

TransDale

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Coming of age in an age of great change

THIS publication of TransDale marks a milestone in the magazine's history – our 30th issue in our 21st year.

TransDale first appeared in February 1975 as an eight-page newsletter with a limited circulation. It was started by Harry Voerman, one of a small group who founded the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association in the early 1970s.

Since then, as the association has grown in stature, TransDale has increased to a record 28 pages and a print order of 1 000 copies. It circulates not only among Transvaal parents, past and present, and Old Dalians but also at the school, in King William's Town and elsewhere in South Africa.

In an era of great change TransDale has, we hope, come of age and become part of the Dale Family.

Apart from recording the association's activities and the achievements of our sons TransDale covers news about Dale, Dalians and Old Dalians.

The main articles in this issue focus on the departure of Headmaster Malcom Andrew and the concerns of parents and Old Dalians about the future of education in this country.

With reservations, those in charge at Dale are guardedly confident about the changes proposed in the draft SA Schools Bill. Their objections have been put to the education authorities.

It will take months before the Bill becomes law and many more before it is implemented. Meanwhile we look forward to developments with hope – and a liberal dose of caution.

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John Hall bows out: Joe Fyfer moves in

JOHN and Kate Hall have stepped down after two years as chairman and secretary of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association. Their son Warren matriculates at Dale College at the end of this year.

John has been succeeded as chairman by former senior vice-chairman Joe Fyfer. His wife Pat is the new secretary.

At the association's annual general meeting last month John presented a cheque for R20 000 to Headmaster Malcom Andrew from funds raised by the association. This included R8 000 to the college, R8 000 to the three hostels and R4 000 to Dale Junior.



IN: Joe and Pat Fyfer.

Tributes to John and Kate for their services to the association were paid by Mr Andrew and Joe at a party afterwards hosted by the Halls. John and Kate had been committee members for three years.

Joe Fyfer is a senior manager in the parcels

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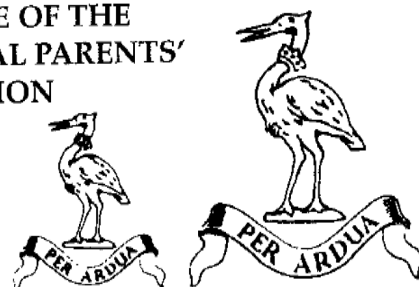


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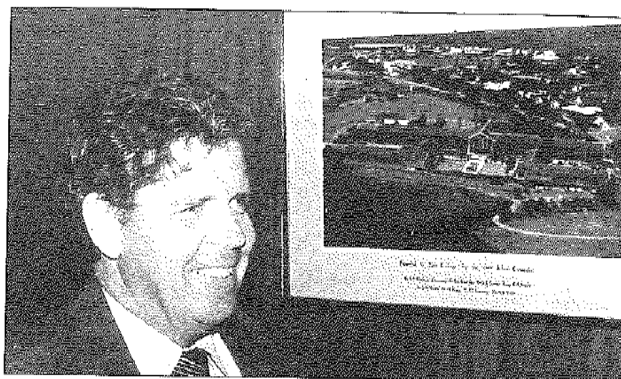
• If you have any problem concerning Dale College or Dale Junior boys you may approach any of these members.



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ANDY ANDREW LEAVES DALE

- A top new post in E. Cape education
- A new and exciting challenge, he says
- 'My 14 wonderful years at Dale'



- 'Superb teachers; naughty, nice lads'
- Farewell tribute to Transvaal parents
- 'Time to hand over to a younger man'

Mr MALCOM ANDREW, Headmaster of Dale College for 14 years, has left the college to take up a senior post in the Eastern Cape Education Department. Midway through the July school holidays he cleared his desk to become the department's Chief Education Specialist.

"I left Dale College last night," Mr Andrew told TransDale. "It was an offer I could not refuse." He regretted the abruptness of his move. His transfer on promotion was immediate because the department believed it was extremely urgent.

Mr Andrew said he regarded his elevation to an entirely new post as an exciting challenge.

His term at Dale had covered "14 interesting and challenging years." It was a period of great change, including the move to Model B and Model C status after he had urged the Education Department to accept open schools.

Academic results had improved (e.g. the best matric results in history in 1994). A new library, computer room and two audio-visual theatres had been introduced. Top teachers had been

MALCOM ANDREW . . . 'an offer I could not refuse'

recruited, especially in science and maths, and sporting achievements bettered.

New facilities included the building of College House after the sale of two hostels, the sports centre, the upgrading of hostels and the extension of staff accommodation.

"Our teachers have been superb and our boys naughty but nice," said Mr Andrew.

"All this has contributed to 14 wonderful and exciting years but it is now time to hand over to a younger and more dynamic headmaster."

Mr Andrew paid tribute to Transvaal parents for their important role in the college, particularly over the past ten years. Not only was this seen in the numbers of Transvaal boys at Dale but in their contribution as school and hostel prefects and sportsmen.

"The dynamism of the Transvaal parent leaders and their financial support has been remarkable. R16 000 in a year (R8 000 to the college and

R8 000 to the three hostels) is a lot of money. With this a hostel superintendent can really do something for his boys."

Mr Andrew, who began regular recruiting visits to the Transvaal in 1990, praised the support given by the PTA at evening meetings of prospective parents. Transvaal parents had also given valuable support to touring sports teams, he said.

Before schools opened for the third term Mr Andrew moved into his new offices in the refurbished former Diocesan Hostel. "Hostel" was sold to developers in 1994 but has since been bought by Old Dalian Andre Linde and rented by the Education Department. "I will look after it," he said.

On the first day of the third term Mr Andrew paid a farewell visit to Dale College. He addressed a school assembly and said goodbye to the staff and boys, especially his matric history pupils.

His successor, still to be appointed, is not likely to take over before next January.

His influence is indelibly printed on Dale

MALCOM William Andrew, the tenth Headmaster of Dale College, is a true son of King William's Town. He was born here, started his schooling at KHS Junior, went on to Dale Junior, boarded at Paterson House and then moved to East London and Selborne College.

After studies at Rhodes University he taught at Queen's College, Westerford High and Bergvliet and was deputy headmaster of Pinelands High School before returning to Dale College as Headmaster in July 1982.

Malcom Andrew works tirelessly for Dale College. He has travelled the length and breadth of South Africa - meeting parents, recruiting quality boys for Dale, meeting old boys and attending to the many needs of the Dale Family.

He has been way ahead of the time with his involvement in petitioning the Education Department to allow open schools. We have seen and are enjoying the fruits of his development plans for Dale, including:

• Malcom Andrew was the guest of honour at the 1995 Dale Reunion. Here are extracts from a tribute paid then by TREVOR BENNET, incoming National President of the Old Dalian Union.

- To improve academic results and attract the best teachers and quality boys.
- To build character and develop leadership.
- To emphasise Dale's outstanding traditions, ethics and to foster sportsmanship.
- To build on the bridges between the college and the junior school and to maintain close links with the Old Dalian Union.
- To achieve an enrolment of 600 boys and make Dale the best school in the Eastern Cape and one of the best in South Africa and to encourage sport and academic tours of South Africa and abroad.

We have seen these ambitions fulfilled and also

the building of new hockey fields, the Malcom Andrew Centre and College House. This is the beginning of Andy's dream of a Dale village.

We have also seen the smooth transition to multi-racial education and sports teams at Dale.

There is no doubt that your influence, Andy, is indelibly printed on Dale College and the Old Dalians who have passed through the school during your headmastership.

Malcom Andrew also has some life outside Dale. He is very actively involved in his church and takes services as well. The only relaxation we have known him to enjoy is jogging and his beach home at Kaysers Beach.

His wife Pam not only supports him but involves herself totally in Dale and in Andy's aspirations for Dale. His Old Dalian sons, Christopher and Gary, and his KHS daughter Susan, are equally supportive of Andy and Pam in what Dale means to them. A true Dale family within the greater Family of Dale.

COMMENT

CHARMING, dynamic, straight-talking - even pugnacious in the cause of Dale . . . We'll miss him. In 14 years as Headmaster, Malcom Andrew has earned a place in the hearts of Transvaal Dale parents.

Many of their sons were recruited by Andy on promotional tours as a "super salesman" for Dale. Parents have learned to know him and appreciate his concern and dedication on regular report-back visits to parents in the Transvaal.

At Dale he has weathered many storms. He has

Good luck Andy, you've earned it!

pioneered the birth and transition of a multi-racial Dale and seen the benefits and occasional difficulties this has brought. He has said he would have felt cheated if he had retired before schools became "open".

Andy's achievements are reported above on this page. We salute him and regret his departure but cannot blame him for accepting a change and a new challenge.

Few headmasters have worked harder for their school. He has seen Dale through a difficult era of

change and feels that the time has come to move on.

Unlike others he has not joined the brain drain to private schools.

He is still in his birthplace, King William's Town - living in Queens Road and working in the old Diocesan Hostel - and still part of education in the Eastern Cape.

Good luck, Andy, and to you, Pam and your family, thanks for your support and friendship over the past 14 years. Go well . . .

- The Editor

Excellent results in Dale June exams

OUTSTANDING academic results were achieved at Dale College in the June examinations. Twenty-two Daliens obtained overall A aggregates and 69 B's.

This means that about 15 percent of Daliens obtained averages of more than 70 percent. A significant number of Std 9 boys have improved on their averages by between 10 and 20 percent.

Of the 22 A's half were received by boys who a few years ago would have been classed as "non-white." (11 were whites, six Asians, four blacks and one coloured).

Speaking while still Headmaster Mr Malcom Andrew said this again disproved the perception that the entry of multi-racial pupils would adversely affect academic standards.

Addressing the annual general meeting of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association in June he devoted much of his talk to debunking "myths" about the school:

- THAT white teachers are good and black

are bad.

"I'd like to correct this," he said. "Some of our most successful teachers are black. The competence of a teacher has absolutely nothing to do with the colour of his skin."

- THAT standards have dropped since the school became "open."

"In fact, the multi-racial classes of 1994 produced the best academic results in our school's history."

- THAT discipline has dropped.

"In the past year 64 boys from all backgrounds have been asked to leave the school for a variety of reasons."

Standards had been maintained but he believed that the authorities had taken a step backwards ("their greatest mistake") by abolishing corporal punishment.

- THAT theft is increasing at the school.

"That's a myth. I have never had so much lost property handed in to me."

"Ninety-nine percent of goods reportedly stolen has been found. What is increasing is the number of lockers being carelessly left open."

Mr Andrew made these other points:

- "Sutton House has been sold and we have the money."

• "The Governing Body has allocated R100 000 to renovate the two older hostels - Paterson and Joubert - before December. There will be no increase in school and boarding fees to pay for this."

- Changes were being made in the dining-halls and new menus prepared.

• It was intended to convert Joubert and Presby to a similar set-up as College House giving boys their own space for prep. "As long as they perform they will get this facility"

• There was no automatic promotion from Std 5 to Std 6. Boys would have to perform. Whether those in hostels were retained would depend on their performance and behaviour.

R20 000 for the two schools

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department of the SA Post Office in Johannesburg. The Fyfers, who live in Kempton Park, have a son Jason in Std 7 at Dale.

The new senior vice-chairman is former treasurer Tony Bishop. He and his wife Mercia of Edenvale joined the committee during the year. Their son Nicholas is in Std 7. Tony, who runs an accounting and company secretarial service, is vice-chairman of the Governing Body of Eastleigh Primary School.

Jenni Friedenstein, a former schoolteacher now teaching swimming, is the association's first junior vice-chairwoman. She and her husband Hugh, who joined the committee in 1995, have two Dalian sons, Garth in Std 7 and Craig in Std 6. They live in Edenvale.

Shona-lee Brett of Walkerville was elected treasurer. She and her husband Alan, who joined the committee during the year, have a son Warren in Std 6.



Tony Bishop



Jenni Friedenstein

Committee members who have retired in the past year include Peter and Aida Baddeley, Rob and Marg Cocking, Dave and Marilyn Blackshaw and Patrick and Sheila Polome, who have moved to Durban.

In his last annual report John said his term as chairman and his contribution to the association had enriched his life and that of his family considerably.

John appealed to parents to support their sons. Some boys were not getting the right guidance from home and were not able to cope with their tasks at school.

The man who was born to be a Dalian

EDWARD John (Ted) Phillips, the 75th Old Dalian National President, could be termed a born Dalian.

Inducting him at the Reunion dinner-dance, the outgoing president, Trevor Bennet, said: "Ted came into the world as a Dalian - he was born at Marydale, then a nursing home and now part of the Dale Junior complex."

The Phillips clan had a long and proud association with the Dale Family. Ted's father Gordon, his brother Peter and his son Brandon were all schooled at Dale.

His uncle Ronnie had three Dalian sons, Michael, David and Rodney, and was ODU National President in 1974. His uncle Egbert also had three sons at Dale - John, Roy and Dallas.

Ted spent four years at Dale Junior and was head-boy of the James Hendriks Hostel. At Sutton House he "learnt the facts of life from (housemaster) Eggie van Niekerk."

Ted won his school colours for rugby and later played for Alberts at rugby and cricket. He is general manager of a Luxembourg-based company at Dimbasa, near King William's Town. Ted has served on the ODU Executive for many years and his wife Loretta (Lottie) is a staunch Dale and Old Dalian supporter.

• Chow Bissell of East London was elected senior vice-president of the ODU and Pastor Paul Smit junior vice-president. Paul and Ian Fleming, both of King William's Town, remain secretary and treasurer.

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Ted Phillips

R1,4m Sutton Square deal is through

AFTER months of legal delays the sale of historic Sutton House is through. Building of phase two of College House, Dale's latest hostel on the hill, will start soon. It will house 24 more boys and include a common-room and a parking area.

A R5,5 million upmarket shopping complex to be called Sutton Square will rise later this year from the ruins of the old hostel which has been partly demolished.

Sutton House, where Dale College was born, plus part of Dale Junior has been sold for R1,4 million to a King William's Town development company, the Road Force.

The original 119-year-old building, a National Monument, with its grey-stone facade and bell-tower, will be restored. All buildings behind the hostel dining-room and adjoining dormitories have been knocked down.

The developers, Dale parents Selwyn and Gwen Lustgarten, intend to spend R1.5 million on the original school building and R4 million on the new building behind it.

The Road Force has bought and demolished Dale Junior's woodwork room and acquired a slice of the old school plateau, which will be used as a driveway and car-park.

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By JOE SUTTON

THE FUTURE of education in South Africa remains uncertain. Schools are still in the dark about many important questions after the publication of the draft SA Schools Bill last month.

Dale College, however, is looking ahead with cautious optimism. Meanwhile, academically and on the sportsfield, the school is thriving.

Radical changes in the way Dale is to be run are unlikely. That is the view of senior staff of the college as negotiations continue with the education authorities in efforts to clarify provisions in the draft Bill.

Latest discussions with Education Department lawyers on objections to the draft Bill have been encouraging.

Much will depend on how the various school structures work harmoniously as a team. This would ensure that Dale continues the way it is now run for some time, said Mr Malcom Andrew, speaking as Headmaster before accepting a new post in the Eastern Cape Education Department.

The Governing Bodies of the college and Dale Junior have made submissions to the department. They have raised a number of legal points about vague and contradictory clauses and other complications in the draft Bill.

The department hopes the Bill will become law this year but this is doubtful. It is felt that a tremendous amount of work has to be done before the complicated document is knocked into shape and ready for Parliament. This could take months.

Even after the Act is passed it could take a year or more for changes to be implemented. In many provinces officials in key positions have not been appointed. Voluntary retirement packages, which present a major problem for public schools, have not been finalised.

Many imponderables remain and schools are still in the dark about funding and other vital questions which need to be debated.

The draft Bill is open to wide interpretation with clauses at the start being contradicted later on. It provides for wide powers for governing bodies – and more say for parents who will form the majority of members – but these proposals are hedged by clauses requiring compliance with central and provincial government policy and agreement with the MEC.

The draft Bill provides for only two kinds of schools, public and independent (private). There is no provision for a third kind but top Education Department officials expect that in future public schools will be divided into two or three categories and one will be an "independent" category.

An independent public school would be an efficiently-run school with a governing body and staff which over the years have proved their competence by balancing their budget and producing good academic results. Dale College, said Mr Andrew, has been assured repeatedly that it will fall into this category.

How will the Governing Body change? Quite substantially, he said, although how it will be "democratically elected" is not spelt out in the draft Bill.

There has not been a governing body election at Dale College for five years. Many of the present members are no longer parents and the draft proposes that most should be parents.

Change has already been anticipated. Mr Joe Jongolo has been approached to be co-opted on to the body and more black representation is expected at the next election.

Local parents are likely to vote for their representatives at a PTA meeting. But the question

Dale looks forward with confidence



But caution is the watchword on the new Schools Bill

is asked: What about the parents of boarders, particularly from far afield like the Transvaal which at present contributes about 15 percent of the school enrolment and 30 percent of its boarders.

Parents of boarders certainly deserve a vote or perhaps even to be directly represented. There is a precedent for parents of boarders' voting and being given equal status to those of day boys.

In 1990 parents nation wide voted in a referendum overwhelmingly in favour of Dale admitting boys of other race groups. Ballot papers were posted or faxed from the Transvaal to King. The same procedure could be followed in an election for the Governing Body.

One may well ask what is the future of Dale as a boarding school? Will there be pressure from the central and provincial government for it to serve the local community to a greater degree?

Predictions are difficult because the draft Bill does not refer to hostels at all. Hostels, how they are run and staffed are not dealt with. The issue could well be on the backburner and it is felt that the status quo will continue.

Something not generally known is that boarding schools in black areas are probably more numerous than those of white schools.

One fundamental weakness of the draft Bill is that the question of school funding is still being considered and subject to consultation with government departments.

Meanwhile Dale is being funded as before. Boarding fees are compulsory. These cover all that a hostel needs – electricity, water, food, renovations, repairs ... everything except supervision staff salaries. Fees are also being used to pay for capital development of hostels.

School fees are being charged, if necessary legally pursued, and are paid in full by 90 percent of parents. A few parents pay less because

of lost jobs or huge financial problems. A number of pupils are subsidised through the Education Department but it is not known how long this will last.

Staff salaries are paid by the department. Dale has been given three extra teaching posts this year, two because Dale is offering Xhosa as a first and third language subject and a third for music.

The school is paying for six teachers above those paid for by the Education Department. In future, under the draft Bill, the school would have to pay these teachers' salaries to the department which would then pay the teachers – a laborious procedure. It is hoped to negotiate direct payment.

One matter causing concern is the difficulty of getting funds from the Education Department to maintain school buildings. The draft Bill provides that all property granted to state-aided (Model C) schools under the previous government will revert to state ownership.

It is thought likely that Dale will still be able to sell unused property with permission of the education authorities.

Maintenance of buildings is another matter. Many former DET schools are in such poor condition that money would have to be allocated there first. Schools like Dale College would be low on the priority list.

For this reason the college has employed its own maintenance team which is building a garage/workshop and repainting Joubert House. The outside of the school has just been repainted by this team. The college expects to spend from R80 000 to R130 000 this year on maintaining its buildings.

One submission by the Governing Bodies of both schools to the Education Department concerns expropriated property. To whom would compensation be paid – the old (Model C) school or the new public school to which the property will pass?

And what about the substantial contribution by parents to the extension or improvement of immovable property before the Bill becomes law? Will compensation be paid and to whom?

The proposed 35/1 pupil teacher ratio at high schools is considered educationally unacceptable by schools like Dale. But the formula governing it is complicated, with headmasters, deputies, heads of departments and teachers having different ratings.

Dale College is expected to end up with a ratio of about 30/1, which is about the present average.

New pupils to Dale College do not have to pass an entrance examination, but are screened in several ways. The school interviews parents and boys and studies previous reports to get some idea of a boy's academic ability.

Pupils and parents are asked to sign an agreement accepting school rules. Psychometric tests attempt to weed out boys who will not benefit from an education at Dale. And finally the pupil must pass his previous standard.

One question being asked increasingly by both parents and Old Dalians is whether the "transformation" of education will lead to a change in the ethos of Dale. Will the school's traditional character, values and discipline be eroded?

Not seriously, according to Mr Andrew. "In five years we have weathered the storm of changing values, multi-racial pupils and have managed to maintain that which is essentially Dale," he said.

"Education is in a process of change and as long as change takes place in an orderly and proper fashion and for very good reasons I don't think Dale is going to change much."

'If change is orderly, Dale's ethos should not change much ...'

Golden oldies of the '20s and '30s

THEY came out of the woodwork... five veterans of the '20s and '30s to be entertained to lunch in Johannesburg by younger Old Dalians.

One was pushed into the Wanderers' Club in a wheelchair. Another hobbled bravely in a "walker" to the Old Dalian table at the end of the Long Bar.

The "golden oldies" were the guests of Wanderers member Ivan Venter (class of 1956), Transvaal ODU chairman David Sephton-Poultny (1965), ex-chairman Dudley (Doeks) Andrews (1968) and Joe Sutton (1944). And they seemed delighted to be there.

Some proudly wore their Old Dalian blazers and ties. Oldest of the oldies and aided by a "walker" was 89-year-old Gordon McEwan (1922-24), ODU past president (1972) and mainstay of the Transvaal branch for many years.

Gordon, who was widowed in 1966, met his second wife Margaret at Arthur Murray dancing studios and with her remained a keen ballroom dancer until his late 70s.

They live in the same modest Rosettenville house where Gordon once put up 40 young Dalians stranded at midnight on their way to the Kruger Park.

At the Wanderers Gordon reminisced with a remarkably fit contemporary, silver-haired Johnny Terbrugge (1923-28), father of a former Transvaal Old Dalian chairman, Peter Terbrugge. Johnny and his wife Agnes live with their daughter and son-in-law in Fairland, Johannesburg. At 84 Johnny remains a staunch Dale supporter. He attended the 1995 Reunion and watched Dale play in the 1996 St John's rugby festival.

Looking well and sporting a Dale centenary tie and MOTH button-hole was Harold Miller (1926-35), of Roosevelt Park, Johannesburg, where he and his wife Kay share a home with their son Peter.

Harold's years at Dale overlapped with those of Keith Gordon (1930-40), confined to a wheelchair after a stroke. Keith, who lives at San Serino retirement village in Bryanston, was the centre of a Dale legend which was retold at the Wanderers.

Back in the seventies Keith, as a senior magistrate in Durban, was pressured by Old Dalians partying after a rugby match to drop a charge against 1967 president Tommy Marshall. Tommy had been trapped speeding trying to get four Dale players to the match in time. The incorruptible Keith refused to intervene but finally took the ticket. The legend says he paid the heavy fine himself.

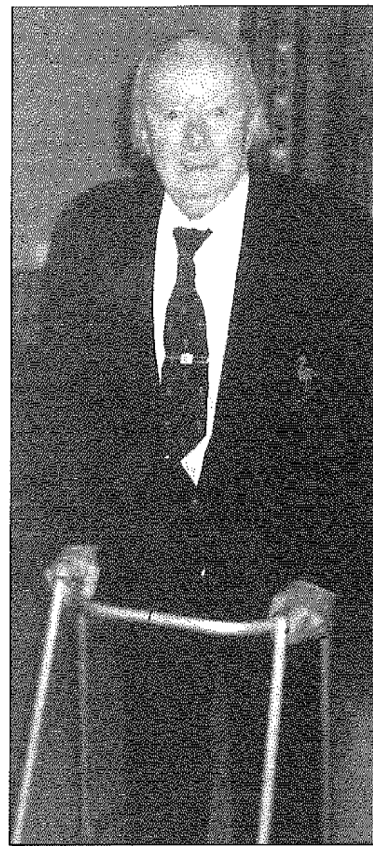
Also in the late-1930s era was Desmond Webber (1939), a sprightly widower from Leisure Park retirement village in Edenvale, who keeps fit playing bowls two or three times a week. Dessie, as he was known, was a member of Gordon Eekhout's unbeaten Dale First XV in 1938.

Towards the end of the informal lunch the group were joined by an elderly Old Selbournian who enviously regretted that he and his contemporaries had never been honoured in this way.

Refreshments and jokes flowed liberally as the oldies turned back the halcyon years at Dale before the Second World War and recalled teachers who had long passed on. Those were the days...



KEITH GORDON (left) ... he paid the fine, and GORDON McEWAN ... past president.



HAROLD MILLER ... '20s to '30s, and DESMOND WEBBER ... bowls keeps him fit.

• Absent colleagues not well enough to attend: James Leighton Cross (1934), of Elm Park retirement village in Northcliff, Johannesburg, and Eric Gordon (1931) of Craighall, Johannesburg.



JOHNNY TERBRUGGE ... from the '20s.

'95 MATRICS DID BETTER THAN EXPECTED

LAST year's Dale matric results were not as good as in 1994 but better than expected.

There was a 96 percent pass rate - with three failures.

Forty percent achieved matric exemptions (university entrance passes) compared with 55

percent in 1994. Three pupils received B passes (four A's in 1994).

Good results were achieved in English, Afrikaans, geography, maths and Xhosa, but science, accountancy, woodwork and art marks were disappointing.

SIMON MOVES ON

SIMON PRETORIUS, ex-head of science at Dale, has left after ten years on the staff. Headmaster Malcom Andrew said his contribution to the science department, the computer room and as a rugby and cricket coach was much appreciated. Simon has started a science revision school in East London.

The 'oldies' who built this club



Harry Voerman, Marina Hall, Shirley Crossey and Aubrey Hall



Alan and Barbara Naylor, Pam and Doug Gordon



Hugh and Anne Ladner, Anne and Clive Stuart



Jim and Maureen Truscott, Neville and Colleen Patience

THEY all had one thing in common . . . their sons had gone to Dale College or are still there.

Former Transvaal Dale parents from the seventies, eighties and early nineties met again with members of the association's present committee.

A bring-and-braai was held last October at the Meredale, Johannesburg, home of Neville and Colleen Patience, parents of two Old Dalians and long-time association stalwarts. (Colleen was treasurer for ten years and Neville was chairman for two).

"Oldies" who had not met since their sons were at school swapped memories of long-past Reunions and rugby matches, golf tournaments, dog shows and other fund-raising efforts.

Youthful exploits on school trains and the days when fathers "rode shotgun" to maintain law, order and safety were recalled.

Among the "veterans" was a father of two old Dalian sons, Harry Voerman, who with

• **Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD**

his late wife helped to found the association nearly 25 years ago. Harry started the TransDale magazine and the Dale Clock Fund in the '70s. He runs a picture framing shop in Edenvale.

Another founder member was Shirley Crossey of Kensington, Johannesburg, mother of three Old Dalians, and widow of Ted Crossey, a former association chairman.

Still from the '70s overlapping into the '80s were ex-secretary Aubrey Hall and his wife Marina of Highlands North, Johannesburg (one Dalian son). Among the former chairmen and their wives were:

• Doug and Pam Gordon of Morehill, Benoni, whose son Mark was killed in a motor accident in 1982, aged 22.

• Alan and Barbara Naylor of Edenvale (two sons). Barbara is a Democratic Party councillor

in the Edenvale substructure of the North Rand Metropolitan Council.

• Jim and Maureen Truscott of Sunward Park, Boksburg (one son).

• Tony Boggett of Rivonia (one son), whose wife Sue was unable to be present.

• Rusty Gibb (two sons) of Saxonwold, Johannesburg, whose wife Janice was away selling houses and could not attend.

Rusty is taking early retirement from First National Bank in November. He has bought the Seaview Game Park, near Port Elizabeth, where they will live.

Stalwarts from the late seventies and early eighties included:

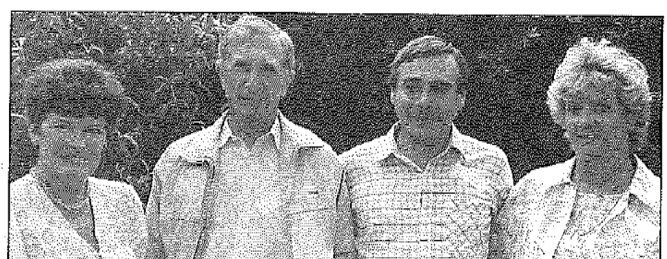
• Clive and Anne Stuart (one son) of Parkview, Hugh and Anne Ladner (three sons), of Linden, Drew and Inez Turner (one son) of Kensington, Frank and Cookie Rouessart (one son) of Mayfield Park, Johannesburg.

• George and Avril Thompson (one son) of

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Drew and Inez Turner, Avril and George Thompson



Mo and James McMillan, Paul Murrin and Louise Evans



Frank and Cookie Rouessart, Helen and Des Keates



Ian Davidson, Kate and John Hall and Rusty Gibb

Singing in the Sun

SINGER-musician DOUGLAS THOMPSON (1984), on a year's contract with Sun International, is now playing at the Sun City Cabanas. He has also played at the Mpekweni Sun in the Eastern Cape and at the Taung Sun in the Northern Cape.

Douglas, who previously ran a touring one-man band, has been joined by a young female singer but his dad assures us it's a strictly professional relationship.

Brothers in business

JUSTIN LADNER (1983) is a self-employed manufacturers' agent in Sandton. He and his wife Claire live with their son and daughter in Parktown, Johannesburg.

His brother TERENCE (1987) is regional sales manager of CPC Tongaat Foods covering the Transvaal, Free State, Northern Cape, Botswana and Swaziland. He and his wife Beverly, whom he married last year, live in Weltevreden Park, Roodepoort, and are expecting their first-born late this year.

Youngest brother DALE (1989) of Linden is in the customer services department of First National Bank.

Twin ambitions

Twins DAVID and PHILLIP SWITALA (1992) are completing their studies in hotel management and working part time in restaurants in Gauteng. The brothers, who live in Libradene, Boksburg, began studying by correspondence while serving for three years in the SA Navy. They intend to take a full-time course at Birnam College, Johannesburg, next year.

Elder brother JOHN SWITALA (1989) is selling unit trusts for Balltron, which sells them for other companies. He was previously maintenance foreman at Airchef, a catering company which supplies airliners with flight meals.

Music maestro

HARRY VOERMAN (1975) is managing director of PolyGram Africa, which supplies the music industry in South Africa and elsewhere in Africa. He and his wife Janet live in Pine Park, Johannesburg, with their son and daughter.

Younger brother ROBERT (1976) is managing director of Design Products, wholesalers supplying accessories and materials to the picture framing industry. He and his wife Sandra live in Bedfordview with their two daughters and a son.

Flying high

NEIL CROSSEY (1975), after ten years in the SA Air Force and a spell flying for airlines in Africa, is now with SA Airlink. He and his wife Annet have a son and live in Pretoria.

Where have all our dear sons gone?

His brother RUSSELL (1976) is a warden in the Umfolosi Game Reserve, Natal, where he and his wife Julie-Ann live with their son.

Youngest brother DAVID (1977) is a sales rep with Parts Broker and Plant Hire, heavy road machinery suppliers, in Beyers Park, Boksburg.

Work and travel

OLIVER GIBB (1994) is on a working holiday in Britain hoping to travel in Europe. He is doing casual work as a barman and other part-time jobs. Plans to train as a pilot have been temporarily put on the back burner.

Elder brother DOMINIC (1992) of Saxon-wold, after completing a plumbing course at the Johannesburg Technical College, is six months into his 18-month apprenticeship with a Johannesburg plumber.

Cousins team up

ALAN SUTTON (1978) is financial director of Digital Networking Systems, a computer company in Epsom Downs, Sandton, led by his cousin, Old Dalian ALLAN CAWOOD (1977). Alan and his wife Linda, a fellow Old Rhodian, live in nearby Fourways Gardens with their young son.

Younger brother STUART (1983) is a brand manager in the food division of Robertsons (The Spice People) in Durban.

To teach in UK

MICHAEL NAYLOR (1980), formerly head of science at Edenvale High, is emigrating to England to teach at Slough Grammar School. His wife Leigh, who works for British Airways, is already in London with their son.

Younger brother PAUL (1982), an architectural technician with a Johannesburg firm of architects, and his wife Marika live in Edenvale.

American tour

DONALD STUART (1986), bitten by the travel bug after joining the crew of a boat in the Cape-to-Rio race in January, is holidaying in the United States and looking at job prospects.

Brothers in Dubai

DAVID McMILLAN (1992) has been working in Dubai for an international courier service, TNT Express World Wide, for more than two years. He

is the company's manager for the Middle East, Africa and the Indian sub-continent and travels widely in Europe, Britain and India.

In January he was joined in the company by his brother JAMES (1991), who was previously in VIP protection for Airports Company at Johannesburg Airport, looking after visiting dignitaries.

Have gun, can travel

JEREMY HALL (1979) is a partner in FMJ, an arms and ammunition and gunsmith business and part-owner of Seemore Travel agency, both in Kempton Park. Jeremy and his wife Maria live in Highlands North, Johannesburg, with their son and daughter.

Exhibition man

DAVID TRUSCOTT (1987), is production manager of LMK Design, a Johannesburg firm which designs and makes stands for exhibitions held in many parts of South Africa.

Sparkling future

DORIAN KEATES (1994) is in his second year of a three-year diploma course in jewellery manufacture and design at the Wits Technikon in Doornfontein, Johannesburg.

BRUCE PATIENCE (1987) is working in Swaziland for QData, a computer software company, training people how to teach others how to use computers. His brother GLENN (1991), who lives in Meredale, is studying marketing in Johannesburg.

DAVID ("Julius") TURNER (1984) of Kensington, Johannesburg, is a partner with his sister Meryl in Belmont Distributors, marketing mineral water and allied products in Johannesburg.

ASHLEY DAVIDSON (1992) of Blairgowrie, Randburg, is taking an 18-month course in hotel management at Midrand Campus. After finishing in December he hopes to travel and continue his training abroad.

RICHARD MURRIN (1991) is working from Bedfordview for Lodge Services, a Roodepoort loss-control company. His brother ALEXANDER (1992) is a co-ordinator for Budget Rent A Car in Isando. Both live in Esther Park, Kempton Park.

DUNCAN BOGGETT (1986) is managing director of Zeppelin, a Midrand company making inflatable products, especially advertising balloons seen at sports events. He lives in Paulshof, Sandton.

PIERRE ROUESSART (1983) is a Christian worker at the Alon Fellowship, a rural community centre in Duiwelskloof, near Tzaneen. He and his wife Lotte live there with their daughter.



Fred and Margaret Switala, Pat and Joe Fyfer



Paul and Joanna Mawdsley, Joe and Pat Fyfer, Alouise McBean, Tony Bishop

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Windsor, Randburg, Old Dalian James and Mo McMillan (two sons) of Germiston, Paul Murrin of Kempton Park, and those "eternal" Dale parents, Fred and Margaret Switala (three sons) of Libradene, Boksburg, who are still working for the association and the school.

More recent Dale parents whose sons have left

the college included former secretary Des and ex-treasurer Helen Keates (one) of Brackenhurst, Alberton, and former vice-chairman Ian Davidson (one) of Blairgowrie, Randburg.

Among the present committee members were: Chairman and secretary John and Kate Hall (one son) of Benoni, senior vice-chairman Joe and Pat Fyfer (one son) of Kempton Park, treasurer Tony

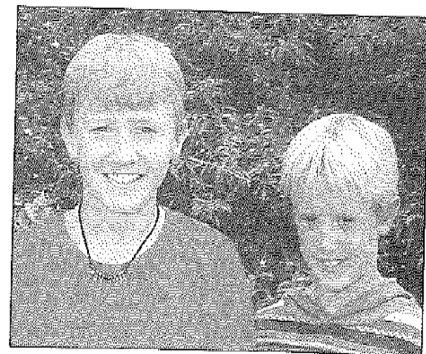
and Mercia Bishop (one son) of Edenvale, Paul and Johanna Mawdsley (one son) of Alberton and Alouise McBean of Edenvale, with her son Ashley, who has since entered Dale College.

Bridging three decades of Dale parents were Joe and Bunty Sutton (two sons over 11 years at the college and still supporting the cause).



THE SOUTH: Warren Brett and Justin White

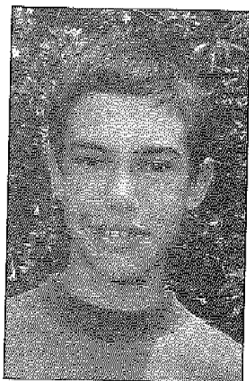
OUR 1996 TVL. NEW DALIANS: A RECORD



THE EAST: Ashley McBean and Craig Friedenstein



THE EAST: Ricky-Nelson Pires and Warren King



**THE SOUTH:
Clayde Baumann**



THE EAST: Anthony Fagan and Flippie Botha



A RECORD number of more than 40 boys from the Transvaal have enrolled at Dale College this year, thanks largely to promotional visits by Headmaster Malcom Andrew and Vice-Principal Graham Nolan.

Four more boys from the area have entered Dale Junior. There are now more than 80 Transvaal boys at Dale and eight at Dale Junior.

In May 1995 Mr Andrew addressed boys in primary schools in Kempton Park, Bedfordview, Edenvale, Rembrandt Park, Randburg, north-west Johannesburg and Roodepoort.

In August Mr Nolan visited schools in Walkerville, Johannesburg South, Alberton, Boksburg and Germiston. Follow-up meetings were held with interested parents at central venues in these areas.

The Transvaal Dale Parents' Association has held three functions in the past year to help and advise parents who had booked their sons into Dale for 1996. All were well attended.

IN OCTOBER a reception was given at Eastleigh Primary School to welcome new parents.

• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

Chairman John Hall said the association's fund-raising efforts were mainly through catering at dog shows.

The money raised went directly to the benefit of our boys. Catering to date had raised R20 000 in the current year.

Another fund-raiser was the annual golf day at Benoni Country Club which last year raised R11 000.

John said the association had started a fund to aid Dale sporting and educational tours beginning with R5 000 last year.

John spoke of his "tremendous enjoyment" in supporting the school. It was encouraging for boys to know what their parents were doing.

He advised parents not to be too concerned which hostel their sons were going to. There was good and bad in all. The newest hostel was not necessarily the best - his son preferred his old hostel where he had more fun.

He added: "Your little boy will go through

major changes. His voice gets lower on the phone as he gets older."

John gave other advice to new parents:

- Belongings went missing but parents tended to blame everyone but their own sons. Boys often left things on the rugby field - "a Std 6 boy can be extremely careless."

- "Remember this if he phones you. Invariably it's his own fault. I have not had a genuine theft problem."

- Tuck boxes should be of a reasonable size including some for his old boy.

- "Don't go mad on pocket money. There are kids with cellphones who get R400 a term - that's ridiculous. Better to give them a minimum. If he's not asking for money he's got too much."

- "Marking of clothes is important. Give him labels and sewing sets."

IN DECEMBER the association entertained new boys and their parents at a braai at the Alberton home of Peter and Aida Baddeley.

The function was attended by Mr Andrew, Dale Junior Headmaster Mike Hosty and Judy Sheard, teacher in charge of Std 6 classes.

Mr Andrew said there had been a record enrolment of over 600 boys including 160 Std 6s for 1996. Phase two of College House would cost R1 million and start as soon as the sale of Sutton House had been finalised.

Mr Hosty said there was an intimate and family atmosphere at DV Taylor House. The hostel was reducing its intake to maintain this and going more for quality.

"We will carefully select certain boys to be put under the wing of certain members of staff. We want to look after the interests of little boys who go to school far from home."

There were 15 members of staff and their families at the hostel - "one huge family."

Mr Andrew said Mrs Sheard was a farmer's wife and an exciting biology teacher. "She takes no nonsense but has a heart of gold."

Mrs Sheard told parents she had a long-

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THE EAST: Andrew and Sean Lockett, Kevin Thomas and Vaughan Smart



THE NORTH-WEST: Alan Ross-Watt and Brandon Fletcher



THE EAST: Charles Moll



THE EAST: Linda Mnguni and Clinton Oliver

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standing association with Dale – her husband and son were both Old Dalians and her daughter went out with an Old Dalian. "Dale is a very special part of our family."

Her son, a Dalian from Std 2 to post-matric, had been very happy there thanks to people like the Hosty family.

She said parents had sent their sons to a school offering a balanced education, academic, cultural and sporting.

Discussing discipline she said: "The values a boy holds emanate from the values a family holds. To make our job easier we need communication from parents. Please come and chat to us. You will have the major impact. We will do our best."

Handing over a R5 000 cheque to Mr Andrew, John Hall said this was a new tradition – an annual donation to be used for school

Welcome to our new Dalians

tours. Another fund was to be started to help Transvaal parents.

IN FEBRUARY another braai for new parents was held during the first term of 1996 at the home of veteran Dale parents Fred and Margaret Switala in Boksburg.

Senior vice-chairman Joe Fyfer said the boys were going to a new environment and patience was needed in view of educational changes.

He believed that education at Dale surpassed that in the Gauteng area. He was confident that the school management council would stick to their principles.

The committee was looking for new faces to help them to raise funds for the school by catering at dog shows. "It's hard work but it's fun. We are proud that a small group of parents can generate such a lot of money."

Joe told parents: "If you have a problem speak to the head of the standard or the deputy. If they can't sort it out go to the headmaster. Boys should ensure that their valuables are locked up. Don't leave a wallet lying on the bed."

New forms of discipline – detention and suspension – had been introduced to replace corporal punishment.

• Further promotional visits were made in March and May this year by Mr Andrew and Mr Hosty to the East Rand, Randburg and the West Rand. More Dalians have already been accepted for 1997.

Hazel is back – at Dale Junior

HAZEL FICK, for 12 years secretary of the Old Dalian Office in King William's Town, is back – as a secretary at Dale Junior.

Hazel and her husband Chris, who has also had close ties with Dale, are still living in King after deciding against moving their family home to East London.

Their son Andrew, who spent all his school days at Dale and matriculated in 1990, is working in East London and studying for an honours degree at Unisa. He has become engaged to Avril Johnson of East London, whom he met while taking his BComm at UPE.

The Ficks' elder daughter Jillian is at Stellenbosch University taking a BSc in mechanical engineering and younger daughter Catherine is at Hudson Park High School, East London.

Jean Petzer, who succeeded Hazel at the ODU office at the beginning of 1995, is now senior matron at the Dale Junior hostel, DV Taylor House. She was formerly matron at Clarendon House, the KHS hostel.

Jean is the wife of Andre Petzer, estate manager of Dale Junior and a former member of the Old Dalian executive committee.

They have three children, Anton (1993 matric and 1994 post-matric), who is now taking a three-year course in sports administration at the Border Technikon in East London, Mark, in Std 9 at Dale and a member of the first rugby team, and Angelique, in Std 4 at KHS.

Jean has been succeeded at the ODU office by Pat Volker, whose husband Russell matriculated at Dale in 1976.

They have a son Stephen in Std 2 at Dale Junior and a daughter Ingrid in Std 5 at KHS.

Mike keeps his links with Dale

POPULAR Mike Cousins, a teacher at Dale College since 1992, has joined the staff of Parktown Boys' High School, Johannesburg.

While at Dale Mike taught geography, was head of physical education and head of squash. He coached the second Dale rugby team and in 1993 managed the first team on its successful tour of England and Wales.

In December 1994, as Std 6 teaching head, he visited the Transvaal and spoke enthusiastically to boys due to enter Dale in 1995 and to their parents.

Mike, we are told, excelled in the classroom and the sports field. Under his charge the squash team became one of the top school sides in the country.

Mike was regarded as a good team man and an asset in the staffroom. Since 1994 he had served on the senior staff committee.

Since moving to Johannesburg Mike has retained his links with the college. He attended an Old Dalian function at the St John's rugby festival and refereed two games at the 1996 Dale Reunion. He is teaching geography at Parktown and coaching rugby.

Mike and his wife Di are living in Bedfordview, near Johannesburg.



MIKE COUSINS

Woollgar retires: Judge takes over

URBANE Dale stalwart Neville Woollgar has stepped down after 17 years as chairman of the college Governing Body because of the pressure of his legal work and business interests. At 56 he also feels it is time for younger people to take over.

Neville, has been a member of the Governing Body, previously the Dale College School Committee, since 1970 ("when my son was in Sub A"). He has served under three headmasters and devoted much of his life to the cause of Dale and education.

Neville matriculated at Dale in 1957. A past president of the Old Dalian Union (1973), he has played a prominent role in the union and been a polished master of ceremonies at many dinners.

An attorney, Neville is a partner in Hutton and Cook, a well-established local law firm. He and his wife Lynette have an Old Dalian son Barry (1981) and a daughter Sharon, who matriculated at KHS in 1983.

• Mr Justice Willem Heath is the new chairman of the Governing Body. He has been its vice-chairman since 1991 and a member since 1989 and has also served on the Dale Junior Governing Body for several years.

A judge of the Supreme Court's Ciskei Provincial Division, he has been seconded to preside over the Heath Commission appointed by Eastern Cape Premier Raymond Mhlaba to investigate alleged administration malpractice.

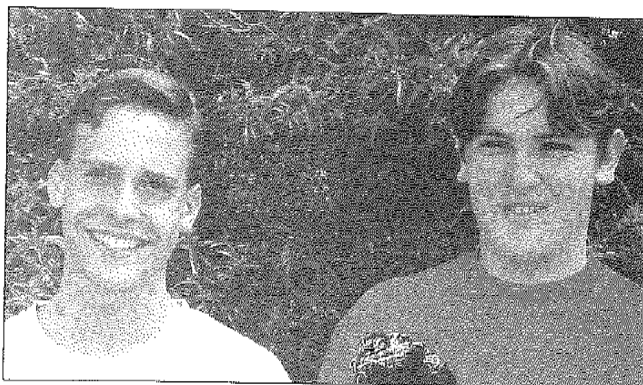
Judge Heath and his wife Marita have an Old Dalian son Willem (Wimpie), who matriculated in 1991. Their younger son Marius is in matric at Dale and their daughter Onelia, who matriculated at KHS, is a second-year law student at Stellenbosch University.

THE ACHIEVERS

Transvaal Dalians are up there among the best



Jean-Pierre Pires, Donovan Proudfoot and Jason Fyfer.



Kenneth Reed and Warren Hall. • Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

TRANSVAAL Dalians were again among the top achievers at the college last year, winning prizes and awards in academics and sport and representing Border in several spheres.

At the senior prizegiving Kyle McLoughlin, son of Tony and Marilyn McLoughlin of Bryanston, won the history prize, an academic merit award and third prize in the matric class.

Warren Hall, son of association chairman John and secretary Kate Hall of Benoni, was awarded second prize in Std 9.

Rowan Hemphill, son of Ronnie and Liz Hemphill of Johannesburg, and Simeon Loughran, son of Chris and Marie Loughran of Kempton Park, received Std 9 academic merit awards and younger brother David Loughran a Std 8 award for diligence.

Daniel de Oliveira, son of Brenda de Oliveira of Randburg, was awarded a trophy for waterpolo.

At the junior prizegiving Scott Styger, son of Errol and Christine Styger of Sandton, won the prize for the best speaker in English.

Jason Fyfer, son of association vice-chairman Joe and Pat Fyfer of Kempton Park, won a special prize for the best speaker in Afrikaans and Std 7 awards for academic merit (70%) and diligence.

Michael Woodman, son of Peter and Nicky Woodman of Johannesburg, was awarded a special prize for librarianship.

Niall Dunseith, son of Roy and Sandra Dunseith of Linden, and Karl Herrmann, whose parents Dittmar and Sue Herrmann live in Edenvale, won Std 6 progress awards. Karl also received a prize for outstanding perseverance in swimming.

Donovan Proudfoot, son of Finley and Launne Proudfoot of Johannesburg, was



Scott Styger receives a prize from Mrs Mandy Hosty.

awarded a trophy for the most proficient junior waterpolo player.

Jean-Pierre Pires, whose parents, Mike and Anne Veitch-Crawford, live in Germiston, Bantu Skaap, son of Mrs T Skaap of Suurbekom, near Krugersdorp, and Kenneth Reed, son of Ken and Paula Reed of Vereeniging won Std 7 diligence awards. Kenneth received his first chess team badge and was chosen for the Border Schools team. He is secretary of the Chess Club.

A Std 6 award for diligence went to Richard Hyde, whose parents, Colin and Cheryl McColli, live in Germiston.

Hostel prize-winners included Transvalers Kyle McLoughlin (best sportsman at Sutton House), Rowan Hemphill (most significant contribution at College House), David Graetz (Nobby Award at Frank Joubert), son of Wendy

Graetz of Sandton, Justin Jeffreys (best new-boy at Paterson House), son of Mrs M Jeffreys of Meyerton. Kyle was a prefect at Sutton and Gareth Padgett, son of Steve and Sue Padgett of Alberton, was a College House prefect.

Transvalers were achievers in sports. David Graetz was awarded colours for swimming, represented Border Schools at the SA biathlon championships and was selected for the Border Schools swimming team.

David was a member of the Dale A swimming team which came second in the Athlone Shield relay with Wayne Sedice, son of Odette Sedice, formerly of Edenvale and now living in Spain. Wayne played in the first hockey and tennis teams and was awarded half colours for tennis.

Karl Herrmann received a trophy after the inter-house gala awarded to the best Under 14 swimmer.

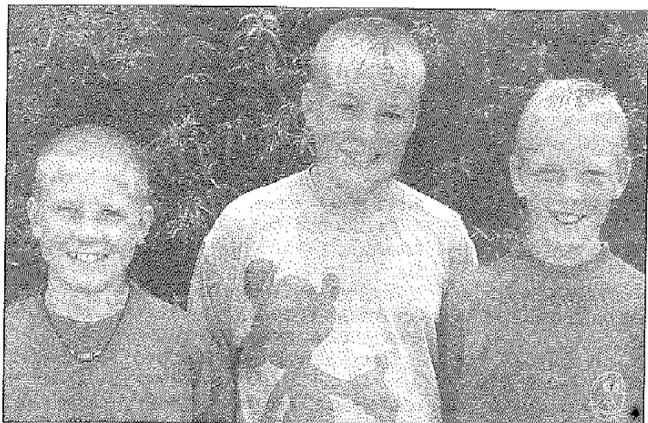
Donovan Proudfoot and Daniel de Oliveira were chosen for the Border Schools Country Districts swimming team.

Dustin Lund, son of Peter Lund of Walkerville and Heather Lund of Vereeniging, was a member of the first waterpolo team with David Graetz, Daniel de Oliveira and Kyle McLoughlin. Dustin and Daniel represented the Border Under 19B team.

In the Dale second team were Rowan Hemphill, Warren Hall, Daniel Miles, Harry Crassas, son of Tony and Myra Crassas, formerly of Johannesburg and now of Newcastle, Natal, Ryan Blackshaw, son of Dave and Marilyn Blackshaw of Boksburg, and Gareth Padgett.

Donovan Proudfoot and Jason Fyfer represented the Border Under 14A waterpolo team.

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Glen McMaster, Morgan Tinline and Ryan Stanton.

Morgan stars in academics and sport at Dale Junior

MORGAN TINLINE, son of Isobel Tinline of Petit, excelled in academics and sport at Dale Junior last year.

He received two academic badges and four Heron certificates for outstanding work and was awarded a prize for the most promising beginner in music. He was active in the library.

Morgan played Under 12A hockey and cricket and represented the King William's Town zone in the Perm Under 12 cricket festival.

Glen McMaster, son of Sandy McMaster of Randburg, played for the Border Academy rugby team at the Craven Week for Under 13s. He captained the Under 13B cricket team. Glen and Morgan were in the top ten at squash.

Ryan Stanton, son of Mark and Linda Stanton of Bryanston, was the school librarian for two terms and rated "a keen participator in academics." He played for the Under 14A hockey and swimming teams.

Zurel Jones, son of Mrs Nisha Jones of Walkerville, was "a keen participator in all spheres of school life".

Farewell to three top teachers

GOING PRIVATE

GRAHAM NOLAN, popular vice-principal, housemaster and maths teacher, is to leave Dale College at the end of this year after 11 years on the Dale staff.

He will join the staff of Treverton School, a private school in Mooi River, Natal.

Graham, BComm (Hons) and BEd, came to Dale in 1985. He is superintendent of Dale's newest hostel, College House, and was earlier in charge of Diocesan Hostel, which was sold to developers in 1994.

At Diocesan's final leavers' dinner "Hostel" matrics paid Graham a rare tribute – by awarding him the trophy for the "boy" they considered to have done most for the hostel that year.

Last August, as No 3 on the Dale staff, he visited the Transvaal and toured primary schools in a successful recruiting drive for Dale boarders.

As Headmaster, Mr Malcom Andrew paid tribute to Graham Nolan as "one of a very rare breed of educationists... an excellent teacher of mathematics in the Std 10 higher grade level."



GRAHAM NOLAN

His pupils had excelled in examinations and the college had recorded remarkable achievements since Graham was appointed Head of Department (Academics). These included the final 1994 maths results – the best in the school's 135-year history.

Mr Andrew described Graham as "an outstanding head of department, acting deputy and acting headmaster, a caring but firm hostel superintendent."

He was also "an efficient organiser of major school events and a superb leader and role model for the school prefects."

Graham has coached chess, rugby and cricket and managed the first cricket team that toured Australia in 1995.

Our best wishes go to Graham and Debbie and their young son Kendall in their move to Natal.

At Reunion this year Graham Nolan received a Per Ardua Award for his services to the college (See Page 13).

GONE PRIVATE

MODEST "whizkid" Robert (Rob) Hensen, who excelled as a maths teacher at Dale, has "gone private" – to teach at St Andrew's College, Grahamstown.

Wearing his Old Dalian blazer earned for his services to the school over nine years, Rob attended the 1996 Reunion assembly and later watched Dale play Queens at rugby.

"I needed a change," said Rob, who began his teaching career at Dale in 1987 after graduating B.Comm and obtaining his Higher Education Diploma at the University of Port Elizabeth.

As head of the Mathematics Department and senior maths teacher at Dale since 1991 Rob achieved superb examination results. In 1994 the matric maths marks were a Dale record.

The higher grade class average was 71 per cent, six pupils obtained A averages for higher grade and ten for standard grade.

As Headmaster, Mr Malcom Andrew described 31-year-old Rob as "an exceptional educationist... whose contribution to the school has been immeasurable."



ROB HENSEN

He had transformed the teaching of maths at Dale to make it the "strongest subject in the school." Within three years of taking up his first teaching post he had "remarkable success" as head of Std 6 and was then promoted to head of department. He was equally successful as head of Std 9 in 1995.

He was deputy superintendent of a hostel and vice-chairman of the Mother Branch of the Old Dalian Union.

On the sportsfield Rob coached tennis, hockey and the first cricket team. He accompanied the first rugby team on its tour of Britain in 1993 and led the cricket team on a tour of Australia in 1995.

As the school photographer Rob contributed substantially to TransDale and the Dale College Magazine for several years.

At St Andrew's he is now teaching maths to boys from Std 6 to Std 10 and coaching cricket. Good luck, Rob.

GONE PRIVATE

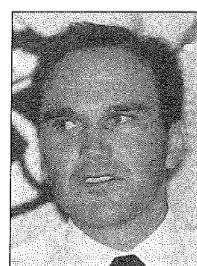
DEON BOSHOF, who coached Dale's unbeaten 1993 First XV, hailed as the college's most exciting side in 30 years, has moved on – to join the staff of Kearsney College in Natal.

Deon took the 1993 team on a victorious five-match tour of England and Wales and coached the 1994 and 1995 first teams which also performed well. The '94 side lost three matches out of 17 and the '95s two out of 21.

In 1993 Dale contributed a record ten out of the Border Schools A squad of 20. Six Daliens played in the 1994 and 1995 squads.

Deon was on the staff for ten years and became head of the Afrikaans department.

In a farewell tribute Headmaster Malcom Andrew praised Deon's "positive contribution in many spheres". He said he would be missed in the classroom, on the sportsfields and in the staff room.



DEON BOSHOF

Deon's last duty for Dale was to manage the first rugby team on its visit to the Kokstad College rugby festival after the first term this year. (See Page 21.)

At Kearsney Deon is teaching Afrikaans and coaching the second water polo team and the fourth rugby team. He has joined others on the staff with Dale links.

Old Dalian Mick Bissell (1958-64), formerly of Johannesburg, is Kearsney's deputy headmaster in charge of extra murals and the college's 75th anniversary celebrations.

Dave Knowles, former head of the history department at Dale, is housemaster of a hostel and the college's rugby organiser. He is in charge of swimming and coaches the first swimming team and the Under 16B rugby team.

Roy Palmer, ex-Dale professional cricket coach, has just negotiated a two-year contract as Kearsney's cricket pro. He has been coaching at the school since 1994.

Our best wishes go to Deon, his wife Caroline and the twins.

The Achievers

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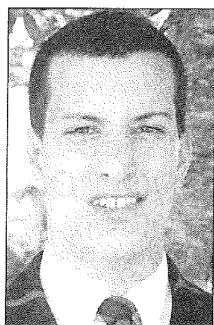
Donovan captained the Dale Under 14A team which included Jason, Karl Herrmann and Jean-Pierre Pires. Des Ongley played for the Under 15A water polo team.

On the hockey field the first team included Wayne Sedice, Dustin Lund and Colin McGowan, son of John and Diane McGowan of Brakpan. Rowan Hemphill was in the second team.

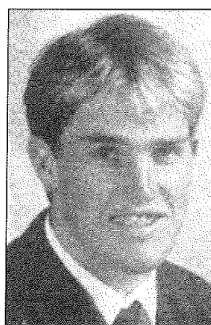
Logan Allanson, son of Mrs J Allanson of Benoni, was chosen for the Border Under 16A hockey team with Colin McGowan and Harry Crassas, who captained the Dale Under 16A hockey team.

This team included Logan Allanson, Nicholas Ten Hove, son of Kees and Rosemary Ten Hove of Walkerville, and Scott Cocking, whose parents, Rob and Marg Cocking, live in Kempton Park.

Riaan Hardy, son of Allan Hardy of



David Graetz



Kyle McLoughlin

Glenanda, and Gary Dale, whose parents, Mr and Mrs M Dale, live in Kempton Park, ran for the Dale cross-country team.

Ondela Kiva, son of Pinkie Kiva of Johannesburg, represented the Border Under 17 rugby team and the Border Schools B team. He received a merit certificate for playing in four matches for the Dale first team as loose-

head prop and is in the Dale First XV this year.

Shane Lynch, son of Gordon and Cheryl Lynch of Westonaria, played in the Under 15A team and Jean-Pierre Pires, Donovan Proudfoot and Jason Wyfer in the unbeaten Under 14A team.

Transvalers were active in several Dale clubs and cultural spheres.

The Dale First Aiders, said to be one of the best First Aid groups on the Border, included David Loughran, Ryan Wait, Warren Smart, Karl Herrmann, Niall Dunseith, Harold Laderach, Dean du Preez, Michael Miles, Jason Shortt and Nicholas Bishop. Yolani Noah was in the college choir.

The Cadet Band included Simeon and David Loughran, Daniel Miles, Daniel de Oliveira, Harry Crassas, Rowan Hemphill and Warren Hall. Rowan was also on the Students' Christian Association committee and the Interact Club committee.

The debating team included Warren Hall, Scott Styger, Alan Ford, Stephen Mawdsley and Michael Woodman. Warren, Michael and Stephen were also library monitors with Jason Wyfer and Donovan Proudfoot.

The weekend four Dalian decades came together

VISITING Old Dalians from three matric classes – 1956, 1966 and 1986 – and first team rugby players of 1945-46 highlighted the 1996 Reunion in a weekend of nostalgia and renewed friendship.

King William's Town came alive as Old Dalians poured in from many parts of South Africa. Vernon Sachs of the Class of 1956 flew from Australia and Doug Moll (1966) from the United States.

Honoured at the Reunion Assembly as special guests were the Crossman family who together have spent 110 years linked with Dale College, Dale Junior and the Old Dalian Union.

The Class of 1986, back at Dale after ten years, were entertained with the Crossmans to lunch at the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre. The other groups held their own get-togethers.

Edward John (Ted) Phillips (1974), a Border businessman, was inducted at a dinner-dance as the 77th National President of the ODU.

On the Saturday a crowd of 9 000 saw the Dale first XV beat their traditional rivals, Queens College, 15-6. Out of 13 matches played Dale won seven (firsts, seconds, Under 15A and B, Under 14A, B and C), lost six and scored 256 points against 184.

In an outstanding performance Dale won all of the eight hockey matches played, scoring 24 goals against 3.

A memorial service conducted by an Old Dalian pastor, the Rev Garth Kleck, in the Hallowed Courtyard, concluded the Reunion weekend on a more sombre note.

Ray Palframan sang the Memorial Song and wreaths were laid in memory of 200 Old Dalians who died in two world wars and later conflicts. It was a weekend many pictured on these pages will remember well . . .

• For more Reunion news turn to Pages 14 and 15

Two win Per Ardua awards

PER ARDUA awards for service to Dale College over the past ten years were presented at the 1996 Reunion to senior vice-principal Graham Nolan and laboratory assistant Cheryl Coombs.

Headmaster Malcom Andrew said Graham had made a remarkable impact as a maths teacher and was "the best hostel superintendent we have had for years." He also coached rugby, cricket and chess.

Graham Nolan, who is No 3 on the staff and formerly superintendent of Diocesan Hostel, is now in charge of Dale's newest hostel, College House.

In addition to her duties as laboratory assistant, Cheryl Coombs does the typing for the Science and Maths Departments and teaches computer studies to Std 6 and 7 pupils.

She is now doing the school's computer report administration and, says Mr Andrew, has worked very hard in her decade at Dale.



HONOURED CROSSMANS. Top from left: Ian, William, Leo and Neil. Middle: Steve, Mike, Ken and Denzil. Front: Peter, Gareth and Kevin. • Picture: IAN FAIRLEY

Salute the Crossman clan: 110-year link with Dale

ELEVEN Old Dalian Crossmans and their families were honoured guests at the 1996 Dale Reunion. Altogether 19 Crossmans, spanning three generations, have attended Dale over 48 years.

In a handsome tribute, incoming ODU National President Ted Phillips, said the family had "produced leaders, academics and sportsmen of an outstanding calibre of which the schools and the union are extremely proud."

Thanking the Crossman family for their "contribution towards the progress of the Dale Family", Mr Phillips said:

"It all started in the Peddie district when three local farming brothers, Charlie, William and Herbert Crossman, decided to send their sons to Dale. Five of their eight sons, Mancel, Noel, Ken, Denzil and Len enrolled at Dale.

These were the first generation Crossman Dalians. Mancel enrolled in 1928 and Len in 1943. Before the first generation had completed their schooling the second had enrolled.

Ten second-generation Crossmans enrolled, starting with Leo in 1945, followed by Bill, Neil, Ian, Tony, Michael, Kevin, Brian, Mark and Dave.

Meanwhile the third generation consisting of Leo's four sons started enrolling in 1970 with Stephen and Gareth, followed by Ken and finally by Peter in 1978, who completed the Crossman association with Dale College in 1984. However in 1984 Gareth carried the association further as a teacher at Dale until 1990.

Leo served as chairman of Old Dalian branches for 25 years and in 1977 was National President. His son Peter is chairman of the Port Elizabeth branch.

The 19 Crossmans have collectively spent 110 years associated with Dale Junior, Dale College and the Old Dalian Union. Seventy five years were spent as pupils, seven years teaching and 28 years as chairman of ODU branches, including one year as National President.

The family of achievers

TED PHILLIPS listed this impressive list of the Crossman family's achievements:

ODU National President (Leo), headboy Dale College (Peter), headboy Paterson (Peter), headboy Frank Joubert (Ian), college prefects (Dave, Gareth), hostel prefect (Stephen).

Victor Ludorum (Len), first team rugby captain (Tony), Geddes Page sports award (Tony), member of the unbeaten 1964 First XV (Michael), Border Schools rugby (Brian), Border Country Schools (Bill).

First team rugby coach (Gareth), four sports colour awards (Gareth) Cadet prize (Leo and Gareth).

QUOTE

• We live in an age of unprecedented change. If I had retired before the school went open I would have felt cheated. Dale College and Dale Junior are in the forefront of change.

— Headmaster Malcom Andrew at Reunion.

Between them the Crossmans have received 27 colours awards: Rugby (9), athletics (7), cricket (5) cross-country (3), tennis, squash and rowing.

Noel received his athletics colours for throwing the cricket ball. Denzil broke the junior cross-country record in 1939 as a 15-year-old in matric. Ken jnr. was the academic scholar who also took part in a relay run from King William's Town to Fort Beaufort to raise funds. Ken snr. received the DFC in the Second World War and was mentioned in dispatches.

After leaving school Neil represented Northern Rhodesia at rugby and Peter Eastern Province at squash.

The Crossmans have been involved in a variety of occupations including headmaster of a high school, major in the police, senior magistrate, civil engineer, broker, and in industries including timber, clothing, transport, plumbing supplies and tyres.

Today the family has representatives in the United States and Australia.

REUNION '96 SPECIAL

Back to the days of Bucket, Batsala, Duck and Vleisie

RUGBY: 1945-46

RUGBY memories of the forties were rekindled when seven members of the 1945 and 1946 Dale XVs got together at the 1996 Reunion. Stories of great victories and on-and-off-the-field incidents flew thick and fast.

Arthur Jardine and Neville (Vleisie) Phillips came from Zimbabwe with their wives, Joan and Margot, to join another five former teammates.

These included Donald (Duck) Leslie with his wife Paula from Kempton Park, Bill (Bucket) and Di Beckley from East London, Keith (Batsala) and Jean Day from Komga and Ray (Tollie) Burton and Jack Rosenberg of King. All except Phillips and Leslie were backs.

Peter (Remskoën) Collett had to return to Johannesburg from East London because of illness. Apologies came from Keith Kirton (Benoni), Dudley (Hoek) Diedericks (Port Elizabeth), Stan Chantler (East London), Ian McClelland and George (Joyce) Duncan.

Fondly remembered were old team-mates who had passed on: Noel Jennings (captain), Charlie Edwards (vice-captain), Terry (Jumbo) Pike and Elliott (Pinkie) Cockcroft, all forwards.

- The 1946 Dale First XV played 18 matches and won 16. Two games were lost through dropped goals which in those days counted four points. Tries earned only three.

The team did not lose a match on the Border, beating Queens and Selborne twice. They went on tour to Johannesburg and beat Helpmekaar Hoërskool (at Ellis Park) 6-nil, KES 6-nil, Marist Brothers 8-nil and lost to Jeppe High 12-13. The only other game lost was 0-4 to Grey High (PE), through a dropped goal in the first ten minutes.

CLASS OF 1956

FORTY years after they left school, 15 Old Daliens came back to Dale to enjoy a weekend of fun, fellowship and reminiscence. One of them flew from Australia to join his classmates.

They represented almost a quarter of the 64-strong class of 1956 – a remarkable achievement considering that some had either passed away, emigrated or were untraceable.

Ivan Venter writes: The seed for a 1956 Reunion in 1996 was planted over lunch at the Wanderers' Club in Johannesburg.

George (Bog) Shaw approached the college which sent him a list of the 1956 matrices. Several meetings were held at George's home and a "committee" including George, Ian Chisholm and Ivan Venter undertook to contact as many of their classmates as possible.

Despite the difficulties the exercise – with the help of Terry Bircholtz in King and Des Walker in East London – proved an unqualified success.

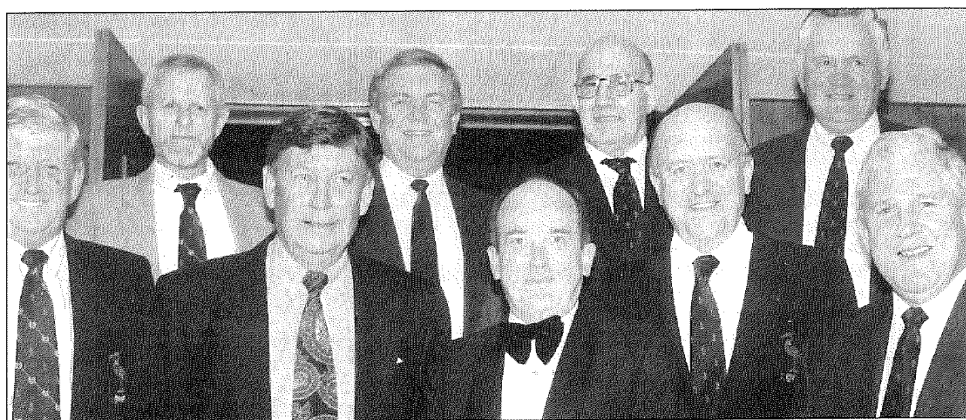
The 15 plus ten wives came from near, far and wide – Johannesburg, Durban, Port Elizabeth, Kenton-on-Sea, East London, Cathcart, Stutterheim, Elliot and the highlight, Vernon Sachs from Sydney.

The Fifty-Sixers attended most of the

FROM 1945 TO 1986... OLD DALIANS REUNION

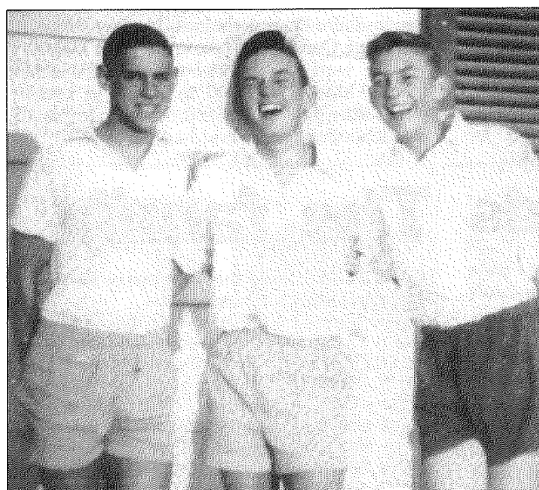


FORTIES VETERANS: From left, back row: Keith Day, Neville Phillips, Bill Beckley, Donald Leslie. Front: Ray Burton, Jack Rosenberg and Arthur Jardine.

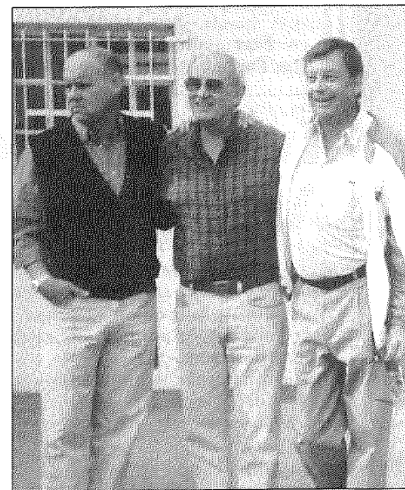


'56 MATRICES (from left): Paul Howarth, Mike Sheard, Ivan Venter, Ian Chisholm, Neville Belling, Bill Crossman, John Fredericks, Selby Vorster, George Shaw.

THE WAY THEY WERE – AND ARE TODAY



Vernon Sachs, Manfred Sher and Ivan Venter in 1955 – and outside Joubert House in 1996.



Reunion functions but one of the most successful events was a luncheon organised by Terry Bircholtz at the King William's Town Club on the Saturday.

Many stories were told and photographs looked at. The wives volunteered to let the men sit at their own tables where further tales were swapped.

A really good time was had by all and the possibility of meeting again in five years' time was discussed.

These members of the Class of 1956 and their wives attended:

Neville Belling, Terry Bircholtz, Ian Chisholm, Glen Cotterell, Bill Crossman, John Fredericks, Viv Gehring, Paul Howarth, Vernon Sachs, George Shaw, Mike Sheard, Manfred Sher, Ivan Venter, Selby Vorster and Des Walker. Apologies came from Wal Dean, Dennis Griffiths, Des Moss and Stan Ward.

RETURN FOR A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

REUNION '96 SPECIAL



SIXTY-SIXERS Stuart Boucher, Doug Moll, John Burmeister, David Thies and Tony Durrheim.



Ron Markham, Ian Fisher, Barry Adcock, Kevin Lawlor and Malcolm Boucher.

CLASS OF 1966

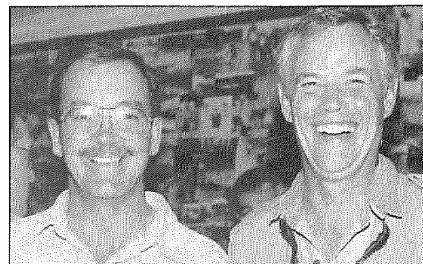
IT was probably the liveliest party of the 1996 Reunion. Doug Moll flew in from Texas to join about 40 of the Class of 1966 from many parts of South Africa 30 years after they left Dale.

The party at the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre went on till the small hours. Over the weekend the Sixty-Sixers also had a hotel lunch and turned out in strength with wives at the Reunion dinner-dance.

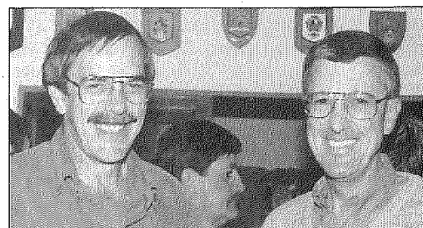
"It was an emotional weekend," said Dave Giese of Johannesburg. "Most of us had not seen each other for 30 years, even some living in the same city. It was moving to see the school's traditions being upheld despite the dramatic changes that have occurred."

Other Transvalers who attended the memorable get-together – organised by Stuart Boucher and Derrick Monks – included Kevin Lawlor, Barry Taylor and David Thies.

• Reunion pictures by IAN FAIRLIE and JILL MITCHELL (Kei Mercury)



David Giese and Barrie Barnes.



Ron van der Merwe and Barry Taylor.



AFTER TEN YEARS: Top row: Andrew Egan, Haydn Mourant, Richard Marques. Second: Michael Webb, Craig Fraunstein, Jon Walker. Third: Craig Godfrey, Mike Palframan, Michael Schirrig. Front: Stephen Cole and Heintz Kretzmann.

• Transvaler Bradley Worth captained the SA Schools squash team.

• Alan Lennard lost his leg in an accident and played squash with one leg.

Mark Godfrey summed up what Dale meant to him: "The best grounding, both academic and sporting, I could have asked for."

CLASS OF 1986

HEY Poodle, Fat Cat, Beak, Egg, Polly, Oogies...! It was great to see you back at Dale, ten years after you left.

Nearly 20 of the Matric Class of '86 responded to the call to return for a weekend of fun and laughter and a bit of nostalgia.

At least seven had married and one, Dave Dancie from Zambia who wed an ex-KHS girl, had become a father. From Harare came unmarried Jason Wilson, known to classmates as Big Jay or Beak.

The Transvalers included Donald (Oogies) Stuart of Johannesburg, Gareth (Poodle) Hoar of Weltevreden Park, Haydn (Fat Cat) Mourant of Edenvale and Craig Fraunstein of Sun City.

From Port Elizabeth came '86 dux medalist and deputy headboy Craig Godfrey, Comrades runner Mike Palframan and skydiver Heintz Kretzmann and from Cape Town Michael Schirrig, 1986 headboy and cricket captain, and Stephen Cole. Mountain biker Jon Walker came down (not on his bike) from Montrose on Van Reenen's Pass. From the Border were Matthew Minnie of Gonubie, Andrew Egan of East London and local lads Alan (Egg) Pitt, Michael Webb and Ricky Marques.

Alan left journalism to become a child care administrator at the King Children's Home. Matthew is a software consultant, Jon has a crafts business. Heintz is an Eskom technician, Craig Godfrey a company legal adviser and Mike Palframan a bank manager's assistant.

Stephen is an insurance consultant and Michael Schirrig a marketing strategist in a pension compa-

ny. Jason is a company financial director and Craig Fraunstein a manager at Sun City.

Haydn is a soft-drink accounts manager. Tour operator Donald left after Reunion on his own tour of the United States and Gareth has his own plumbing business. David is with an automotive machinery company, Andrew is a policeman and Michael Webb a motor mechanic.

Memories? Alan Pitt recalled "the day the big metalwork boys lined up to take on the Taiwanese in a break-time fight – luckily both sides chickened out!"

While Jon Walker was headboy of Presby he had to do prep in the prep-room "as punishment for bunking out with Craig Fraunstein and Bruce Wallace to Tanja Marais' home."

Headmaster Malcom Andrew recalled some highlights of the "great year" of 1986:

- Dale turned 125 years old.
- Legendary cricket coach Percy Davis and his wife Marge flew in from England for the celebrations.

- Springbok rugby star HO de Villiers, headboy of Dale in 1963, spoke at Reunion.

- The Dale Cadets, with Craig Fraunstein as OC, were granted freedom of entry into King.

- Cricket coach Peter Morris met Dale rugby tourists at 4 am at London's Heathrow Airport.

The Dalian and his guest at the 'honeymoon hotel'

AN AMAZING story of how a Dalian spent a ten-day "honeymoon" with his girlfriend in a King hotel free of charge was told at the 1996 Reunion dinner-dance.

When he was found out the lover boy was asked to leave the school. But even Headmaster Malcom Andrew, who told the tale, now wonders whether such an enterprising schoolboy should have suffered this fate.

In the year 1986, when Dale College was proudly celebrating its 125th anniversary, our schoolboy Romeo had his own brand of pomp and ceremony.

Facing a lonely ten-day school holiday the boy felt a yearning for his girlfriend in Cape Town.

He arranged for her to join him in King and the pair booked into the Central Hotel – then King's poshest – as husband and wife.

Ever-hospitable mine-host Jack Rosenberg, we were told, gave the couple the "honeymoon suite" – for ten days of matrimonial bliss.

When the "honeymoon" was over the Dalian had two problems – an account he could not pay and a girlfriend who needed to go home.

So he took her to the police station and handed her over as a runaway. The police put her on a plane to Cape Town and the Dalian checked back into Diocesan Hostel for the next term.

When Headmaster Andrew heard about it he called hotelier Rosenberg and "the wires burnt."

On reflection, Andy told dinner guests, the boy had displayed remarkably resourceful qualities. His action was unique.

He had shown extraordinary initiative, deep thought and careful planning, utter ruthlessness and deception – "every quality we would like the First XV to show against Queens tomorrow."

FOOTNOTE: This story may appear apocryphal but Andy assured us it is true. Jack Rosenberg just smiled and stayed silent.

• The boy's name was not disclosed.

– JOE SUTTON

Taylor-made! After ten years Mike's back where he belongs

MIKE HOSTY has returned to Dale Junior after nearly ten years excited by his task and the challenges facing him. "To be back as headmaster is a dream fulfilled," he says.

The man who began his teaching career at Dale Junior under Roy Taylor and left as the first superintendent of DV Taylor Hostel could be termed "Taylor-made" for his new role. He has succeeded Roger Budler who is now teaching in Australia.

Mr Hosty's experience has been enriched by serving in two private schools. He was deputy headmaster of Clifton Preparatory School in Nottingham Road, Natal, and headmaster of Clifton School, a multi-cultural college in Botswana.

He found private schooling very challenging and competitive, with pressure on children to secure places in high schools in many parts of the world. At Clifton, a co-ed school in Francistown, he educated children from all over Southern Africa and some from abroad.

Mike Hosty and his wife Mandy have three children, Sarah, 16, in Std 9 at KHS, Jason, 14, in Std 7 at Dale College and Luke, 12, in Std 5 at Dale Junior. Mandy is now teaching at Dale College.

He has been encouraged by the educational and political changes that occurred while he was away. "We are moving in a positive and enlightened direction, but principally we are moving," he said.

"With any kind of major change in dispensation there is the opportunity to bring in innovations and improvements."

He is confident about the future of Dale - "as long as management and direct responsibility and control stays with those governing the school and with the staff."

A visionary with firm convictions about education and the duties of parents, Mr Hosty's educational philosophy is based on four pillars of values:

- A CHRISTIAN ETHOS, "essential to give us both direction and purpose." This, he says, is the main pillar supporting "our vision for our boys."

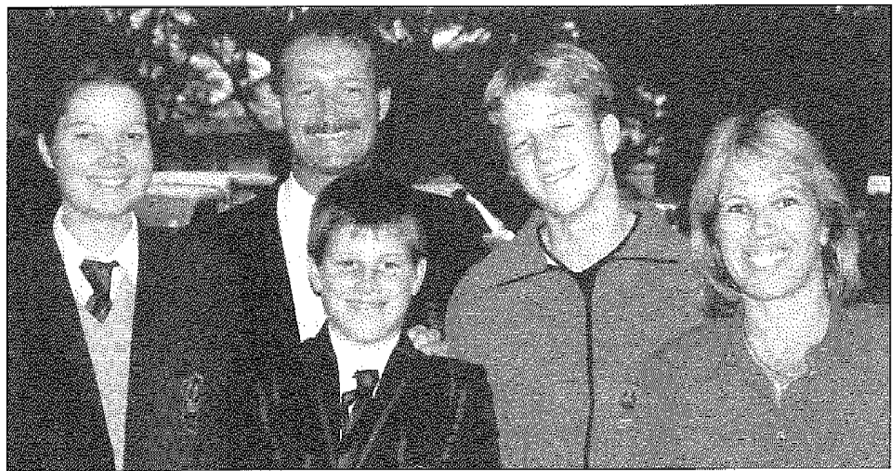
- EFFECTIVE PARENTING, the second pillar, "of prime importance for an optimum, functional school."

After paying tribute to the work of the Governing Body and the PTA, the father of three added: "Real parenting happens in our homes. As our children stretch themselves into adulthood we need to be there for them when they feel good about themselves and when they don't."

Mandy: The incredible spirit of Dale

MANDY HOSTY shares her husband's fervent love for Dale. Now teaching English and remedial English at the college, she visited the Transvaal last month to test primary school boys wishing to enter Dale.

Addressing parents, she spoke with enthusiasm about her return to the school and "the



FAMILY MAN: Mike and Mandy Hosty with Sarah, Luke and Jason.

• Picture: IAN FAIRLIE

QUOTES

• Education should not comprise only the traditional skills of reading, writing and mathematics. We need to place greater emphasis on problem-solving skills, the debating of issues, independent research, reading for pleasure as well as for information, and most of all, a thirst for knowledge.

• We need to cultivate an environment for our children which encourages them to be creative and innovative, an exciting and stimulating environment that turns them into explorers and discoverers of new horizons.

— MIKE HOSTY

"Above all we need to express our unconditional love for them... the children who achieve the most in life and who have positive self-images come from homes that have clearly defined and consistent discipline and in which children are loved for what they are and not for what they achieve."

Turning to "our hostel boys," Mr Hosty said: "No one can ever take the place of their parents, but our hostel staff do an outstanding job of loving and caring for our boys."

"Without their genuine interest in our boys' lives our hostel would be a mere institution. Instead it is a warm, loving haven where parents can leave their boys with true peace of mind."

- FINANCIAL STABILITY: "We dare not take our eyes off our goals or else finance will surely become an obstacle. We cannot allow finance to impede our vision; it must support our vision because no goal is too high for our children."

- QUALITY AND INDIVIDUALITY: "The fourth and final pillar of our educational philosophy is one that requires my greatest attention."

"We at Dale Junior strive to produce children of the finest calibre. We are not school-centred but child-centred."

"We consider the individuality of each child as being of paramount importance."

Mike Hosty was born and schooled in Zimbabwe, then Rhodesia. He was vice-head-

boy of St George's College, Salisbury, where he captained the first rugby and swimming teams. He served in the Rhodesian Defence Force, passing out as the top cadet. Both he and his wife graduated at Rhodes University in 1979 and became teachers.

They worked together at the King William's Town Children's Home where they pioneered the concept of children staying with house-parents rather than in an institution. "We had six teenagers living with us in a house in town," he said.

In 1981 he switched to teaching at Dale Junior and became a master at Sutton House, then a junior hostel.

As the first superintendent of DV Taylor House, a renovated old Convent building, he made the hostel a "home away from home." At the same time he gave the boys enough independence to make them feel responsible.

Encouraging parents to send their sons as boarders early, he told TransDale: "The younger the kids are, the easier they settle down."

Mike Hosty is an enthusiastic man with wide interests and talents. He enjoys watersport, including windsurfing and paddle-skiing, and was part of the Athlone masters' swimming group that took part in the national championships in April.

A lover of the outdoors and nature he coached sport at Dale Junior and took the boys on trips and hikes. While in Francistown he enjoyed taking his pupils on wild life trips in Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zululand and Swaziland.

At Dale Junior he is continuing this emphasis on the environment as part of current affairs from Std 2 to 5. He takes general knowledge classes from Sub A to Std 1 and has started an entrepreneurs group for Std 4s and 5s.

"Life at Dale Junior is hectic and exciting. Our aim is to get quality boys irrespective of their background," he told Old Dalians and Dale supporters at a reception during the St John's College Easter rugby festival.

"We are putting in a lot of capital into the school and buying more computers and other equipment," said Mr Hosty.

He recalled that present Dale rugby first-teamers Terry Knickelbein and Graham Spring were in Sub A at Dale Junior during his first spell there ten years ago. Once Terry ran off the field in the middle of a game "to have a wee."

There is no mistaking Mike Hosty's passion for Dale, its traditions and its boarding school blend of discipline, care and camaraderie.

This was apparent from his inspiring talks to parents and boys on a recent recruiting and promotional visit to Gauteng for Dale College. The Dale Family is fortunate to have a man of his calibre at the helm of its primary school.

For Steve, it's another chance and challenge

By JOE SUTTON

OLD DALIAN Steve Palframan faces an ongoing challenge to prove he is South Africa's No 2 wicketkeeper and heir to the gloves filled for years by David Richardson.

"He's been given another bite at the cherry," said his father, Ray, an ex-keeper himself and well known as the local pharmacist who sings the Memorial Song at the Old Dalian Reunion services.

Steve is touring England with the South African A side, a blend of up-and-coming young cricketers and others with international experience.

At 26, his task is to consolidate his position as a wicketkeeper and an attacking batsman.

The competition is keen. At least two promising rivals, after impressive batting in the Benson and Hedges one-day games, are challenging him for the No 2 spot. Both are in the SA A squad.

Chatting to Steve at the Old Dalian Reunion one was impressed by his quiet confidence and determination to do well and eventually succeed Richardson. He believes it's up to his rivals to make the running to displace him. But do not mistake his attitude for complacency.

This is Steve's third experience of playing under English conditions. After matriculating in 1987 Steve spent a year as Dale's first Exeter Cathedral School scholar in Devon, where he coached cricket and played in the local league. In 1992 he spent a summer playing in Yorkshire's Huddersfield league.

After returning from playing in the World Cup on the Indian subcontinent Steve enjoyed a brief rest followed by intensive training in the gym and in the nets.

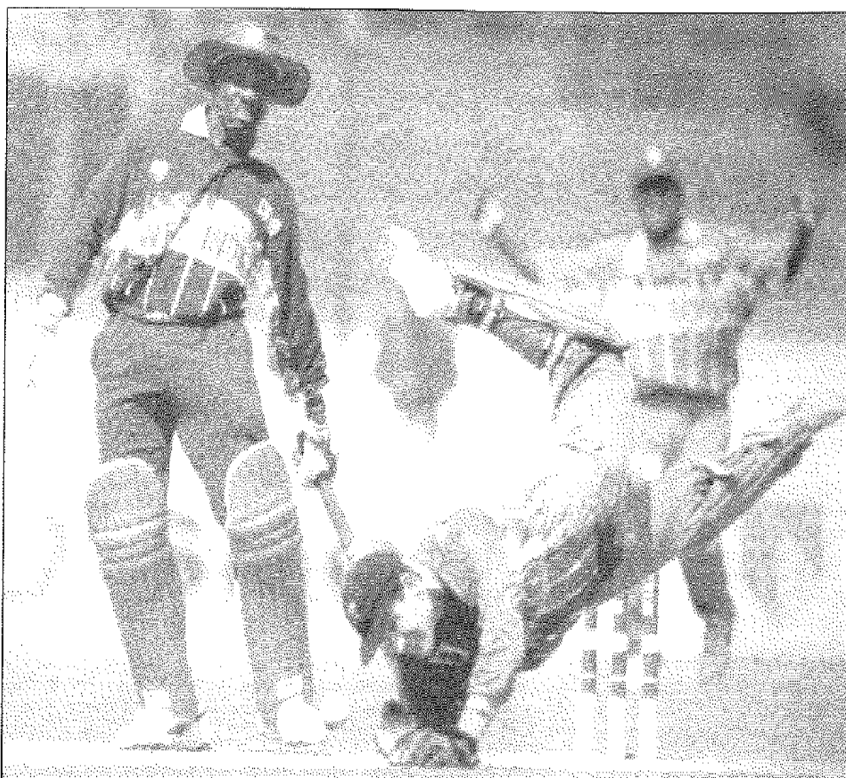
His coach is Border's Stephen Jones, who accompanied the South African Under 19 team to India earlier this year.

Before flying out to England Steve attended two three-day training sessions with the squad in Cape Town and Durban.

Steve has been waiting in the wings for long to succeed the experienced Richardson, 35, widely regarded as one of the best wicketkeepers in the world today.

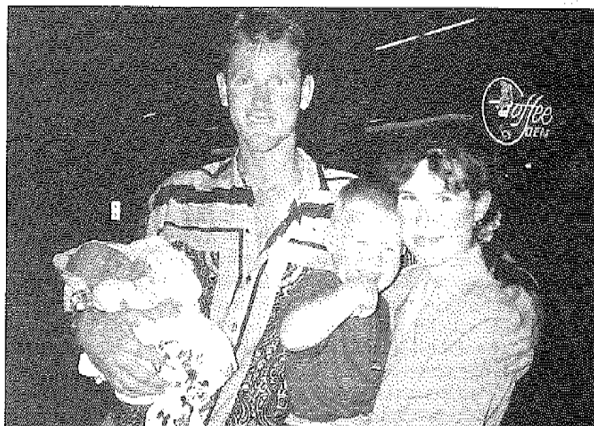
He was chosen as reserve 'keeper for South Africa's tour of Sri Lanka in 1993 but played in only one official tour match - against the Sri Lankan Board XI. He took three catches but scored only ten runs. He played in two games between South African and Sri Lankan Journalists, dropped a couple of catches and scored a duck in the first. In the second game he scored 80.

Back home he was involved in a controversial incident against Free State, suspended for



FLYING 'KEEPER: In a spectacular attempt Steve Palframan dives unsuccessfully to catch West Indian captain Richie Richardson in the World Cup cricket quarter-final.

• Picture:
The Associated Press/
The Citizen



FAMILY MAN: Steve with his wife Sandy, son Richard and the newest addition to the family, Michael John.

two matches and seemed doomed to become one of cricket's forgotten men. He was overlooked for tours to Australia and England but after good performances for Border including "pinch-hitter" opening knocks in one-day matches he was recalled.

The miracle happened when Dave Richardson broke his finger in SA's penultimate seven-match international series against England in January and Steve was thrust into the role at the 11th hour.

Steve viewed his late selection for the World Cup as a bonus. He is disappointed that he did not make the most of his opportunity but it is clear that he was "on a hiding to nothing," under special scrutiny, particularly on TV, and being compared to the ever-consistent Richardson.

As a keeper he performed competently tak-

ing three catches against England and letting through only five byes in the whole tournament. These, he has pointed out, were fewer than the average of other keepers who had their share of blunders, including missed stumping chances.

But in the quarter-final against the West Indies a couple of lapses were crucial. Steve was - I believe unfairly - made a scapegoat by some cricket writers for South Africa's exit from the Cup and described as a weak link.

One catch from Shivnarine Chanderpaul dropped just short of Steve's diving left hand but despite Steve's height and long reach was a hard chance. It proved an expensive one - but would a shorter keeper have held it?

As a batsman Steve was tried as a "pinch-hitter" after a great innings of 119 opening with Gary Kirsten against an EP Invitation side on the eve of the team's departure for the World Cup.

His father Ray says: "This was probably the best innings I have seen him play."

In Pakistan Steve opened the batting against England and New Zealand in Group B of the Cup and helped to get South Africa off to brisk starts which contributed to victories. But although he can swing the bat lustily he insists

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Sandy, the wife and mother back home

ON THE EVE of leaving for Sri Lanka in 1993 Steve Palframan married his fiancée Sandy Dwenger whom he met at Rhodes University.

On the eve of leaving for the World Cup this year he became a father for the second time. Sandy gave birth to her second son

Michael, a brother for Richard.

It's been a hectic year for the Palframan family. Ray and Sheila celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in January and in April Steve's sister Dee was married to former Border opener Andrew Lawson.

Steve's togs join Dale's Hall of Fame

STEVE Palframan's World Cup garments have joined memorabilia of other Dale sporting stars in the Old Dalian President's Room.

Steve gave his green-and-gold cricket shirt to Dale College and his pullover was donated by two local Dale supporters, Dr Pox Raghavjee and Mr Jack Patel, who paid R1 000 for it at an auction held at a Cricket for Cancer evening.

Jerseys of Springbok rugby players CB Jennings and HO de Villiers and cricketers Hylton Ackerman and Buster Farrer reside in this Dale museum.

Steve's Dale cricket honours blazer has a proud place in the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre overlooking the CB Jennings main playing field. His name is No. 9 on an honours board for sons of Dale who have played cricket for South Africa.

His blazer has a further five scrolls below that of cricket honours. They represent colours awards he received at Dale - hockey, squash, tennis, drama and academics.

Steve had a bat, donated by Old Dalians Buster and Colin Farrer, autographed by the whole South African team. It was given to the Presbyterian Church in King to be raffled at R5 a ticket.



THE JESTER: Steve clowns at the Cricket for Cancer function.

• Picture: JILL MITCHELL (Kei Mercury)

After his return from the World Cup Steve spoke with enthusiasm, wit and humour at school assemblies, club functions and dinners about on-and off-the-field experiences.

One point he made was that many people did not understand the sacrifices wives of top players had to make. He saluted them.

Speaking at the Cricket for Cancer function Headmaster Malcom Andrew described Steve as one of the greatest all-rounders that Dale had produced - on the sportsfield and as an academic.

Steve, he said, never gave up whatever the odds. He was a fantastic lesson to any young man wanting to get on in life.

The pressure is on him now to keep his place

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he is no slogger.

In the crucial quarter final he came in down the order and failed to stem the SA collapse or score the runs that were so vital at that stage.

Since the World Cup Richardson, who had hinted at retirement, has returned to the squad for South Africa's triumph in the Sharjah Cup and been offered a new 12-month contract by the United Cricket Board. Steve Palframan was among five players whose contracts were not renewed.

He was, however, included in the South African A squad despite media speculation that he would be ousted by Transvaler Nic Pothas and Free State's Gerhardus Liebenberg.

After the team announcement coach Bob Woolmer defended the choice of three wicketkeepers. He said the tour would be good for Palframan and an opportunity to play more cricket and that South Africa needed wicketkeepers for the busy international programme ahead.

Batting remains the area which will prove decisive for Steve's future. As for his keeping there will always be room for improvement.

As his former Headmaster, Malcom Andrew, pointed out, Steve is a man who never gives up. The tour of England is a tough test of his cricketing ability and his character.

Des Gendall revives P.E.

THE enthusiasm of Des Gendall, a former Dale teacher, has rejuvenated the Port Elizabeth branch of the Old Dalian Union (reports chairman Peter Crossman).

Branch newsletters are being sponsored by Old Dalians who run their own businesses.

An Old Dalian social cricket team beat Aberdare Cables by 21 runs in a 30-overs match. Old Dalians scored 118 all out and bowled out Aberdare for 97.

The hero for the Old Dalian team was Des Gendall's nine-year-old son Matthew, who took three wickets. Brian (Scab) James batted twice and was run out twice, so is now practising running between the wickets.

Attendance at informal monthly meetings (5.30 pm on the first Wednesday at the German Club in Lorraine, Port Elizabeth) has risen from four to 25.

John Midgeley (home phone: (041) 33-5781) is rounding up "older timers" and Michael Freer and Craig Westcott O.D.s from the '70s and '80s.

The highlight of the PE year was the visit of the Dale rugby and hockey teams to play Grey on May 18. A bring-and-braai "warm-up" was held on the Friday night and a pub lunch on the Saturday. Although Dale lost the big match 24-17 Old Dalians turned out in strength for a function afterwards organised by Old Greys.

Ogies is back in Durban

THE Natal branch of the Old Dalian Union continues to tick over with the support of its core members (reports chairman Stuart Sutton).

An informal cocktail party at the home of Malcolm (Cruncher) Wilmot on April 1 was attended by 35 people. National President Trevor Bennet, accompanied by his wife Irene, reported how things were going with the ODU Executive and the two schools.

Mark (Ogies) Turnbull (1979) has returned to Durban from the Transvaal. He is taking an active interest in the branch, which is reviewing its structures and systems to make it more effective.

Kokstad Old Dalian Jeff Kaiser

hosted the Dale touring party to a braai after the one-match rugby festival in March. Among those who attended were manager Deon Boshoff and his successor, Butch Wigggett, and several Old Dalians from Durban.

A joint Dale and Queens old boys' team took part in the Wynand Claassens seven-a-side rugby tournament in May.

On the cards are a young Old Dalians' bash, golf against Queens old boys and a red-and-black dinner at year's end.

East London Old Dalians will hold their main function of the year, a red-and-black dinner, in September or October.

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Dalians win Kokstad festival cup

Back on the Border they beat Selborne – and then Queens

DALE COLLEGE'S First XV started the 1996 season in fine style at the end of March by winning the Kokstad College festival trophy for playing the most attractive rugby.

Since then the team have met with mixed fortunes. They lost two out of three games at the St John's College festival in Johannesburg over Easter, returned to the Border to beat their old rivals, Queens and Selborne, and lost to Grey High in Port Elizabeth.

• In the one-match festival at Kokstad Dale beat Glenwood High School of Durban 33-21 after leading 21-15 at half time.

Two first-half tries by rightwing Terry Krückelbein were converted by centre Marc Robertson who also goaled two penalties. Leftwing Henry Mensah and flyhalf Graeme Spring both scored in the second spell and Robertson goaled a penalty.

Deputy Headmaster Mick Paterson, who has taken over his old role of First XV coach, believes Dale were awarded the trophy because they got plenty of ball to their wings, who both had good games.

Twenty-four teams played at Kokstad. Queens lost 16-10 to Maritzburg College and Selborne went down 12-14 to Durban High School.

Dale lock Robbie du Rand injured an ankle and could not join the squad at St John's the following weekend. Missing from the Dale line-up in both festivals was flanker Gcobani Bobo, who was captaining a South African Academy side playing in Paris.

The touring Dale squad was captained by Adrian van Deventer. Deon Boshoff, who had coached Dale firsts for three years, managed the side at Kokstad before joining the staff of Kearsney College. Butch Wiggett then took over as manager.

• At St John's the strong-running Dale backs were handicapped by lack of possession. In the first match, played in driving rain on a soaking field Dale beat Northwood of Durban 12-3. Neither side scored a try, Dale goaling three penalties against one. It was an unattractive game spoilt by the weather.

The Dale team lost a thrilling Saturday game against Hoërskool Monument, a strong side from Krugersdorp, after leading 13-3 in the second half. A penalty by Robertson and a try by fullback Toby Mdaka earned an 8-3 lead at half-time, Monument managing only a penalty.

In the second half Robertson scored an unconverted try (13-3) but Monument hit back with two tries, one of them converted (15-13). Dale went ahead (20-15) with a try by Mensah converted by Robertson, but Monument sealed



THANKS DAD! Dale First Team rugby captain Adrian van Deventer receives rugby kit and sponsored funds for the team's tour to Johannesburg from his father, Citizen Bank chief executive Edgar van Deventer. The team and coach Mick Paterson (centre) look on.
• Picture: JILL MITCHELL, Kei Mercury

SEVEN Dalians were included in the Border Schools A side for the 1996 Craven Week: Adrian Bowman, Robbie du Rand, Gcobani Bobo, David Sallgren, Terry Knickelbein, Craig White and Henry Mensah.

Three were chosen for the Craven Week Border Academy side; Ondela Kiva, a Transvaler, Mark Petzer and Toby Mdaka; and three for the Development Under 19 Academy side: Adrian van Deventer, Andries Coetzee and Marc Robertson.

the game with a converted try and a penalty (25-20).

Mr Paterson commented: "It was an exciting game which could have gone either way. We were a little light up front and did not get the possession we needed late in the second half. Dale played with a lot of guts and commitment."

The final game on the Monday was another disappointment for Dale who lost 19-27 to Durban High School after leading 19-13 in the second half.

Mensah scored two first-half tries, one converted by Robertson. DHS scored a converted try and two penalties to lead 13-12 at half time. In the second half Spring scored a try converted by Robertson for Dale to lead 19-13. But in the closing stages DHS turned the tables with

two converted tries to run out winners (27-19).

Mr Paterson commented: "We should not have lost. The team was a little leg-weary after three extremely hard games in five days."

He rated Henry Mensah, who scored four tries, the most promising player on tour. Dale have been invited by St John's to their festival next year.

• Back on the Border for the second term Dale won a close match in East London against Selborne 12-10, scoring four penalties against a converted try and a penalty.

Selborne led 10-6 at half-time but threw away a possible win by unsuccessfully opting to run a penalty in front of the Dale posts. Robertson added two more penalties to clinch a win for Dale.

This gave Dale a total of 86 wins over Selborne since their first encounter in 1892. Selborne have won 43 games and 23 have been drawn.

• In the Reunion match watched by a crowd of 9 000 Dale triumphed over Queens by 15 points to six, levelling the two schools' tally of victories over each other at 61 each.

Queens led 6-5 at half time through a penalty and dropped goal against an unconverted try by Dale lock Du Rand.

In the second half the Dalians defended well to keep Queens at bay and added a try by Adrian Bowman. This was converted by Robertson who goaled a penalty for Dale to lead by nine points. The Dale pack were in great form in a hard-fought game which the home side deserved to win.

Dale won eight of the other 14 matches played against Queens.

• A week later in Port Elizabeth Dale were beaten 24-17 by Grey High School in an entertaining game. Six tries were scored in the first half with Grey leading 24-14.

• In other second-term matches the Dale First XV beat Port Rex 46-18, Daniel Pienaar 22-10, Kingswood College 20-17 and Hudson Park 32-3. Results were then: Played 11, won seven, lost three, Points for 248, against 164.

Sean and Mark in EP's red and black

FORMER Transvaler Sean Sharp, outstanding Dale flyhalf in the early 1990s, has been back in red-and-black colours playing for Eastern Province.

One of his team-mates has been another Old Dalian, Mark Wood. A regular on the flank for EP last season, Mark has returned to the team after recovering from an injury. He was hurt touring Britain with a SA Police side late last year.

Sean, who moved from Johannesburg to East London in 1991, holds the record of top points

scorer in Dale rugby history – 213 points in 1992, breaking Luke Smith's record of 207 in 1990. He played for Border Schools in 1992 and was awarded honours at Dale that year and in 1993.

In Port Elizabeth Sean, still only 20 and a student, has played for EP Under 21s and the province's senior side. His club, Crusaders, are the reigning EP senior champions.

Rugby writer Mel Channer, former Muir College star flyhalf who later played for the Royal Air Force and Free State, rates Sean an excellent prospect.

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So says Border star Makhaya Ntini in an award-winning TV commercial to promote the United Cricket Board's development programme.

It was filmed last November in Makhaya's home village of Mdingi, near King William's Town. There he bowled for the first time three years earlier (before he came to Dale College). Not that Dale figures in the advert which focuses on Makhaya's humble origins and disadvantaged rural cricket.

Greg Hayes, UCB development manager for the Eastern Cape, spent more than a day with a crew from Johannesburg helping advertising agency Hunt Lascaris to round up rural extras and organise the filming.

The film shows a village match watched by an excited crowd with young children playing their own match near by. Makhaya runs in to bowl amid laughter and fun between the players and the crowd.

After the game Makhaya stands with his bag and looks out through the valley from the field. A sheep scampers past chased by a couple of men. It is the trophy! During the ad our star tells TV viewers:

My name is Makhaya Ntini. I am 18 years old and this is my home ground, the famous MCC. The Mdingi Cricket Club.

I bowled here for the first time three years ago and this year I played for my country at the other MCC, in England.

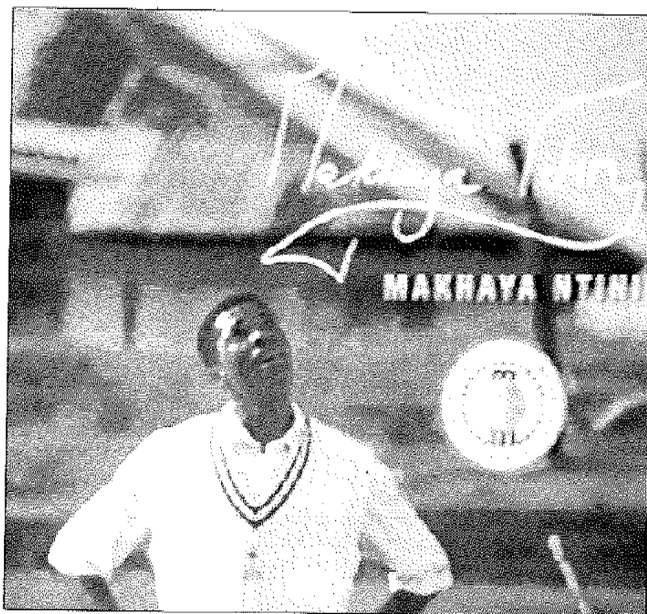
It's the same... except I don't think the English have got lawnmowers quite like ours.

And I don't think the winning team gets to eat the trophy. Our ground isn't exactly flat either, so fielding can be pretty dangerous...

But after playing the game in some of the best ovals in the world, I have to come back to this. It's on days like this I think to myself:

I don't like cricket. I love it.

• The advert was a finalist in the Cannes international awards and rated the TV ad of the month in South Africa.



MAKHAYA NTINI on TV... from village pitch to Dale and Lords

• Picture: Velocity Films, commissioned by Hunt Lascaris

Goodbye Dale, I'm a pro!

PROMISING fast bowler Makhaya Ntini has left Dale College to pursue a career as a professional cricketer. Makhaya, who came to Dale from a small village three years ago, is now a full-time member of the Border senior team.

He is also taking a course in sports management at the East London Technical College.

Unfortunately Makhaya's achievements in class at Dale did not match those on the cricket field. He spent more time away at cricket than at school.

First the school decided that he had missed too much schooling in Std 9 to be promoted to matric.

This year, after becoming a regular member of the Border side, he left Dale early in the first term. "He was seldom at school," said a senior staff member.

Makhaya, who had already represented the South African Under 21 team in England and in India, was chosen for the SA U21 side to tour Malasia this winter.

Before the Dale cricket team toured Australia

in 1994 the hat went round for Makhaya Ntini, whose mother is a widow. A local fund-raising dinner at R100 a head plus sponsorship raised R7 690 so he could make the trip.

Makhaya was rated the find of the tour – quicker than anything seen from a schoolboy. His impressive batting performances included a century. Offers of contracts in Australia and England were declined.

Back home Makhaya became the 13th Dalian cricketer to play for the Border senior team. He played for Border against the touring 1995 England side and was the quickest bowler of the SA U19 team that toured England the same year.

This year on tour with the SA U19 team he turned in a career-best performance of six wickets for 53 in the first innings of the final Test against India. In India's second innings he took 3/48.

Ntini, to use a phrase popularised by American basketball players, "loves the game." "All I want to do is to play cricket," he has said.

Good luck Makhaya. You've got your chance. Grab it! Remember, you're an Old Dalian now!

Two new Dale stars on the horizon

THREE years ago Dale cricket coach Roy Palmer rated a Dale Junior fast bowler "the best young cricket prospect I've seen."

Returning home to England, Roy said: "I called him Malibu. He has given me more pleasure than anyone. He can bat too, he got 90 the other day. He's like a real West Indian – he'll bring the game alive."

"Look out for him – I'd like to be there when he plays for Dale firsts."

Since then young Malibongwe Maketa has done just that – and also played for the King first cricket team which were the season's Border premier league champions.

Now Malibongwe and his Dale and King teammate Dumisa Makalima have been chosen for the South African team to play in the first world under-15 challenge tournament in England in August.

In the 1994-95 season both Malibongwe and Dumisa were outstanding in the Dale Colts (Under 15A's) and both were later promoted to the first team.

Hockey players in 'tour of a lifetime'

AN unbelievable experience and the opportunity of a lifetime – that's how manager Mike Eddy describes the Dale first hockey team's 12-match tour of England and Ireland over the Easter holidays.

The team of 16, captained by Michael Botha, included six Transvalers: Wayne Sedice (the top goalscorer, including a hat-trick), Dustin Lund, Harry Crassas, Dean du Preez, Kowan Hemphill and Colin McGowan. Sedice and Crassas were later chosen for the Border Schools Under 18A team and Lund for the Under 18B team.

Botha, who was injured during the tour, was selected for the Border Under 21 side. Earlier this year he represented Namibia in the Africa Cup of Nations in Johannesburg. He has been awarded his honours blazer.

Hylton Jarman (coach) and Angus Gardner (assistant manager) accompanied Mr Eddy and the team. In a tight playing and travel schedule the

matches were well contested and the results evenly balanced. The team won four, lost four and drew four games.

In the first two matches played in London Dale drew 1-1 against Whitgift School (with Sedice scoring) and beat Trinity 4-2. Dale goal-scorers were Botha, Du Preez, Sedice and Michael Smith.

The team played five matches over three days in the 49th Oxford hockey festival. Results (with Dale goal-scorers in brackets) were:

Lost 1-2 to Loughborough Grammar (Botha); drew 2-2 against Bradford (Botha and Smith); beat Oakham 4-1 (Smith three and Lund one); drew 3-3 with Tonbridge (Smith, Crassas and Justin James); lost 1-2 to Warwick (Sedice).

At Cambridge, Dale drew 3-3 with The Leys School after leading 3 nil (Botha, James and Sedice). At Doncaster, Dale beat Hall Cross 1-0 (Sedice).

After crossing to Ireland by ferry the team lost 0-1 to a Bainbridge Select XI, but beat Bainbridge Academy 3-2 (Sedice penalty, Smith, and an own goal from a Lund cross). In the final Ireland match Dale lost 0-2 to Friends' School.

Returning to London the team drew 3-3 with St George's College, Sedice scoring a hat-trick.

The tour had its educational and social benefits and its share of fun, including some close encounters with Irish colleens. The team visited tourist spots in London, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford and Cambridge Universities, Ireland, Gretna Green in Scotland and the Lake District. Other off-the-field highlights included watching an England-India hockey Test and a premier league soccer match.

Summing up Mike Eddy said of his team: "Their spirit was always high and they were a credit to the college."

TRANSVAAL OLD DALIANS



CRICKET ORGANISERS: Host Bruce Stride and chairman Dave Sephton-Poultny.



FINALISTS: Sutton House losers Wayne Pollock, Chad Spence and Dean Richards.

Sport and lunches spark revival

INTER-HOUSE cricket... strong Dale support at a Johannesburg rugby festival... Old Dalian veterans honoured... an Old Dalian golf day and another inter-old boys' golfing triumph.

These are signs that the Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union is looking up.

"The Transvaal branch is re-awakening after a fairly severe winter hibernation," reports chairman Dave Sephton-Poultny (matric class 1965). "We trust that the proverbial summer sunshine (now some months ahead) will lead to complete rejuvenation."

"While the concept of regular old boys' meetings in the Johannesburg area is slow in taking shape these good functions have been held:

- A six-a-side inter-house cricket match won by Presby and followed by good fellowship.

- A group of pre-1940 Old Dalians entertained to lunch (see Page 6).

- The Dale golf team again won the old boys' golf contest against Queens and Selborne.

- Mick Paterson, Deputy Headmaster and Dale coach, and Mike Hosty, Dale Junior Headmaster, attended a good Old Dalian get-together at St John's College during the rugby festival hosted by St John's. Transvaal Old Dalians, Dalians and parents turned out to support the First XV in the three matches played.

- Ivan Venter (matric class 1956), recently retired after many years in banking, has organised regular lunches of his contemporaries.

The venue of informal Transvaal Dalian monthly meetings has been switched from the Pirates Club to the Long Bar of the Wanderers' Club, 21 North Street, Illovo, Johannesburg.

Ivan Venter will be host. Time: From 5.30 pm on the first Monday of each month.

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The 1996 Transvaal ODU committee is: Dave Sephton-Poultny (bus: 788-0542, fax: 880-5051, home: 782-8640.), Ivan Venter (home: 444-1648), Paul Hartigan (matric class 1984 - bus: 807-5855) and Dudley (Doeks) Andrews (1968 - home: 706-2380).

- A lunch for pre-1950 Old Dalians will be held in the Floral Room of the Wanderers Club at 12 for 12.30 pm on Friday, November 8. Old Dalians of all eras are welcome.

- Presby Old Boys will defend their inter-house six-a-side cricket title at the Dimension Data Oval, Epsom Downs, Bryanston, on Sunday morning, November 24. A lunch-time braai will follow.

Presby oldies win cricket

TRANSVAAL Old Dalians young and older showed they could still wield the willow in an inter-house six-a-side contest in Johannesburg last December.

The winners were a veteran team from Presby who triumphed over the more youthful side from Sutton House.

Chairman Dave Sephton-Poultny writes: Old Dalian Bruce Stride, chairman of the Zoo Lake Cricket Club, kindly made his club's facilities available.

Teams representing Sutton House, Frank Joubert House, Diocesan Hostel and Paterson House (Presby) took part in a contest of dubious skill, cheating and good banter.

Sutton - made up of younger Old Dalians - showed early form by beating Diocesan despite stout efforts by Malcolm Gordon, Chappie Wales and John Sephton-Poultny (son of Dave) before a grievous blow to John's unpadded knee.

Presby, made up of older Old Dalians managed by Doeks Andrews, showed some form but faced the dilemma of needing to warm up and get into the game without running out of steam before the game ended.

The perennial Presby trio of Peter Terbrugge, Kevin van der Westhuizen and yours truly, with a little bit of help from some friends, beat Joubert to set up the final with Sutton.

The local betting was strongly in favour of the youthful Sutton team, including Greig Hains (a third generation Old Dalian and therefore very young), Chad Spence, Wayne Pollock and Dean Richards and some friends. The older Presby joints responded - as ever - to well-prescribed medication (thanks to SA Breweries' Joe Page). In a thrilling finish the old school of "Sestigers" brought home the bacon.

A pleasant braai and fellowship with partners followed with teetotaler Greig Hains winning the lucky draw liquor hamper.



IVAN VENTER . . . winning captain with old boys' golf trophy.



VETERANS: Presby stars Kevin van der Westhuizen and Peter Terbrugge.

O.D. golfers retain cup

TRANSVAAL Old Dalian golfers have brought home the trophy again.

For the second year running they beat Old Queenians and Old Selbornians in an inter-old boys' competition played at Parkview Golf Club, Johannesburg, on April 28.

Each team consisted of up to 20 players and the competition was an individual stableford with the best ten scores in each to count.

The Dale team included: Neville Padoa, Alan Davis, Clyde Manson, Ivan Venter, Neville Patience, Alan Sutton, Hylton Turnbull, James Heuer, Gary Fisher, John Kirkwood, Rob Milroy, Garvin Ogden, Richard Beresford, Edwin Jay, Rob Voerman, Kim Copland, David Ellwood, Sean Hemphill and Patrick Klebb.

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TRANSVAAL Old Dalians and their friends enjoyed an afternoon's golf at Parkview Golf Club on June 7.

The better-ball stableford competition was won by two Parkview Club members, Stan and Henry Komar, with an excellent score of 49 points.

Old Dalian Tony Boesch and his partner, B Lepen, scored 45 points to win second prize. Another Old Dalian, Garvin Ogden, and his partner, E Bouwer, were fourth on 44. Other Old Dalian prize-winners included Greig Hains, Peter Wales, Kim Copland, Ivan Venter and Clive Manson.

The nearest-the-pin prize was won by an Old Dalian, Neil Crossey, and the longest drive by Tom Imrie, whose father John and brother Andy are both Old Dalians.

The prize for the longest day went to a Dale parent, Chris Thomas, and his partner, J Hughes.

The field of more than 60 and some substantial donations by Old Dalians raised more than R3 000 for Dale and OD funds. Transvaal chairman Dave Sephton-Poultny said part of this money would be used to improve communication between the branch and local Old Dalians.

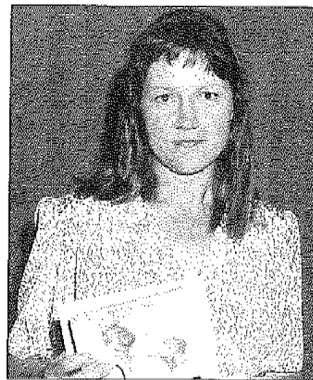
A GREAT DAY'S GOLF WITH PRIZES FOR THE LADIES, TOO



LONGEST DRIVE:
Amelia Valle



SPECIAL PRIZES: Vicky D'Agne and Jenny Smith.



LIQUOR HAMPER:
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Record field and a record R11 000

A RECORD field of about 136 golfers took part in the 1995 Transvaal Dale parents' tournament held for the tenth successive year at Benoni Country Club. More than R11 000 was raised for Dale College and Dale Junior - a record, too.

The leading sponsor was again the Tiger Oats group with a donation of R2 650. This was contributed by Tiger companies Fattis & Monis, Albany Bakeries, Tiger Milling, Tastic Rice, Dogmor, Black Cat Peanut Butter and Langeberg.

Derek Greyling of Fattis & Monis, who played in the tournament with three colleagues, handed over the cheque to parents' chairman John Hall. The SA Oil Mills Trophy was awarded again by the tournament winners to Sutton House.

Other sponsors included First National Bank, Dipcivils, Busaf Sales, Murray and Roberts, Sagercy, Turbo Vent, WR Grace, Digital Networking, Autobax, Universal Clips and Thomas Booth.

The competition, a betterball stableford, was won for the second successive year by Apostolic Church Pastor Hans Coetzee of Schoemansville, near the Hartbeespoort Dam, and his partner, Leon Steyn of Benoni.

Friends of Dale parent John McGowan, they again scored a remarkable 50 points to scoop two Smokey Joe Weber braais donated by Galacter Outdoors.

Old Dalians Haydn Mourant and Garvin Ogden won weekends at the Kruger Lodge donated by Stocks Leisure and at the Coach House, Tzaneen.

Third prize of skottel braais and water coolers from Busaf Sales and Rainbird went to Ed Warburton and Dennis Kennedy. Old Dalian George Daws and Bill Swailes took home the



BROTHERS: Old Dalian Sean and Dalian Rowan Hemphill



LONGEST DRIVE:
Dave Ellwood



TWO PRIZES:
Haydn Mourant

fourth prize of Busaf skottel braais and Old Dalian Sean Hemphill and his younger Dalian brother Rowan won Rugby World Cup souvenir packages contributed by PolyGram, Stewarts and Lloyds and Standard Bank.

The longest drive prizes were won by former Old Dalian Transvaal chairman Dave Ellwood and Amelia Valle. Men's nearest-the-pin prizes went to John Foote, headmaster of King Edward's Prep, and Tim Wright and ladies' prizes were awarded to Vicky D'Agne, a former Dale parent and regular supporter, and Jenny Smith.

Haydn Mourant, son of Old Dalian past president and former parents' stalwart Mike Mourant, was nearest the flag for three on the 18th hole to win a weekend for two at the Mountain Inn, Swaziland. The longest-day prize was won by Daryn Hobson and Kevin Bilson.

The main raffle prize of a gas braai donated by Lasher Tools was won by Wesley Martin and the liquor hampers by Myra Crassas, a Dale parent from Newcastle, Dave Ellwood, an Old Dalian, and Joey Hoenderdos of Killarney, Johannesburg.

Mrs Hoenderdos, a widow, was astounded when told of her win - she had not known a ticket had been taken in her name by her daughter, a fellow SAA air hostess of Dale parent Cher du Preez.

In another flying connection Air Namibia flight engineer Rob Cocking, a Dale parents' committee member, won the raffle for half a lamb donated by Alan Davis of Houghton Butchery. Alan is an Old Dalian and former parents' committee member.

• The 1996 Dale parents' golf tournament will be held on Sunday, September 22, at Benoni Country Club. Players' bookings may be made to Joe Sutton (011) 622-9818 and offers of sponsorships and prizes to Joe Fyfe (Home: 391-1359).

Happy hiking

OLD DALIAN farmer NEIL SHEARD (1943), and his wife Idil, who already have two business sidelines, now have another – organising hiking trails.

The Sheards' farm is in the Middelburg district of the Karoo. As well as farming sheep and cattle Neil has a sawmill supplying poplar wood to an undertaker for coffins.

Idil runs a family guesthouse for tourists and city dwellers who want a getaway break in the crisp, clear air of the Karoo.

Now Idil has pulled out her mothballed, 30-year-old hiking boots and launched Compassberg Hiking Trails. She offers climbs and walks on three- or two-day routes in the

Where are they now?



Enterprising NEIL and IDIL SHEARD

Sneeuberg mountain range on the Sheard's farm, The Valley.

Idil, who spent a year preparing and mapping out the trails, guides hikers. Neil, 69 and

troubled by failing eyesight, entertains them in off-duty hours.

Already the Sheards have had foreign visitors, including a climber who owns a mountain bike business in France.

Hikers can stop overnight at a base camp, a four-roomed cottage in the foothills of Compassberg, second highest peak in the Cape, or in a converted stone shed – or stay in the guesthouse.

Family hikes are also available and serious climbers can attempt the 2 502-metre Compassberg itself.

Interested Dale parents and Old Dalians may write to Neil and Idil Sheard at The Valley, PO Box 205, Middelburg, Cape, 5900, or call them at (04924) 22418.

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The students

• JUSTIN CORRANS (1993), deputy headboy of Dale in his matric year, is in his second year of studying for a BSc degree at Stellenbosch University where he enjoys cycling, biathlon and hostel rugby. He is the son of Louise and Alan Corrans, a King William's pharmacist.

• DAVID BECKLEY (1995) is studying marketing management at the Durban Technikon and playing rugby for College Rovers' Under 21s. He is the youngest son of Bill and Di Beckley of East London.

• JODY WATSON (post-matric 1992) of Germiston is studying personnel management and his brother MICHAEL (1992) marketing and sales at the Wits Technikon.

The accountants

PATRICK KLEBB (1981), is a senior consultant in the special services group of Deloitte and Touche, chartered accountants in Johannesburg.

NEVILLE HAWKES (1981) has joined the Deloitte group as a management consultant after moving from Bisho where he worked for JOHN PAGE (1965), who now owns the Bisho Butchery.

Neville is the son of the late NEVILLE (1958) and Gill Hawkes who were leading members of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association before moving to East London. Neville snr, one of three brothers nicknamed Mossie, was National President of the Old Dalian Union in 1986.

The healthy stall

ANDY IMRIE (1979) is running a stall at the Randburg Waterfront selling natural health products. They include handcrafted wooden games and puzzles, ceramic water purifiers, bamboo vegetable steamers and soaps.

Andy, who spent seven years at Dale, also markets his products to 800 country-wide stalls through another company. His father JOHN IMRIE (1951-52), who has retired after many years as a journalist and public affairs adviser to the Chamber of Mines, has opened a retail business.

JAMES HEUER (1981-84) is green-keeper at Silverlakes Golf Club near Pretoria, where he plays off an eight handicap. He and his wife Nicky live in Pretoria.

Andrew brothers

CHRISTOPHER ANDREW (1988) is teaching at Fairbairn College in Cape Town after graduating at Rhodes University. His brother GARY (1990) is in his final year for an LLB degree at Rhodes.

Christopher and Gary are the sons of Dale Headmaster Malcom Andrew and his wife Pam.

Southern switch

MICHAEL TUCK (1994), who won his First XV cap at Dale, is playing rugby for Milnerton and took part in the Western Province Under 21 trials.

After a year studying chemical engineering at the Wits Technikon in Johannesburg, he is working temporarily with a cousin running a social club in Cape Town.

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Top awards for two Dalian dux scholars

TWO Dale College dux medalists have won top scholarships to continue their studies.

RICHARD CAWOOD (1993) has been awarded a scholarship from Macalester College, a private college in St Paul, Minnesota, USA.

After matriculating at Dale with distinction Richard spent a year in the United States as a Rotary Exchange scholar.

Back in South Africa in 1995 he entered Stellenbosch University as a BA, LIB student but was then offered the American scholarship and returned to the US.

He is now doing a triple major, including economics, political science and international studies.

In his final year at Dale Richard won prizes for music, general knowledge, accountancy, English, Afrikaans and history, plus a special merit award.

An outstanding musician, Richard won gold awards at eisteddfods and a distinction in Grade 8 at Unisa.

Richard is continuing his piano studies in the US and has performed as a concert pianist.

NGAWETHU NGAMBU (1995) is studying chemical engineering at the University of Cape Town after being awarded an Anglo American vocational scholarship worth about R20 000 a year.

In addition to his dux medal he won prizes last year for biology, mathematics and an academic merit award. He was headboy of Sutton House where he won a prize for the best academic.

ROBERT DAVIES (1992), who won a similar scholarship from Anglo after matriculating, is in his fourth year of study in chemical engineering at Wits University.

Serfing the airwaves

WYNAND SERFONTEIN (1983) has joined SA Airways as a pilot after nine years in the SA Air Force and a year flying in Angola for Rossair. Younger brother BARRY (1985) is flying for East Coast Airways from Durban after five years in the SAAF. Wynand is living in Melville, Johannesburg.

The town planner

PROF WALLACE VAN ZYL (1945-46), a town planning consultant, is lecturing part time at the University of Cape Town after many years at the University of the Free State.

He received his PhD from the University of Waterloo in Canada after graduating in architecture at UCT. Wallace, who attended both the 1995 and 1996 Dale Reunions, lives at Fish Hoek, Cape.

GARETH PADGETT (1995) of Brackenhurst, Alberton, is working in a printing business after a short spell at Houghton Golf Club.

STEPHEN HAW (1989-91) is a sales representative with Copier Market in Marlborough, Johannesburg.

Where are they now?

Back to his Eastern Cape roots: Colin is making bricks now

OLD DALIAN Colin Meyer (1982) has swapped his big-city business suit (right) for a more casual outfit to run a brickfield near Grahamstown.

After six years with Anglo American he has gone back to his rural roots in a thriving venture far removed from the corporate world of 44 Main Street, Johannesburg.

Deputy headboy and first team rugby player in his matric year, Colin joined Anglo after army service and graduating in civil engineering at UCT.

He spent six years with the corporation including three years managing education and development projects for the group's Chairman's Fund before joining its management development programme.

This involved travel to Angola, Mozambique, Botswana and a visit to Germany and latterly a spell in the retail trade of woollen rugs and tapestries.

But in 1994 the Eastern Cape – where Colin grew up on an Adelaide farm before moving to King William's Town – called him back.

He resigned from Anglo to become managing director of Grahamstown Brick and a partner of his uncle, Eric Offerman.

Colin and his wife Karen live with their young daughter Elizabeth in Grahamstown five kilometres from their brickfield on Beaconsfield farm.

The business, an extension to Eric's brickfield at Coega, near Port Elizabeth, now produces more than 18 million clay bricks a year.



COLIN MEYER . . . in his city days.

Brother Adrian starts a bank in Barbados

ELDER brother Adrian Meyer, dux medalist and deputy headboy of Dale in 1979, has started an independent off-shore banking and trust company in Barbados.

Adrian, who qualified as a chartered accountant after graduating at Rhodes University, has spent more than seven years in Canada, mostly in banking in and around Toronto.

He will be joined in August by his wife Heather, their two daughters Kathleen and Victoria and their baby son Andrew, named after his Old Dalian grandfather.

The Meyer brothers are the sons of the late Andrew (Porkie) Meyer (1943) and Mrs Elisabeth Taylor, formerly of King William's Town and now of Fish Hoek, Cape.

Working holiday 1

BRIAN LENNARD (1995) is spending two years working and travelling in Britain and Europe. He is now based in London.

Elder brother ALAN (1986) is returning to work in Cape Town after a three-month stint in East London. Another brother, MARK (1994), is with an accounting firm in Bisho.

Alan, Mark and Brian are the sons of Eileen and the late Terry Lennard, a teacher at Dale for 22 years. All are studying part time for BComm degrees with Unisa.

Working holiday 2

STUART SIMPSON (1989) is working in computers in London and travelling in his spare time in Britain and Europe.

After eight years at Dale (three at Dale Junior and five at the college) Stuart spent a year in the South African Navy and worked for United Bank. He has been in Britain for two years.

Stuart's parents, Arthur and Maureen Simpson of Mulbarton, Johannesburg, were committee members of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association in the eighties.

Working holiday 3

GRANT RAU (1989), of Germiston, who spent six years at Dale including a post-matric course, has left for a year's working and travelling in Britain and Europe.

He has been freelancing in journalism after taking a three-year course at the Natal Technikon. Earlier he spent a year in the army and a year at Wits.

Jock ties the knot

JOCK WRIGHT (1966), National President of the Old Dalian Union in 1994-95, has married Joan Ott, a teacher at Milnerton Primary, Cape, where they met.

And David is next

DAVID RUSSELL (1983) is to marry an ex-Kaffrarian High School girl, Mandy Swartz of Butterworth, in East London in October. He manages the East London side of the family business, Ciskei Uniforms. Elder brother COLIN (1982) runs the holding company, Sara Purchasing, in King William's Town.

Their father, MIKE RUSSELL (1953), National President of the ODU in 1981-82, is "phasing out" of the business and hopes to retire to Port Alfred with his wife Noelene early next year.

Comrade Mike makes it eight in a row

MIKE PALFRAMAN (1986) has completed his eighth Comrades Marathon in a row and obtained his sixth silver medal. He came 112th in this year's "up run" in 6 hr. 28 min. – four minutes behind Maria Bak of Germany, the second lady runner.

Mike, now 27, hopes to have run ten Comrades events before he turns 30. He considers this year's performance his best to date although he clocked a better time

(6 hr. 15 min.) to come 57th in the 1993 "down run".

Last Easter he won his sixth Two Oceans silver medal in a row. He is sponsored by Adidas.

Mike is now the manager's assistant of First National Bank in Walmer, Port Elizabeth. Since graduating B.Comm he has continued studying for his credit diploma and has only a few subjects left to complete this.

In-and-out trader

RICHARD BERESFORD (1956-62) is running an import-export business from Midrand as well as a security fencing business. Durban-born Richard spent ten years in Rhodesia,

where he served in the Air Force.

He returned to South Africa in 1982, worked in the motor business in East London and Johannesburg and also spent a year in business in Singapore. He and his wife Melise live in Halfway House, Midrand.

OBITUARIES

XOLISA MASABALALA: A young teacher of great promise

ABOUT 150 Daliens and 15 staff members attended the funeral of Xhosa teacher Xolisa Masabalala, who died in a motor accident near Port Elizabeth on May 17. He was 23.

The Dale Choir took part in the six-hour ceremony at Dimbasa, where Xolisa had lived. Soloist Xhanti Mfobo sang "Ave Maria" and the Headmaster, Mr Malcom Andrew, addressed the gathering.

Xolisa came to Dale in January 1995 as Dale's first-ever Xhosa first-language teacher and the first graduate of Fort Hare University appointed to the college staff.

At Fort Hare he graduated BA in Xhosa and economics and obtained his Higher Education Diploma.

Mr Andrew said Xolisa was a young man of much potential who loved life and people. He had identified himself with Dale and was highly regarded there. He had the makings of a first-class educationist and could have run a top school in years to come.

• Sipho Adams, also a Fort Hare graduate, will succeed Xolisa as Xhosa first-language teacher at Dale. "He is a dynamic and enthusiastic young man who will be able to carry on where Xolisa left off," said Mr Andrew.

ZACH MAREE: A Dale teacher for 29 years

ZACH MAREE, who taught at Dale College for 17 years and was vice-principal of Dale Junior for 12, has died in an East London hospital, aged 78.

He joined the staff of Dale Primary, then part of Dale College, under Headmaster HT Crouch, as a physical education teacher and later taught at the college under Headmasters RW (Russell) Searle and BW (Billy) Rowles. He was housemaster of Burnham House.



GEORGE ANDERSON . . . stamps were his life

GEORGE ANDERSON: He gave away millions of stamps

VETERAN Old Dalian philatelist George Anderson (1925), who won R1 000 in a Dale competition without knowing he had entered, died in Middelburg, Cape, on June 19, aged 86.

The retired postmaster who collected stamps as a hobby for more than 50 years cleaned and gave millions to the Bible Society of SA, which sold them to raise funds.

Scots-born George spent a year at the Presbyterian Hostel (now Paterson House) in the year it was

JACK MURRAY: Rugby star and popular policeman

FORMER police sergeant John George (Jack) Murray (1938), a member of the unbeaten 1938 Dale first rugby team, died in May 1995 at the Grey Monument Clinic, King William's Town. He had celebrated his 75th birthday two weeks before.

Doyen of Dale rugby coaches LJ (Monkie) Lazarus wrote of Jack Murray in the 1939 college magazine: "One of the best centres Dale has had for some time. Very speedy thrustful and forceful runner. Has good eye for an opening and an elusive side-step. Excellent on defence."

Jack came from a family of policemen - his father and two brothers were also in the force. He joined the Second SAP Battalion in 1939 and was taken prisoner during the Second World War.

Shortly after his release on May 15, 1945 - his birthday - Jack met a 17-year-old English girl, Marge, and married her in London the same year. They settled in the Eastern Cape where Jack served in the police in Peddie, Port Alfred, Alice and King William's Town. He left the force in 1963 but returned for a further eight years as a special sergeant.

"Jack loved the police force and enjoyed his work," said Marge. A perfectionist in everything he did, he bought a new Cortina motor-car in 1975 and 20 years later it was still in perfect condition.

He won many medals for snooker during his police career.

As "Uncle Jack" Murray he is remembered with affection by many King residents. He leaves his wife, three daughters, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

• Three of the 1938 First XV were killed in the Second World War: Abe Abromovitz, Bernie Black and Basil Thornhill-Cook. Another, Barry Wiggett, died in 1989. Desmond Webber is alive and well and living in Edenvale.

HARRY MURDOCH

HARRY ("Turkey") MURDOCH, who taught "woodwork and anything and everything" at Dale Primary School from 1927 to 1939, died at Fairhaven retirement home in Port Elizabeth last November. He was 92.

Widowed after being married for 54 years, "Turkey" spent his last 17 years at Fairhaven and continued to play bowls in his eighties. As a young athlete he once won the Eastern Province half mile.

FRANS VOLKER

FRANS VOLKER (1939), who became managing director of Nissen Ford in King William's Town, died in April 1995. His wife passed away heartbroken six weeks later.

They were the parents of two Old Daliens Neil (1968), killed in a motor accident in 1989, and Russell (1976) who is married to Pat Volker, now secretary of the Old Dalian office in King William's Town.

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OBITUARIES

• TransDale extends condolences to the families of the Old Dalians and other members of the Dale Family whose deaths are recorded on these pages.

IAN KING: The doyen of athletics

IAN KING (1936-1940) of East London, where he was sports editor of the Daily Dispatch for 20 years, died in August 1995 after a long illness. He was 74.

Known as the doyen of athletics reporting, Ian wrote about the sport and its personalities for almost 50 years.

He received a merit award by the SA Amateur Athletics Union in 1982.

Later he was made an honorary life president of the Border Amateur Athletics Association, the East London Athletics Club and an honorary life vice-president of the Border Cycling Association. He was also honoured by the SA Softball Association, the Border Golf Union and the SA Country Districts Cricket Union.

At Dale Ian was a house prefect and athletics captain of Diocesan Hostel, but for most of his adult life he battled against ill-health and failing eyesight.

He joined the Dispatch in 1941 and became sports editor in 1945. He held this post till 1966, continued working as a reporter until 1971 and covered golf, cycling and athletics as a correspondent until 1988.

David Denison, sports editor of the Dispatch, said Ian was probably one of the most dedicated and versatile sports editors he had known.

Ian leaves his second wife Sylvia, whom he married in 1975, and four children, Graeme, Cedric, Winifred and Bryan.

JOHN COWEN: The fly-in 'Man From The Pru'

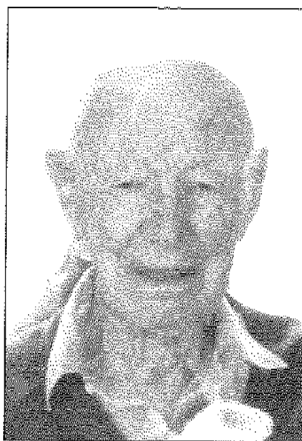
JOHN COWEN (1966), renowned in the insurance world for his "whistle stop" sales flights by helicopter, has died in Johannesburg after a long fight against cancer. He was 47.

A farmer's son from Post Retief, near Fort Beaufort, John spent six years at Dale and was headboy of Diocesan Hostel in 1966. He played first-team tennis for two years and hockey for Dale and Border Schools in his matric year.

John, who lived in Northcliff, Johannesburg, worked as an insurance agent for the Prudential and Liberty Life for about 20 years. As "The Man From The Pru" he chartered a helicopter and dropped in on Karoo farmers to sell insurance.

Later, after an apparent recovery from his illness, he started his own business as an insurance broker.

John leaves his wife Ingrid, two sons and a daughter.



BERT TUCK . . . nearly a century

BERT TUCK: He was oldest Old Dalian

BERTRAND WALLACE (Bert) TUCK (1913), died on September 10, 1995, a few weeks before his 99th birthday. Until his death he was the oldest known Old Dalian.

After leaving Dale Bert farmed near Barkly East and Maclear. He spent his last years in Gonubie, near East London, where his wife Enid died in September 1994, a month before her 90th birthday.

Bert was the great-uncle of Old Dalian Alan Tuck (1967) of Oberholzer, near Carletonville, and a great-great-uncle of Alan's son Michael (1994). Alan, his mother Molly, Michael and other

family members from Barkly East attended the funeral in East London.

Also present were 14 Old Dalians, including past-presidents Barry Turner and Lyle (LLF) Wood and ODU Executive member Bill Beckley who had visited Bert on each birthday as he approached his century.

• The oldest Old Dalian is now believed to be C Victor Saunders (1918-21), who turned 93 on April 20, 1996. Victor, who was a school prefect and played for the first rugby team, lives in Kwe Kwe, Zimbabwe.

GRANT HILLIER: Tragic end to life of fun, joy

A FORMER Transvaal Dalian, Grant Hillier, died tragically after a fall from a third-floor window at Sutton House in October 1995. He was found semi-conscious outside the hostel, was taken to the sick bay and died later in Frere Hospital, East London.

Grant was the son of Peter and Lynn Hillier, formerly of Roodepoort. He entered Dale in 1991 from the Transvaal but the family moved to the Cape the next year.

Grant was a house prefect and about to write his matric exams. He won the 1993 general knowledge prize and the prize for the best English speaker of 1994. His subject: How not to bunk out of hostel. He played for the second waterpolo squad and was a member of the Interact and Computer Clubs.

Headmaster Malcom Andrew said Grant was a popular young man who had everything going for him and could relate well to anyone.

In a moving tribute, a Transvaal Dalian and close friend, Kyle McLoughlin of Bryanston, wrote in the Dale Magazine: "Grant brought a lot of laughter, joy as well as many great times into our lives. We will remember his Homer Simpson quotes, his sailing stories and his brilliant public speeches."

"But without doubt his happy,



GRANT HILLIER . . .
"The Legend"

vital personality was his greatest attribute. Among the Sutton matrics he was known as 'The Legend' - probably as a result of his almost non-stop, but often brilliant, practical joking."

The funeral in King William's Town was attended by more than 300 Dalians and almost all the staff. Tributes were read by Kyle McLoughlin and Warren Olivier and the Old Testament reading by another close friend, Michael Tamakloe. Headmaster Malcom Andrew read the epistle.

Soloist Xhanti Mfobo sang "Jerusalem" and conducted the Dale College Choir which led the singing of "Nkosi Sikelele i-Afrika".

GORDON SIMPSON: Eye loss didn't spoil his sport

TRANSVALER Alexander Gordon Simpson (1932-33), a retired chartered accountant of Buurendal, Germiston, has died in a Johannesburg hospital, aged 81.

Gordon, as he was popularly known, qualified as a CA in 1946 after serving for six years during the Second World War in the SA Artillery in Egypt and Italy.

Despite losing the sight of an eye in an accident at Dale, he played second team tennis and also rugby and cricket. His last game of tennis was played three months before his death in April.

He and his wife Shirley, to whom he was married for 32 years, lived for many years in Edenvale. He also leaves three step-children and six step-grandchildren.

GARTH WILLIS: He helped deprived kids

TRANSVALER Garth Willis (1981) of Croydon, Kempton Park, died tragically on January 26, aged 32.

A loyal Old Dalian Garth supported visiting Dale rugby teams and played in Transvaal parents' golf tournaments.

A keen supporter of the Progressive Federal Party and later the Democratic Party, Garth stood unsuccessfully for the DP in a Kempton Park municipal by-election last November.

At Dale he played second team hockey and took part in debating. After matriculating he spent most of his working life in banking, mainly for Nedbank.

He played hockey for the Kempton Park and Modderfontein clubs and helped in development programmes for disadvantaged youngsters.

Garth's parents, Silas and Liz Willis of Croydon, have donated his blazer and ties to the Old Dalian Union for use by a needy Old Dalian.

VOSLOO DE LANGE: A bursary

VOSLOO DE LANGE (1944), of Villiera, Pretoria, who gave Dale College R15 000 to establish a bursary in his name, has died aged 68.

Vosloo was born in King William's Town and matriculated at Dale with a first class.

He served in the public service for many years, holding the positions of senior work study officer in the Department of Agriculture and administrative control officer before retiring through ill-health in 1984. He was also at one time manager of the Krugersdorp abattoir.

After his retirement he established the Vosloo de Lange Bursary for Dalian boarders and later made



VOSLOO DE LANGE

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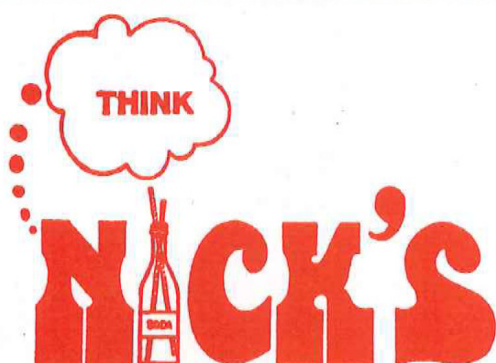
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