classrooms have been moved to Paterson to house staff working on the extensions. They will be converted into flats for more staff or a matron.

In a letter to Old Dalians about the new developments Mr Andrew says: "The result of these moves is that we will have upgraded and modern accommodation for 280 to 300 boarders, most of whom will live on the school grounds.

"We will be in a position to cater for all these boarders with two kitchens, two dining halls and two laundries.

"After these changes have been made the hostels will be more centralised, more efficient and more cost-effective."

The hostel village is part of broad plans by the management council to rationalise the Dale campus and finance school development in the next decade.

Under the Model C status the school owns all the 40 acres on its campus. "Now is the time to shed some land and take the profits to invest a couple of million rands to generate income for the future," says Mr Andrew.

The Dale Governing Body has another dramatic land deal up its sleeve.

QUOTES

● I HAVE A DREAM that one day the scattered hostels of Dale College will be brought on campus in a coherent whole and that the Dale Village will become a reality.

● I HAVE A DREAM that this will be of inestimable value to the school.

— Headmaster Malcom Andrew in his 1993 year-end report.

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GOODBYE TO DURBAN STREET

AUSTERITY ruled at Dale during the war years. Things like cheesecutters (boaters) and even caps became unobtainable.

I remember the victuals at Diocesan Hostel well: Breakfast — Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, porridge (sugar added), milk (for porridge and tea), a pat of butter, bread and jam. On Wednesdays and Sundays one fried egg instead of porridge.

Dinner (at midday in those days): Sundays, a roast followed by an excellent trifle. From Monday to Saturday the meal varied with the weather. On hot days, after walking back from school, there were cold meats and salads, on other days boiled eggs and rice. Sometimes fish (of dubious quality), and mashed potatoes were served.

Supper (in the evenings) were of the light variety — usually bread, butter and jam with tea (sugar added).

All boys received a jam sandwich (no butter) during the break at college. These sandwiches were conveyed in a large biscuit tin from Hostel to school by an ever-obliging servant, Joseph.

Back at Hostel after afternoon classes we received a further sandwich and a cup of tea (sugar added).

The real treat came on Sunday nights when after church we were served a sweet bun or cake. It is no wonder that Dalians with this large intake of fibrous food were a healthy bunch.

Our housekeeper, Mrs M Hanks, a marvellous woman, did her best for the boys with meagre resources. We blessed her for her kindness.

Many boys, especially those from farms, received large tuck-boxes which were shared with others at the dining table.

Mrs J Boyd, our matron for much of my time at Hostel, was a good-looking woman and most of the boys were in love with her, in a boyish way. She married a Dale teacher, Hoc Coventry, and later left to join the WAAF.

The warden, HD Jackson, was cast in the mould of the finest housemasters in classical literature. He drummed into us the three Rs, plus the three Ms — Manners Maketh Man.

His nickname of "Worm" was unfair and incongruous. It arose from "Glowworm" as Mr Jackson had the habit of inspecting the dormitories after dark, as was his right, by the light of a small torch. The "Glow" was later dropped and this fine man became known as "Worm."

Later we called him "Dragon," a far more fitting name as he breathed fire and rightly so — we boys were no saints.

For most of the war the post of resident master was filled by RA (Jannie) Jansen, a good sportsman and excellent Afrikaans teacher. Unfortunately he did not support the war effort, but the worst the boys inflicted on him was to cut a huge V (for Victory) on his dog's back!

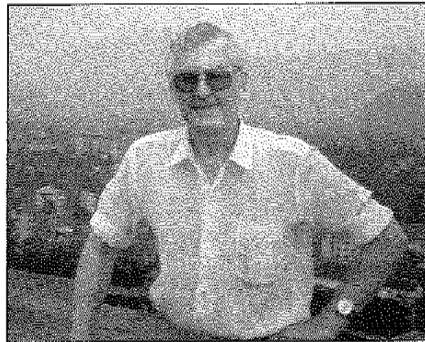
On my first day of school, boys from our dormitory in the main hostel piled down the stairs to where our shoes had been given a lick and a polish by Joseph, the servant.

An altercation over shoes broke out and Bruce Gordon, the master on duty, rather than look for the instigators, decided that all were guilty.

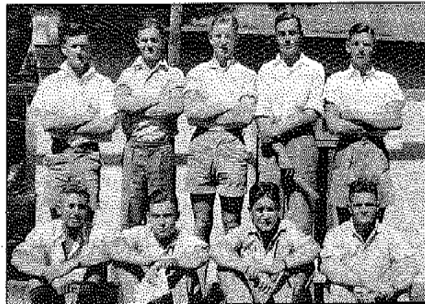
All of us were sent to the study where we received two of the best. (There was no time for six of the best as there were too many of us.)

Shoe cleaning by a servant came to an end and each boy became responsible for his own footwear. I cleaned our dormitory prefect's shoes every night. We also had to sleep on pairs of long trousers to impart a crease in them. Often they

Hostel in the fighting 'forties



● In a nostalgic article Old Dalian QUENTIN COAKER (1940-44) recalls his days at Diocesan Hostel during the Second World War.



1944 Hostel prefects: Back row: Quentin Coaker, John Hopley, Wally Stafford*, Peter Budler, Douglas Lear*. Lower: Joe Sutton, Des Mills, John Landrey*, Ian Bunn*. *deceased

came out the next morning in worse shape.

The shower rooms at the main "bottom" hostel had no hot water and cold showers were *de rigueur* every morning.

The annexe, "top" hostel, was a modern building with bathrooms and hot water. After sport or in the evening, boys from "bottom" would cross Amatola Row for a hot bath.

Early one morning Andrew Meyer (a farmer's son from Adelaide, since deceased) and I were trying to settle our differences in the accepted Anglo-Saxon way. Much to the relief of both of us, I'm sure, the admirable Joseph intervened and stopped the nonsense.

But fights there were, mainly behind the town reservoir, which in turn was behind "top" hostel. Memorable encounters were between Blackie Cumming (Hostel) and a boy called Kuile from the neighbouring Durban House; Cedric (Singly) Edwards (another farm boy from Fort Beaufort) and Elliott of Durban House.

One fight of which I was the sole witness took place between Rat Leisching of Johannesburg and a boy called Hardham, whom we incorrectly termed a "refugee." He was in fact an evacuee, sent out from Britain with many other boys and girls to escape the bombing. I stopped this fight in the interest of international relations.

I myself was involved in several pugilistic

encounters and the antagonists all ended up very good friends. Wally Stafford from Johannesburg (who died a few years ago) and I ran a business together for 15 years, Bill (Bucket) Beckley and I greet one another cordially whenever we meet. Jeff Cumming, brother of Blackie and a wiry little guy with a big heart, was involved in another celebrated duel with me with gloves on in the "top" hostel change-room.

When I fought Stafford (in our matric year) the then housemaster EW (Drollie) Rowles, who lived directly below the senior dormitory, was up in a flash and stopped the mayhem.

Do Dalians still "take to the hills" as we did on Sunday afternoons? We roamed far and wide to Dunbar Lake, the veld beyond Hostel, as well as the Botanical Gardens in town.

The Yellow Woods stream a few miles from the railway halt was much beloved by Dalians for picnicking on public holidays. We would walk to this beautiful spot near a waterfall and spend the day swimming and cooking a midday meal. I wonder how none of us contracted bilharzia as we often took a dip in the Buffalo River near a farm owned by a Mr Eales, whose Dalian son was known as Palang (Xhosa for eel).

Mr Eales once took a pot shot at a group of Dalians marauding on a clifftop on his farm.

One day Pop Little nearly met his end when he fell off the cliff after he, his brother Mike and I had been rope climbing.

At Holy Trinity Church in the old days the pews in the back where the Hostel boys sat were carved with names and initials.

A visit about ten years ago proved that boys do change and for the better. New pews were in evidence and there was not a sign of carving.

When I revisited Hostel I was impressed by the improvements — hot showers, baths, a surfaced tennis court and a gamesroom.

At Hostel we were kept well-informed about the progress of the war. Every evening the 6pm news was piped through to the common-room. Daily newspapers were available with copies of overseas magazines sent by parents.

One of the saddest occasions of wartime Dale was the calling of the Roll of Honour at assembly when news came through of an Old Dalian falling in action. It was especially poignant when the fallen had a brother at school with us.

Offsetting this were the proud moments when deeds of derring-do and corresponding "gongs" were announced by the headmaster.

Prefects in my dormitory included the late Tinkie Ambrose, who was in love with a King girl called Mary Black. We did not let him forget it, reciting all manner of rhymes ending with Mary and Black!

Another favourite with the boys was Mary Rose Murray McGregor — a genuine beauty, who unfortunately was my cousin.

No doubt the Dalians of today have "birds." Headmaster HT (Jerry) Crouch (before he joined up for the war) called them "flappers" and discouraged association.

I have happy memories of Dale, Hostel and King and look forward to my 50th anniversary visit at Reunion in July. Perhaps we old Hostelites should take a last look at our wartime home before it fades away in the developers' dust.

● On leaving Dale in 1944 Quentin Coaker served in the Far East with the Royal Navy and later entered his father's pharmaceutical business in Ladybrand. After many years in several spheres of business he lives in semi-retirement in Sandton with his wife Naideen.

The Hostel traditions that will never die

THERE is only one HOSTEL, say Diocesan Daliens and Old Daliens. All the others are officially houses.

The Diocesan war cry including the words of "Hostel, Hostel, Hostel!" is unambiguous on sports days. Its motto, "Non vi, sed saepe cadendo" means "not through force but by often falling."

Now Diocesan Hostel, set to move from Durban Street after 91 years, will rise again in a new hostel near the school.

Diocesan boarders jealously guard the name of their hostel, which happily will live on in its new home. So, we are sure, will its spirit, which is hard to equal on the college campus.

Born in 1861 as the Diocesan Grammar School in the perilous days of frontier wars, Diocesan has been a Dale hostel since 1903. Reputedly haunted, it is rich in tradition and folklore, embellished by generations of boarders.

Hostel's traditions will survive though its ghosts will be hard put to move. But for sure, someone out there will be working on this.

One legend is that of Sandile's ghost. The story goes that at times of drought or famine the Xhosa chief and his warriors were often given food at Diocesan, then as now at the edge of the town.

One February day in the 1860s Sandile arrived for food but the school didn't have enough to feed its boys and refused. Sandile, later killed in a frontier war, threatened to return to haunt the place. Many "sightings" have been reported and the tradition, of which all Hostelites are made aware, lives on.

Graham Nolan, superintendent since 1989, says: "Our old buildings certainly add to the 'atmosphere' of a haunted hostel and the strange creaks, groans and sighs the building makes at night all add to the myth."

"We even have a photograph of a very severe looking gentleman which is said to spin around if the Hostel Prayer is said backwards at midnight on a moonlight night."

"Although there are 'marks' on the wall 'caused by the spinning photograph' I don't know of anyone who has had the courage to try it in recent years!"

Another legend is that of The Tunnel, which starts in the Diocesan dining-room and runs underground to Holy Trinity Church at the end of Durban Street. Mr Nolan says this is accepted as fact even though the entrance on the other side is not visible.

"Apparently Mr Isak Schoeman, (superintendent from 1978 to 1980) is the last known person to have gone down — the story goes that he discovered a rockfall after about 200 metres."

Diocesan Hostel's religious background is reflected in its Hostel Prayer which probably dates from the days when ties with the Anglican Church were strong.

"One of the unique traditions of Diocesan is that



An historic picture of the Diocesan Hostel boarders in 1906. From left, back row: J McIver, AH Budler, E van Breda, V Cocklin, G Campbell, J Hughes and E Sampson. Second row: L McIver, C Simpson, W Lord, C Ackhurst, Charlie Kockott, unknown and Harry Hockly. Seated: J Kockott, Archdeacon Holmes, the Rev J G Sutton (Headmaster), Mrs Hogan, the Rev FJ Sutton (warden), Mr JJG Carson (master) and F Silke. Seated on the floor: Ivor Brown, M Clark, Jack Blaine, N Garston, N Campbell, B Daly and C Hogan (partly obscured)



Hostel's elegant, old-world dining room... now also used for evening prep

the boarders gather every weekday evening after supper to say the Hostel Prayer," says Mr Nolan.

"The beginning of the prayer echoes the Hostel Motto, 'Almighty, whose Ways are never learned by force, but by often falling...'

"We also have a five-minute silence period before lights out when the boys get a chance to pray privately or read their Bibles. In the junior dormitories the prefect oversees this time with boys taking turns to read a passage. Interesting discussion generally follows."

Then there is the Flame of Diocesan, which is handed from headboy to headboy at the annual leavers' dinner. This began in 1982.

"The castellated candle-holder was made by a pupil, Richard Beresford," says Mr Nolan. "In what might be the last leavers' dinner to be held in the present dining room, Greg Mackay (of Bedfordview) received the lighted candle from

outgoing headboy Zach McCann (who has since settled in Sandton)."

In recent years Hostel has dropped the old Diocesan Grammar School colours and chosen yellow and blue. It has also adopted a new badge.

The Diocesan Grammar School had an up-and-down existence. Built on land given to the Anglican Church by Cape Colonial Governor Sir George Grey it lasted just five years before it closed down through lack of funds.

The building was leased to the Borough Council which used it for the Undenominational School for Boys, a forerunner of Dale College. DGS reopened in 1875 but closed down for good in 1902 and a year later became a Dale College Anglican hostel.

The first warden was the Rev Frank (Tanner) Sutton, an Old Dalian who returned from Cambridge University to teach at his school and ten years later succeeded his father, the Rev JG (Bob) Sutton, as Headmaster of Dale.

In 1913 the school board took over the financing of the hostel.

For the first 20 years no changes were made in the building. Expansion came during the term of Captain HH (Cappie) Lund, Oxford graduate, ex-soldier and famed Dale rugby coach, who was warden from 1921 to 1929 and was noted for his "unfailing energy".

Three new dormitories were built in 1923 on top of the original building and since then it has been modified several times. The provincial administration would not pay the higher rental required by the additions and Diocesan again became a church hostel.

The Diocesan authorities took over the hostel from the school board. A sick bay and another bathroom were completed by the start of 1924.

A Hostel brochure from this era observes that each dormitory had its own bathroom, with hot water. Hostelites of a later era (during the Second World War) may wonder what happened to the hot

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Dale maths boys shine in matric

DALE 1993 matrics excelled with outstanding results, says Headmaster Malcom Andrew.

"The most satisfying results were obtained by Mr Rob Hensen's maths department," said Mr Andrew. "The boys obtained 10 As with a higher grade average of 69 per cent and a standard grade average of 62 per cent. There were no failures in maths."

Dalians obtained above average or better results in these subjects: English first language, mathematics, physical science, geography and accounting, all higher grade and standard grade; biology and history, higher grade; art and metalwork, standard grade.

Nearly half of matrics obtained university entrance passes, considerably above the Cape matric average. There was only a 3.5 per cent overall failure rate.

Mr Andrew told Transvaal parents at their annual general meeting that Dale's academic standards had improved in the last ten years because of staff commitment and expertise, excellent facilities — eg. the library and computers — and the enthusiasm of the pupils.

"I get angry when it is said we can only play sport," said Mr Andrew.

Good results had also been obtained in the 1992 matric exams, and the 1993 June results, especially the Standard 10s, had been the best in five years.

Outstanding performances had been achieved in the national maths olympiad (nine in the top 20 per cent), which drew 13 000 entrants and in the UCT regional olympiad (18 excelled.)

Charlie Xue, first in the Std 10 section, was the only pupil in the Cape to obtain 100 per cent and four Dalians were in the Border maths team of eight boys and girls.

In science Dale had won one or two gold medals every year since 1986 in the Rhodes Expo.

Mr Andrew suggested that some parents put their sons on standard rather than higher grade. "There is nothing insulting about being on the standard grade," he said. It was not a downward

but a lateral move. Maths and geography were totally different subjects in standard and higher grades.

The Headmaster said the school was considering introducing an entrepreneurial skills course. "In the old days our education was designed to feed big companies and the civil service. Now we need to prepare boys for other avenues."

Another course in "life skills" would include skills needed by a teenager to succeed in life. For example: How to start a business and to secure a gap in the market, find capital and premises. (A start has been made in introducing this course in Std 6 to 10.)

This, said Mr Andrew, was based on the expectation that in future many young men would have to find and make their own jobs.

● In his year-end newsletter to parents Mr Andrew reported that less than five per cent of boys from Std 6 to 9 would have to repeat their standards. "The average pupils and the top pupils have excelled," he said.

Transvaal matrics welcomed into the Old Dalian Union

SEVERAL Transvaal Dale parents travelled to King William's Town last October and saw their matriculating sons welcomed into the fold of the Old Dalian Union. For some it was the end of a five or six-year link with Dale.

They included Richard Wesley of Benoni, father of Clint Wesley (six years), Derek le

Roux of Benoni and Jill Beattie of Boksburg, parents of Darren le Roux (five years), and Jack and Cecilia Gill of Benoni, parents of Jonathan Gill (four years).

Douglas Halstead (two) was presented with his colours by Old Dalian Quinten Hawkes as his father Barry could not be present.



Jonathan Gill and dad



Darren le Roux and dad



Clint Wesley and dad



Douglas Halstead, Quinten Hawkes

Hostel spirit will survive, but what about its ghosts?

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water in the next 20 years. Wartime "bottom" hostel had only cold showers! (See Page 4)

In 1927 an annexe called "top" hostel was built across Amatola Road and formally opened by Brig-Gen Sir Charles Crewe, whose influence secured a grant of £100 from the Rhodes Trust to finance the building.

The new building housed 26 boys and two masters and included change rooms and bathrooms — with hot water.

Another notable warden in the late '20s though only for a year was NC Dugmore, who is credited with composing the Dale War Cry — and highjacking it to Muir College where he became headmaster for many years.

His successor HD ("Worm") Jackson, a Latin and English scholar, ruled with a firm hand for 13 years — the longest term of any warden before or since. He was succeeded by EW (Drollie) Rowles, former housemaster of the neighbouring Durban House, who died in harness two years later. Since then wardens have included Ray (Gurks) Godden,

Diocesan housemaster Graham Nolan . . . "A sense of loss as we prepare to move"



TW (Tommy) Higgs, TB Heath, DH Hewson, AF Burnell, TB (Terry) Lennard (see obituaries, Page 23), IS (Isak) Schoeman and Alastair McCullam.

A new wing was added to "top" hostel in 1958 during the term of Tommy Higgs (later headmaster of Queens College and a chief inspector of schools). In 1975 an all-weather tennis court replaced the old gravel court.

At present Hostel is very cramped with 44 boys

living in "bottom" hostel as "top" hostel is already in the hands of the developers.

"Since we no longer have a prep room, prep is being done in the dining room after supper. Many of the rooms and bigger cubicles are now being occupied by two seniors instead of one," says Mr Nolan.

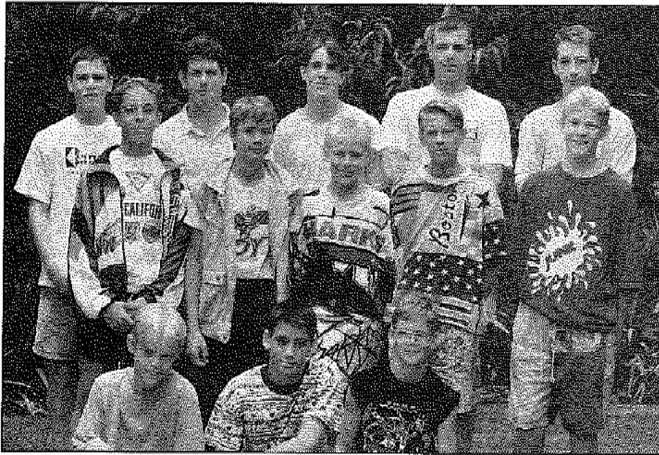
"Considering the inconvenience the boys have taken it in good spirit and are talking positively about the new hostel. Twelve Diocesan Std 7s and 8s are being housed at Frank Joubert."

Graham Nolan has mixed feelings about leaving a building which has been an educational institution since 1861. He observes:

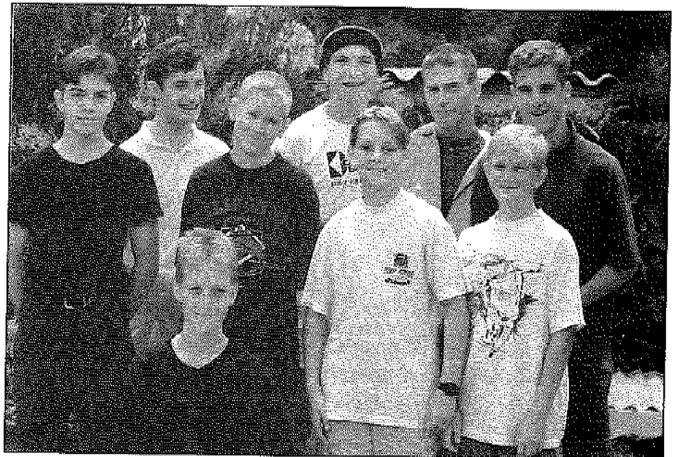
"Certainly the move is necessary. The upkeep of the present buildings will have to be paid by the parents of Diocesan boarders and within five years we will need a new roof and probably updates on the plumbing and electricity. The building sorely needs painting."

"It is not without a sense of loss that we prepare to move. We hope and trust that what is good about Diocesan will go with us to our new premises."

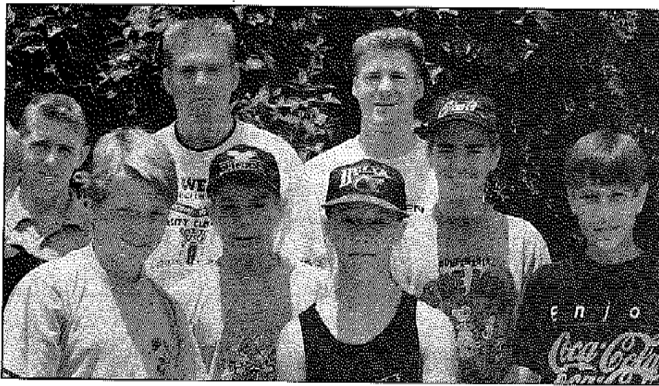
Welcome, new Transvaal Dalians!



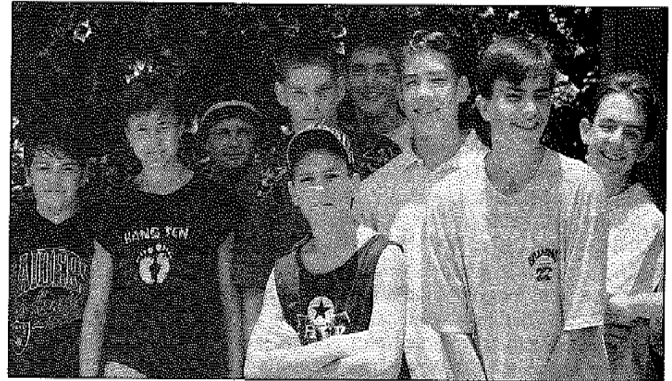
SUTTON HOUSE BOYS. Back row: Rugby tourist Greg Share, manager Mike Cousins, Kyle McLoughlin, Jonathan Gill, Anthony Robbins. Middle: Daniel Miles, *Alan Ford, *Dylan Stanton (booked for 1995), *Nicholas Ten Hove and *Scott Cocking. Front: Ryan Blackshaw, Daniel D'Oliveira, *Stephen Mawdsley.



PATERSON: *Michael Woodman, rugby tourist Warren Spring, *Jared Jager, rugby tourist Patrick Stöter and *Jason Griffiths, rugby tourist Michael Burgess, Warren Smart and rugby tourist Justin Corrans. Front: *David Proudfoot.
* Denotes newboys



JOUBERT. Back row: Rugby tourists David Beckley, Russell Paper and Anton Petzer, *Shaun Els and Tony Hutchinson. Front: *Jean-Paul Pires, *Donald (Brett) Dunlop-Milborrow and *Jason Fifer.



DIOCESAN: David and Simeon Loughran, rugby captain Grant Griffith, *James Critchley, rugby tourist Greg Mackay, Mark de Villiers, David Erasmus and Dorian Keates. In front: *Shane Lynch.

And their parents, too

TRANSVAAL boys facing their first year at Dale were given a taste of the school spirit at a braaivleis last December.

The party was held at the Saxonwold, Johannesburg, home of Rusty Gibb, chairman of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association.

And there to welcome the newcomers were present Transvaal Dalians with their parents — and masters and boys of the Dale rugby party on their way to Britain.

These included the Headmaster, Malcom Andrew, coach Deon Boshoff, manager Mike Cousins, new superintendent of Sutton House, and vice-principal Rob Hensen.

More than 100 people, including "new" and "old" parents, enjoyed the Sunday afternoon get-together and were addressed by Mr Andrew and the chairman.

Rusty explained the air-bookings scheme, thanked retiring Cheryl Hutchinson for organising this service and introduced Brenda D'Oliveira, who would be taking over.

He said that as eight members of the parents' committee would be leaving at the end of 1994 the association would need new members to continue the work.

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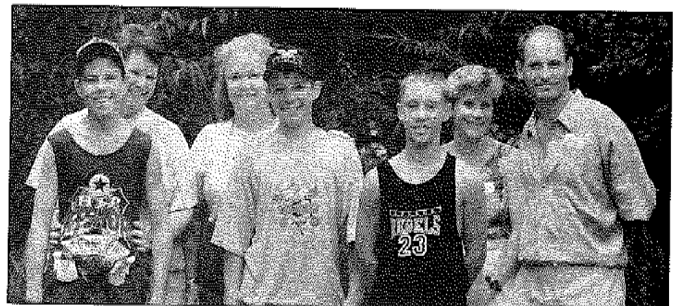
Newboys and parents: Shane and Cheryl Lynch, Donald (Brett) Dunlop-Milborrow and mum Diane, Jason, Pat and Joe Fifer.

Welcoming new parents, the Headmaster said he was delighted they had been wise enough to send their sons to Dale. He said the growth of the new boys/parents' function was evidence of the extended Dale Family.

Three weeks after the start of the first term of 1994, the association held another braai for new parents in Kempton Park.

About 50 parents new and old attended the Sunday lunch party at the home of junior vice-chairman Kenneth Smart and his wife Renée, the association's secretary.

Chairman Gibb urged the guests that if their boys had problems at Dale College they should tell a committee member. "They are available to help."



Rusty spoke enthusiastically of the great attachment Dalians had for their hostels. By now boys who had gone to Dale for the first time this year would have learnt something of the school's history and traditions.

Describing the Dale Reunion as a "very emotional weekend," the chairman told parents: "For those who haven't experienced the magic of Reunion, I urge you to go. If you go once you will go back."

He had found his involvement with the school very rewarding. "You get feedback from the school and get to know the masters. The appreciation of the King community is great. Over the years I've had a ball."

Thanks for 'those hours in heat and cold'

THE TRANSVAAL Dale Parents' Association donated a total of R16 000 to the two Dale schools and their hostels last year.

Of this R7 000 went to the college and R1 500 to each of its four hostels, R2 000 to the junior school and R1 000 to its hostel.

In a letter of thanks Malcom Andrew, Headmaster of the college, said: "We know that the parents work long hours in the heat and the cold raising money for the school and this is very, very much appreciated."

Simon Pretorius, master in charge of computers, wrote that most of the money had been spent on upgrading and adding to "our exciting array of computers and printers."

These included a 40Mb hard-drive fitted to the computer in the staff workroom to enable staff to access larger programs for use in lesson preparation.

"We also plan to acquire a scanner which would be an invaluable aid and time-saving device for setting of notes, exam papers and tests."

"Your donation has contributed a great deal to the smoother running of the administration at the college as well as the academic skills of the boys. Please keep up the fantastic work you are doing as a Transvaal PTA."

Each of the four Dale hostel superintendents have sent letters of thanks to the association.

● Mr Pretorius (Frank Joubert House) said the house had already bought felt to recover the house's two snooker tables, ten patio chairs with a five-year guarantee for the common room and cushion sets for these chairs.

The balance of the donation provided a new remote control colour TV set for the boys.

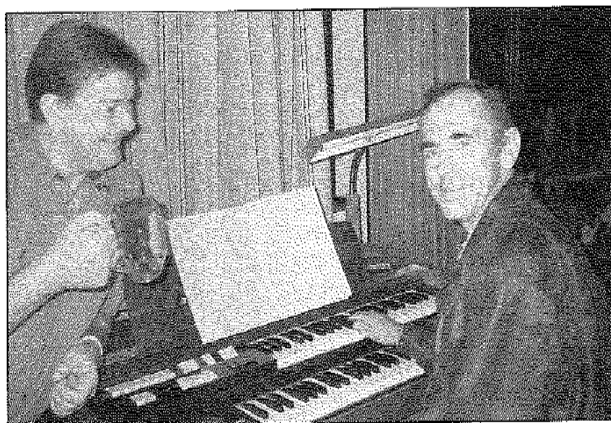
● Mick Paterson (Paterson House) wrote that the money had been used "immediately on projects that directly benefit all the boys."

Two lounge suites had been re-upholstered, old sporting equipment (snooker cues, table-tennis bats and nets) had been replaced and new heads fitted to the hostel's video machine. Additional gym equipment was being made.

● Mike Eddy (Sutton House) said the R1 500 would be used to improve the seating and ambience in the house TV room. This room was used daily and the boys would be "only too aware that the improvement is due to the good friends in the Transvaal."

● Diocesan Hostel has spent most of the money on furniture for the common room and a smaller portion on placing pictures of Hostel life around the dining room.

The pictures include scenes from the 1993 ath-



"Cheers, but don't blame me," says junior vice-chairman Kenneth Smart pictured here with his organist friend, Don Jackson of Brakpan. "It was not my beer that did it."

Picture:
JANICE GIBB

BEER STOPS PUB-NIGHT SING-ALONG — BUT R1 300 IS RAISED FOR DALE

A PINT of beer stopped the music at the Transvaal Dale parents' sing-along pub evening in Braamfontein, Johannesburg, last July — but it didn't stop the fun.

Organist Don Jackson of Brakpan was belting out a rousing tune when a pool player left a tankard on top of the organ. Vibrations tipped the beer into the instrument and suddenly the music stopped with a groan. Repeated attempts to dry and re-start the organ failed.

Tape-recorded background music took over but that was the end of the sing-along.

For Don it was a far cry from playing the organ in church.

"Next time I'll bring two organs — I did so last time I played at a pub evening," said Don.

With parents and friends playing darts, pool, whist and lie-dice, the Saturday evening party was a great success. More than R1 300 was raised for Dale funds.

letics day which Diocesan won for the first time in many years, the interhouse plays, the Hostel matrices and waiters at the matric dance.

Headboy Zach McCann, who has since settled in Sandton, wrote: "It is hoped to build up a collection of informal photographs like these which will help us remember the good times."

"We appreciate the hard work which goes into raising the cash for a donation such as this."

The superintendent, Graham Nolan, said the new large-screen TV set, the snooker and table-tennis tables bought in previous years were "tangible signs of the Transvaal PTA's generous concern and thoughtfulness."

Roger Budler, Headmaster of Dale Junior, wrote: "Thank you for the wonderful work you do for all that is Dale." The donation would be wisely used by the school and the hostel — "we value this gesture very, very much."

Chris Groom, superintendent of DV Taylor

House, said the "wonderful donation" would be used to improve the quality of life in the hostel.

"It is very encouraging to be associated with parents who so willingly sacrifice their precious time and energy for the benefit of the boarders we love so much."

In his 1993 report chairman Rusty Gibb regretted the annual donation had been reduced. "We would have loved to give more."

The recession was biting and the association had raised less than in previous years. Dog-show gates were down affecting catering takings and two dances held had only broken square.

The chairman said that through its involvement in recruiting boarders the association was leaving a legacy to the school.

The committee had introduced a successful new method of arranging for junior schools to host meetings of parents in an area to be addressed by the Headmaster.



11 years' service and still going strong

VETERAN parents Fred and Margaret Switala (left) have served more than 11 years on the Transvaal Dale parents' committee and are still there working — although their twin sons left Dale in 1992.

Association chairman Rusty Gibb singled out the Switalas for special mention when they were re-elected at the 1993 annual general meeting.

Later at the sing-along pub evening a gift of R300 was presented to the Switalas.

Thanking the association for this "wonderful token of appreciation," Fred and Margaret wrote: "We have always and still do enjoy working for the school that gave our sons such a good start in life."

At a committee meeting in August Rusty said

the Switalas' "11 years of dedicated service" had not gone unnoticed.

It was a pleasure to have parents from "the old school" helping at many functions. "If we can have that sort of dedication in the future we have nothing to fear."

The Switalas were roped in to join the committee even before their twin sons, Phillip and David, started at Dale. They have been particularly active on the fund-raising catering side and at golf tournaments.

● A change in the constitution provides that parents may serve as committee members even after their sons have left school. They may not, however, hold executive positions.

● See Where Are They Now — Page 19.

Well done, Transvaal achievers!



Greg Mackay (left) and Jason White . . . diligence



Colin McGowan, Chris Holdstock, Warren Hall, Simeon Loughran, Daniel Miles and Harry Crassas . . . academics.
Pictures: ROB HENSEN



Wayne Sedice, Dustin Lund and Colin McGowan . . . sport



Peter-John Case, Greg Mackay, Robert Gemmell . . . first aid, sport

TRANSVAAL Dalians have been prominent at both prizegivings and in top sports teams last year.

Robbie Gemmell, son of Janet Friskin of Boksburg and John Gemmell of East London, won the Old Dalian Union prize for cross country in which he was awarded half colours and represented Border. He was also in the first athletics team.

Greg Mackay, son of John Mackay of Kensington, Johannesburg, and Sally Weetman of Port Elizabeth, won the Colin Kindness Memorial Trophy for waterpolo last year and was in the first team. He and Jason White, son of Mrs D Jacobsz of Edleen, Kempton Park, received Std 9 awards for diligence.

Greg was a member of the Dale squad that toured England and Wales in December. He played occasionally for last year's unbeaten First XV and was a prominent line-out forward in the highly-successful Second XV where his "water-polo arm" proved an asset.

Colin McGowan, son of John and Diane McGowan of Sherwood Gardens, Brakpan, was awarded the prize for the junior hockey player who had shown the most dedication on and off the field. He also won a Std 7 prize for diligence.

Wayne Sedice, son of Odette Sedice, formerly

of Edenvale and now living in Spain, received a tennis prize for the junior boy who had brought the most credit to the school. He was one of the junior doubles champions and a member of the Dale first hockey team that played in Bloemfontein over the Easter holidays this year.

Dustin Lund, son of Peter and Heather Lund of Three Rivers, Vereeniging, received a trophy awarded to the most proficient junior water polo player. He also won the under 14 interhouse high jump and was second in the under 16 hurdles at the interschool triangular meeting.

Peter-John Case, son of John and Ursula Case, who have moved from Delmas to Port Elizabeth, represented the first aid team awarded a trophy at the prizegiving.

Rowan Hemphill, son of Ronnie and Liz Hemphill, who moved back to Johannesburg this year, won a trophy for the most improved golfer. He and Warren Hall, son of John (parents' association senior vice-chairman) and Kate Hall of Benoni received awards for academic merit (70 per cent) in Std 7.

Ondela Kiva, son of Pinkie Kiva of Johannesburg, and Charles Maughan, son of Mr and Mrs Eric Maughan, of Birchacres, Kempton Park, now living in Germany, won Std 6 prizes for progress.

Daniel Miles, son of Mr and Mrs AJ Miles of Jukskei Park, Randburg, and Jonathan Smith, son of Mrs WA Smith of Mondeor, Johannesburg, received prizes for diligence in Std 6.

Christopher Holdstock, son of Amanda Stuckler of Northmead, Benoni, won an award for academic merit (70 per cent) in Std 6.

Harry Crassas, son of Anthony and Myra Crassas, formerly of Johannesburg now living in Vryheid, Natal, received a prize for diligence in Std 7.

David Graetz, son of Wendy Graetz of Sandton, and Simeon Loughran, son of Chris and Marie Loughran of Glenmarais, Kempton Park, won Std 7 awards for diligence.

Deon du Preez, son of Mrs C du Preez of Buccleugh, received a special college prize for an outstanding contribution to the school.

Douglas Halstead, son of Mr and Mrs BJ Halstead of Discovery, Florida, won a progress prize in Std 10.

Warren Young, son of Alasdair and Anne Young of Johannesburg, chaired the Debating Society last year and helped Diocesan win the inter-house competition. He won half-colours in academics.

Dorian Keates, son of Des and Helen Keates of Alberton, was awarded half colours last year for squash and at 16 played for the Border Under 19B team.

He won the consolation plate in a knock-out tournament in East London contested by boys from Border schools. Dorian, ranked 26th in the SA Under 19 ratings, took part in the Border trials last month.

Oliver Gibb, son of Rusty and Janice Gibb of Johannesburg, has played for the Dale first waterpolo team this year.

James Rich, son of Mike and Pat Rich of Florida, excelled in the regional UCT Maths Olympiad last year. He was one of four Std 9s who finished in the top 20 per cent of 13 000 entries in the first round of the senior section of the Old Mutual National Maths Olympiad.



Charl Maughan, Ondela Kiva and Jonathan Smith . . . progress and diligence

"Dale College is a dynamic institution."

THIS remarkable tribute does not appear in a Dale promotional brochure but in a book, "Historic Schools of South Africa: An ethos of excellence," published late last year.

It is an outstanding publication, well written and superbly illustrated. The text, crisp and concise, is what one would expect from journalist Peter Hawthorne, Time magazine correspondent, with co-author Barry Bristow, architect and town planner. Hawthorne is the author of "The Transplanted Heart," the story of Dr Chris Barnard's historic operation.

The chapter on Dale College is no dull historical chronology but an easy-flowing, colourful story of a fine school with proud traditions, legends and high standards — and the men who made it so.

As Dale Headmaster Malcom Andrew aptly remarked in his 1993 prize-giving speech, it "will bring a tear of joy to every one associated with Dale, especially Old Dalians."

Some quotations:

□ "Undeniably a school with a fine reputation, worthy traditions, enviable facilities and a magnificent location, Dale College is a dynamic institution and one of which Sir Langham Dale would have been proud."

(The chapter lists the international sporting achievements of favourite sons and some who

DYNAMIC DALE

A new book that will 'bring a tear of joy' to friends of the college

earned distinction in the law, science, the armed forces and other fields.)

□ "Dale College is a family institution and this can be seen by the names that can be traced back by generations in the school's records. Dale engenders loyalty through its staff, parents, Old Boys, supporters and the entire community of the historic town in which it grew and holds dear to its values of the past.

"It is, however, well equipped to meet the modern world with facilities on the 40-acre campus . . .

□ "Priding itself as the school of opportunity and achievement Dale has in recent years effectively faced up to the pressure of social and

political change opting for the greater autonomy of the Model C status. The message to the challenges of the '90s is that 'the Dale Family will have to determine its own future'."

(This has been a theme of the Headmaster in his last two year-end reports. "We have to accept that nobody is going to determine our future for us — the future of this school rests fairly and squarely in our own hands," he says.)

The only criticism I have heard about this beautiful book is that it excludes historic girls' schools, although some of the top 23 have in recent years gone co-ed. Perhaps, if this volume is a financial success, the publishers will consider a sequel. It deserves it.

"Historic Schools of SA", which includes chapters on Dale's old rivals, Queens and Selborne, should find a treasured place on the bookshelves of Old Dalians who revere their old school.

To Dale parents, past and present, one is prompted to say: If you have not already done so, buy your son a copy for his next birthday.

● "Historic Schools of South Africa" is published by Pachyderm Press of 57 Roodebloem Road, Woodstock 7925, Cape Town, and available at CNA bookshops. It is written by Peter Hawthorne and Barry Bristow with photographs by Laura Jeannes and Kevin Rudham.

—JOE SUTTON

Transvalers chosen as 1994 prefects

FOUR Transvaal Dalians are school prefects this year and 11 are hostel prefects. One is headboy of his house.

The school prefects are Greg Mackay, son of John Mackay of Kensington, Johannesburg, and Sally Weetman of Port Elizabeth, Craig van Buuren, son of Liz and the late Vin van Buuren, of Sandton, Warren Young, son of Alasdair and Anne Young of Johannesburg, and Sean Hemphill, son of Ronnie and Liz Hemphill, who moved back to the Rand from King in January.

Greg Mackay is head prefect of Diocesan whose prefects also include Warren Young and Sean Hemphill, who was a day boy before moving into that hostel during last year. Craig van Buuren is also a prefect at Joubert House.

The other hostel prefects from the Transvaal are:

PATERSON: Bobby Gemmell, son of Janet Friskin of Boksburg and John Gemmell of East London,

SUTTON: Oliver Gibb, son of Rusty and Janice Gibb, of Saxonwold, Johannesburg. Rusty is



Transvaal prefects (from left): Jason White, James Rich, Anthony Crassas, Oliver Gibb, Mark de Villiers (since left), Anthony Robbins, Craig van Buuren, Robert Gemmell, Greg Mackay, Michael Tuck

chairman of the Transvaal Parents' Association. Anthony Robbins, son of Mrs P Robbins of Bon-aero Park, Benoni, Jason White, son of Mrs D Jacobz of Edleen, Kempton Park.

DIOCESAN: Anthony Crassas, son of Tony and Myra Crassas, who still regards himself as a Transvaal although the family have moved to Vryheid, Natal, James Rich, son of Mike and Pat Rich of Florida, Michael Tuck, son of Alan and Pixie Tuck, of Oberholzer, Western Transvaal,

Daryl Edwards of King William's Town is this year's Dale headboy and Robbie Freercks is his deputy.

Dale win two at Saints

A DEPLETED Dale First XV won two of their three matches in the St Stithians rugby festival at Randburg over Easter. They beat Randburg Hoërskool 45-13, Pretoria Boys' High 21-15 and lost 6-30 to a strong Grey College (Bloemfontein) side who were unbeaten in the tournament.

The Dale team were disrupted by injuries to five players in a motor accident in Durban during a two-match tour of Natal. Dale drew 10-10 with Durban High School and beat Port Natal 43-13.

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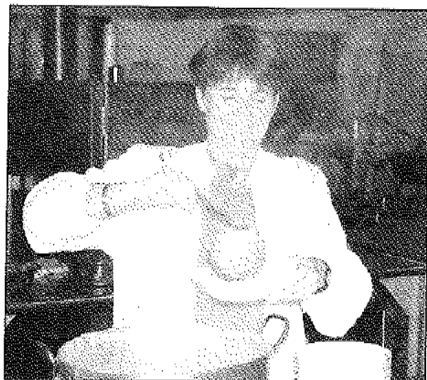


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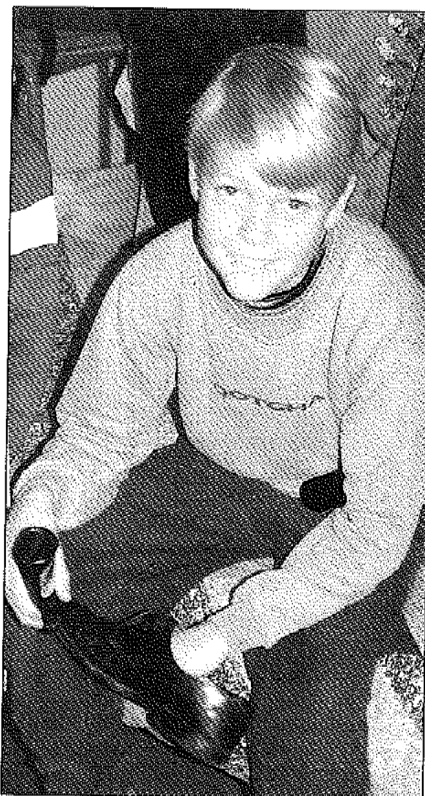
THE HAPPY HOSTEL WITH THE HOMELY APPROACH



HOMEWORK TIME: Morne Cloete at his desk



BREAKFAST TIME: Matron Di Morris serves



SHOESHINE TIME: Jonathan Fourie at work

BOARDERS at DV Taylor House form the backbone of Dale Junior, says Headmaster Roger Budler. Many boys have excelled in the classroom as well as on the cultural and sporting fronts, says a newsletter to parents.

Many boys performed with distinction in the Kaffrarian High School arts festival last year. The all-boarder Dale Junior quiz team of deputy headboy Ryan Miller, Sean Johnson and Russel Clough reached the final of the Border contest.

Ryan also won the English Olympiad held in East London and represented Border at problem solving — a first for Dale Junior.

"On the sports field the boarders have excelled with their enthusiasm, dedication and commitment," said Mr Budler.

Boarders who had performed with distinction included Roland King, Border Country Districts swimming, Malinbongwe Mdaka, Border rugby, Lewellyn King, headboy of the school, and Lundi Mdingo, Border Development rugby.

Mr Budler praised the hostel staff for "going the extra mile" so that the boys got the love and attention they deserved.

DV Taylor House prides itself on its "home from home" approach aiming to create a relaxed but disciplined atmosphere.

"Our sons at DV Taylor are happy. Our matrons go out of their way to care for the needs of our young Dalians," says a report in the school magazine. "Our boarders form the backbone of most sports teams."

DALE JUNIOR LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

CHANGES and challenges in education can only be seen as opportunities — if Dale Junior insists that "come what may" it will not only survive but emerge as a better school.

This was the message of the Headmaster of Dale Junior, Roger Budler, to Transvaal parents at their 1993 annual general meeting.

"We have to analyse the problems, overcome the obstacles, gather all our resources and dynamically tackle the future," he said.

Mr Budler said impressive improvements had been made to the school's facilities in a year of many changes.

The most significant development had been spending about R12 000 "to put the teaching staff through a comprehensive and concentrated programme to improve a wide variety of academic skills which we, in turn, are teaching our boys."

These included: Basic study techniques and methods, note-taking and note-making, effective

reading skills, communication skills and examination techniques.

"These skills are being built into our programme to benefit all our boys with the sole purpose of making their education as effective as possible.

"Computer education has taken on a new meaning in our school. All our boys, Sub A to Std 5, now have structured computer education as part of their curriculum. In this way we hope to develop boys who are ready and able to face the challenges of the technological world."

Mr Budler said Dale Junior continued to play a major role in the development of school cricket and rugby on the Border. It took part in mid-week fixtures against less-privileged schools in its immediate hinterland.

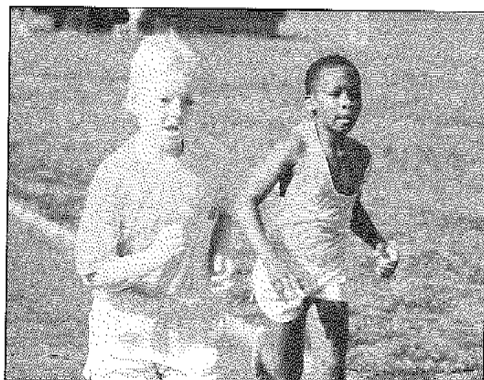
"We are creating a superb camaraderie between our school and the less privileged. I think we will benefit from it."

Mr Budler added: "The most important comment made to me this year was by Mr Neil le Roux from the East London Teachers' Centre... that of all the schools he visits in the Border region Dale Junior boys are without doubt the best behaved and best mannered children he has come across."

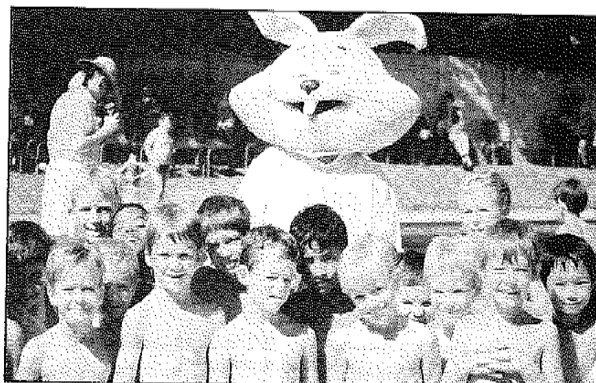
"That typifies the importance of the four pillars of our teaching programme: knowledge, know-how, wisdom and character.

"The real secret of our success lies in our enthusiasm. We have a hunger for that 'zero defect' — in the eyes of our school a mere 'good enough' is the enemy of all progress."

● In his year-end report Mr Budler said his staff and the Governing Body had attended an IDASA workshop "to prepare the staff for the changes educators face in the ever-changing educational scenario in South Africa."

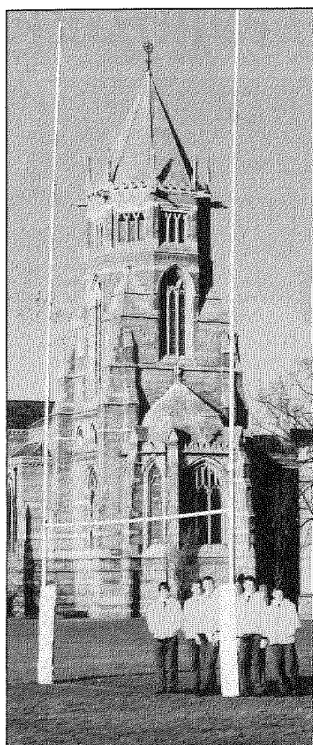


ATHLETICS TIME: Murray Campbell and Athenkosi Mbulawa contest the under nine 100 metres



EASTER TIME: The Bunny visits Dale Junior

A GREAT DALE TOUR... FROM THE BIRTH

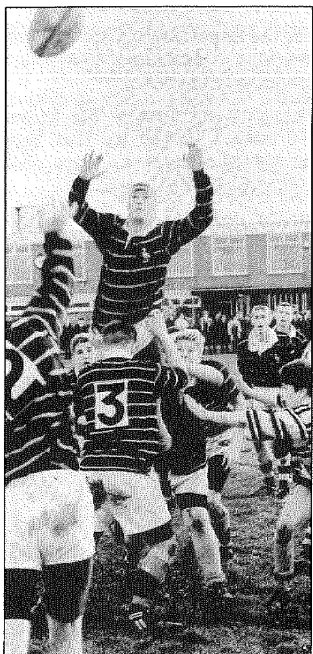


● The weather was miserable, but the pre-Christmas Dale tour of Britain was a great success — and offered a lot besides the rugby.

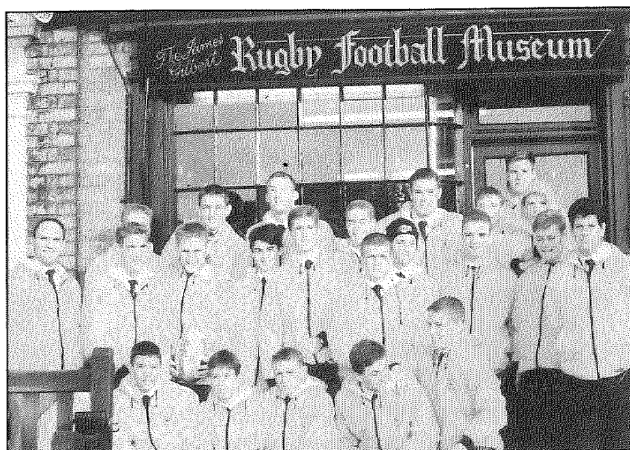
On the field Dale won five matches in ten days. Off the field there was time for sightseeing, camaraderie and fun.

ABOVE: Under the posts at Rugby School, where the game was born.

● PICTURES: ROB HENSEN



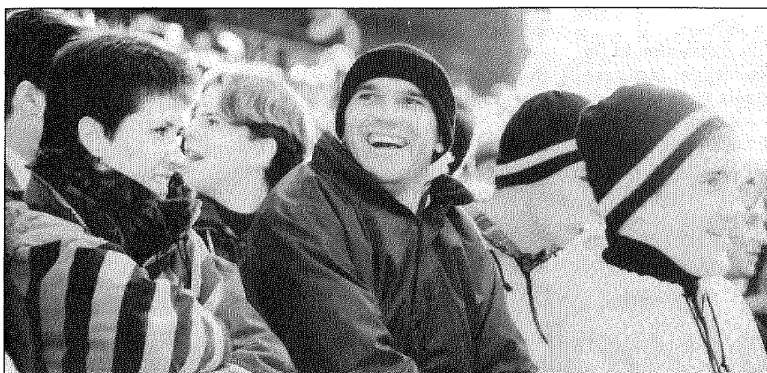
Jump for it — with a little bit of help from your friends!



In their familiar Dale tracksuits, the tourists line up outside Rugby School's famous museum



Coach Deon Boshoff and manager Mil William Webb Ellis, the boy who picked up the ball



At Twickenham, the home of English rugby: Caroline and Deon Boshoff with Greg Mackay (right) watch the Oxford-Cambridge Intvarsity



At Madame Tussauds Paper, Michael Becke

THE DALE first rugby team capped their record-breaking 1993 season with a victorious five-match tour of England and Wales in cold, wet, unfamiliar conditions. In one match four Daliens were taken to hospital suffering from the effects of the cold.

The team remained unbeaten after 22 matches, scoring 833 points in the extended season with 125 against. They scored 127 tries, conceded 12 and broke all 15 known Dale records.

Reviewing the December tour First XV coach Deon Boshoff writes: Although six of the regular 1993 side could not tour they were still a representative squad.

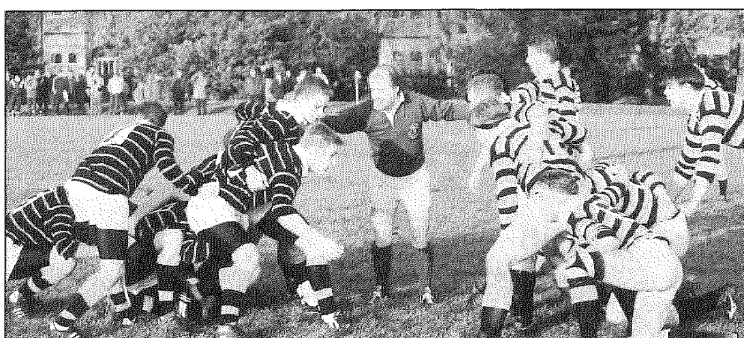
Overall the side, with their new combinations, performed extremely well under wet and slippery conditions and surprisingly enough seemed to handle the ball better than the opposition.

The English schools' rule of not being able to push

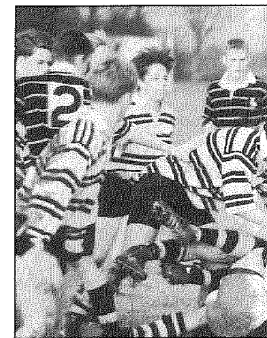
Unbeaten Dale Five victories in ten days

more than 1.5 metres seems counter-productive. The only other interpretation which bothered the Dale side was the allowing of the opposition to stand in an off-side position from scrums, rucks and mauls. This proved extremely frustrating.

The touring team played their five matches in ten days. After watching the Oxford-Cambridge intervarsity at Twickenham the tourists had their first taste of English weather and the standard of English schoolboy rugby in their match against Leicester Grammar School. Dale won 43-0.

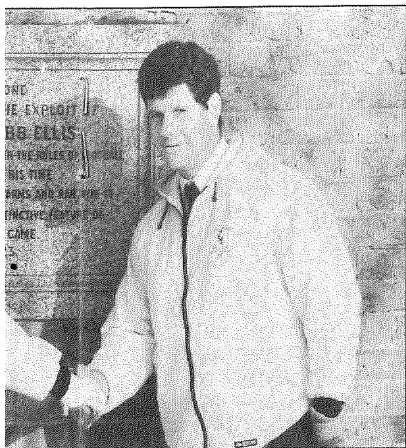


Wait for it, lads! Dale and Hymers College prepare to scrum down at Hull



Go for it Dale! The ball

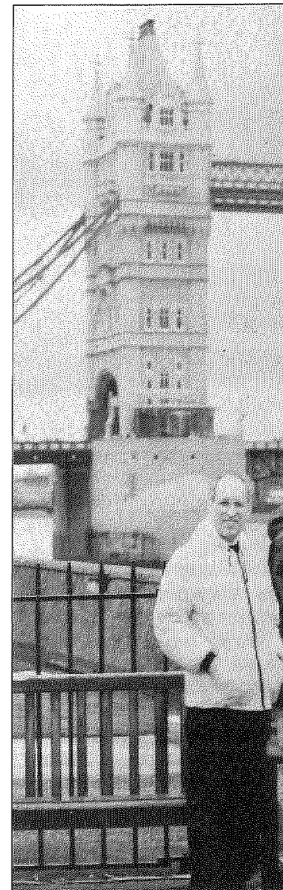
HPLACE OF RUGBY TO 'TWICKERS' AND MADAME TUSSAUDS



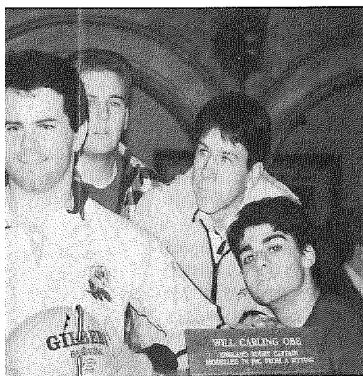
Mike Cousins at the stone honouring legendary Dale who kicked a football and started the game of rugby



Parliamentary view: Mark Francies, Michael Tuck, Kevin Ogden, Greg Mackay, Tyrone Schwartz, Mike Cousins and Michael Burgess



At Tower Bridge: Old Dalian supporter Trevor Macdonald from Durban



Is: Mike Cousins, Greg Mackay, Russell Paper and Tony Crassas meet "Will Carling"



With a Beefeater at the Tower of London: Mark Francies and Tony Crassas. The Dalian had two days of sightseeing in London

e crush Brits in wet and cold ays set the seal on a record-breaking season

Tony Crassas, Patrick Stöter, Anton Petzer and Courtenay Woodin each scored a try and David Beckley two. Four tries were converted. Greg Share, who came on as a replacement, broke his arm, ending his match-playing tour.

The next match against Hymers College in Hull was more difficult. Dale won 18-10. Tries were scored by Warren Spring, Woodin and Stöter, with a penalty goaled by Michael Burgess.

At Hurstpierpoint, just north of Brighton, Dale started slowly but won 43-3 despite conceding 25 penalties

in the first half. Petzer scored three tries and Stöter, Grant Griffith, Alex Smith and Mark Francies one each. Four were converted.

The toughest match was against a Gwent County side in Pontypool, Wales. Dale did well to win 15-5 in appalling conditions. Francies and Tyrone Schwartz each scored a try and Burgess goaled a penalty.

Four players were admitted to hospital briefly with hypothermia (when the body temperature falls way below normal).

In an unpleasant match against Bishop Wordsworth

College in Salisbury Dale were not allowed near the opposition tryline. This became frustrating at times and there were lapses in concentration.

Dale won 13-6 through a penalty by Burgess and tries by Woodin and Stöter.

The tour party had a well-earned rest for two nights in a Southampton hotel. Four nights were spent in London where the players visited the sights of that magnificent city.

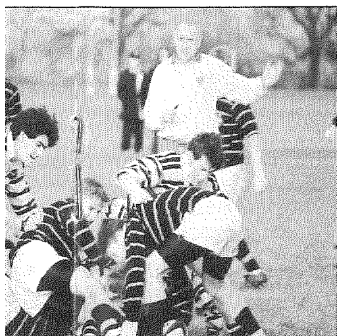
In this remarkable Dale rugby season Pieter Loots, who took over the kicking role from the injured Shaun Sharp, became the first forward to score over 100 points in a season. Sharp, still troubled by his injury, did not go on the British tour. The top try-scorer was eighthman Patrick Stöter.

THE SQUAD

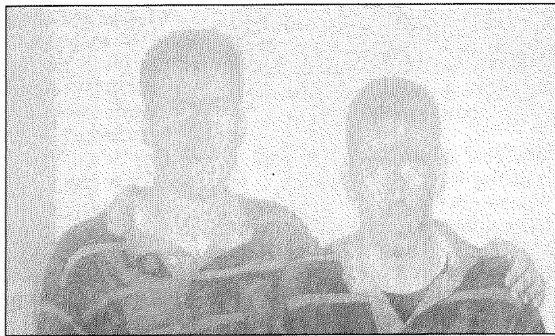
Justin Corrans (flank and vice-captain), Patrick Stöter (eighthman), Pieter Loots (flank), Greg Cummings (loose-head prop), Greg Share (flank), Clinton Boucher (prop), Russell Paper (lock), Alex Smith (lock), Greg Mackay (hooker), Mark Francies (lock), Michael Tuck (prop), Michael Nel (hooker) and Kevin Ogden (wing).

David Beckley (scrumhalf), Anthony Crassas (wing), Michael Burgess (centre), Grant Griffith (centre and captain) Warren Spring (rightwing), Courtenay Woodin (scrumhalf), Michael Becker (scrumhalf/flyhalf), Anton Petzer (fullback) and Tyrone Schwartz (leftwing).

Accompanying the tourists were the Headmaster, Malcolm Andrew (liaison), first XV coach Deon Boshoff, second XV coach Mike Cousins (manager), and head of department Rob Hensen (finance).



It's coming our way — at Leicester



Anton Petzer and Michael Burgess after Pontypool mudbath

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The fun and the freeze — by two Transvalers who toured UK

Off with their heads!

Joey's boy Tony goes down to the dungeons — and loves it

By JOE SUTTON

"EXECUTIONER" Anthony Crassas savours a rare moment as he wields the axe over vice-principal Rob Hensen and tour manager Mike Cousins.

Johannesburg-born Tony, who confesses to a keen interest in the macabre, regards this visit to the London Dungeons as one of the off-the-field highlights of his tour of Britain with the Dale College rugby team.

At the dungeons and at the Tower of London he was intrigued by the guillotines and ancient methods of torture.

"I enjoy horror. I loved the dungeons," said Tony, a seemingly gentle lad off the rugby field. But to Tony, son of Tony and Myra Crassas, who moved from Johannesburg to Vryheid, Natal, a year ago, the highlight of the tour was the rugby itself and the warm hospitality the boys received.

"The people of Leicester seemed pretty chuffed to see us. They were great, the best in England. The Welsh were ever better."

One lasting impression of the English in city streets was "Where are the smiles? — I'd be amazed if I saw someone smiling."

This and the drab clothes they wore were probably because of the extreme winter climate.

"The weather was miserable," he said, "I wore long johns every day. We were well prepared but didn't expect it to be that cold."



Tony, a reserve left wing, enjoyed the two games he played against Leicester and Gwent County Combined Schools.

The South Africans found the conditions totally different from those at home and difficult to adjust to. The weather was bitterly cold and the fields were wet, soft and muddy, not suitable for attractive rugby.

"It was quite amazing falling on to something soft. Only towards the end did we learn not to side step as we would end up sliding on to the ground. Our long studs didn't help."

The Dalians tried to adapt but did not change their attacking tactics and played their own game. Scores, however, would have been much higher on their own harder fields.

"Against Gwent, one of the hardest games, it was two degrees and raining. My hands were seizing up."

Against Hymer College in Hull the forwards included "a lock of 6ft 7in and 16 stone (about 100kg) and the flanks averaged 6ft 2 and 13 stone."

Despite the conditions, which made the game slower, Tony found the rugby "a lot of fun."

Off the field Tony was impressed by the warm welcome they received, the way the British guys socialised, the happy, friendly atmosphere of the pubs — so different from the unsmiling faces in the streets.

At a formal dinner in Leicester the schoolboys were offered a beer each. But because the Dalians, wearing their school colours, were denied this, their hosts declined to drink on their own. The sacrifice impressed Tony and his mates.

He enjoyed the company of the British lads and what they had to say. He found them remarkably well informed about South African affairs.

The Dalians found the food good but expensive. Tony ate a lot of takeaways from bakeries and MacDonalds outlets. They also ate at private homes where "our hosts went out of their way to impress us." Some parents took them out to family meals at pubs — it was interesting to see this side of British life.

Last view of the tour: "I enjoyed myself — it was great and I won't forget it. It's good to see the world — it's knowledge," said Tony who has enjoyed trips before to Cyprus and Austria.

The warm (and the not so warm) welcomes

TRANSVALER Michael Tuck, great-great-nephew of the oldest living Old Dalian, has mixed feelings on the hospitality the Dalians received on their victorious rugby tour of England and Wales.

Front-ranker Michael is the son of Old Dalian Alan (matric class 1967) and Pixie Tuck, of Oberholzer, Western Transvaal, and a descendant of 97-year-old Bertrand Wallace Tuck of Gonubie, near East London. He is this year's headboy of Diocesan Hostel and a school prefect.

Michael found the tour most beneficial and enjoyable but when it was over he was glad to be home. Here are some of his comments:

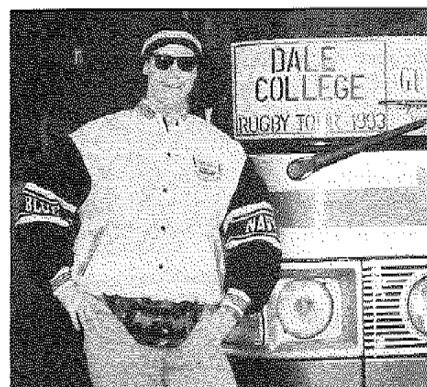
LEICESTER: "Our hosts (Leicester Grammar School) were extremely friendly and made every effort to make us as comfortable as we would have been at home. In my opinion the stay at Leicester was the best."

Of the match itself, the first of the tour, Michael said: "We soon realised just how different rugby was played under such extreme weather conditions. We all adjusted."

HULL (Hymers College): "The hospitality was as warm as the weather."

HURSTPIERPOINT, just north of Brighton: "Our highest score, 48-0. A great victory."

PONTEPOOL, Wales, against Gwent County Combined Schools: "This was the hardest of all our games and was most definitely played on the



MICHAEL TUCK: An experience with long-term benefits

coldest day. Four of our guys were taken to hospital suffering from hypothermia.

"The team we played against were very strong but we had just that much more determination and guts."

"Although the weather didn't warm up much, the hospitality was a lot warmer. We all had just about as much fun as we did at Leicester."

SALISBURY: "Our last match (against Bishop Wordsworth School) was probably the worst, not

only because of the way we played but because of the way we were handled by our hosts.

"The game was brought forward and on arrival we were offered no change rooms. I was shocked to think that this was the way in which an English team received overseas guests."

"Although we beat them our game was shortened by unnecessary incidents between the teams."

"In London we were left to do what we wanted. Although the English were not the friendliest of people we saw a lot of things and enjoyed ourselves to the fullest extent."

"When we all boarded the plane for our flight home the atmosphere was one of relief to be coming home. The flight was not as long and tiresome as the one to the UK. Seeing our family and friends made the tour all worth while."

"I experienced another type of living there and felt that the tour was most beneficial to the way we all play rugby."

"I believe that the benefits of this tour will only be realised by all concerned in time to come. It passed us by so quickly that, to be honest, I do not believe that in the time available we could comprehend what a great opportunity was granted to us."

"I hope to see many more tours being arranged in the future."

Golf Day raises R9 500 for Dale

WITH a field of about 120 golfers the 1993 Transvaal Dale parents' tournament was a highly successful outing which raised more than R9 500 for Dale College and Dale Junior. This is the highest amount for three years.

A number of parents and their Dalian sons were among those who turned up at Benoni Country Club to play, help and enjoy the day. Old Daliens strongly supported the event.

Major support came from the Tiger Oats group which has been the competition's main sponsor since 1986 and this year donated R2 600. Other sponsorships, led by R500 from First National Bank, brought in a further R1 600.

The rest of the proceeds came from golfers' playing fees, two raffles of liquor hampers donated by parents, and half a lamb given by an Old Dalian golfer, Alan Davis.

Despite a late-afternoon rainstorm which washed out the last half-dozen fourballs near the end of their rounds most golfers spent an enjoyable afternoon.

The competition was won by an Old Dalian, Tony Boesch (1963), and his partner Tom Tinsley, on a count-out with 43 points. Each won a Baracuda pool cleaner.

They chose Frank Joubert House to hold the SA Oil Mills Trophy, which was presented by an Old Dalian, Laurie Troxler (1959), managing director of Albany Bakeries in the Tiger group.

They were followed by former Dale parent Denis Lariviere and his partner D Michaux, winning weekends at Mount Everest Game Reserve and the Coach House in Tzaneen.

Sandy O'Donaghue and her brother-in-law, Brian O'Donaghue, were third. They won weekends at the Mountain Inn, Swaziland, and a resort holiday donated by Michelle's Travel Agency of Boksburg.

Sandy also won one of the two ladies' prizes for being nearest the pin, the other being won by Karen Wales, wife of Old Dalian Peter Wales (1977).

Fourth were Neville Krauss and his mother, former Dale parent Vicky D'Agnel, who also won the prize for the ladies' longest drive. Old Dalian Haydn Mourant (1986) won the men's longest drive prize.

Prizes were awarded to up to 12th place, plus

THE WINNERS

Old Dalian Tony Boesch and his partner Tom Tinsley received the SA Oil Mills Trophy from another Old Dalian, Laurie Troxler, representing the Tiger Oats group. On the left is Janice Gibb, wife of the Dale parents' committee chairman.



THE LONGEST DAY

Bringing up the rear with the most golf were regular supporters Roger Garton and D Huet.

They won these prizes donated by Mitco Tools: A crowbar for beating around the bush, grass shears for improving the lie of your ball, hedge shears for those annoying branches that get in your way, and a hacksaw frame and blades to eliminate your golf handicap — the clubs!



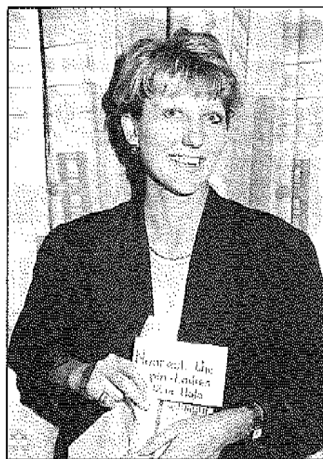
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Two-club winners: Vic Reitz, Denis Lariviere, Pat Boesch, Bobby Hains and Trevor Howard-Tripp



LONGEST DRIVE: Haydn Mourant



NEAREST THE PIN: Karen Wales



LONGEST DRIVE: Vicky D'Agnel



HAMPER WINNER: Jimmy Johnston

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R2 600 Tiger in our tank!

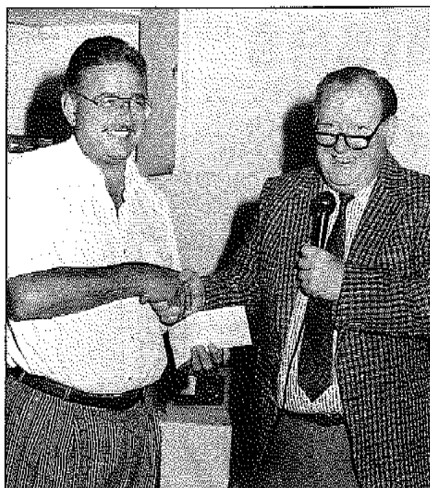
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a number of "lucky draw" and special prizes. The best gross was won by G Duncan with 75 strokes.

Colleen Patience, former treasurer of the Transvaal parents' association, struck it lucky by winning both the first and third liquor hamper prizes. The second was won by Old Dalian Jimmy Johnston. T Scott won the half-a-lamb raffle.

• Our thanks to our sponsors and others who donated prizes, to parents who helped on the day and to the Benoni Country club for hosting the tournament for the eighth successive year.

• The 1994 golf tournament has been fixed for Sunday October 2, again at Benoni Country club.



Chairman Rusty Gibb receives a R2 600 cheque from Laurie Troxler of the Tiger group

Jo'burg bus thieves strike again

FOR the second time in six years a Dale mini-bus has been stolen in Johannesburg.

It first happened when Dale rugby tourists were visiting the Rand Show at Nasrec in 1988.

Then last December two mini-buses brought the 1993 Dale rugby team to the Transvaal to catch their plane to London for their UK tour. They flew out leaving one of the buses parked at the Saxonwold home of Rusty Gibb, chairman of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association.

Four days later the Toyota bus vanished in the early evening.

Deputy Headmaster Micky Paterson, due in the Transvaal for the Nuffield cricket tournament, brought another mini-bus up to Johannesburg for the tourists' return journey to King.

The stolen bus has been replaced by a new Ford but it will be sadly missed.

"It was one of our older buses but the one the staff loved most," said Headmaster Malcom Andrew.

Per Ardua awards for Rusty, Janice

RUSTY GIBB, chairman of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association for three years, and his wife Janice have received Per Ardua awards for loyal and devoted service to Dale.

The awards, a tie for Rusty and a brooch for Janice, were presented by Headmaster Malcom Andrew at the 1993 Reunion assembly.

□ Awards also went to Barry Turner, 1993-94 National President of the Old Dalian Union, Mick Paterson, Deputy Headmaster of Dale College, Butch Wiggert, a teacher at Dale for ten years, Chow Bissell, chairman of the East London Dale PTA and his wife Yvonne, and Bob Funnell, chairman of the Dale College PTA, King William's Town.

A special award went to grounds manager Cliff Greeff.

The 1994 Reunion

THE Old Dalian Wood family and the Dale matric class of 1984 will be honoured guests at the 1994 Reunion to be held on July 29-31.

Unofficial reunions will be held by the classes of 1944 (50 years), 1964 (30) and 74 (20). Old Dalians attending are asked to contact Hazel Flick at PO Box 248, KWT, 5600. (Phone 0433-21243). 1944 veterans may contact Joe Sutton, 3 Rotary Way, St George's Village, Bedfordview 2008 (011-622-9818) or Quentin Coaker, PO Box 650445 Benmore 2010 (011-783-6717) and 1974 classmates Ross Field, PO Box 1184, Gallo Manor, 2052 (011-883-2443 work, or 802-6444 home).

Well done Dale, say parents



Transvaal parents applaud a Dale try in the Reunion game against Grey High School (PE). From left: Flick Lotter, Renée Smart, Helen Keates, Kenneth Smart, Rusty Gibb, Des Keates, and Fred and Janet Friskin. Dale won 37-10. Picture: JANICE GIBB

Bravo Neville, Hon. Old Dalian

NEVILLE PATIENCE, stalwart Transvaal parent of two Old Dalians, has been made an Honorary Old Dalian for his service to Dale.

Neville was chairman of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association for two years and his wife Colleen treasurer for eight. They were committee members for nearly ten years and received the Per Ardua Award in 1988 for meritorious service.

Neville is tremendously proud of

his latest award and represented Transvaal Old Dalians in a golf tournament in Johannesburg in January against Old Selbornians and Old Queenians. He was partnered by his eldest Old Dalian son Bruce (1987).

Neville and Colleen helped put the parents' association firmly on its financial feet in the '80s through catering at dog shows. This remains the association's biggest source of funds for Dale.

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BY ASHLEY CLARK

I VIVIDLY remember that first train journey down the East London line. A throng of parents, mostly mothers, and children gathered before platform notice boards seeking a name, a compartment number and then hurrying to find the right coach.

There were new children to meet, some travelling like myself for the first time, others old hands at the routine, a compartment to settle into, a bunk to choose for the night, a window seat to grab, a passage to explore and an open area on which to stand at the coach end.

It was a very exciting new experience. The excitement reached fever pitch when the 15F class engine blew its whistle and the train shuddered into life.

It wound its way slowly along a mass of lines that ran in a wide sunken rail corridor through the industrial area of George Goch, onto less salubrious suburbs with small, closely-packed houses and on to Germiston.

That momentary pang of parting was soon suppressed by my eager curiosity to see all that I could. Soon we were off into the darkening South African veld.

Being new and unable to obtain a window seat, I stood in the corridor gazing out until long after night fell on that 20th day of January 1947, passing smaller stations, each with its inevitable gum trees and row upon row of two or three identical little railway cottages.

From that first journey, I have never had any difficulty sleeping on a train. The rhythmic "clicky-click" of the wheels was more than enough to send me to sleep. I was up again the next morning as soon as it was light. That must have been somewhere near Queenstown.

With my scant knowledge of geography, I took up my post at a corridor window fully expecting to see the sea at any moment and around any bend.

We passed through rolling, grass-covered hills, deep cuttings, over dry and semi-dry rivers, each metal bridge causing a rush of sound through the train — but I never did get to see the sea.

At midday, we stopped at Blancy station. There was a mad scramble for cases on the racks and under the seats and soon a mass of Dale boys and a few KHS girls were standing on the platform watching a vanishing guard's van disappear down the line toward Berlin and East London.

On the other side of the platform a small train composed mainly of goods trucks and a few "dog-box" coaches, so different to our recent quarters, was waiting.

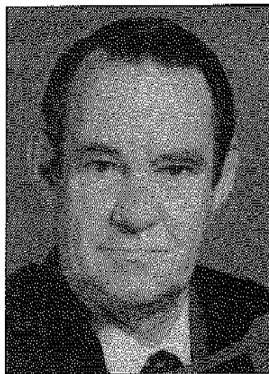
The train veered off westward into broken bush-country at a pace little faster than an average trot. One of the senior boys, "Carrots" Hubbard, achieved some fame for his ability to drop off the train, run alongside it and catch it again.

There were no stations on the 11-mile run to King, only halts, of which two names, Yellow Woods and Plumbago, stick in my mind.

Then the scramble for luggage again. King William's Town lay out of sight over a slight rise

A JOEY'S BOY GOES TO KING

The city slicker who grew to love the place



● For more than 50 years Dale boarders from the Transvaal travelled to King William's Town and back four times a year by train. Then in 1991 they switched to buses and now the boys travel by air.

Here Old Dallen ASHLEY CLARK, (1947-53) an ex-College (now Sutton) House boy, describes his first train journey from Johannesburg to King as a boy of 11 and gives his "city slicker" impressions of the "dusty, half-forgotten town", the people and the school.

But Ashley grew to love "every minute of my time there". Today he reflects: "I cannot think of a greater influence on my whole being nor a happier time than those seven years spent between my two homes."

to the north but within minutes we were pulling into a quaint, small station.

If I had expected the porters we had on Johannesburg's Park station, I was soon rudely awakened. The boys simply picked up their cases and streamed out of the station towards the town and hostels.

I was going to College House, the same hostel as my younger brother Mervyn (Nobby) who had gone there six months earlier. It was the nearest Dale hostel to the station, but it was some two miles away.

The fact that there were no taxis was not really surprising, but there were no buses either! We had no option but to lug our heavy cases, both hands full and legs bumping luggage as we struggled along.

King William's Town was something else. We passed small white-washed houses, with front doors opening straight on to dusty, unkempt pavements.

trees. He has six children and five grandchildren and lives in the picturesque little town of Hazypview, Eastern Transvaal, on the edge of the Kruger Park.

He lists his sole achievements at Dale as winning the history prize in 1953 and being a member of the "famous" fifth rugby team.

● Ashley's younger brother Mervyn (Nobby), who was 1955 headboy of Sutton House, a school prefect and prominent first team rugby player, died in 1983.

There were no high-rise buildings and, apart from those in the main street, a shop was more like a converted corner house. Those in the main street were small and badly stocked.

Xhosa were in evidence, the women with turbans, painted faces, red blankets and long pipes.

There was hardly a white person — or a motorcar — in sight. These small things made a great impression on me and it was with some apprehension that I approached the solid square, slate-coloured building Nobby proudly told me was College (now Sutton) House.

It was a building from the previous century, a relic of an age long past.

"I was astounded. I could not believe my mother would send my brother and me to such a place and such a school. Exploration of my immediate surrounds did little to alter my feelings. The junior dormitory to which I was assigned was in a large single-storey block that housed a bathroom, a smaller dormitory — my brother's — a room with six beds, and a hostel prep room.

The high school lay to the north across a dusty plateau. Across a driveway to the south were the double-storey senior dormitories connected to the main dining-room and the housemaster's quarters.

East of my dormitory block were the kitchen, tuck shop, the matron's quarters and the sick room.

The senior dormitory block, the dining-room and masters' quarters were built of the same forbidding grey stone. All other blocks, including ours, had this stone for foundations, but above were white-washed walls covered with faded corrugated-iron roofs. All buildings appeared ages old.

The first night our only duty was to report to the housemaster, GC (Taffy) Williams, a short, dark, bespectacled man, geography teacher at the senior school and a man of kindly disposition.

He had gone out of his way to make my brother feel at home six months earlier and by the time I arrived Nobby was a great friend of Taffy's son Roger and almost a house guest. It was a friendship that continued throughout his school years and no one was surprised when eight years later Taffy chose Nobby as headboy of the house.

The Headmaster (HT Crouch when I started) lived at the relatively new Joubert House while Paterson House (Presby) was then run by EC (Shops) Workman and Diocesan by Ray (Gurks) Godden.

The next morning after breakfast it was straight to school. The Primary, a more modern building than the College (and now part of the Kaffrarian Girls' High School) lay up Queens Road east of our hostel.

The head (or chief primary assistant as he was officially called) was JA "Balletjie" or "Balla" or more commonly "Pips" Hall, the deputy, the elder of the two Van der Vlies brothers, our woodwork master "Eggy" van Niekerk, and our teacher, the fierce Miss Retief. It was there that I was admitted on January 22, 1947.

This old college in a dusty, half-forgotten town, set in dry thornveld facing the Amatola Mountains, was to become my home from home for the next seven years.

It was a hard, tough school administered by a rigid and often harsh prefect system. It was set in an uninspiring and declining Border.

I loved every minute of my time there. The school came to be one of the great positive influences of my life, a nursery for lifelong values right down to simple hobbies.

In retrospect I cannot think of a greater influence on my whole being, nor a happier time than those seven years spent between my two homes.

● Johannesburg-born Ashley R Clark, 57, BA (Wits) BEd (Unisa) TTHD (professional diploma Johannesburg Teachers' Training College), who retired on health grounds as headmaster of Scottburgh Primary School in 1988, has had a wide-ranging career in the Rhodesias and South Africa.

He has been a teacher, farmer, parliamentary candidate, a teachers' college lecturer, a radio and TV journalist and a town councillor.

Other interests include the study of birds and

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

OLD DALIAN Mick Bissell (1958-64) has returned to his first love — teaching — after four years in the business world.

He has moved from Johannesburg to Natal to become deputy headmaster of Kearsney College, where he is teaching history in the department headed by former Dale head of department Dave Knowles.

After matriculating at Dale Mick spent four years at Rhodes University, then took a one-year teaching diploma at Maritzburg University and later a B.Education degree. He spent 20 years teaching in the Transvaal, interrupted by a four-year stint in Port Elizabeth.

Mick taught at Northcliff High School, Johannesburg, under Old Dalian GD (Jed) Dickerson and was deputy headmaster of Westridge High for five years.

In 1989 he left teaching to join Old Dalian Douglas Troxler (a prefect with him at Joubert House in 1964) as marketing manager of Troxler's company, now known as Master Planners Commercial Interiors (MCI). Later he was sales and project manager.

Mick described his exposure to the different world of business as "very useful — a tremendous growing experience" — which he feels will be invaluable in his new role in education. (At the very least Kearsney will now have some expert advice on how to furnish its offices.)

"I enjoyed it — and a lot that I learnt in business can be applied to teaching."

Of his new life at Kearsney he said: "Boys will be boys — there is very little difference between Kearsney boys and Daliens — the common denominator is rugby fanaticism!"

Of his move to Natal, Mick added: "I'm a dyed-

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Spell in business will help me in teaching, says Mick Bissell



FLASHBACK: Winner Bissell receives his tennis prize from chairman's wife Janice Gibb

in-the-wool Transvaal rugby supporter — it will take a long time to become a Banana Boy."

Mick, who was chairman of the Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union for three years,

has made news several times in TransDate:

● In December 1978, when the Dale first rugby team took the Transvaal by storm, "a bearded Mick Bissell, now teaching at Northcliff High School arranged for 22 charming partners for the Dale players" at an after-match braai attended by Dale parents, Old Daliens and King camp-followers.

Before the final match against Northcliff Mick and his headmaster, Jed Dickerson, entertained the Dale team to lunch. Dale went on to win 19-6.

● In 1990 Mick, as chairman of the Transvaal ODU branch, introduced a get-together of Old Daliens of a particular era.

He was highly successful with his own, the Searle Era of the '50s and early '60s, who gathered for a nostalgic "Swiss evening" at Douglas Troxler's sumptuous business headquarters.

● In 1991 Mick, wearing a floppy cricket hat and dark glasses, came out tops in the tennis round robin at the annual Dale parents' sports day, tying with a Dalian, David Switala.

● In the same year Mick scored a coup for Dale rugby by finding his old school a star flyhalf in Johannesburg. He was Shaun Sharp, a former pupil of Westridge High School, where Mick had been deputy principal.

Mick acted fast when tipped off that Shaun was moving to East London. Shaun, then only 15, went on to become the leading points scorer for the Dale First XV.

● Natal and visiting Old Daliens please note: Mick and his wife (formerly Dot Weyer from Rhodesia) live at 36 Chapel Street, Botha's Hill 3600, Natal. (Phone: 031-752-612). They have three children, two at university in Johannesburg and one at Kearsney.

Neil flies relief food to war-torn Sudanese

PILOT Neil Crossey (1971 to 1975), who has been flying for private airlines all over Africa for eight years, has recently completed an eight-month stint for the United Nations in East Africa.

This included flying food aid from North Kenya in turbine DC3s to civil war-torn Southern Sudan.

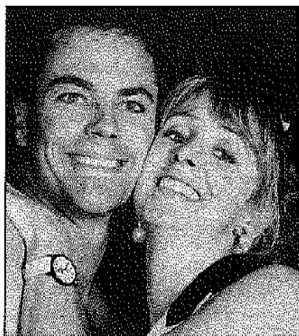
But apart from being shot at from the ground here and there and landing on flooded tarmacs this was not hazardous, he says.

Neil, who was at Dale for five years, spent ten years with the SAAF before switching to private airlines flying in South Africa and to African countries including strife-torn Angola and Mozambique.

This year he has joined a new company, Inter Airlines, which will fly passengers between Johannesburg, Phalaborwa, Nelspruit and Durban.

Last month he flew to Canada to train on a 50-passenger four-engine turboprop De Havilland Dash 7 which will be used by the airline.

Neil, his wife Annet and their three-year-old son, live in Faerie Glen, Pretoria. He is the eldest son of the late Ted Crossey, one of the founders of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association, and his widow Shirley of Johannesburg.



FLASHBACK: Andrew on stage in a South African farce

Andrew off to Oz

ACTOR Andrew Matthews (1983) has left for Australia to try his luck in Sydney in the TV and film industry and possibly the stage.

Andrew, who began acting in plays produced by the late Errol Hout at Dale College, has appeared in several plays on the South African stage and also in television productions. He hopes to find more opportunities in Australia.

Andrew is interested ultimately in directing and intends to take part-time courses in editing at a film school in Sydney. "I'll see how things

go," he says. "I'm also open to teaching English in mainland China."

His Old Dalian father, TED MATTHEWS (1945), formerly of Alice, is still farming near Humansdorp.

To the icy south

DOMINIC GIBB (1992), who is doing his national service in the Navy, has recently been on a three-week trip aboard the hydrographical survey ship SAS Protea to the South African research station in Antarctica.

The trip's purpose was to rotate the SAAF helicopter crews operating at the Department of Environmental Affairs SA National Antarctic Expedition's (Sanae) ice station. Supplies were also taken to the base.

After completing his basic training at Saldanha Bay Dominic has been based as a seaman in SAS Protea at Simon's Town. His latest trip in Protea has been a surveying mission up the coast of West Africa.

In February he and other sailors were called out to join teams fighting the devastating bush fire which threatened Simon's Town.

Dominic hopes to do a deep-sea diving course before completing his national service in July and has signed on for another two years in the Navy.

He is the son of Rusty Gibb, chair-

man of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association, and Janice Gibb.

Twin brothers PHILLIP and DAVID SWITALA (1992) have also signed on for a further two years' Navy service after completing their national service in December. In their spare time they are taking dog-handling courses.

They are the sons of Fred and Margaret Switala, long-time members of the Transvaal Dale Parent's Association committee.

Preacher Pierre

PIERRE ROUESSART (1983) is a Christian worker ministering at the Alon Fellowship, a rural community settlement in Duivelskloof, near Tzaneen. He lives there with his Scandinavian-born wife Lotte and their daughter Rebekah.

Pierre is working full time at the settlement after a spell of teaching at the Tzaneen English-speaking primary school. He has been involved in missions conducted by the fellowship in neighbouring homelands.

At Dale Pierre was a college prefect, vice-captain of hockey and played for the first cricket team. He won honours in dramatic art and was a committee member of the Debating Society.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Cricketer Keith coaches the stars of the future

KEITH KIRTON (1941-46), one the best all-round sportsmen produced by Dale, has found a new niche in life in his sixties. He is groundsman and cricket coach at Christian Brothers College, Boksburg.

Keith looks after the sportsfields at the college, which has five turf wickets and three senior turf nets. His "baby" is the under 13 squad of about 20 boys, mostly in Std 6, who play against other schools in Johannesburg and the East Rand.

Here Keith's job is to prepare youngsters for the future in the higher teams. He is tremendously proud of his lads. Eight of his under 13s of two years ago and an Indian fast bowler from last year are in the CBC first team this year.

Keith loves his work, cricket and the school. "It's not as good as Dale but it's a very good school. The boys are lovely kids. They call me Keith — not sir or Mr Kirton."

At Dale Keith played for the first team at cricket for four years and at tennis for three. He was cricket captain for two years and won first team rugby colours in his final year.

In 1946 he played cricket for Border Schools and SA Schools and later captained Border and Eastern Province.

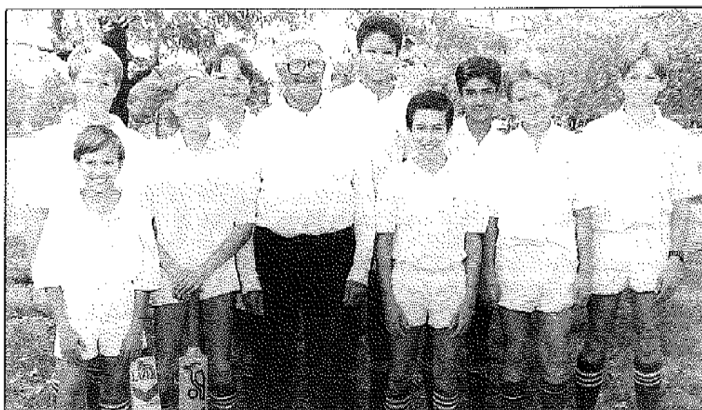
Keith and his wife June, who live in Beyers Park, Boksburg, came to the Transvaal five years ago. He started at CBC four years ago after a year as manager of the Benoni Northerns Club.

His Old Dalian sons, GARY, who played first team squash, and JEFFREY live in Port Elizabeth.

JOHN ERICH (1954-64), formerly a deputy director in the Johannesburg electricity department, has become Pretoria's city electricity engineer.

Star of the past Keith Kirton with some of his under 13 cricketers . . .
"They don't call me sir"

● Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD



Bruce back to study

BRUCE PATIENCE (1987) is taking a degree in computer science at Wits University after teaching for a year at Dale College. He holds a Higher Education Diploma (physical science) from the Johannesburg College of Education.

At Dale he taught in the science, biology and maths departments and was involved in computer studies and extra-mural activities.

He also served as a duty master at Diocesan Hostel and Paterson House. His brother GLENN is studying at the Johannesburg Technikon.

LEIGH BAHLMANN (1987) who is on a two-year contract with Murray and Roberts after completing his Civils T4 at the Port Elizabeth Technikon, has been stationed at Umtata since his marriage to Suzanne de Bruyn of Kirkwood. Earlier he spent six months near Gabarone in Botswana.

MARK PATERSON, 1993 Dale headboy, is studying pharmacy at the University of Port Elizabeth. Son of Dale Deputy Headmaster Mick Paterson, he captained the 1993 first cricket team and the Border Nuffield team, played fullback for the Dale rugby team and was chosen for Border Schools.

IAN CHISHOLM (1953-56) is national marketing manager of the metallurgical division of Siemens Ltd in Braamfontein, Johannesburg. He has been with the company for 28 years. **JOHN LENNARD** (1961-65) is an administrative manager at Siemens.

JOHN IMRIE (1961-52), formerly public affairs adviser to the Chamber of Mines, is living in retirement in Westcliff, Johannesburg. He joined the chamber after a career in newspaper journalism.

PETER DIXON (1941-47) is living in retirement in Yeoville, Johannesburg, after 30 years as an accountant in Zimbabwe and five in Pilgrim's Rest. He has spent the past three years in Johannesburg.

DARREN LE ROUX, who matriculated at Dale last year, is taking an 18-month course in interior design at Inscape College in Johannesburg.

Proud parents . . .

● To **ANTHONY SCHENK** (1970 to 1982) and his wife Ingrid, a second son Jayden in November 1993. Elder son Kyle is three. Anthony works for Granite Tyles in Dimbaza, Ciskei.

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● The sporting Old Dalian sons of Ray and Sheila Palframan of King are working hard at

their cricket and road running. Here's what Steven and Michael have been up to lately.

Mike aims at 6th Comrades

MICHAEL PALFRAMAN (1966) is training for his sixth Comrades Marathon after being the first Eastern Province and Border runner home last year.

His best supporter and personal second is his wife Jackie, whom he married in December. They met as students at the University of Port Elizabeth where Michael graduated BComm in 1990.

After a year at the Heidelberg Army Gymnasium Michael joined First National Bank in Port Elizabeth as an executive trainee with fellow Old Dalians Graham Killmann, Brian Rowles and James Gemmill. He is now with FNB's Kempston Road branch.

Michael has given up cricket and other sports to concentrate on running.

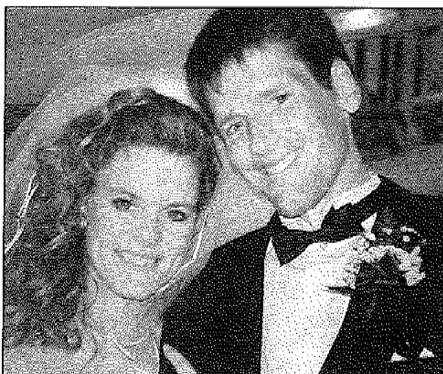
"These days it's marathons and ultra marathons — a sport where you have sole responsibility to achieve and what you put in you get out," he says.

He has been very encouraged by steadily improving personal best times in road races ranging from ten kilometres to 90 kilometres.

"My past five Comrades have been a most satisfying countdown — nine, eight, seven, six hours with a hiccup in between," says Michael.

His times: 1989 (first Comrades) 9hr 20min. 1990: 8hr 44min. 1991: 7hr 23min. 1992: 7hr 45 min. 1993: 6hr 15min. Now he believes his short-term goal of breaking six hours is within reach.

"Training 150km a week in the first six months of



Mike Palframan and bride Jackie . . . his best fan

the year followed by a peaking period of about 200 km a week during April and May is difficult, while holding down a career at the same time," he says.

But there are rewards — he has been sponsored by SAUCONY since his 57th place in the 1993 Comrades.

After times of 74min in the half marathon and 2hr 35min in the marathon Michael feels he is far from his peak. As for this year's Comrades he says: "We'll have to wait and see."

Steve dreams of Springbok comeback

Four generations of the King William's Town Palframan family celebrate the birth of their newest addition, Richard James. The proud Palframan parade includes (from left) great-grandpa Cecil James, dad Steven and grand-dad Ray



STEVEN PALFRAMAN "would love" to regain his position of reserve wicketkeeper in the South African cricket team.

He has had a successful season behind the stumps for Border in Castle Cup and Benson & Hedges matches and for South Africa A against the touring England A side.

Playing in the drawn "Test" against the English tourists was one of the season's highlights. Others were scoring his maiden first-class century (123 against Natal) and Border's reaching the Benson & Hedges semi-final.

Steve achieved 34 dismissals this season (26 in the Castle Cup and the England A game) and 11 in the B&H series. In Border's last cup game against Western

Province he added six scalps to his tally.

After the Sri Lanka tour last year he lost his Springbok place for the tour of India and Australia probably because of Natal wicketkeeper Errol Stewart's better batting performances.

As TransDale went to press the squad to tour England starting in June was yet to be chosen. While still dreaming of an English summer recall, Steve was looking for a winter job on the Border to take him through to the start of the 1994-95 season.

And there's also a chance of selection for South Africa A on their tour of Zimbabwe in September.

Steve will keep striving, with time on his side, to earn a regular place in the national team. At 23 he has many years of cricket ahead of him.



A Springbok send-off for Sri Lanka-bound Steven (right). From left: Old Dalians Kenny Watson (cricket) and Buster Farrer (cricket and hockey), Andrew Jenkins (darts, not an Old Dalian) and Old Dalian Hylton Ackerman (cricket).

Picture: The Mercury

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Top bank post for Barry

BARRY PAIN (1966-70) has been promoted to head of market planning of First National Bank's national marketing division.

He has been with Barclays and FNB for 19 years and has held senior positions in various marketing and regional divisions.

Before his latest appointment he was running the bank's Central Transvaal regional marketing division.

Barry joined the bank in Port Elizabeth in 1974 after completing his national service and took his advanced diploma in marketing management, banker's diploma and BComm degree.

He moved to Johannesburg in 1977, spent two years in marketing in London with Barclays PLC and Barclays International and later went to the United States to study electronic banking which he helped pioneer for the bank in South Africa.

Of his years at Dale (Paterson House) Barry recalls spending three months in Grey Hospital and then three months at home after breaking a leg in an under 15 rugby match. He recovered to become a regular second-teamer with one game for firsts.

He also remembers the tremendous camaraderie and team spirit at Presby. One year the hostel won the interhouse athletics, rugby and cricket competitions, fielding "non-star" teams.

Barry and his wife Elaine live in Randpark Ridge, Randburg. They are fitness enthusiasts, low-handicap golfers and have been regular supporters of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association's annual competition. FNB is one of the competition's biggest sponsors.

Len goes abroad

HONORARY Old Dalian LEN DU PISANIE, who taught at Dale College from 1978 to 1985 and has been training staff in Auto & General Insurance, has been transferred to Britain for five years.

Len, who holds a masters degree in psychology, has joined the staff training division of Budget Insurance. While at Dale Len coached the first rugby team.

BOBBY HAINS (1965) has been transferred from Wesbank's Boksburg office to Bank City, Johannesburg, as manager of customer services for the Johannesburg and Southern Transvaal area.

● **BARRY TURNER** has addressed several gatherings at Dale College in his term as National President of the Old Dalian Union. Here are extracts from some of his speeches:

□ *LIFE is like a wild tiger. You can lie down and let it lay a paw on your head or you can get on its back and ride the wild tiger. (An old Japanese proverb). I say to you: Go and ride the wild tiger!*

Old Dalian National President Barry Turner, a successful business man, gave this advice to boys at the 1993 Paterson House leavers' dinner.

He said Presby was a hostel "that has institutionalised loyalty, tenacity and the will to win."

He recalled how in 1964 Presby with one member of the unbeaten First XV mustered a team of boys including some of 14 and 15 who not only "blasted their way" through to the inter-house rugby final but won the competition.

"Playing like men possessed they represented what I believe is still the make-up of Presby boys — Never say Die!"

□ *PLAN your lives and set yourselves goals*

Mr Turner gave this advice to Dale Junior boys at their academic merit award ceremony.

"Even the impossible is possible to achieve if you plan to achieve it. Don't try to do it all in one but break it down or divide your plan into small sections," he said.

"Like a slice of bread. Break or cut it into small pieces and finish each piece before trying to take the next piece."

"If we did not plan around or practise whatever we are good at, none of us would ever rise above just being something that only eats and sleeps and maybe breathes."

"We are all going to be faced with new challenges... If we are going to be successful we have to plan to be. We have to set ourselves goals."

"Dale Junior is a successful school because Mr Budler and your teachers spend a lot of time planning to make it better and better."

"Any goals you set have to have a plan of action so you might reach or better the goals you set... Time will not wait for you or anyone else."

"We always like to say, 'I will do it tomorrow

BARRY TURNER'S ADVICE TO SCHOOL LEAVERS

Ride the wild tiger!



AT A RUGBY DINNER: Barry Turner congratulates Shaun Sharp, top points scorer for two years in the First XV. Picture: Rob Hensen

QUOTE

● I have always admired you Dale Junior boys, your dress, your neatness, your politeness and your manners. I travel a lot and I have still to find young boys equal to or better than you." — ODU National President Barry Turner at the Dale Junior academic merit award assembly.

or the day after.' That is not the answer — tomorrow or the day after begins today or now!"

□ As the guest speaker at the Dale College Junior (Std 6-7) prize-giving Mr Turner said greater demands would be made on youth "to equip yourself in this harsh new world."

South Africa was not escaping the world-wide phenomenon of social disintegration and "the abilities of our educators are going to be tested to the limits to provide more than education as we know it."

He said today's youth would be "tomorrow's leaders and power players... the generation that will usher in the new century... by the year 2020 or 2030 you and your generation will be running the world."

He asked: "Will you be part of the pattern influencing the youth in many Western world countries — schooled but not educated, drugged up, suicidal and part of the 50 per cent increase in teenage obesity?"

"I do not believe so because you fortunate boys are being both schooled and educated at Dale College where the value system is still an uppermost goal of your educators, also where success is a way of life."

"Can you imagine the sub A boy at Dale Junior in 1993 who will be in matric in 2005? Imagine coming back to visit Dale in that year — you look down the passage and see an iridescent green-haired dude wearing heavy black boots swaggering through the campus of Dale College you and we knew?"

"God forbid this happens, but without continued expensive education and strong and irreplicable educators it could be, with disastrous consequences."

Urging investment in education, Mr Turner said the educated... have more money and they have jobs and are generally successful... education is probably the best investment you can make."

More-educated people had more chances of finding and holding a job and being successful.

"You will have to take charge of your own future and education. We parents have to invest in educating our children to secure their development."

"Invest in your education and invest in the education of your children. Only ignorance costs more than education."

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TERRY LENNARD: Teacher with the human touch

THE DALE Family, has lost one of her long-serving sons. Terry Lennard, nicknamed Fossil or Gog Gogs by generations of Daliens, spent 22 years at Dale teaching and educating young men to find their places in the world.

Hundreds of Old Daliens will look back on their school careers and remember Terrence Lennard with affection. He spent so long at Dale College that he taught fathers and sons, including Chow and Robert Bissell (who matriculated last year) and Charles and Steven Pope, to name but a few.

Terry not only taught pupils, he remembered them, their names and their families. He remembered the pranks and the incidents which form the precious bond that occurs between good teachers and their students.

Terry obtained his BA (Hons) at Rhodes University and his post-graduate Certificate of Education through London University. Unfortunately promotion in State schools in this country requires qualifications in Afrikaans which Terry, educated at Churchill School in Zimbabwe, then Rhodesia, did not have.

This shortcoming prevented Terry from being promoted. Having taught with Terry for a decade I can say without reservation that he had every quality needed to lead his own school. I believe he would have excelled in that position.

Terry was the ideal educator of young men, probably because he had had such a wide and diverse background.

In the '60s he emigrated to Australia where he lectured, managed a business and taught at Alice Springs before returning to his beloved Dale.

His wide experience in business and elsewhere gave him a breadth of vision that contributed to his being an exceptional teacher.

Terry taught honesty; he saw the



TERRY LENNARD . . .
"He taught honesty"

By MALCOM ANDREW
Headmaster, Dale College.

best in every pupil who entered his class; he was a wise man (who sometimes had selective hearing and selective sight); he tried always to catch pupils doing the right thing; he was an excellent communicator, was widely read and loyal to his colleagues and his pupils.

He coached a full range of sport, including squash, rugby and cricket, and was involved in the Exploration Society for years. He was superintendent of Diocesan and Sutton House for a total of seven years.

Eventually Terry took advantage of an early retirement package in 1991, ending a long, happy and productive association with Dale.

He was a remarkable man whose positive, loyal and committed contribution to Daliens is acknowledged without reservation.

● To Terry Lennard's widow Eileen, his three Old Dalian sons Allan (1986), Brian (1989) and Mark (1993), and daughter Carol, TransDale extends its condolences.

TESSA HOAR: Active Dale parent

Mrs TESSA HOAR, who with her husband Doug was a member of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Committee in the '80s, died in Johannesburg in October after a long illness.

She was the stepmother of two Old Dalian sons, Gareth (1982-86) and Kingsley Hoar (1985-90).

An accountant, she was associated with Doug in a family bookkeeping and tax consultancy business. In her youth she was a Southern Transvaal hockey player and a keen swimmer, tennis player and gymnast.

In a funeral tribute, a friend since their schooldays said: "The characteristic I loved most in Tess was her free and roving spirit. Life was an

adventure.

"Tess took life on the run. Always busy, always having to work extremely hard, she never ignored the smaller things that add quality to life. Her focus in life was her family and people."

Gareth, a college prefect and headboy of Sutton House in 1986, has joined his father as a financial consultant in Johannesburg. Kingsley, a member of the unbeaten 1990 Dale First XV, is a full-time diver in the SA Navy, based half the year in Durban and the rest in Simon's Town.

We extend our condolences to Doug and his two sons and to Tessa's daughter Kim and son Colin.

ALAN BROWN: His last Reunion

ALAN BROWN (1983), died in Witbank in July last year, two months after attending his matric ten-year anniversary Reunion.

Alan, who was a boarder at Paterston House for five years, spent two years in the Air Force at Marleposkop radar station and played rugby for

the SADF. He was working as a personnel officer at Rand Coal.

Alan's father James, who died in 1984, and mother Rae, were staunch Witbank Dale parents. To Rae and her sons, Neil, who matriculated at Dale in 1968, and Gary, we extend our condolences.

● POPULAR Terry Lennard, who served under four headmasters while teaching at Dale College, died at his home in King William's Town on February 24, two years after his retirement. He was 54.

Here are extracts from a funeral tribute by the Headmaster.

NOEL JENNINGS: Teacher who served his community

NOEL JENNINGS (1946), who was awarded rugby honours and captained the Dale First XV in his matric year, died of a heart attack in Cape Town last November. He was 64.

Noel, who also played first team tennis, was the youngest of six Jennings brothers who attended Dale College.

During a long career in education Noel taught at Kingswood College, Muir College Primary, where he was headmaster, Boston Primary in Belville, Cape, and Mountain Road School in Woodstock.

A community-minded man, he was chairman of the Table View Ratepayers' Association and the steering committee of the Milnerton Forum. He was also education co-ordinator of the Marconi Beam squatter camp, where his ability to speak Xhosa was an asset.

We extend our condolences to his widow Rina, his daughter Mrs Lesley Hudson of Durban, his sons, Owen, who lives in New Zealand, and Patrick, who lives in Canada, and his surviving older brothers, Oswald (Ossie) of Pretoria and Lionel Edgar (Tickey) Jennings of Boksburg.



NOEL JENNINGS . . .
One of six Dale brothers

Cecil Hawkes: The family man

CECIL GEORGE HAWKES (1961-65), a hardworking Dale parent and Old Dalian, died on November 8 last year, aged 45.

Cecil, one of three Old Dalian brothers, all nicknamed Mossie, served on the Old Dalian Union executive from 1990 to 1991 and earlier was secretary of the union's Queenstown branch.

He worked for Standard Bank before joining the United Building Society and later opened United Bank branches in Queenstown and King. His last move was to East London after the ABSA merger.

Cecil was described as a real family man who loved to tinker

around at home with motor-cars.

Many Old Daliens attended his funeral in Gonubie.

We extend our condolences to his widow Lesley and their four sons, Quinten (matric class 1988), Justin (1993), who was writing his matric when his dad died, Tristan, aged 13, at school in Gonubie and Nathan, 5; also to his elder brother Malcolm of Durban and sister Daphne Jeffries of Kei Mouth.

A third brother, Neville, who was a committee member of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association while living in Johannesburg and ODU National President in 1986, died in East London in 1989, aged 49.

THIRZA HALL: Devoted to Dale

Mrs THIRZA EMILY HALL, for 25 years the widow of JA (Balletjie) Hall, who was chief primary assistant of Dale Junior for 32 years, has died in King William's Town aged 78.

Mrs Hall, who trained as a nursing sister at Grey Hospital, closely identified herself with Dale after her marriage to Mr Hall, who headed Dale Junior from 1928 to 1959 and later assisted at the college for several years. He died in 1969.

Old Dalian Nummy Zelman, a close friend, described Mrs Hall as a "model mother and wife, a woman of

charm and character, who never said a bad word about anyone."

Mrs Hall leaves three Old Dalian sons, Derrick (1955), a doctor of education and psychologist at the school clinic in East London, Selwyn (1957), headmaster of Stirling Primary, East London, since 1976, Adrian, a head of department at Rondebosch Boys' Primary, Cape Town, and two daughters, Jennifer Ewing of East London, and Wendy Schultz, a kindergarten teacher in Johannesburg.

We extend our sympathy to her family.

VIN VAN BUUREN: Life in aviation

TRANSVAAL Dale parent Vincent (Vin) van Buuren died of a heart attack while driving his car on April 6, 1993. He was 48.

He was the father of Old Dalian Mark (1986-90) and Craig, now a prefect at Dale in his matric year.

Vin was operational director of National Airways, stationed at Lanseria. After beginning his career in aviation as a SAAF helicopter pilot

he started Helicopter Services, a private company, and later Republic Helicopters, of which he was managing director.

Ten years ago he joined National Airways and introduced its helicopter service. We extend our condolences to Vin's widow Liz, their daughters Lizanne and Michelle (now living in Australia) and to Mark and Craig.

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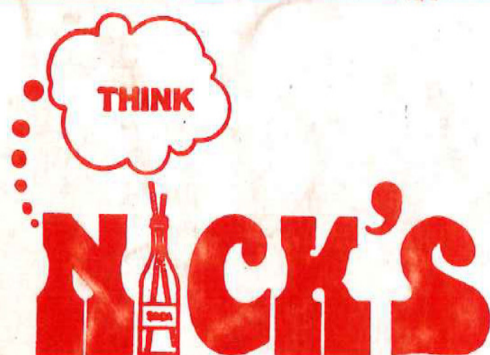
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