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JAMES HAUPT
OUR NEW HEADMASTER



Dale's Happy Hooker

Welcome to the Dale Family, James Haupt!

AN OUTWARDLY gentle, soft-spoken visionary has emerged from the unexpected precincts of a commercial high school to pilot Dale College through to the 21st Century. At 46, James Haupt seems well-suited to the task.

After three terms in office he has impressed parents, seasoned colleagues and Old Dalians as a man with his finger on the educational pulse.

James is a visionary with his feet on the ground: a man with creative, innovative ideas based largely on realistic business principles. These are increasingly important in an age when schools are run on business lines and with an eye on global needs. James thinks and talks in global terms.

Parents, staff and boys have found him approachable, warm and friendly. But his quiet, unassuming style masks inner energy, determination and assertiveness. When necessary he can be tough.

Said a senior Old Dalian: "Outwardly he may not appear dynamic, but there's a dynamo working inside him. He is young enough to be bold enough to move forward with confidence."

After 24 years in education James brings to Dale added talents: commercial training and administrative experience in school finance.

As important, he has a balanced view of the value of maintaining traditional values with that of looking ahead – to a century when new ideas on education will be needed to meet the national and global challenges of young Dalians.

Teachers have been impressed by his keen eye for detail and his desire to "put things right" after a close inspection of the campus.

Said one young teacher: "With all the demands on a man new to the job, including queues of people seeking to see him, he has found time to investigate, take stock of problems and try to find solutions."

James Haupt has struck up a cordial, like-minded working relationship with his Dale Junior counterpart, Michael Hosty.

Mike shares his leadership style and many of his ideas and principles and says: "Dale Junior is very positive about the future of Dale College."

Already close rapport has been established between James and leaders of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association, who were invited last year to sit on the Governing Body. They have confidence in him.

The next decade will be very testing for the "new headmaster" as, like his predecessors, he will be known for some years. He will be under close scrutiny from those who love Dale.

Government, political and on-the-ground pressures will bring challenges to tax his resilience, courage and skill.

James Haupt is optimistic that Dale can weather future storms as it enters what he terms "unchartered territory." He aims to build on Dale's basic strengths and traditions and take it to greater heights in the next century.

Selma Haupt is known to be an enthusiastic supporter of her husband and the college. We welcome the Haupt's to the Dale Family and wish them a long, successful and happy stay.

The Editor

COVER PICTURE

Dale's star hooker, Adrian Bowman, who scored the winning try that sank Selborne in the dying minutes of their Reunion game, is carried shoulder high off the field by excited supporters. Adrian scored five tries for Dale this season.

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By **JOE SUTTON**

HAUPT, pronounced HOEFT? The German-sounding name intrigued members of the Dale Family when James was chosen to succeed "Border boy" Malcom Andrew as Headmaster of Dale College.

Not much was disclosed about him except that he was headmaster of a little-known commercial high school in Port Elizabeth and that his early teaching experience included spells at Hilton and Kingswood Colleges.

Questions abounded. Who is this man? Where is he from? What is his family background? Is he German, Afrikaans or, despite his name, English? In fact, James Haupt is like many South Africans a well-integrated blend of all three.

The German side comes from his grandfather, Carl Albrecht Haupt. His dad, Alfred John Haupt, now 80, was a member of legendary Springbok rugby captain Paul Roos's Latin class when Roos was rector of the school that bears his name. Roos once gave Alfred six of the best for failing a Latin test in Std 10.

The English side derives from his grandmother Haupt, who came from 1820 Settler stock (the Hughes, Kemsley and Frost families of Port Elizabeth). The Afrikaner side comes from his mother, Connie (née Slabber).

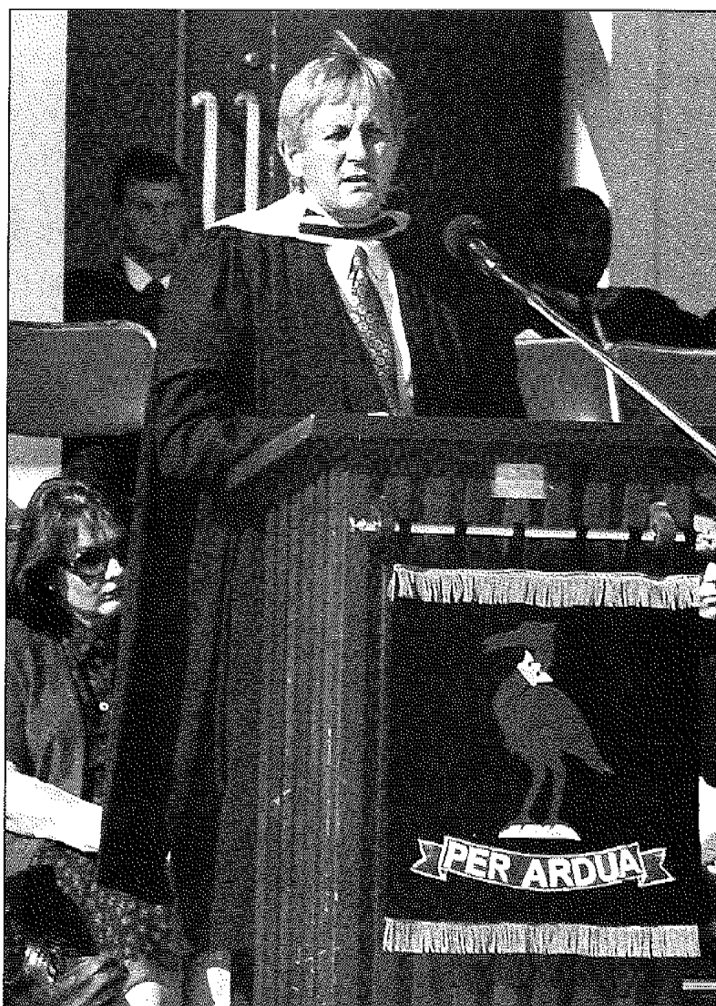
Thanks to his mother's influence James is fully bilingual. Learning to speak Xhosa is one of his goals. He regards proficiency in English – an international language – as paramount at Dale.

James's wife Selma was schooled in Johannesburg at Helpmekaar, a leading traditional Afrikaans school, now independent, and at the Handelskool. Talented in the computer field she now works for the Eastern Cape Education Department.

The Haults are a teaching family. James's brother Paul is a head of department at Settlers High School in Bellville, Cape. His sister Kay teaches

JAMES WHO?

Dale's new head is a many-sided South African



JAMES HAUPT addresses his first Reunion Assembly as Headmaster of Dale College. Sitting on the left is Mrs Selma Haupt.

• Picture: **JOHN HUGGETT**

maths at a college in Gauteng.

James and Selma's daughters are interested in careers in education, says dad. Natasja, the elder, is a BA graduate in industrial psychology and communications. She is lecturing at the

King William's Town Technical College. Yolandi is studying for her B Comm while working part-time for the People's Bank. During his career James has had his brother and both his daughters in his class.

A multi-provincial South African, James was educated in the Cape, Natal and the Transvaal: Boston Primary in Bellville, Grosvenor Boys' High in Durban, Wits (BA, HDip Ed) and Unisa (B Comm).

During 24 years in education he has taught at two private schools, Hilton in Natal and Kingswood in Grahams-town, and five state schools: Plumstead, Settlers, Walvis Bay and Windsor High in the Western Cape Education Department and finally the Port Elizabeth Commercial High.

In a steady rise to the top he was a teacher for six years, a subject head for two and a senior teacher, HOD, deputy headmaster and headmaster, each for four years.

His teaching specialties have included economics, business economics, accounting and Afrikaans. Among his achievements in Port Elizabeth were in developing computer literacy, school accountancy systems and the first school entrepreneurial programme in the Eastern Province.

For ten years school financing, including bookkeeping and budgeting was his responsibility in various schools.

But James Haupt is no backroom boffin, ivory tower academic or theorist. He believes in a balance between study and sport.

He is a First Dan Black Belt in karate and was a member of the Natal JKA team in 1975. He is a shottist and enthusiastic amateur photographer and

has played and coached rugby, cricket and athletics. He has been a master in charge of sport and a captain and officer commanding two school cadet detachments. He has also organised school camps. A many-sided, experienced educationist.

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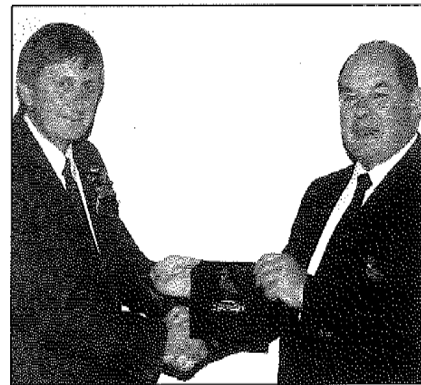
The varied roles of James Haupt and...



FORMAL: James Haupt with his wife Selma at a black-tie function in King



INFORMAL: With fellow Headmaster Mike Hosty at a parents' braai in Gauteng



OLD DALIAN LINK: Receiving his colours from national president Chow Bissell

WHAT DALE MEANS TO ME

TRANSDALE asked Dale's new Headmaster a series of searching questions – about his educational philosophy and motivation, his vision of Dale in the 21st Century, whether the college's traditional ethos could be maintained and the main problems ahead.

He was also asked for his views on state education changes, school numbers, discipline, boarders and staff...

In a wide-ranging response **JAMES HAUPT** has outlined his guiding principles and, in general, his present intentions and hopes for the future:

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?

When you enjoy what you're doing as headmaster that in itself is enough motivation. It thrills me to see continuous development at a school – there is perhaps no profession as rich in scope for exercising one's creativity.

YOUR EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY?

I am committed to the ideal of offering pupils the most relevant education possible and equipping them with the values, knowledge and skills to be competitive in the 21st Century. The challenge lies in attempting to predict what will be required for success in the next century.

HOW DO YOU SEE DALE'S FUTURE?

Dale is a very special institution (similar to the first school I taught at, Hilton College) and I see my task as preserving it for future generations. I believe that with careful management the ethos of Dale will be preserved. Dale has successfully integrated all cultures into the school – it is a leader in this sphere and although we still have much to learn as we enter uncharted territory, there is enough goodwill generated for us to weather the storms of the future.

An example of the strength of Dale is that this year it has been able to elect a multi-racial governing body which has the expertise to handle with ease all the management functions required.

The governing body must represent all parents but the main emphasis should be on the use of skills present in the parent body. This will be necessary when we apply for powers.

(The SA Schools Act grants wide powers to governing bodies but these must be approved by the Education Department)

We certainly do not lack these skills. There is exceptional expertise and goodwill in our parent community – they know what is best for Dale College and appreciate its past and its role in the future of education in the country.

Dale's motto for this year is **ADDING VALUE!**

In the next few months and years we will seek to marry the scientific, vocational, technical and computer fields in packages geared to various standards.

Our success in doing this should set us apart from even the private schools, whom I do not see as a threat.

WHAT ARE DALE'S MAIN PROBLEMS?

- The inability of the Education Department to function administratively at the level the school does.

- Lack of vision by the Education Department.
- Possible (but unlikely) insufficient ODU support in difficult times.

The ODU's role cannot be overlooked. Dale needs the support of this massive source of goodwill with its powerful commercial influence.

Dale has come to terms with the new South Africa, has succeeded in marrying many cultures and needs the support of its old boys to consolidate these developments even at post-school level.

We must be able to overcome these problems with our creativity and success. We must create a better Dale!

Here are the Headmaster's views on a number of other topics:

THE NEW SA SCHOOLS ACT:

This does not really differ much from that under which the Model C structures functioned. We hope the positive progress made by such governing bodies will be allowed to proceed and assist those who lack the necessary expertise.

THE NEW CURRICULUM:

This is similar to what was expected. It is based on an exit level at the end of Std 7.

We will have to position ourselves to have the expertise to present a wide range of teaching fields (the big drawback in rural areas) and will have to find answers for the lack of examinations in the system.

The Std 8-10 phase does include exams and I am afraid pupils may be underprepared for them. Nevertheless the problem does not seem insurmountable.

QUOTE...

DALE must be a beacon in the next century – a powerful institution capable of offering the hand of friendship and its expertise to developing communities. A strong Dale will uplift struggling institutions in the region.

– JAMES HAUPT, talking to TransDale

NUMBERS AND CLASS RATIOS:

At present all is under control. The drop in student numbers (enrolment now totals 550) is part of a plan.

Our promotion plan for 1998 (including its "demographic composition" you refer to) should show some light on the matter.

We are just thrilled to know that we have the quality staff and pupils at Dale at present and aim to preserve it as such.

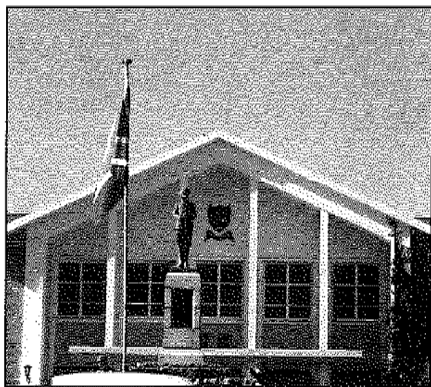
BOARDERS AND RECRUITMENT:

Boarders will remain the backbone of the school. There is still a great demand for boarding facilities. Our new recruitment strategy should

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...the school he already holds dear

OUR NEW HEAD



DALE COLLEGE: The Flag, War Memorial and Assembly Hall, focus of school life



REUNION: The Dale Junior cheerleaders perform at the annual get-together



THE WAR CRY: After the big match the First XV and fans celebrate their win

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point this out more clearly as we look to markets closer to home and expand those which we traditionally serve (including Gauteng).

Comprehensive one-stop service could be an answer for the future: weekly boarders and dayboys who are accommodated for a full working day and then transported home.

Drop-outs should not deter us. The rate is not serious.

CONDITIONS IN THE HOSTELS:

There are fewer boarders this year – this is part of our strategy to build on quality in 1998 and to leave room for the required expansion of Dale. I am determined to extend the cubical system to all the houses.

An encouraging development is the request of certain post-matrices to go back to Paterson House. I see this as recognition of the improved conditions there.

Our aim in the hostels: Only the very best for our boys. How can we market a second-rate establishment?

STANDARDS AT DALE: UP OR DOWN?

These are high – I am not prepared to be associated with anything second rate. We will ensure that standards are raised rather than lowered.

I believe that within a year those who have left will be scampering back to reap the benefits of being at our school.

DALIAN DRESS: ON AND OFF CAMPUS:

We are constantly working on this. I will not be satisfied with anything but the best. There must be a dress code for each area (campus, town and travel) – it must be spelt out. Generally I am very proud of our boys when I see them in town and they raise their bashers.

YOUR VIEWS ON DISCIPLINE:

I have told pupils that the school was teetering on a knife-edge (very close to self-destruction) regarding discipline. They have responded positively and have shown they have it in them to correct what was wrong and to reach new heights.

- Discipline must be based on respect. It must not be time-consuming. There must be structures for dealing efficiently with all misdemeanours.

- There must be the opportunity for the punished pupil to redeem himself. There must be an understanding that some misdemeanours can be punished, learned from and forgotten, while others cannot be tolerated and are so serious as to warrant expulsion.

- Old Dalians have a right to demand that pupils uphold what is dear to them. Parents must know when they enrol their sons that they will be

QUOTE...

AN incredible bond between Dalians transcends age, cultural or language diversity. What is created in this great school endures beyond the gates of the school, long after the pupils have left. How fulfilling it is to know that influences of a short period in a man's life can have such a dramatic and far-reaching effect on his future.

– JAMES HAAPT, addressing his first Reunion Assembly

QUOTE...

THROUGH a natural synergy, to which Dalians adhere, the whole Dale is greater than the sum of its parts. Synergy, perhaps the highest activity of life, allows one plus one to equal three. It adds value to everything. It must be the principle on which we base our educational philosophy for the 21st Century.

– JAMES HAAPT, at the Reunion dinner-dance

asked to leave when they do not conform to the standards of Dale. No system is fool-proof, however.

My limited success in this field has been probably because I have sought alternatives and solutions to assist the parent and the pupil to give the boy a chance of rehabilitation.

HOW DO YOU HANDLE EXPULSION?

When serious action is taken against a pupil the most important criteria are:

- Am I endangering the safe environment of 550 other pupils?
- Can I offer the pupil involved an opportunity to start afresh in a new environment? How can I assist a very concerned parent to do the right thing?
- Am I acting legally? How can everyone win from the situation?

HOW DO YOU HANDLE YOUR STAFF?

Despite the so-called brain drain the replacement teachers we have this year have more than filled the shoes of those who have left, particularly in science and English.

I am proud to have a relatively open door policy towards my staff:

- Problems are aired with staff without animosity. I use the strategy: criticise the action not the person.
- Staff are encouraged to discuss problems with me. My aim is always to help them solve their own problems – this also holds for pupils.

I know my staff at this stage, but must complete class visitation and portfolio discussions.

YOUR VIEWS ON LANGUAGE:

Proficiency in English is most important at Dale – it being an international language.

The language qualification for matrics (English and Afrikaans) is still in force but I believe it will not remain so for long.

(Two black matric pupils failed last year because they did not pass Afrikaans, but one result has since been reversed.)

There are black Dalians who cannot speak or write Xhosa. They have been raised in Ghana, Nigeria, England or America and do not have a second language.

I intend to introduce Xhosa conversation classes for those not proficient in the language at the school.

I also aim to draw some solid Afrikaans first-language speakers to the school in 1998 by offering the first-language option again and allowing them to receive their instruction in English, which is an advantage in our global society.

It's our own Willem Heath – leading the war on graft

Mr JUSTICE HEATH, past chairman of the Dale College Governing Body and a former Dale parent, is heading a team of investigators determined to expose official corruption in South Africa.

In a cover story the Financial Mail, a reputable national financial journal, likens his unit to that of Elliot Ness's US Prohibition Bureau, the elite "Untouchables" who helped convict legendary gangster Al Capone on tax evasion charges in 1931.

Judge Heath's Special Investigation Unit is a national follow-up of his successful Heath Commission into maladministration in the Eastern Cape. The unit, says the journal, has wide powers and is "quietly, but ruthlessly, targeting corruption, maladministration and theft of State assets across the country."

The Financial Mail says Judge Heath was hand-picked by President Nelson Mandela and Justice Minister Dullah Omar to run the unit.

Willem Heath was chairman of the Dale Governing Body for more than a year and previously vice-chairman since 1991. He had been a member since 1989 and also served on the Dale Junior Governing Body for several years.

His elder son Willem (Wimpie) matriculated at Dale in 1991 and his younger son Marius last year. He and his wife Marita, a former journalist, also have a daughter Onelia, who after matriculating at KHS is studying at Stellenbosch University.

In a profile on Judge Heath the Financial Mail says he is known in the Eastern Cape as "the people's judge" for championing human rights, first in the Ciskei and later during negotiations on the Constitution.

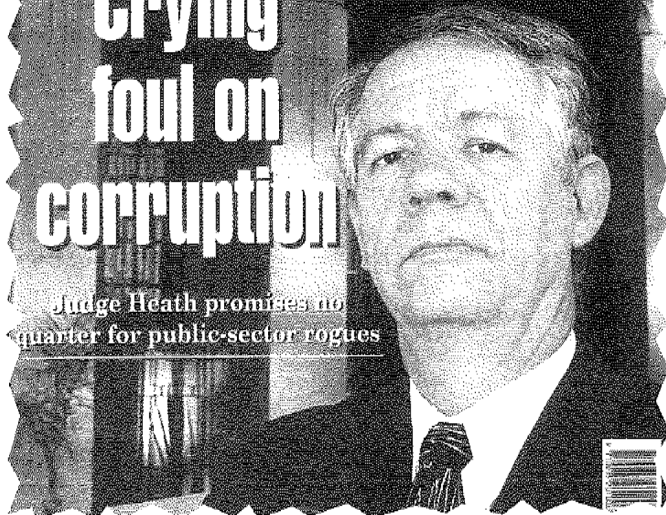
The journal quotes a landmark judgment five years ago in the Ciskei Supreme Court when Judge Heath ruled that a husband can be charged with raping his wife. This led to legislation in SA making rape within marriage a criminal offence.

It also refers to his "fearless defiance of authority" in rejecting a decree by Ciskeian leader Oupa Gqoza allowing indemnity for his soldiers after the 1992 Bisho shootings.

Financial
Mail

Crying
foul on
corruption

Judge Heath promises no
quarter for public-sector rogues



JUDGE WILLEM HEATH on the cover of the Financial Mail . . . an 'Elliot Ness' in the making?

"Courteous and friendly Heath's facial expressions nevertheless reveal toughness which adversaries have encountered when confronting the 53-year-old judge in the courtroom," says the FM.

Boksburg-born Willem Heath graduated LLB from the University of Pretoria in 1969 and after serving in the Attorney-General's office and in private practice he became a judge in 1988.

Senior legal figures, says the FM, believe President Mandela has chosen the right man for this anti-corruption job.

Port Elizabeth senior counsel Dup de Bruyn says he can think of no-one better to head the unit.

"As I know him, he has total integrity; he's straightforward and honest. My impression, based on the times which I have appeared before him, is that Judge Heath does not fear anyone and is always judicially and technically correct."

DALE CALLED ME BACK – by Mandy Hosty

THREE months after launching a local branch of Damelin College, MANDY HOSTY was back at Dale College as an English teacher and acting public relations officer. We asked Mandy what made her return. She writes:

"AFTER having been associated with Dale for 17 years and teaching at the college for one of these, I foolishly thought I could try a new venture.

I accepted the challenge of establishing a tertiary college of learning in King William's Town. The position was indeed a challenge and in its own way stimulating but it wasn't Dale!

After genuinely suffering the heartache of homesickness and being a miserable pain in the ... I heard via the Dale Heron line that

MANDY HOSTY
... a joy to
be at Dale and
among Dalians



there was a possibility of a position open, back at 'home'.

Needless to say, it didn't take too much per-

suading by James Haupt to convince me that I needed to report for duty the following week.

So here I am, back at my beloved Dale, teaching English up to matric and carrying the PRO post for this year.

I am still conscious of the Cheshire cat grin that I wear and I never, ever want to lose the appreciation of being part of the traditions and the new growth of Dale."

• Mandy is the wife of Dale Junior Headmaster Mike Hosty.

• Mandy told the the annual general meeting of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association in June:

"I'm just so thrilled to be back! It is an absolute joy to be at Dale and among Dalians."

Cheers, TransDalians!

With the compliments of

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• This article appeared in the **Sunday Times, South Africa's largest-selling newspaper, in April.** It has been hailed as the most objective report about Dale College published in a major newspaper in recent years.



Dale College's First and Second XV players get in some practice before the firsts leave for Zimbabwe to take part in a rugby festival. Left to right: Doc Smook, James Winstanley (of Brakpan), Peter Minnie, Noor de Wet, Sitimbele Mansondo, Nicholas Eyre, Donovan Luck
• Picture: GREG HORLOR

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New faces, old school tie

By BRETT ADKINS

IT'S Thursday afternoon on the Dale College A field where the school's sporting heroes – the strapping players of the first and second XV – are sweating it out in a loose scrum, in preparation for the important clashes of the new season.

The tree-lined, well-manicured fields of this historic King William's Town institution, with its century-old traditions and keen rivalry with fellow Border rugby schools Queens and Selborne have stayed unchanged over the years.

And, just as thousands of past pupils have done before them, the young forwards scrum down with gritty determination, eager to prove to their coach that they're worthy of their famous school's proud colours.

There is one difference, however: a row of smiling black faces in a school team which for decades was exclusively white.

Ironically, the stirring Dale War Cry – belted out by packed grandstands of white spectators in years gone by – is written in Xhosa. Black men supporting the young white players – their Amadoda – from reserved areas on the sidelines, used to sing it with equal gusto.

"You should hear the War Cry now," says Dale's new headmaster, James Haupt. "It's magnificent!"

Steeped in their settler heritage, schools like Dale, Queens and Selborne have quietly gone about the business of transplanting their cultural heart while retaining their traditions and identity – and winning over the trust and confidence of black parents.

Dale and Queens College have approximately equal ratios of black and white pupils, while Selborne is still predominantly white.

The new Dale generation is 550-strong and boasts, apart from rugby and other sporting prowess, an award-winning choir of more than 50 angelic voices.

"I see Dale as though we're on this one-way street," says a beaming Kago Disele, a black matric prefect. "It's been progress all the way, and there's no turning back."

But it was just over seven years ago – on a sports field close to where the rugby teams are working out – that the school's ideals were rocked to their foundations by an incident

Boys at Dale College are more concerned about beating their rivals at rugby than dissecting the finer points of the racial ratio of pupils

– The Sunday Times

which cut deep into all branches of the extended Dale family.

A group of four pupils – boarders at Frank Joubert House who, a court later heard, ran a "kaffir-bashing" society – beat to death a 70-year-old coloured vagrant. The four were convicted of culpable homicide, with one receiving a jail sentence. The attack left the school and the town reeling.

The same year, however, Dale parents voted in favour of admitting boys of all races and the headmaster at the time, Malcom Andrew, saw in Dale's move to Model B and Model C status after urging the Department of Education to accept open schools.

Today, there is still an English public-school air as the boys turn out with their togs after lunch for sports practice and neatly uniformed boarders politely tip straw bashers at motorists.

A positive feeling pervades an informal meeting of the 20-odd Dalian prefects in the school's President's Room – its huge wall cabinets cluttered with memorabilia from a magnificent, albeit all-white, sporting past.

Here are the blazers, ties and trophies of the likes of Old Dalian sporting greats H O de Villiers, Hylton Ackerman and, more recently, Steve Palframan, whose World Cup cricket gear represents the era of readmission to international sport. The school's clan of old boys have long been one of the most tight-knit clans in the country.

Some Old Dalians prefer not to talk about the changes in the pupil complement at the school.

And the boys are more concerned with wins and losses against Queens and Selborne. Their sentiments on the more weighty issue of the school's transformation are nevertheless articulate.

Said headboy Darren Ogden, 17: "Dale's strength has been its ability to adapt to change and it's the school's traditions which have helped us bridge the old and the new. By keeping such traditions, we get stronger."

Those at the helm envisage a "new Dale", a school that will set the pace for a more well-rounded "global education" allied to a community-serving role.

"We have to provide customer service," says Haupt. "People – no matter what their culture – want an institution with traditions, a school they can be proud of, and one which has the edge."

Haupt, who has been in the job for only four months, is reluctant to talk about the race mix at Dale. He feels it has long ceased to be of any relevance.

Indeed, he doesn't even know off-hand what the exact ratio is on the school's first rugby team.

"It's all about the quality and talent of the pupil. Did you know that Xhosa boys make exceptional rugby players? Every young sportsman in the team he is in because he deserves to be there."

It hasn't always been easy for some of the new Xhosa-speaking Dalians – especially those coming into an English-medium environment at a late stage in their school career.

"Some boys have been disadvantaged by reaching a certain stage too soon, while others who started out in preparatory school at Dale Junior naturally have a great advantage," said Haupt.

"Our focus is on providing an education which equips our pupils for the global community. Just as South Africa is now part of that community, so we have to make sure our boys have that advantage."

"Be they Xhosa or Afrikaans, they're coming

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to Dale to be taught in English. Parents have chosen Dale as a value-for-money quality product. And that, at the end of the day, is what we have to deliver.

"Here we have the sons of parliamentarians, leading business figures, doctors and lawyers who want the best education for their children."

The Minister of Sport, Steve Tshwete, has two sons at Dale – and makes occasional visits to the school.

The school also has a black old boy who has won national recognition for his sporting achievements.

Border cricket star Makhaya Ntini – who left Dale last year in Std 9 to pursue his sports

career – is featured in an award-winning TV commercial to promote the United Cricket Board's development programme. He has already represented the SA Under 19 team in England and India.

Last year, 80 percent of Dale pupils writing matric had an aggregate of more than 50 percent, with many achieving above C level, said Haupt.

The younger players were also showing great potential on the sports fields, he said.

Haupt believes Dale's mission as a leading school in the Border area is to help smaller schools with the training of teachers and to offer them expertise.

"We are currently gearing ourselves to go

out and empower other schools and serve this community. What we're dealing with here are people who will eventually hold the reins of this country."

Two Dalian prefects, Tony Mnguni and Lundi Petse, credit a vibrant school spirit and "great hostel life" for the camaraderie between the boys – "and a school which fills you in on life's real values".

"We look out for each other," said Daniel D'Oliveira, who plays for the Third XV. (Randburg's Daniel has since risen to the second and played for the first team.) "It doesn't matter about black and white; in the hostels we're all together, getting on with each other. That's what matters."

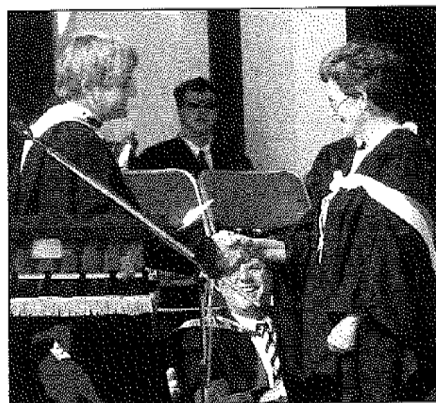
Dale's highest honour for Judy

FARMER'S wife Judy Sheard, a teacher at Dale for nine years, received the Per Ardua Award from Headmaster James Haupt at the 1997 Reunion. It is Dale's highest award, given for outstanding service to the school.

Judy is now head of biology for Standards 6 to 10, head of academics and examinations and standard head of Std 8.

She is in charge of Dale First Aid and recently received an award in Johannesburg for her services to the Order of St John. The award was ratified by Queen Elizabeth and reported in the London Gazette.

Judy's Old Dalian husband Tom, of Cathcart, is Dale's sports historian. He has compiled a record of rugby and cricket matches played since the last century and a book on the Sheard family.



JUDY SHEARD . . . outstanding service to Dale College
• Picture: JOHN HUGGETT

Congrats, Sheila!

FORMER Dale parent Sheila Palframan has received Rotary International's coveted Paul Harris Award for her services to the community.

She is the mother of Old Dalian sportsmen Steve and Michael Palframan and the wife of King William's Town pharmacist and cricketer Ray Palframan, who sings the Memorial Song at Dale Reunions.

Stephen toured Pakistan with the 1995 Springbok cricket World Cup side and Michael has won medals in several Comrades Marathons.

As well as working for several charities in King William's Town and East London, Sheila has served on the Dale College, Dale Junior and KHS PTA committees.

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The Old Dalian with a family of 93



Amadoda! Mr Mac's a mighty 90

Aha! aha! aha! khangela i'Dale
College . . .

THE stirring strains of the Dale War Cry rang through the unfamiliar portals of the Scout Hall in Wychwood, Germiston, as Old Dalians honoured their stalwart, Gordon (Mr Mac) McEwan, on his 90th birthday.

They were led by Gordon's Old Dalian sons Louis (matric class of 1957) of Florida and Charlie (1961-62) from Durban, there to salute their father with their wives Ursula and Yvonne.

Seven other old Dalians were invited guests at this remarkable gathering of the McEwan clan. They included present Transvaal OD chairman Dave Sephton-Poultney, three ex-chairmen, Dux Andrews, Kevin van der Westhuizen and Harold Miller, former vice-chairman Joe Sutton, Bruce Foulkes-Jones and Garth Philpott. Miller, Foulkes-Jones and Philpott brought their wives, Kay, Karin and June.

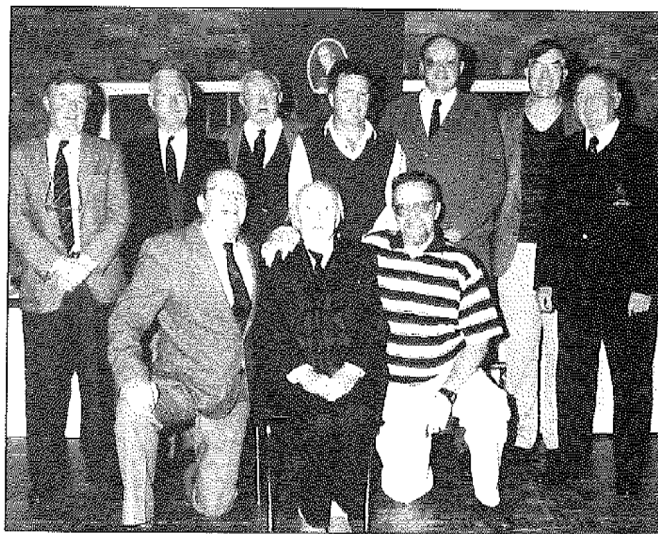
The birthday lunch on Sunday, June 1, had a Scottish flavour. A few family members wore the kilt. Two fiddlers played old-time tunes. The bag-pipers could not come because of a family tragedy, but the dancing and the songs, led by Louis' bearded elder brother Peter, were traditionally Scots.

About 150 family members and friends –

THE CLAN . . . veteran Old Dalian Gordon McEwan with members of his family who attended his 90th birthday celebration



THE OLD DALIANS:
Back row (left to right): Bruce Foulkes-Jones, Garth Philpott, Harold Miller, Kevin van der Westhuizen, Dux Andrews, Dave Sephton-Poultney, Joe Sutton. Front: Louis, Gordon and Charlie McEwan



• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

including the ten survivors of Gordon's 11 children and most of his 41 grandchildren and 41 great grandchildren – packed the hall to give their patriarch a rousing reception. Outside Gauteng, they came from Durban, Kei Road, Transkei, Port Elizabeth and Port Alfred. The Transvaal Old Dalians gave Gordon a Dale clock, a Dale cloth calendar and a Class of '87 cap, fresh from the 1997 Reunion.

Gordon's eldest grandson, Wayne, paid a moving and at times amusing tribute to the humanity and generosity of a great Old Dalian.

Frail but game, the old man rose and replied haltingly but with sincerity, thanking

all for the "wonderful turnout."

He owed the last two decades of his life to his wife Margaret, he said.

Louis described his dad as "an incredible father, grandfather and great-grandfather, an incredible Old Dalian and an incredible member of the army. He had turned down a commission because he would have lost some (monetary) support for his family and the camaraderie he enjoyed with his troops.

Dave Sephton-Poultney said: "We have heard much about procreation and love affairs associated with this family. Since 1922 Gordon has been an incredible supporter of Dale. He has loved the school and that love affair has continued."

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A HELPING HAND . . . Margaret and Gordon McEwan, dancing partners till eight years ago

Met on the dance-floor, married a month later



GIFTS FROM DALE . . . Gordon with a cap and clock presented by Old Dalian friends

The grand old man of many parts

FARMER, academic, inventor, entrepreneur, engineer, dancer, humorist, wartime sergeant-major, bowling club greenkeeper . . . father of 11 children, grandfather of 41 children and great-grandfather of another 41.

That's the story of veteran Old Dalian Robert Gordon Louis McEwan, known to fellow ODs as Gordon or "Mr Mac," as told to his family, friends and Old Dalians at his 90th birthday celebration.

Grandson Wayne described his gregarious, generous and charitable nature . . . a man who put up Dalian touring teams at his modest home, 152 High Street, Rosettenville, in Johannesburg's Southern Suburbs.

Gordon (born Tarkastad May 23, 1907) spent two years at Dale and matriculated in 1924 with top marks in the Cape Province, with proficiency in maths.

He became one of the staunchest Old Dalians, for years a leading spirit of the union in Johannesburg and National President at age 65 in 1972.

Farmer's son Gordon started his working

life on the family farm, Drummond Park, near Tarkastad. He courted his first wife Mabel, a teacher, on a motor-bike. (The beginning of a legendary McEwan family interest in motor-cycles.)

They married and raised 11 children, who begat 41 grandchildren, who begat 41 great-grandchildren.

While this begatting was going on (as Wayne put it) the McEwans moved from the Cape to the Reef where Gordon managed a farm near Alberton. He moonlighted as a pump attendant for the Rand Water Board, then was the first Water Board volunteer to go to war and with the Sappers (engineers).

"Up North" he became a sergeant-major and nine months after each leave back home his three "war children" were born.

After coming home Gordon went into engineering with his brother Ronnie. He then started the McEwan Pump Company, using the knowledge and experience gained on pumps with the Rand Water Board and the Sappers.

He sold his first pump in 1948 to the Minister of Transport. Thousands of his pumps are still pumping water today.

Mabel passed on in 1966 and Grandpa Gordon held the family together. In October 1981 he met his current wife Margaret at Arthur Murray's School of Dancing and they were married that November. The danced together until eight years ago when at 82, as Gordon put it, "his legs became a problem."

Gordon stayed involved with the company much longer than necessary. He overworked, probably to the detriment of his health.

He was a fitness fanatic. He played scrumhalf for Dale seconds and for Tarkastad firsts for many years after leaving school.

At 70 he accompanied three of his sons to the Harrismith Mountain Race where he walked out of town and into the foothills. Even today he does leg-ups and other exercises.

Gordon loved to have people and the family around, especially his grandchildren. On Sunday evenings he would cook a huge pot of soup and many motor-bikers would pitch up to eat and warm-up after their riding.

In his later years, Gordon, the handyman, took to making dolls' houses and high chairs for the great-grandchildren.

Talking of his grandpa's charity, Wayne recalled the days when Dale touring teams stayed over at 152 High Street. "An endless number of jokes told, speeches made at various functions, a love for whisky, but never being over the top."

"After Ouma died I can remember a string of 'needy souls' living in Louis' old room."

"I doubt if they were required to contribute to their upkeep. A high percentage of them were young ladies . . . this explained the twinkle I always noticed in his eye!"

Five new teachers for Dale College

FIVE new teachers have joined the staff of Dale College this year:

Quentin Hogge (BA Hons, HDE), former deputy headmaster of All Saints College, Bisho, teaches English (first language) to Standards 6 to 10 and heads the new cultural programme.

As press liaison officer he supplies sports results, news items and photographs to newspapers. Copies of published reports are being sent to parents and to Old Dalian branches.

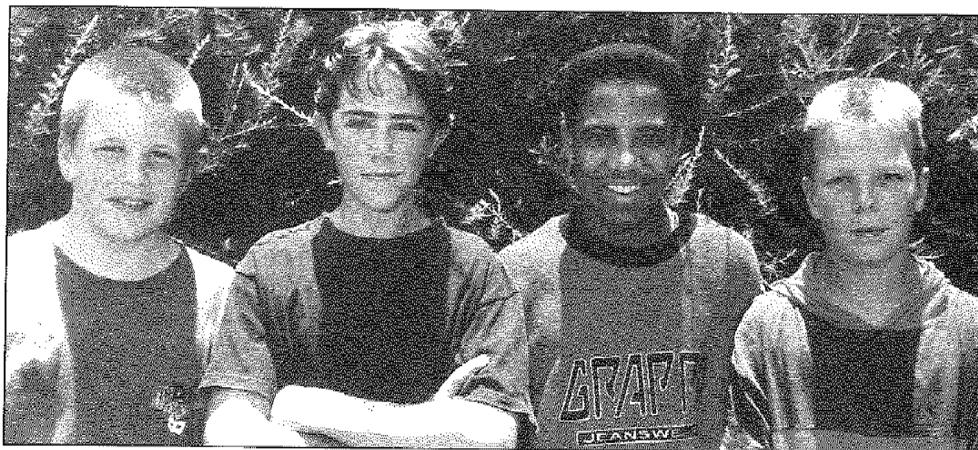
Carin van Breda (BComm, HDE) formerly of the Commercial High School in Port

Elizabeth and Selborne College, is teaching maths, is a computer committee member and in charge of tennis.

Lisa Swart (BA Fine Arts), in her first appointment, is head of art. Two other first-year teachers are:

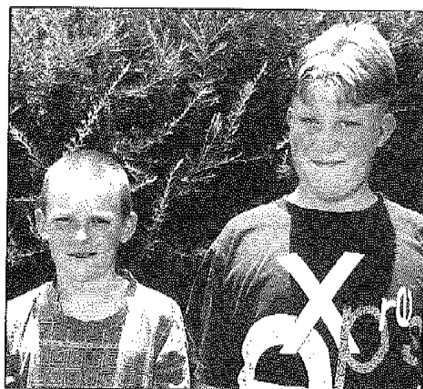
David Stratford (BA), who teaches history, geography, biology, tutors at Paterson House and coaches waterpolo and rugby.

Wayne Rademan (BA), who teaches English, maths, tutors at Frank Joubert House and coaches athletics and rugby.



READY FOR DALE (left to right): Michael du Plessis (Northcliff), Duncan Gordon (Halfway House), Lehlohonolo Peter (St David's) and Werner Ehrenberger (Aloe Ridge)

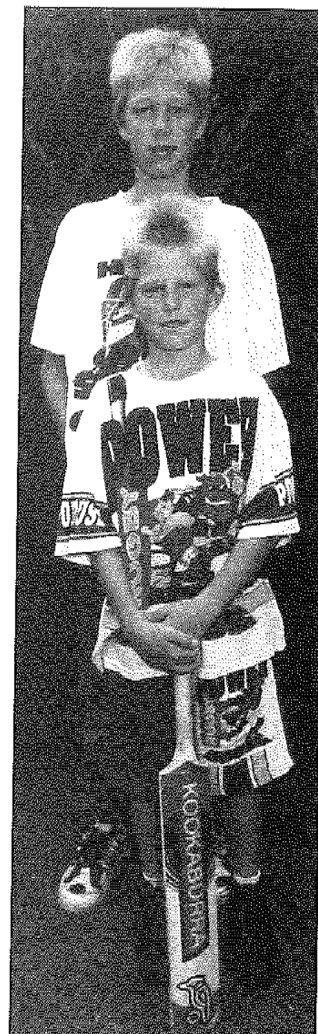
Getting to know you



FROM THE EAST (left to right): Vaughn Herbert (Farrarmere) and Kurt Hauptfleisch (Birchleigh)



FROM BOKSBURG SCHOOLS (left to right): Kevin Gilmartin (Freeway Park), Jason Chidgey (Martin's) and Brent Stanley (Parkrand)



BROTHERS Cameron and Kyle Cross

NEW Headmaster James Haupt plus a crop of new Dalians and their parents got their first taste of Gauteng Dale Family hospitality at a braaiivleis last December.

"I am one of you. I welcome you to Dale; we are starting out together and for all of us Dale will be a challenge," he told the boys preparing to enter the college in 1997.

Old and new parents and boys met Mr Haupt at a get-together at Alan and Shona-lee Brett's home in Meredale, Johannesburg.

Like most Highveld summer braais it was an informal gathering. The Headmaster was in casual clothes, the boys in T-shirts and jeans, with some of the older lads sporting holiday-style shaven haircuts.

For the new Dalians and their folks it was a chance to meet older members of the Dale Family and to get a preview of life at the school. For the Headmaster it was his first opportunity to get to know Gauteng parents and their sons.

James Haupt gave some of his views on education ("I have definite views"), how broadly he intended to run the college and deal with boys and staff.

"We must not be afraid to be creative," he said. "I believe that the new South Africa desperately needs creative answers and that we are often too scared to wrack our brains for these answers because we fear they do not exist. Creative thought in educational management is long overdue."

Newboys, new parents and the new headmaster are welcomed into the Gauteng Dale Family

• **Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD**

Questioned about discipline now that corporal punishment is banned at schools, he said there were other options.

At his school in Port Elizabeth he had a "blue room," next door to his office. Children needing discipline were sent there to catch up or be set a task relating to the work of the class.

"I check up on their work and I chat to them. I become more involved in the running of the school."

This had changed the whole attitude of his staff. "No longer do we have staff shouting and wanting to give up teaching."

"I do not accept untidy dormitories, writing on walls, or dirty floors. I expect a child to come to school and enjoy it."

"I believe in developing my staff and I give them responsibilities."

"I have an open-door policy with children. They can come to me. I suggest that children with a problem go first to their teacher and ask to speak privately and put their problem to him."

Mr Haupt told the gathering he had much hope for the future of Dale. "We are not scared of what lies ahead. We will find the answers if we work as a team," he said.

Before the end of 1997 all people (pupils, parents, staff, past pupils, the community, potential customers and the education department) should understand "what Dale College stands for and what has to be done to achieve this in a changing world."

"I believe there are certain essential elements in achieving success at Dale and in the new world we face:

"Think goals, think plans, think action, think reality, think staying power, think challenges, think confidence, think positive."

His task lay in preserving what Old Dalians held dear, ensuring relevant, quality education and that Dale was always at the forefront in education.

Parents' chairman Joe Fyfer said he believed there were exciting times ahead at Dale.

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Meet some of our new mums and dads



Neville and Dawn Kenmuir, Muldersdrift



Les and Charmayne Herbert, Benoni



Mandy and her dad, Dennis Shaw, Boksburg

R25 000 for two Dale schools

TWENTY-FIVE thousand rand has been given to Dale College and Dale Junior this year by the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association.

The first R5 000 for sporting and cultural tours was presented to Headmaster James Haupt at a braaivleis to welcome newboys and parents.

A further cheque for R20 000 was handed over by parents' chairman Joe Fyfer at the association's annual general meeting in June.

Of this R8 500 went to the college, partly for maths and accountancy teaching videos and to upgrade woodwork facilities, and R2 500 to each of the three hostels. Four thousand rand was given to Dale Junior - R2 500 to the school and R1 500 to DV Taylor House.

Most of the money was raised by parents working at dog shows and at the annual golf tournament.

In his annual report Joe Fyfer said catering at the Dogmor Dog of the Year Show showed a turnover of R50 000 in two days. Sales included

• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

308 breakfasts, 1 524 hamburgers and 1 579 wows rolls (240 kgs), 30 kgs cheese, 120 kgs bacon, 110 dozen eggs, 330 dozen rolls and 200 loaves.

The golf-day field had been affected by public holidays and takings were down to about R9 000 (see Page 27).

Since the demise of Transkei Airways the association had chartered a semi-luxury coach to take boys to and from King William's Town. A parent accompanied the bus which collected boys and dropped them off at the hostels. There was telephone contact with the bus.

Joe appealed to parents to support the bus service which at R400 return provided excellent value. If the service were lost parents would have to make their own arrangements.

On boarding school education, the chairman said: "Hostel life can at times be harsh but when

our sons leave school and enter the big world at university or employment level they will be better equipped to deal with the realities of life."

Headmaster Haupt said Dale had perhaps the purest mix in the country of whites and blacks in perfect harmony. It had one of the oldest and strongest old boys' unions with achievers of world-wide contacts and influence.

It had perhaps the most accomplished governing body including members with influence in the highest spheres. Its staff had survived four headmasters in 12 months and succeeded with a cultural change which many schools feared.

Despite this there was much to be done and much would have to change. "We will have to work together and be prepared to be inconvenienced."

"We have had to take drastic action to ensure that the foundations of Dale are maintained."

Attention had been given to discipline and to restoring respect for property. Improvements had been made to school buildings and the hostels and further refurbishing was in the pipeline. It was aimed to make the hostels a home from home.

From September a new exam system, based on three major tests on difficult work, would be introduced.

Mandy Hosty, English teacher and acting PRO, spoke on what being done to prepare boys coming up to high school from Dale Junior and to help newboys entering Std 6, some of them nervous and unsure of themselves.

Boys from the former Transvaal were making a fantastic contribution and included potential leaders, she said.

Mike Hosty, Headmaster of Dale Junior, described a touching scene he witnessed outside Taylor House one evening. Five little boys in pyjamas and slippers crossed the quad with their teacher to spend extra time in the computer room.

"I do not believe there is another boarding school where you would see this happen," he said. "It's that little extra we strive to do."

Joubert and Presby get facelift

NEW parents were entertained by the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association at a second braai during the first term of 1997.

It was another "getting to know you" occasion - a chance to get feedback on some of the problems faced by new Dilians in their first month at Dale.

The braai was held at the Edenvale home of committee members Hugh and Jenni Friedenstein, who have two sons at Dale. The youngest started at the college this year.

Some parents raised concerns to which association chairman Joe Fyfer replied. He agreed to take up certain complaints with the school.

Conditions at Frank Joubert House had improved after extensive renovations and Paterson House was being renovated "from top to bottom." Ceiling fans were to be installed in classrooms later in the year.

Initiation was not a major problem at Dale, he said. Some form of orientation was acceptable as part of boarding school life as long as there was no physical abuse.

Discipline had improved. Thefts would occur if clothes and valuables were left around.

Appealing to parents to visit Dale for the May Reunion, Joe said: "This is probably the most important weekend in the school calendar, other than the prizegiving."

"It is great to be shown around by your son, a chance to meet his teachers and his hostel superintendent and the matron."

He appealed for new committee members and helpers at dog shows and other fund-raising events. "This is a chance to get to know each other. It's hard work but a lot of fun."

• Ten new parents joined the parents' committee at the annual general meeting in June (see Page 2).

GREETINGS TO THE DALE FAMILY From LLF (Lyle) WOOD

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Khangela uAyabulela noYandisa!

They're doing fine



YANDISA MEVA and AYABULELA GQAMANE ... under the Dale umbrella

TWO lucky lads spotted by the United Cricket Board development office have made remarkable progress at Dale Junior. Here is their touching story, told by Headmaster Mike Hosty:

Just into the second term last year two little waifs, aged six and seven, arrived at the doors of the Grade 1 teachers with Raymond Boo, Border cricket development officer.

They did not respond at all when spoken to and the teachers thought at first that this was definitely a lost cause. Were they in for a surprise!

• AYABULELA GQAMANE was born in August 1989 and attended Mdqakwebe Lower High Primary School. Eastern Cape development manager Greg Hayes spotted him playing cricket and noticed his talent as a spinner and opening batsman.

Ayabulela spent the first few weeks at Dale Junior and in hostel crying. He spoke no English, but he read fluently. His writing was untidy and the letters not correctly formed. His maths was adequate. He slowly began to communicate in English and attended the English bridging course offered by the school.

This year has seen an even bigger improvement. Although his writing remains untidy, his language has improved as well as the rest of his work.

He is a popular member of the hostel and eats very well. He participates fully in Under 8 rugby, Under 9 cricket and ball skills. He has not yet mastered the art of swimming. He is cheerful and positive and always willing to help.

• YANDISA MEVA was born in August 1988. He went to Mdqesha Lower High Primary School. Greg Hayes saw in him the talent of a fast bowler.

Yandisa is the smaller but older of the two boys. He settled in far quicker than Ayabulela. He coped with the standard of work immediately and made friends easily.

He also battled with English at first but made progress quickly. He too takes part in Under 8 rugby and Under 9 cricket. He is a sociable member of the hostel and is very happy there.

Raymond Boo has taken the two under his wing and attends to all their needs and any problems which may arise.

They are fortunate little boys who have been afforded an opportunity of a lifetime and have taken it with two hands. We are proud of them!

Young Dalians call up the Internet

DALE JUNIOR boys busy in the the school's new computer room which has fast become a favourite for both staff and pupils. Left to right: Mawanda Jadezweni, Andrew Lockett and Kyle Cross from Gauteng.

The boys have become computer friendly and literate in most programs available, reports Headmaster Mike Hosty.

The number of programs are continually growing and the school has acquired access to the Internet and E-Mail. Other programs include: Sergio Maths, The Magic School bus, Dangerous Creatures, Encarta, Microsoft Works and the many accessories that come with the Windows '95 program.

"Each class has one hour a week using Sergio Maths and a one-hour computer lesson," says the Headmaster.

"After school there is a strong computer club which tries to bring the boys one step further."

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Sporting hero leads Old Dalians

Chow Bissell sports his honours blazer

THIRTY-TWO years after leaving Dale the new leader of the Old Dalian Union can still wear his rugby honours blazer. With some difficulty, one might add.

Burly Clifton (Chow) Bissell, one of Dale's sporting legends, joined the Dale First XV on the field before the Reunion match against Selborne wearing his honours cap and blazer.

Chow, inducted as the 78th National President at the Reunion in May, has been associated with Dale for 40 years. He excelled at rugby and rowing at school and after he left.

As Ted Phillips, the outgoing National President, put it, "Chow kept the scrum going forward and rowed the boat."

In four years he played 69 games for the Dale First XV. He was awarded honours in 1964 and again in 1965 when he captained the first team. He played for Border Schools for three years.

Chow rowed for Dale firsts for four years, winning colours and captaining the team in his final year.

After leaving school he played for Buffaloes first rugby team and for Border for ten years. In 87 games for Border he played against the British Lions, the French, the All Blacks and the Wallabies.

He rowed for Leanders of East London for two years.

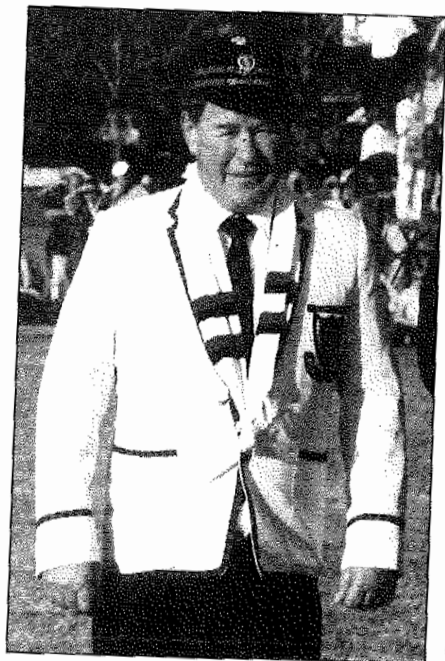
British-born but raised in the Peddie district, Chow started at Dale Junior and spent nine years at Dale. He was a college and a hostel prefect at Frank Joubert House.

He was schooled under four headmasters, JA (Balletjie) Hall at Dale Junior and RW (Rusty) Searle, acting head Walter Schnell, and BN (Billy) Rowles at Dale College.

Said Ted Phillips: "With his fellow Dalian (cricketer) Hylton Ackerman Chow acted as the 'fifth headmaster'."

Chow and his wife Yvonne, formerly of Peddie, live in East London. Their son Robert attended Dale College, has graduated BSc at Stellenbosch and is now taking his LIB. Daughter Lynda is in her matric year at Stirling High School, East London.

Chow has been inducted as president of the Port Rex Lions Club for the fourth time. A few years ago he received the Melvin Jones Award - the highest that Lions Club International can bestow on a member.



CHOW BISSELL . . . the cap fits

AN exciting new Dale post-matric course is planned for 1998 in a bid to attract top-class academic achievers with leadership ability.

Sporting and cultural achievement will be considered an advantage.

Only the best pupils will be accepted. Entry will be restricted to boys of good character and behaviour - the post-matrics will need to set an example to the rest of the school and take a lead.

They will, however, not be eligible to become headboy or deputy headboy.

The post-matrics will need to have to completed Std 10 in South Africa or A levels in Zimbabwe or Namibia.

Mandy Hosty, an English teacher now also acting as the college's public relations officer, has already recruited boys for this course during her tour of Zimbabwe with the first rugby squad. (Mrs Hosty helped to screen last year's intake of Std 6 boarders from the Transvaal.)

Dale to boost post-matric course in '98

The selection of top-class post-matrics, with the usual drive for Std Six boarders, will be a major focus of Dale recruitment from now on.

The post-matric course is an attempt to close the gap between matric and tertiary education, says Headmaster James Haupt. The aim is to prepare students for university life and ultimately a meaningful job and to develop their leadership, management and sporting skills.

Post-matrics will have to enrol for at least three Unisa/technikon courses. They will be

monitored daily or weekly by a staff tutor and also take courses in literacy, management and leadership and a World of Work programme.

University and technikons are being asked to help provide library facilities. Attempts will be made to put post-matrics in touch with Rhodes University's Grahamstown and East London campuses and with Fort Hare University's branch in King William's Town. The post-matrics will be asked to help staff teach junior boys, to tutor pupils in hostels, represent school sporting and cultural teams and help in coaching.

An adventure/survival course run by younger Dale men teachers is also included. Other activities include running a prestigious school event and a social responsibility project.

Post-matrics, who must not be older than 19 in 1998, will be treated as senior pupils with certain privileges but will have to observe normal school rules.

Have you seen this mystery Dale medal?

A MYSTERIOUS bronze medal carrying the name of Dale College, King William's Town, the college crest and the Per Ardua motto has surfaced in Britain.

A letter with photographs of the medal has reached Headmaster James Haupt from a Yorkshire numismatist who collects school attendance and prize medals.

Jim Middleton, the collector who acquired the medal, had never heard of King William's Town or Dale College. He was intrigued by the motto which he notes is part of that used by the Royal Air Force, Per Ardua Ad Astra. (That, in fact, is the full Dale motto, although only part is used on the badge.)

Mr Middleton found his research into the medal's origin "very absorbing." He established that the medal was made by Vaughton of Birmingham between 1900 and 1940.

The design on the reverse of the medal could be found on many school attendance medals, but the obverse intrigued him, he writes. He could not identify the bird which we know as the heron.



From Yorkshire to County Cork, the trail then led to King William's Town, South Africa

An author of a book on school attendance medals thought the medal could have come from Ireland. But the county library of Cork found that no records existed of a Dale College, King William's Town, Ireland. (King William's Town, County Cork, was established as a model village in 1834, but the name was changed to Ballydesmond in 1945.)

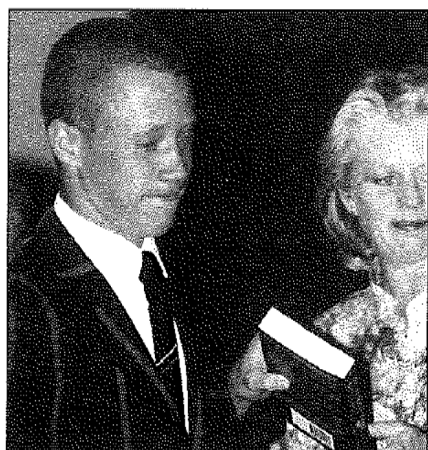
The librarian suggested that Dale College, King William's Town, might be in South Africa. Mr Middleton wrote to the East London Municipality which gave him the college address. In the letter James Haupt is addressed as "The Headteacher" - the quaint, politically correct term used by some English schools instead of "Headmaster" or "Headmistress".

Mr Middleton has asked several questions about the medal and Dale College. Dale historian Lyle (LLE) Wood is investigating.

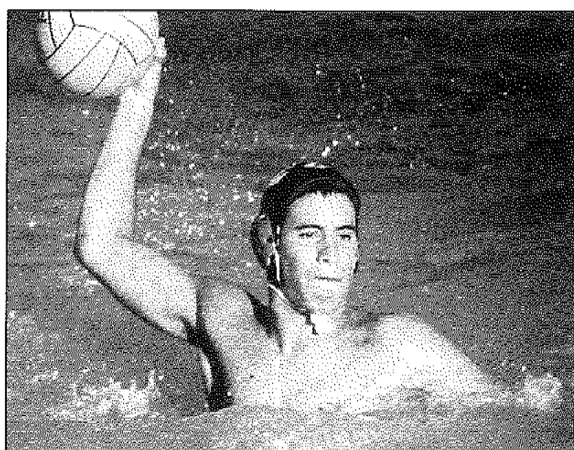
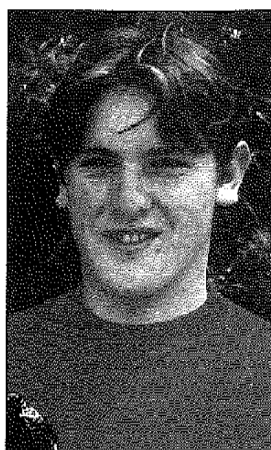
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Our boys are doing well –
in class, culture and sport

THE ACHIEVERS



JASON FYFER, receiving a prize, and WARREN HALL . . .
top merit awards in Std 8 and 10



DANIEL DE OLIVEIRA . . . waterpolo captain, athlete
and rugby player

WARREN HALL of Benoni was one of last year's leading achievers at Dale College. He is the son of John and Kate Hall, former chairman and secretary of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association.

In his matric year, Warren won an academic merit award (+70 per cent) and a prize for being third in Std 10. He was also the joint winner of a trophy awarded to the leading trumpeter in the cadet band.

Warren, a school and College House prefect, was described a "very sophisticated debater" in the Senior A debating team. He was also a member of the unbeaten second waterpolo team.

After spending five years at Dale he is now in his first year of a BSc course before studying to be a medical doctor.

David Graetz, who spent his entire schooldays at Dale – from Sub A to Std 10 – was another top achiever. David, son of Wendy Graetz of Sandton, won a prize for business economics. He is now working for a shipping company in Durban.

Prominent in swimming and waterpolo, David was a member of the relay medley and the freestyle medley teams that won second place in the Athlone Gala and a member of the successful Dale first waterpolo team.

Also in that team were Dustin Lund, son of Peter Lund of Walkerville and Heather Lund of Vereeniging and this year's captain, Daniel de Oliveira, son of Brenda de Oliveira of Randburg.

Harry Crassas won a trophy for sportsmanship, toured England and Ireland with the first hockey team and shared a trophy for the most improved player of the season. "He improved to the extent that he could play for any first team in the country," says coach Hilton Jarman. He was awarded full Dale colours and chosen for the Border Under 18A hockey team.

Harry, the son of Tony and Myra Crassas of Newcastle and formerly of Johannesburg, was also a member of the unbeaten second waterpolo team. He is now taking a post-matric course at Dale, aiming at a BSc degree.

Brett Milborrow was awarded half colours and a trophy for swimming. He was a member of the Dale relay medley team at the Athlone Gala and won a cup awarded to the best Under 16 swimmer in the interhouse gala.

Brett was a member of the Border B team which swam at the high schools championships in Newcastle. He was a member of the unbeaten second waterpolo team and the under 16b hockey team. On the academic side he was awarded a trophy for coming fifth in Std 8.

Wayne Sedice was awarded honours for outstanding performance in hockey. He was the

Artistry on the Dale rugby field



SCOTT STYGER
... his idea

A LARGE Dale crest hand-painted on the CB Jennings rugby field was a striking feature at this year's Reunion matches.

It was painted by five Dale art students, led by Scott Styger of Gauteng, who initiated the project. The others are Rowan Phillips, Bunta Fihla, Ryan Lewis and Troy Scott.

The boys used a special water-based paint, similar to that used

on sports fields for advertisements.

A Dale parent, Tony Lee, husband of Dale secretary Mariana Lee, helped in the project, with art teacher Lisa Swart. The cost: R1 000.

Scott, who is in Std 9 and at Frank Joubert House, is the son of Errol Styger of Buccleuch, an industrial designer, and Christine du Plessis of Alberton.

top goalscorer in the Dale team that toured England and Ireland and was chosen for the Under 18A Border hockey team. Hilton Jarman described Wayne and captain Michael Botha as "excellent players in any company . . . Wayne has moments of absolute brilliance."

Wayne is the son of Odette Sedice, formerly of Edenvale and now living in Spain. Aspiring to a career as a marketing consultant, he has remained at Dale this year as a post-matric student. (See hockey report on Page 28.)

Rowan Hemphill, son of Ronnie and Liz Hemphill of Johannesburg, shared the prize for the leading trumpeter with Warren Hall. A school prefect, Rowan was a member of two unbeaten teams, the second waterpolo team and the second hockey XI. He toured England and Ireland with the first hockey squad. Rowan is studying at the Allanby division of Midrand Campus.

Another first team hockey tourist, Colin McGowan, son of John and Di McGovern of Brakpan, never let through a single goal as the regular goalkeeper of the unbeaten second team. He was also a member of the unbeaten second waterpolo team.

Colin is now taking a post-matric course at Dale and captaining the first hockey team. (See Page 28.)

In Std 8, Jason Fyfer of Kempton Park won an academic merit award for a 70 per cent average and a general knowledge prize. Jason is the son of Joe, chairman, and Pat, secretary of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association. Jason was a member of the Under 15 waterpolo team with Donovan Proudfoot (captain) of Johannesburg and Jean-Paul Pires of Germiston.

Donovan, son of Finley and Luanne Proudfoot of Parktown North, was a member of the unbeaten Under 15A rugby team last year.

Ondela Kiva, son of Pinkie Kiva of Johannesburg, played for the first rugby team last year. Both are playing for the First XV this season.

Dean du Preez, son of Cher du Preez of Buccleuch, won a prize for service to hockey – he was a member of the unbeaten second team – and a Std 9 award for diligence. Scott Cocking, son of Rob and Marj Cocking of Kempton Park, captained the third hockey team.

Ryan Blackshaw, son of Dave and Marilyn Blackshaw of Boksburg, was a member of the unbeaten second waterpolo team, and the third rugby team.

Kenneth Reed, son of Ken and Paula Reed of Vereeniging, was again prominent at chess, representing Border Schools. He also played for the unbeaten second hockey team.

Bantu Skaap, son of Mrs T Skaap of Suurbekom, won a Std 8 prize for diligence.

Gauteng was again well represented among the First Aiders. Members included (with parents' names in brackets): Flippie Botha (Doug and Elsa Smith of Bapsfontein), Andrew Malone (Sean and Rhoda Malone of Boksburg), Gary Dale (Maureen and Mike Dale of Kempton Park), Allan Ross-Watt (Mr and Mrs D Ross-Watt of Roodepoort), Ashley McBean (Alouise McBean of Edenvale), Luke Jones, son of Mrs B L Jones of Eikenhof, Dean du Preez and Nicholas Bishop, son of association vice-chairman Tony and Mercia Bishop of Edenglen.

In his first year at Dale Anthony Fagan, son of Jude and Sharon Fagan of Lombardy East, won a trophy for perseverance at swimming.

He also won a special merit award and swam for the Border B team in the high school championships in Newcastle.

Another first-year Dalian, Adam Smyth, son

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THE ACHIEVERS

Morgan shines in class and on the sports field

MORGAN TINLINE, son of Rusty Tinline of Petit, and Gavin Allanson, son of Mrs J Allanson of Benoni, excelled at Dale Junior last year.

Morgan won second prize in Std 5, and prizes for history and top marks in maths. He played for the Under 14 hockey side and was chosen as goalie for the Border Schools Under 13 team. He was awarded a hockey stick prize at the 1996 prizegiving.

Active in many fields, Morgan was also a member of the squash team, the wildlife, drama and lifesaving clubs and a library monitor.

At Dale College this year his progress has continued. He qualified for the second round of the UCT Maths Olympiad.

In squash Morgan played for Border in the Under 14 schools provincials in Johannesburg during July. He represented Border in an Under 14 interprovincial hockey tournament in Port Elizabeth early this month.

Gavin was a school councillor, a prefect at DV Taylor House and captain of Hall House. He was a member of the A-league tennis team and shared the doubles championship trophy.

He was also a member of the senior swimming and Under 14 hockey teams, the senior choir, the lifesaving, wildlife and drama clubs.

Others from Gauteng active at Dale Junior last year included:

Bradley Waite, son of Jimmy Waite of Germiston, Matthew Wilkinson, son of Mr and Mrs B Wilkinson of Kempton Park, and Andrew Lockett, son of Richard and Marlene Lockett of Kempton Park.

Bradley was a member of the Under 14 hockey team, the lifesaving and senior swimming teams and the drama club.

Matthew won a prize for art, was a member of the drama club and took part in the triangular athletics championships.

Andrew Lockett was a member of the entrepreneurs club. Still at Dale Junior this year he has made real progress, according to Headmaster Mike Hosty.

Mike told TransDale: "Andrew is always smiling and friendly to staff and fellow pupils. He has established a niche of responsibility in the school science laboratory."

Kyle Cross, younger son of Margaret Cross of Germiston, has settled well into life in his first year at Dale Junior and DV Taylor House.

He likes to be part of Dale, says Mr Hosty, is keen on hockey and very interested in outdoor life, including salt-water angling.



ONDELA KIVA . . . first team rugby player



CADET TRUMPETERS Colin McGowan (left) and ROWAN HEMPHILL. Colin has stayed on as a post-matric student. Rowan is studying in Gauteng



Colin captains hockey XI: Ondela, Donovan in 1st XV

GAUTENG Dalians have performed well at sport this year. Colin McGowan has captained the first hockey team. He was chosen as goalkeeper for the Border Schools team in the Under 18 inter-provincial schools tournament held in Port Elizabeth.

Colin, Wayne Sedice, Harry Crassas and Dean du Preez played for the Dale first hockey team in the 16th annual Founders' hockey festival hosted by Dale (see Page 28).

Ondela Kiva and Donovan Proudfoot toured Zimbabwe with the Dale first rugby team and played in the St John's festival in Johannesburg, the Cape Schools festival in Rondebosch and other matches.

Daniel de Oliveira has been prominent this year in waterpolo and athletics and has taken up rugby. He captained the first waterpolo team and in the interhouse competition he was rated

Dale's best U19 field athlete.

In his first season of rugby he has risen from the fourth team to the thirds and seconds and played several games for the first team.

After star fullback Toby Mdaka was hurt against Kingswood Daniel was moved up for the Reunion match against Selborne. He went on tour with the First XV to the Cape Schools Week at Rondebosch.

At waterpolo earlier this year, Daniel snatched a 10-all draw for Dale with a goal in the dying seconds of the match against Selborne and two of Dale's 11 goals against Port Rex.

He scored five goals in the annual Selborne waterpolo tournament when Dale finished joint third.

Brett Millborrow represented the Border high schools swimming team. Jonathan Letzler was chosen for Border in the Under 16 schools squash provincials played in Natal. Jason Fyfer is the Frank Joubert House snooker champion.

Daniel de Oliveira is this year's headboy of Paterson House and also a college prefect. Other hostel prefects include Ondela Kiva and Donovan Proudfoot of Johannesburg.

Darren Ogden of King William's Town, son of Colin Ogden, former vice-chairman of the Governing Body, is headboy of the school. He has played for the first rugby team.

His deputy is Gareth Tjasink, whose mother, originally from King, now lives in Port Elizabeth.

Gareth, who is also a prefect of College House and was this year's Dale swimming Victor Ludorum, has been awarded a scholarship to attend an American university next year. He intends studying medicine.

Michael's fine start



MICHAEL DU PLESSIS . . . in his first year at Dale, he has captained the Under 14A hockey team and performed well with bat and ball for the U14A cricket team. Michael is the son of Etienne and Barbara du Plessis of Northcliff, Johannesburg.

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of Mrs BL Smyth of Johannesburg, also won a special merit award and swam for Border B in Newcastle.

In Std 6 John Papenfus, son of Mr and Mrs NJ Papenfus of Roodepoort, and Allan Ross-Watt, won academic merit awards for attaining more than a 70 per cent average. Awards for diligence went to Nicholas Bishop and Chazlin Haskins, son of Carol Haskins of Eldorado Park.

Ricky-Nelson Pires, son of Mike and Anne Veitch-Crawford, won a prize for enthusiasm, dedication and help in waterpolo.

Clayde Baumann, son of Lynn Johnson of

Gauteng boarders are active in all fields

Mondeor, was a member of the outstanding Dale choir. He won a silver medal (80-85 per cent) in the beginners section in music at the Grahamstown eisteddfod. Garth Friedenstein, son of Hugh and Jenni Friedenstein of Edenvale, was treasurer of the Micro Chip (computer) Club.

The Under 14 waterpolo team included Garth Friedenstein, John Papenfus, Allan Ross-Watt,

Ricky-Nelson Pires, Nicholas Bishop and Glen McMaster, son of Sandy McMaster of Randburg.

Garth played for the Under 16C hockey team captained by Shaun Els, son of Barbara Els of Johannesburg. Craig Carter, son of Bill and Jane Carter of Kempton Park, was a member of the Under 16A hockey team. Garth's younger brother Craig played for the Under 14A hockey team.

The Under 14B team included Zurel Jones, son of Nisha Jones of Highlands North, Johannesburg, Jonathan du Plessis, son of Etienne and Barbara du Plessis of Northcliff, Johannesburg, Ashley McBean, Johnathan Wilkinson and Anthony Fagan.

REUNION '97 SPECIAL

Down memory lane...

THE well-attended 1997 Dale Reunion was marked by mini-reunions of Old Dalians from several eras who came to renew friendships of bygone days.

- **BACK AFTER TEN YEARS**, as guests of honour, were 37 members of the matric Class of 1987.

- **BACK AFTER 40 YEARS** were 17 members of the Class of 1957, including one from Australia.

- **BACK AFTER 50 YEARS** were five members of the Class of 1947.

- **OLD DALIAN** members of the Sheard family were honoured guests and were joined by other Sheards from near and far, including Dubai and England.

For coverage of these and other Reunion events see reports and pictures on this and the next three pages.

- For many the weekend's high point was a last-minute 19-13 victory for the Dale First XV over traditional rivals Selborne College (see Page 26).



FAMILY REUNION: The Sheards came from near and far

The Sheards of Dale (and other kinfolk) gather in King

THIS was a reunion of Sheards that went far beyond the 20 Old Dalian Sheards and their families honoured at the 1997 Dale College Reunion.

The family combined the occasion with a general reunion of Sheards and their associated families from many parts of South Africa and abroad.

"This ploy worked well," says Tom Sheard of Cathcart, family genealogist and chronicler and Dale rugby historian. His book: "The Sheard Family" was published to mark the Dale Reunion.

Nearly 70 members of the country-wide extended Sheard family converged on King William's Town over the Reunion weekend.

Among them were Bunny Sheard, widow of Brian, 1978 ODU National President, and their children Bridget, Belinda and Clive.

Clive (matric class of 1975) came from Dubai in the Persian Gulf. Non-Old Dalian John Sheard, formerly of Port Elizabeth, came from Sheffield, England, with his wife Barbara.

Just over 50 family members attended the Reunion Assembly on Friday, May 22, in the

Hallowed Courtyard, where they were introduced by incoming Old Dalian National President Chow Bissell.

Martin Sheard (matric class of 1974) replied while Tom Sheard (1961) made presentations to Chow, Old Dalian stalwart Lyle (LLF) Wood and Headmasters James Haupt and Mike Hosty.

At the Sunday morning Memorial Service Neil Sheard (1943) said the prayer and John Sheard (1968) read the scripture.

Beside the usual Old Dalian functions the family attended two purely Sheard events:

- About 50 members enjoyed a "getting to know you" function at the Dale Junior Assembly Hall on the Thursday night. Headmaster Hosty and his wife Mandy were guests. This was a nostalgic visit for older Old Dalian Sheards who attended Dale College in this building many years ago.

Oldest Old Dalian present was Trevor

Sheard (1941) and his younger brother Neil, who farm near Middelburg, Cape. Oldest family member there was Jack Isted (formerly of Barkly East), aged 83, whose late brother Allan left Dale in 1927.

- A family luncheon was held on the Friday at the King William's Town Club. About 60 family members were joined by guests Trevor Bennet (former ODU National President) and his wife Irene.

Tom Sheard comments: "Fantastic fellowship was experienced at these functions. Most non-Old Dalians were impressed by most things Dalian and left King with a new and positive perception of Dale College. Many were astounded by the 'Dalian Spirit'. One (born in England) likened the atmosphere at the rugby on the Saturday to a Cup Final day in London."

- John Sheard of Sheffield is not to be confused with Tom's brother John of Cathcart, whose late wife was also Barbara.

A family that has spent over 200 years at Dale

THE Sheard family's association with Dale College spans more than 100 years. The family's attendance at the college totals more than 200 years. About 50 family members have attended or taught at Dale.

Chow Bissell, incoming Old Dalian Union National President, outlined this remarkable record when introducing the Sheard family at the 1997 Dale Reunion Assembly. It was compiled by family historian Tom Sheard of Cathcart.

The family's achievers included:

- Brian Sheard, ODU National President in 1978. Mike and Tom Sheard and Stuart Boucher have served on the ODU Executive Committee.

- Five college prefects and hostel headboys. Andrew Sheard was deputy headboy of Dale Junior in 1978.

- Several first-class matrics, a dux scholar,

academic colours holders and 11 university graduates. Martin Sheard is a lawyer in Cape Town, Stuart Boucher a lawyer in King William's Town, Dean Sheard is a BSc agriculture with honours. Judy Sheard has taught at Dale College since 1988 and is head of biology.

- In sport, Martin Sheard captained the Dale First XV in 1974, Chris Sheard and John Green were vice-captains of the First XV in 1967 and 1989. Robert King was vice-captain of the first hockey team in 1972.

Ten of the family won Dale colours: Charles Hart (for four years for swimming), Chris Malherbe (three years for athletics), Andrew Sheard (junior swimming in 1988, hockey in 1993 and 1994).

Six family members represented Border Schools: John Sheard, cricket 1945, Charles Hart, swimming 1962-66, Chris Sheard, cricket

1966-67, Robert King, hockey 1972 and cricket 1972-73, John Green, rugby 1989, and Andrew Sheard, swimming 1988 and hockey 1993.

Charles Hart represented Border (senior) at swimming in 1964-66 and Chris Malherbe at athletics in 1977-79.

Other research by Tom Sheard showed that:

- The Sheard family's association with Dale College began in the 1880s when John William Forrester, a close relative, attended Dale College. Scores of Sheards and Forresters followed.

- A girl member of the family, Mavis Sheard, attended Dale in 1921 and 1922 when she won prizes in Std 8 and 9.

- Mavis's younger brother Ivor died of pneumonia in 1920, aged 14. He was in Standard 6 and had only been at Dale for six months.

- **Martin Sheard replies - Page 20**

Back to school! – as VIPs after ten years

THE CLASS OF 1987

THIRTY-SEVEN 1987 Dale matrics made it back to the college for an exciting and nostalgic get-together at the 1997 Reunion.

Ten years after leaving Dale, Wayne Taylor flew from England, Shaun Steyn from Zimbabwe, Garth Metzler from Zimbabwe and Bruce Patience from Swaziland.

And from the old Transvaal came Terence Ladner (Roodepoort), Dean Badenhorst (Midrand), Timothy Staples (Randburg), Craig Trickett (Fourways), Garth Venter (Edenvale), and Deon Bezuidenhout (Klerksdorp). Steve Palframan, who played for South Africa in the cricket World Cup and has moved from the Border to Boland, was up with others from the Cape. More class members came from Durban, Port Elizabeth and the Border.

Rodney Long, '87 Dale rugby captain, faxed best wishes from Chile, where he represents a sportswear company, and apologies came from Phillip Hatley who manages a hotel in Dullstroom, Mpumalanga.

Jonty Williams of Durban donated custom-made 1987 matrics caps which were sold at Reunion and raised R900 for the Durban Old Dalian branch.

At the Friday morning Assembly the Class of '87 were welcomed by '87 rugby coach Kenny Ball.

Kenny, vice-principal of Cambridge High School and newly-appointed headmaster of Westering High in Port Elizabeth unfortunately had to leave early to join his Cambridge rugby team.

Among his successful First XV, Kelvyn Breetzke, Stellios Georgiou, Troy Deysel, Glen Weiss were there to recall past triumphs and the day when Dale were pipped by KES who scored the winning try in the 11th minute of injury time in Randburg.

And to remember sadly the tragic fate of Bruce Holmes, the superb wing, paralysed after a motor accident after leaving school, who was pushed around the Dale campus at Reunions by team-mate Stellios Georgiou and "Efty" Efratiou. Bruce died last year.

After the Old Dalian annual general meeting the '87s and their partners were honoured at a lunch given by the ODU at the Malcom Andrew Centre. Many attended the dinner-dance that evening in the Old Dalian Assembly Hall.

But the camaraderie was best at a spit-braai get-together on Saturday attended by more than 60 Class of '87s and their partners.

As the day built up to the afternoon's rugby clash between Dale and Selborne the atmosphere was excellent, says organiser Kevyn Stone of King William's Town.

After the exciting match (see Page 26) celebrations continued at the War Memorial Hall and elsewhere. Survivors attended the Memorial Service at the college Hallowed Courtyard.

Kevyn Stone, who runs two video stores in King William's Town, says: "The behaviour of the lads was excellent – they were a credit to the Old Dalian Union. We challenge the class of '88 to better our attendance and keep the spirit of the tenth-year matriculants going."

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OLD DALIANS REMEMBER THE GO



TEN YEARS ON: Craig Trickett, Glen Weiss, Dean Badenhorst



Back: Terence Ladner, Glen Stellios Georgiou, Tim Sta

SIDELIGHTS

AMADODA! from our boys in London

NINE London Old Dalians faxed this message to Dale College: "All the best for Reunion. May it be a good one. Through effort to the stars. Amadoda!"

It was signed by Donald Stuart, Gavin Caswell and Hannes Aucamp (all matric class 1986), Michael James (1987), Chris Earl (1988), Dale Waterman and Andrew Bennet and Robin Knott (both 1990) and James Jones (1992).

Gary McLean faxed a message from Exeter Cathedral School where he is coaching cricket as this year's Dale scholar. Last year Gary received a trophy as Dale's all-round scholar/ sportsman in Std 10.

Stripes, stripes ...

"THE Selborne lads are wearing stripes upon their backs ... and their backs are covered with stripes, stripes, stripes."

After many years this and several old-time Dale rugby songs were revived at the Reunion assembly by the Dale Junior Choir.

Another was the veteran, "Eat more fish, eat more fish, eat more, eat more, eat more fish." It was reputedly banned years ago at Dale-Selborne rugby matches.

QUOTES...

Chow looks ahead

• My goal for the coming year is to get the Dale Family to work as one so that we can all help one another and develop a common bond ... and live up to our motto, "Per Ardua, Ad Astra – Through Effort to the Stars." – Chow Bissell accepting his new role as ODU National President.

To Lottie with love

• If flowers are worth a million words, I owe you the Botanical Gardens – Ted Phillips, outgoing ODU national president, to his wife Lottie at the Reunion dinner-dance.

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40 YEARS ON: Back row (left to right): Selw, Dave McGill, Neil McGill, Colin Muller, Row, Wulff, Winston Nicholas and Brian Coventry. | Bob Mance. Fron

Grey hair, baldir

THE 1997 Dale Reunion was a special event for 17 matric classmates of 1957 who made it to a dinner at the Amatola Sun.

NEVILLE WOOLLGAR, who organised this '57 reunion, writes:

A mixture of nostalgia and jollity prevailed as these Old Dalians, with their wives, reminisced, pulled each other's legs and emotionally remembered events of 40 years ago. In many respects it had been an exceptional class.

Many found it difficult to recognise each other. But one person whom no-one could mistake was the jovial Eddie Coetzer from Johannesburg, who captained the 1957 rugby side and has now retired as a director of a furniture company.

Grey hair and/or nearly bald heads, expanded waistlines and a slower gait had replaced youthful boyishness, spring in the step and full heads of hair.

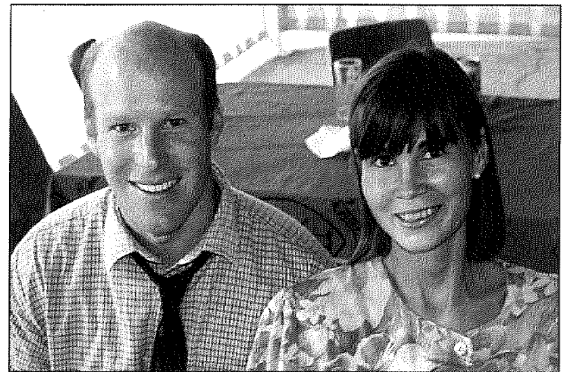
Enthusiasm and a glint in the eye were, however, still present as each member in turn took time



1 Weiss, Craig Torr, Craig Step. Front: les, Chris Mitchell, Steve Palframan.



Craig Lines and Shaun Steyn, from Zimbabwe



Tim Staples and his wife Yvette

S OF 1957

Back after half a century



FIFTY YEARS ON (left to right): John Gouverneur, Martin Robinson, Charles Waddington, Grant Davis and Peter Dixon



THE CLASS OF 1947

IT was 50 years since they left Dale College . . . Five members of the matric class of 1947 rolled back the years when they met at the 1997 Dale Reunion. Three of them were in the same class from Standard 4 in 1941 till they matriculated six years later.

The trio were Charles (now Mr Justice) Waddington of Mafikeng, Peter (Tiny) Dixon of Johannesburg and Grant Davis of Kenton-on-Sea. With them to recall old times were John Gouverneur of Durban and Martin Robinson of Boksburg, who had joined the class later.

Charles is still on the bench of the High Court of SA sitting at Mafikeng and Martin is an attorney. The other three have all retired, Grant as a civil engineer, Peter an accountant and John after many years in the wool trade.

Martin spent seven years on the move working in magistrates' courts in 40 different towns across the country. He filled various posts, including that of prosecutor.

Some of the five have met occasionally over the years, Charles and Peter in Zimbabwe, then Rhodesia, and in Mafikeng. Martin and Peter last met in 1951 – when by chance they stayed in the same Port Elizabeth boarding house.

Grant, Martin and Peter were prefects at Frank Joubert House and with Charles played first team tennis for Dale. Grant was the 1947 singles champion and with Peter won the Dale doubles championship. Some years later they won a local club's men's doubles in Rhodesia.

Peter and Grant were bestmen at each other's wedding. They were "like brothers" – Grant had only sisters and Peter had neither brothers or sisters.

It was an all-male reunion. Peter is a widower, John a bachelor and Charles and Grant's wives stayed at home.

Much-travelled John instructed a restaurant waiter how to open a bottle of wine – "in our presence," he insisted – and how to pour it. The management was told, too.

Inevitably the conversation turned nostalgically to King's gorgeous girls of the '40s. Like Yvonne and Val Hulley, Shirley and Barbara

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ing heads and bulging waistlines

Reunion pictures by JOHN HUGGETT, DENVER DONIAN and JILL MITCHELL (Kei Mercury)

to relate to his classmates what had happened to him over the years and recall schoolday incidents.

Classmates had travelled from throughout the country and those present included:

Rowan Algie, retired headmaster from Cape Town; Kenny Anderson, retired banker from East London; (the Rev) Brian Coventry, Methodist minister from Maritzburg; Rory Dower, medical doctor from George; Michael Flugel, banker from Vryheid.

Selwyn Hall, high school headmaster from East London; Bob Keen, retired insurance broker from Johannesburg; Robert Mance, retired bank accountant from Johannesburg; Neil McGill, retired headmaster still teaching, from Bloemfontein.

Colin Muller, civil engineer from East London; David McGill, chicken outlet manager from East London; Mike Mourant, banker from Port Elizabeth; Winston Nicholas, horticulturist from Vanderbijlpark.

Karl Wulff, retired mining geologist from Ramsgate (formerly of Springs); Neville Woolgar, partner in a King William's Town legal firm; Michael Yates, retired school inspector and headmaster from East London.

Some of those present had attended the Friday morning assembly and the Friday evening dinner-dance. The highlight, however, was the Saturday evening dinner which was a roaring success.

Out of a class of 58, eight had died, ten could not be traced and the remaining 42 had been contacted by telephone or by post.

A number are in the United States, Canada and Europe and some are in Zimbabwe and Botswana. Efforts are still be made to trace those missing.



More than 20 Gauteng Dale parents and ex-parents attended the 1997 Reunion. At the dinner-dance were (above left): Colleen and Neville Patience and their Old Dalian son Glenn (1991) and on the right: Sandra and Roy Dunseith and Joe and Pat Fyler. The Dunseiths are leaving soon to spend three years in the United States. • Pictures: JOHN HUGGETT

It was a very good year

1987, said Kenny Ball, was a special year in Dale's history, a memorable year on a broad front. Welcoming back the Class of '87 at the Reunion Assembly, he said they had played a pivotal role in keeping the college in the forefront of South African education.

As the rugby coach he remembered the First XV for they had transformed the style of the game played at the college.

They had embraced the 15-man concept and set the tone for the great teams of later years. There had been a record number of nine Daliens in the Border Craven Week squad.

Rodney Long's team had lost only one match (7-12 against KES (in the 11th minute of injury time!). Only four tries had been scored against the team in 18 matches and Selborne and Queens had each been beaten twice in the season.

The squash team was the strongest on the Border, winning the Border Schools league

for the third successive year.

Alan Lennard, playing squash with an artificial leg after an accident in 1986, had displayed the type of determination, courage and spirit that epitomised the atmosphere at Dale in 1987.

In waterpolo Dale had probably its best-ever year with five open sides and two U15s unbeaten.

Dale marksmen had won the annual Bisley for the tenth successive year, claiming five out of seven trophies. The college also had successful seasons in athletics, cricket and swimming.

Academically the 1987 matric class was a good one, with Gary Sewall winning the Dux medal and an A matric pass. A computer laboratory was introduced with a specialist teacher as computer facilitator.

Dale societies flourished, including innovations like the Gebiac (environmental) and Ibhunga (cultural) societies. Matrics played leading roles in all spheres of cultural life.

Andy can relax in the sun now

FIVE former Dale headmasters attended the 1997 Reunion assembly. They were ex-college heads Billy Rowles (1965-77) and Malcom Andrew (1982-1996), Dale Junior's Dummy Taylor (1962-76), his son Roy (1980-1989) and in between them Ken Schaefer (1976-1979).

Also present were the headmaster of Selborne College, Sammy Gurn, and the vice-principal of Cambridge High, former Dale teacher and rugby coach Kenny Ball, just appointed headmaster of Westering High, Port Elizabeth.

Sitting in the audience as the morning sun beat down, Andy Andrew enjoyed the rare pleasure of removing his jacket. "How does it feel sitting down here with the lads?" we asked. "Very relaxing," he said with a smile.

Dummy Taylor and Billy Rowles have retired to the coast. Malcom Andrew has a top post in the Eastern Cape Education Department, Roy Taylor is in real estate and Ken Schaefer has retired as headmaster of Selborne Primary.

The Old Daliens who died for peace

THE Old Daliens honoured at the Reunion Memorial Service had lost their lives in a quest for peace, said Pastor Paul Smit who led the service.

"These people were about protecting a country, a right, a freedom, a principle, or an ideal so they might be able to live peaceful lives. In a sense we might say, they died for peace."

"This process of pursuing peace dominates every single human being alive."

"We just have to look at the statistics of people leaving our country ... Why? Well they might cite reasons such as economics, crime, hijackings, schooling (only because they haven't heard of Dale) and violence ..."

"But fundamental to all these things is a quest for peace. Wherever you may go in the world, people are dying for peace."

However, said Pastor Smit, one would never know true peace until one entered that covenant of peace which God had established.

Chow's '65 newboys

TWO former headmasters' sons, who were ODU National President Chow Bissell's newboys in 1965, attended the Reunion dinner-dance: Peter Taylor, son of Dale Junior's Dummy Taylor, and Peter Rowles, son of Dale College's Billy Rowles.

THE WAY THEY WERE ...

Flashback to 1941 when these three Daliens were in Standard 4 at Dale Primary. From the top: Charles Waddington, Grant Davis and Peter Dixon. All three were back at Reunion this year.



Those '40s girls ...

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Willmer, Mary Newell, Jackie Cheek, Mary Black, Marie Brown and Paddy Peveritt. Where are they now? Sadly Paddy, who married Dale rugby star Stan Chantler, has since passed on.

Some extraordinary stories were exchanged. Charles told a convincing tale of how he "died" during an operation but was brought back to life after crossing the barrier.

Martin, a raconteur par excellence, told how he "missed his wedding" at the Eastern Cape dorp of Indwe because the train would not stop at Sterkstroom station. It was worthy of author Herman Charles Bosman and story-teller Patrick Mynhardt at their best.

Dale leading the field by example

DALE COLLEGE has been at the forefront in adapting to change in the new South Africa, said Martin Sheard, replying to tributes to the Dale Sheard family.

Martin (matric class 1974), a Cape Town lawyer, said the family had been proud to read the "wonderful article" about the college in the Sunday Times (see Page 7).

This article, he said, was "the best advertisement the school could have had during a time of a very critical appraisal of the manner in which former Model C schools are adapting to the education system of the new South Africa."

Despite well-publicised setbacks the "very critical media" had investigated the school and written a most complimentary article. This, he said, was tribute to the pupils and staff and all those running the school.

"It is a clear indication of where the school is headed, a fine example of what can be achieved with effort from all concerned but a long way to go in facing the challenging times lying ahead in education."

"It is imperative that Dale College ... continues to lead by example."



MARTIN SHEARD

Historic hostel goes into business

Goodbye Sutton House: Hello Sutton Square

A R5,5 million upmarket shopping and office complex is up and running on the site of historic Sutton House, where Dale College was born 120 years ago.

Now called Sutton Square, it perpetuates the family name of what was Dale's oldest hostel until it was sold two years ago to a local developer.

The grey-stone facade and bell tower of the original building, a national monument, has been given a facelift and the interior renovated.

The east wing, once the home of headmasters and housemasters, is now occupied by the old-established King William's Town legal firm of Hutton and Cook, run mainly by Old Dalians Malcolm Anderson, Neville and his son Barry Woollgar, Gary Webb and Peter Monaghan.

The west wing, which used to house dormitories, has been refurbished for offices of an old King property company, Homenet Rose Innes, whose staff includes Old Dalians Bruce and Mark Rose-Innes, Jack Rosenberg and Des Torr.

"My bed stood here," recalled Dale historian Lyle (LLF) Wood, pointing to a first-floor spot in his former dormitory.

Downstairs a cellar, formerly a storeroom and the haunt of schoolboy smokers, has been converted into a restaurant and beer garden. Builders reportedly found hundreds of cigarette "stompies" in the dusty confines of this cavern amid its massive stone walls and pillars.

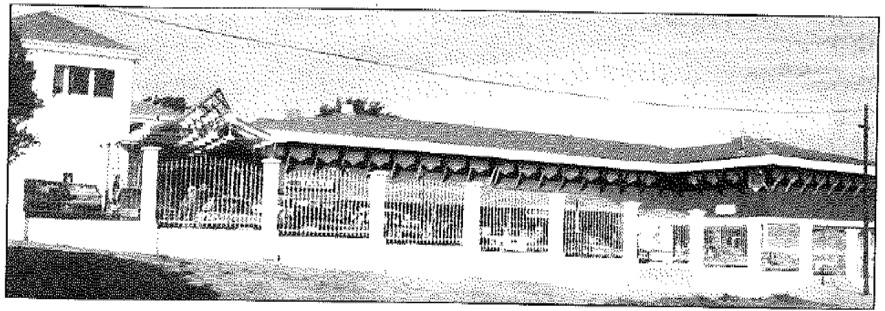
After previews for private functions Sutton Cellars has now gone public and is proving a popular dining-out place and watering hole for locals and visitors.

It is co-owned by Old Dalians Dean Radue and Quentin Birkholtz, son of Sonja Birkholtz, longtime matron of Paterson House.

All buildings behind the hostel dining-room and adjoining dormitories were knocked down last year. These extensions to the 1877 school building included the prep room, staff quarters, a kitchen, sick bay and dormitories.

From the ruins have risen a Spar supermarket, a banking centre with ATMs, advocates' chambers, an insurance broker, a hairdresser, a beauty salon, a coffee shop, a stationer and book shop, a gift shop, an Internet cafe and a clothing boutique.

Sadly the familiar ivy creeper, long a feature of the Sutton House frontage, had to go. It was



SUTTON SQUARE ... the view from Dale Junior. A supermarket where the old prep room once stood

Happy grandfather

ONE Sutton Square tenant who is apparently very happy in his new surroundings is Old Dalian attorney Neville Woollgar (1957), a former chairman of the Dale College Governing Body and ODU past president.

Developer Gwen Lustgarten says: "At his desk he can hear the laughter and antics of the (Dale Junior) boys at breaktime and look out of his window to try to spot his grandsons in the playground."

"We hear him saying how happy he is to look out over the town in which he grew up, his old school and the familiar landmarks."

growing into the masonry which was in danger of disintegrating. Plants and even small trees growing out of the stone walls had to be rooted out.

Sutton House, called College House until renamed in 1951 after two headmasters, plus part of Dale Junior, was sold for R1,4 million to Sutton Square, a King William's Town company established to develop the site. The college could no longer afford to maintain the deteriorating building.

Developer Gwen Lustgarten, a Dale parent, has tried to retain what she can of the interior and re-create an atmosphere of Victorian antiquity.

Where possible century-old floorboards, doors and window frames in the old building have been saved, sanded, varnished or restored to their unpainted glory.

The stunted bare apex of the bell tower reportedly blown off by a bolt of lightning and now shorn of its ivy creeper, is to be restored as a later project by Gwen, who chairs the Dale College PTA and is a member of the Governing Body.

Her company has spent R1,5 million on restoring the original school building and R4 million

on the new building behind it. Rotting guttering and drain pipes have been replaced. So have parts of the corrugated iron roofing which could not be repaired.

The developer bought and demolished Dale Junior's woodwork room and acquired a slice of the old school plateau, which is used as a driveway and car-park. Only a small part of this remains, but Dale Junior earned R450 000 from the sale.

One of the objects of the development was to provide shopping, banking and dining facilities outside downtown King William's Town which is becoming increasingly congested. The complex is already proving an attraction for townfolk.

Old Dalians have mixed feelings about the demise of their beloved hostel where they spent much of their formative teenage years.

There were sad moments for some visiting King William's Town for the 1997 Reunion when builders were rushing to complete the renovations. As we walked through dusty rooms and dodged ladders and scaffolding one was reminded of the hostel's happier days. Sutton House was saved from demolition in 1979 by concerned Old Dalians but finally economics and progress had the final say.

Now it's up to the developer and the tenants to make Sutton Square a useful contribution to King William's Town life and a worthy successor to its illustrious forebears. In time tenants will be able to buy their units.

Only one Dalian fails matric

EIGHTY-FIVE out of the 86 Dalians who sat matric last year passed, 80 per cent with above 50 per cent aggregates.

Two failed initially because they did not pass Afrikaans but one has since had his result reversed. Forty-three obtained university entrance passes.

Glen Boddington achieved an A pass and there were nine B's with four results still pending.

The 17 pupils who took higher-grade biology averaged 76,47 per cent and the standard grade class average for 41 pupils was 60,78 per cent.

Thirteen higher-grade maths pupils averaged 63,84 per cent and 48 standard-grade pupils 63,58 per cent.

In geography 34 higher-grade pupils achieved a 60,29 per cent average with 20 in standard grade averaging 57 per cent.

Twenty-four pupils taking higher-grade accountancy averaged 60 per cent and eight standard-grade pupils 58,12 per cent.

In science 30 higher-grade pupils averaged 55,33 per cent and 31 standard-grade pupils 53,70 per cent.

• One pupil taking Chinese and another Hindi achieved 90 percent. Three others took Polish, French and South Sotho.

NEW GOVERNING BODIES

DALE COLLEGE has a new Governing Body, elected late last month under the SA Schools Act.

Its 13 members include the Headmaster, two teachers, seven parents, one non-teaching staff member and two pupils.

Gauteng parents voted by proxy but their nominee was not elected. He may still be co-opted by the body. Up to six members of the community may be co-opted for specific functions, but without voting rights.

The members of the body are: Headmaster: James Haupt. Staff: Mike Eddy and Hilton Jarman.

Parents: Colin Ogden, Gwen Lustgarten, Malcolm Campbell, Russell Grigg, Jack Patel and Terry Kingston, all of King William's Town, and Kelvin Bahlmann of Kei Road.

Non-teaching staff: Patrick Kroga. Pupils: Luke Morris and Kojo Simpson.

Terms of office will be three years for parents and staff and one year for pupils. Members can be re-elected or co-opted. Pupils may not vote on certain issues.

The Governing Body will elect its chairman from the elected members. It can invite non-members to take part in a meeting but they may not vote.

The Dale Junior Governing Body includes:

Parents: Gary Harvey, chairman; Noel Beard, deputy chairman; Dave Newman, treasurer; Chris Hatting, all of King William's Town, and Ray Ranger of Kei Road.

The Headmaster, Mike Hosty. Staff: Robbie Noble, Deputy Headmaster, and Carl Spilhaus. Non-teaching staff: Hazel Fick.

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When heroes were heroes and villains got their just deserts ...

FIFTY and more years ago schoolboys were avid readers of the romantic and dare-devil adventure novels of PC Wren. Among those fascinated by Wren's stories about the French Foreign Legion was Quentin Coaker, an adventurous youngster at Dale College in the '40s and in later life.

Now, in his retirement, he has transplanted this passion into a serious work, "Beau Geste Revisited", an extended review which draws together and analyses the trilogy of "Beau Geste" and its sequels "Beau Sabreau" and "Beau Ideal."

Coaker, who lives in Rivonia, Sandton, writes under the pen-name of his first names, John Quentin. In his quest to unravel the mystique of the Geste brothers and their contemporaries, he went to see the Sahara for himself.

During a cross-Africa motor safari in the troubled Sixties he dropped in at the Legion's headquarters and outposts and found geographical discrepancies with the novels.

With similar attention to detail he also compares Wren's works with the Paramount movie "Beau Geste", which not surprisingly employs considerable cinematic licence.

What shines through is Quentin's love of adventure and enthusiasm for his subject. As far as we know this is the first time anyone has published a detailed interpretation of Wren's trilogy and other works. It is a

remarkable achievement.

Older fans of Wren will find it a nostalgic flashback to those gentlemanly, chivalrous days when, in literature at least, heroes were heroes and villains were villains who got their just deserts.

To many PC Wren's novels are an anachronism – written when tastes, literary style and values were vastly different from those of today. Some might even find Wren partly racist or at least politically incorrect.

Perhaps, but as Quentin argues, one must consider the social environment of the era in which they were written. It was the age of Empire, French as well as British. Kipling could be similarly criticised, perhaps even more so.

One aspect which dates Wren's dialogue is his quaint rendering of American English. Did Yanks really talk like that?

Hopefully Quentin's interesting study will find an audience among elderly romantics and modern-day escapists – and a place in school and other libraries.

Regrettably PC Wren's books are not read as avidly today and seem to be out of print. Perhaps "Beau Geste Revisited" will spark new interest in some of the best adventure stories ever written. – JOE SUTTON

• "Beau Geste Revisited" by John Quentin is published by The Pentland Press Ltd.

BEAU GESTE REVISITED



JOHN QUENTIN

DESERT TRILOGY ... bygone epics brought to life

Coaker: a passion for adventure

FROM an early age Old Dalian QUENTIN COAKER (1940-44) has led an adventurous life. Some of his exploits and intrepid travels with his wife Naideen were recalled at his 70th birthday lunch on October 7, 1996:

PARACHUTIST: At age five he jumped from the garage roof of the family home in Ladybrand using his own hand-made equipment. The mission failed.

CYCLIST: With a Dale College friend, pint-sized RAT LIESCHING of Johannesburg, he cycled 750 kilometres from King William's Town to Ladybrand. They slept under the stars except for one cold night in an Aliwal North hotel.

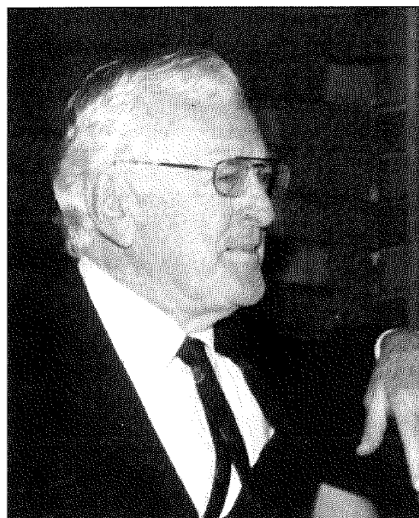
ARSONIST: While breakfasting at the Ladybrand Showgrounds Quentin set fire to the grass, almost burning down nearby buildings. His mother conscripted pedestrians to fight the fire.

TRUANT 1: Bullied by local boys Quentin and a friend hid in the Platberg outside Ladybrand for a day while his mother spied on them through a telescope. Years later he hid and fed Dalian classmates Hulme Sugden of Johannesburg and Ronnie Gunn, now living in Canada, in a mountain cave after taking them off a train one stop down the line.

TRUANT 2: With a Diocesan Hostel "gang of three", Quentin ran away from school, jumped on a moving train and camped out in the East London bush.

Traced and sent back to school they escaped expulsion thanks to a kind-hearted acting headmaster (Bernie Vercueil) and housemaster (HD "Worm" Jackson) after a remarkable Hostel referendum backed their reprieve.

PRISONER: With his father Horace Coaker, Quentin was held for three weeks on Ellis



QUENTIN COAKER ... truant turned author

Island by US immigration authorities after an incorrect SA Police report that Horace was a communist. That was in 1953 during the McCarthy witch-hunt era.

MOTORIST/DESERT EXPLORER: In 1960 – a time of great unrest in Central Africa – Quentin, with Old Dalian Wally Stafford (1940-1944) and friends Murray Yeats and Raymond Melouney, drove by Landrover from London to Maseru.

A passionate devotee of PC Wren and his French Foreign Legion novels, Quentin visited

Legion barracks and forts with his friends while passing through the Sahara. This interest inspired him to write his recent book, "Beau Geste Revisited", reviewed on this page.

HORSEMAN: Crossing a river in Lesotho Naideen's horse went for a swim, leaving her without a steed in mid-stream. Quentin's response: "Get that horse out of the water, you're ruining the saddle." As a polo player Quentin won the Free State open championship and rode also in Lesotho and at Inanda, Sandton.

TRAVELLER: In arduous trips to remote parts of the world Quentin and Naideen have water-raftered in North Canada, followed the silk route and crossed the Gobi Desert in China, travelled by train in India to palaces in Rajashan state and on to Kashmir and Nepal.

They have sailed in a 50-passenger ship across Polynesia from Fiji to Chile, stopping at Pitcairn and Easter Islands.

In 1991 they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary riding on top of a railway carriage in the Ecuadorian Andes on their way to the Pacific Galapagos Islands.

More recently they have visited ancient buildings in Petra, Jordan, and sailed in a river boat down the Volga and Don in Russia.

In 1995 Quentin, then 69, drove from Boston across America by car. Last year he and Naideen sailed across the Atlantic from Tilbury, England, to Buenos Aires, Argentina, in a container ship.

The Coakers are now visiting England and the Isle of Man.

• Sources include: Clive Hill, nephew and MC at Quentin's 70th birthday lunch, and family friend Rodney Hudson, who proposed the toast.

Exciting play in a year of mixed fortunes

AN ENTERPRISING 1997 Dale First XV developed into an exciting combination during a season of mixed fortunes.

Two defeats in three matches at the St John's festival in Johannesburg were followed by a 67-nil victory over a Border Development side.

Then came defeat in Queenstown... an unbeaten three-match tour of Zimbabwe... a dramatic last-minute Reunion victory over Selborne... some good wins over Eastern Cape schools... and two defeats in three games at the Cape Schools Week.

Even in difficult wet and muddy conditions on tour the backs tried to spread the ball wide.

The team included six younger players who earned their spurs after coming up from last season's unbeaten Under 15A side.

Despite losing to Selborne and Queens in the third term the team's expansive brand of rugby bodes well for next year when 16 of the squad of 22 will be back.

The side played 20 games, winning 12 and losing seven. One match was drawn. Top points scorers were flyhalf Adam Robertson with 143, centre Wesley Peake (60) and fullback Toby Mdaka (55). The team scored 65 tries and totalled 477 points against 268.

Coch André Dusterhoft comments: "We had a good season, winning 63 per cent of our games. 1998 promises to be a better season." *TransDale reports:*

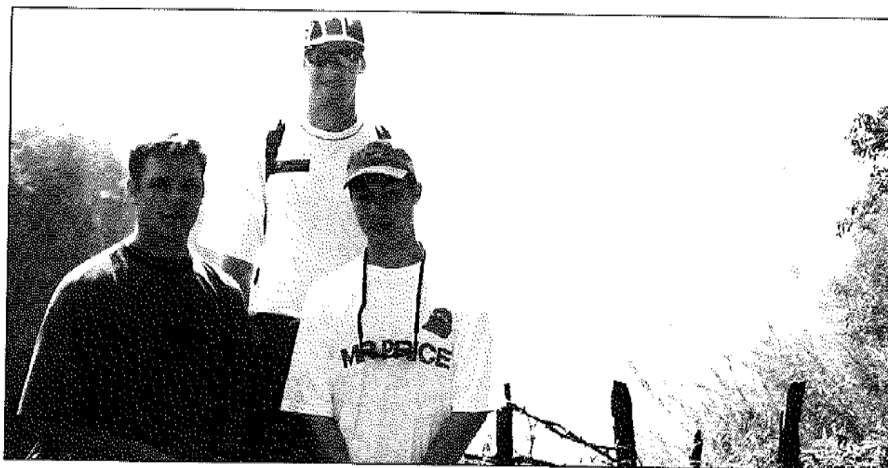
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IN THEIR first tour of Zimbabwe in 22 years the Dale first rugby team were unbeaten in three games at the Prince Edward School festival. They defeated St John's College 23-3, Milton 61-nil and Prince Edward 18-13.

They saw the Victoria Falls in near flood, went on a sunset cruise on the Zambezi and chanted the War Cry to puzzled customs officials. In Harare they watched the largest tobacco auction in the world and on the way south they were fascinated by the Zimbabwe Ruins.

The team were accompanied by manager and Deputy Headmaster Mick Paterson, coach André Dusterhoft and his wife, teachers Butch Wiggett, Mandy Hosty and Mike Wesson.

Headmaster James Haupt flew in to join the team in Harare where the tour group were wel-



AT THE FALLS (left to right): Adrian Bowman, Marc Petzer and Francis Kingston... overwhelming in near flood

3 games, 3 wins in Zim

came by Zimbabwe Old Dalians. Reece Davies flew in from Malawi and donated R800 to the ODU.

The rest of the party included a large group of parents – the Robertsons, Bahlmanns, Peakes and Petzers – and Old Dalian Tom Sheard from Cathcart. A post-matric recruiting function for Dale was held at Prince Edward School.

Gauteng parents accommodated the tourists when they stopped over on their way north and back home.

Here are edited extracts from André Dusterhoft's report on this memorable tour:

We left Gauteng for Zimbabwe at 3 am on Friday May 2 and after a long trip reached our Victoria Falls campsite at 7.30 pm.

Adventurous Adrian Bowman slept under the stars while Ondela Kiva (of Johannesburg) chose the trailer instead, just in case he was visited by lions.

Most of the tour party were overwhelmed by the Falls in near flood. Only Phil Peake had enough money to brave the white water. The highlight of the tour was the sunset cruise up the Zambezi and

the chanting of the Dale War Cry in front of surprised customs officials at 8 o'clock at night.

For some boys the thrill of crossing into Zambia "legally" and joining the cruise was also something special. Especially Ondela Kiva who scored for the first time on the tour.

After a long, hard trek of 900 km to Harare the visit to the tobacco auction on the Monday was a fantastic experience.

Sylvester "Shadow" Baiden-Amissah earned everyone's respect by rushing to the Ghanaian Embassy and proving that his uncle was really a prince. Unfortunately Lundi Mdingi broke his arm at practice and had to fly home.

Tuesday saw Dale outplay a very competent St John's College team from Harare. Dale dominated the game with two tries by wing Wesley Peake – the second a brilliant individual effort – and another by fullback Toby Mdaka after an electrifying run. Flyhalf Adam Robertson converted two penalties and Mdaka's try for Dale to cruise to a well-deserved 23-3 win. This was a good solid start to the tour.

Thursday's game against Milton from Bulawayo did much for the confidence of the Dale team, who outclassed the opposition by 61 points to nil.

Dale ran in nine tries – by Mdaka (2) Peake (2) and one each by centre Baiden-Amissah, scrumhalf Darren Ogden, captain Marc Petzer, wing Vuyisile Mbula and eighth man Gareth Krause. Robertson converted five tries and two penalties.

The highlight of the game was Petzer's first

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QUOTE...

• She was a mother, she was a driver and organised all the catering

– *Kelvyn Bahlmann thanking Mandy Hosty, the Dale teacher/PRO for all she did for the boys on the Zimbabwean rugby tour.*

The tour that made us feel so proud of Dale

THE RUGBY tour to Zimbabwe will always hold special memories for those of us who were privileged to be part of the experience.

The travelling in the buses with the boys creating their own bands with various musical instruments purchased along the way, the jokes and the laughter, the serious discussions and shared opinions all went to make us more than ever Dale Family members.

For the Dalians, camping at the Victoria Falls, walking in the rain forest and experiencing the sunset "disco" cruise was their real holiday. After that it was down to the business of rugby.

The team were fortunate to be able to stay together in one of the Prince Edward hostels. Not being billeted out went a long way to building team spirit and cohesion among the players.

What struck us, staff and parents, was the tremendous loyalty and commitment to the team

that developed during the tour. All the players grew in maturity, both in their play and in all their relationships.

Each day in Harare was spent profitably, either scheduling practices, homework sessions or sight-seeing in and around the city.

Wherever our Dalians went they aroused interest and comments. People were impressed that they stayed together as a group, dressed smartly and behaved in an exemplary manner. Very few

of these aspects were noticeable in other teams.

Our Old Dalian evening was memorable for the genuine enthusiasm seen in some of the Old Boys who rendered the War Cry. Contacts were heart-warming and the support at the Saturday game against our hosts, Prince Edward, was a statement in itself.

Our Old Dalians arrived in their Dale regalia and sat together under the Dale flag in one of the stands we had commandeered.

The First XV played a sterling game which enabled their supporters to be exceptionally proud to be part of the Dale Family.

The fact that we won all our matches was wonderful and a tribute to André Dusterhoft as the coach and to Marc Petzer, the captain.

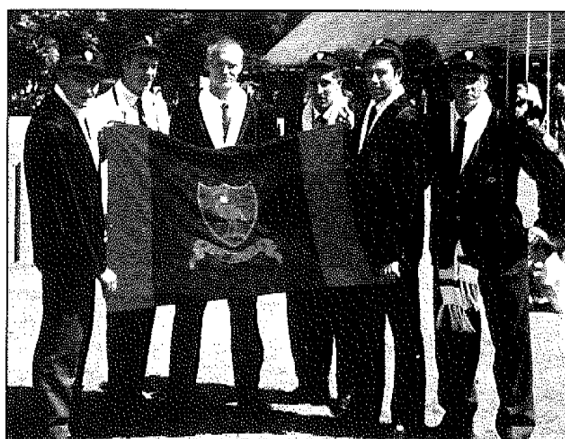
Yet somehow the results were secondary to the more profound wholeness and pride that we experienced.

A team on the way up – that promises well for 1998

DALE RUGBY '97



EATING OUT in Harare: A change from hostel grub and a time for jokes and laughter • Pictures on these pages by **ANDRÉ PETZER**



SHOWING the flag (left to right): Wesley Bahlman, Marc Petzer, Gareth Krause, Don Smook, Wesley Peake, Adam Robertson in Harare

André Dusterhoft

Tough in rain and mud

Dale 1st XV coach for 1997

Old Dalian: Wing three-quarter.
Dale First XV in 1981.
College colours.
UPE 1st XV in 1985-91:
University colours. Senior EP XV in 1988-91: Provincial colours. Coach of Dale Under 14A: 1994.
Coach of Dale Under 15A: 1995-96 – only the second U15A side to be unbeaten in Dale history.



A YOUNG Dale side short of match practice struggled in wet and cold conditions unsuited to their expansive game at the St John's College festival in Johannesburg.

The first match played in heavy rain and mud found Dale ill-prepared against a strong Paul Roos Gymnasium side. Vuyisile Mbula scored a try converted by Adam Robertson who also goaled a penalty. Dale lost 10-26. Paul Roos scored four tries and converted three.

On the Saturday Dale gave a better display on a drier field. The backline showed their potential with some sparkling running to beat Hoërskool Randburg 29-8.

Tries were scored by Sylvester Baiden-Amissah, Vuyisile Mbula, Wesley Peake and Donovan Proudfoot, of Johannesburg, while Adam Robertson put over three conversions and a penalty. Randburg's points came from a converted try and a penalty.

On Easter Monday Dale went down 10-23 to their hosts, St John's. The third game in five days had proved too much for them at the start of the season. Ondela Kiva of Johannesburg scored a try converted by Adam Robertson who also goaled a penalty.

Unfortunately preparation for the tournament is dictated by the date of Dale's last cricket game in the first term. Terms in some provinces are different and school rugby matches on the Border start after Easter.

This puts Dale at some disadvantage against those schools who enter the Easter festival after playing two or three games.

Yet the Dalians – some of whom had joined the senior squad straight from last year's Under 15 rugby – showed good potential against more experienced players as later games have proved.

PLAYING on sodden fields the Dale first team won one game and lost two in the Cape Schools Rugby Week during the June/July holidays. The festival was hosted by Rondebosch Boys' High.

Dale should not have lost the Saturday game (13-19) against SA College School (SACS). It was played in early-morning wet and cold conditions, including driving rain and hail.

Dale gave away two soft tries with backline passes going astray. Leftwing Sanda Malandla scored twice and flyhalf Adam Robertson goaled a penalty.

Conditions in the Monday afternoon game against the unbeaten Paarl Gymnasium team were again wet but there was no rain. After a slow start Dale had a good second half, playing with guts and determination. They, however, lost 13-29 to a side which had beaten Selborne 43-5 in the tournament and has been rated SA's top school team of 1997.

Malandla and rightwing Wesley Peake each scored a try and Robertson put over a penalty.

In the third game, again played in wet conditions, Dale adapted well and outplayed Wynberg High (34-12), scoring some beautiful tries.

Try-scorers were Malandla (2), fullback Toby Mdaka, hooker Adrian Bowman, Peake and Robertson (one each). Robertson converted two tries.

Tenacious defence by the Dalians

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try in 54 games for the Dale first team. Headmaster James Haupt arrived that evening.

Friday's early morning practice session was followed by a visit to Zimbabwe rugby headquarters at the Independence Stadium.

That evening's Old Dalian function at the Old Georgian Club brought together a number of ODs from Zimbabwe and one from Malawi.

Saturday morning was frantic rush as everyone wanted to do their last bit of sightseeing and shopping. The match against Prince Edward was a tough mental game as the host team were billed as Zimbabwe's top rugby school. The game was broadcast live on Zimbabwe radio and there were

about 6 000 locals shouting for the home team.

The game was characterised by the Dalians' tenacious defence. The small Dale pack upset the much bigger Prince Edward forwards. Dale stole about 40 percent of the opposition line-out ball and this led to Dale dominating the game to win 18-13.

Mdaka scored a brilliant try and in the second half Dale came close to scoring several times before Krause crossed over. Robertson converted one try and two penalties.

In the dying moments Dale conceded a converted try after a defensive blunder. Prince Edward had also goaled two penalties. This was a hard, solid game and a great psychological vic-

tory for Dale.

We left Harare at 5 am on the Sunday and travelled down to see the Zimbabwe Ruins. All who walked to the ruins were inspired and fascinated.

On the long journey back to Johannesburg Wesley (Costas) Bahlmann, Nic Eyre and Mike (Hale Bopp) Wesson provided non-stop entertainment. The rest of the bus found the music so thrilling that they slept the entire journey.

Once again, Dale parents, especially Joe and Pat Fyfer, were magnificent in accommodating all in Gauteng.

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DALE WIN LAST-GASP THRILLER

DOWN 7-13 with five minutes to go, Dale scored two tries for an exciting last-gasp win over Selborne in their Reunion match.

It was the 154th time since the two schools first met in 1892. Dale won 19-13 in one of the most rousing cliff-hangers seen on the CB Jennings field.

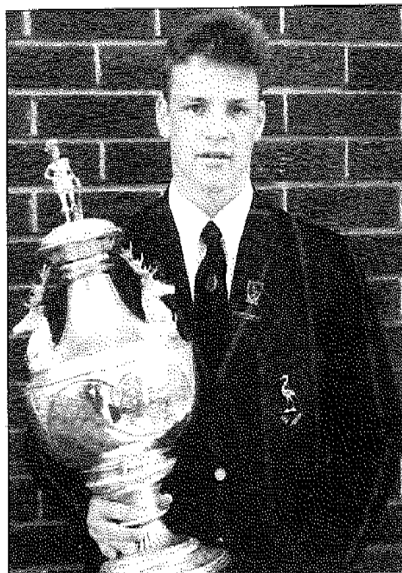
Dale scored first with a superb try by left-wing Wesley Peake under the posts, set up by a slicing break by centre Sylvester Baiden-Amissah. Fly-half Adam Robertson converted for Dale to lead 7-nil.

By half-time Selborne had fought back to lead 10-7 after two unconverted tries by wings Bryn Hill and Nicholas Johnson.

With Selborne attacking relentlessly in the second half only gutsy Dale tackling kept them out. The visitors increased their lead to 13-7 with a penalty by centre and captain Rory Connellan, nephew of Old Dalian Laurie Connellan who had flown in from Australia.

Then came the dramatic last five minutes. Dale launched an all-out attack and prop forward Doc Snook crossed for an unconverted try. The score: 13-12 to Selborne. A single point and only two minutes left!

From a short kick-off Dale hooker Adrian Bowman received the ball and from his own



HOOKER Adrian Bowman, who scored Dale's dramatic winning try in the Reunion match against Selborne, was the only Dalian chosen for the Border Craven Week schoolboy side. He scored twice in Border's 29-27 win over Boland.

Adrian is seen with the athletics Victor Ludorum trophy he won this year.

half set off in a brilliant solo run. He burst through two tackles, chipped over the Selborne fullback and won the race for the touchdown. Robertson converted, the whistle sounded, to give Dale an amazing 19-13 victory.

...but lose return on TV

HUNDREDS of Old Dalians and parents from Tzaneen to the Cape saw Dale beaten by Selborne in the first of their 155 derby games to be shown live on nation-wide television.

The entire school travelled to East London on August 16 for a gala occasion which drew a crowd of 10 000.

Dale lost 18-10 in an exciting game which might have been closer but for missed chances. The Dale defence was rock solid but the backs, who always looked dangerous, lacked sufficient possession.

Dale's points came from an early try by rightwing Vuyisile Mbula in a brilliant backline movement and another by hooker Adrian Bowman after a 50-metre run from a line-out

switch. Selborne scored two tries, one conversion and two penalties.

In the 155 matches played Dale have won 88 to Selborne's 44 with 23 drawn. The points tally for Dale is now 1 465 to Selborne's 986.

In the season's final match at home against Queens, Dale paid the price of being penalised within kicking distance – and were beaten 16-12. It was the 141st derby day encounter between the two schools. Dale have now won 61 matches to 64 by Queens.

In an evenly-contested game Queens scored one converted try and goaled three penalties against two tries by Gareth Krause and Wesley Bahlmann. Marc Petzer slotted one conversion.

DALE RUGBY '97

Tries galore and some hard games

IN OTHER GAMES THIS SEASON
DALE...

- **SWAMPED** a Border Development U19A side 67-nil. In a runaway, ten-try victory providing good practice, Toby Mdaka scored three tries, Wesley Peake and Vuyisile Mbula two each, Qaqamba Makula, Ondela Kiva and Sylvester Baiden-Amissah one each. Adam Robertson goaled a penalty and seven conversions.

- **LOST** 21-31 to a highly-motivated Queens College team. Dale were overwhelmed by the big Queens side and were not as fit as expected. For Dale Wesley Bahlmann scored two tries, with one by Vuyisile Mbula. Robertson converted three tries.

- **DESERVEDLY** beat Grey High (PE) 31-23 in a good hard game. For Dale, Toby Mdaka, Wesley Bahlmann, Sanda Malandla and Doc Snook each scored a try. Adam Robertson goaled four conversions and a penalty.

- **BEAT** Kingswood 18-3 in a great defensive game marked by hard running by the backs. Adrian Bowman and Wesley Peake each scored tries and Adam Robertson put over two penalties and one conversion.

- **TROUNCED** Hudson Park 34-0 in another great defensive game, marked by good counter attacks. All points were scored in the second half through tries apiece by Adrian Bowman, Darren Ogden, Wesley Bahlmann and Gareth Krauss. Adam Robertson goaled four conversions and two penalties.

- **DECISIVELY** beat Grens Hoërskool 25-5. The backs spread the ball wide and the forwards ran their larger opponents ragged.

- Tries were scored by Toby Mdaka, Sanda Malandla, Warren Peake and Marc Petzer. Adam Robertson put over a conversion and a penalty. Grens (who had nine players in this year's Craven Week squad to Dale's one) scored an unconverted try.

- **DREW** 15-all with Daniel Pienaar in a hard-fought game at Uitenhage. Dale's points came from tries by Gareth Krause (unconverted) and Vuyisile Mbula, converted by Adam Robertson, who also goaled a penalty. Daniel Pienaar scored two tries – one converted – and a penalty.

- **SCRAPED** home to beat Cambridge High 13-11 after a 6-6 stalemate at half-time. For Dale Sipembele Mandonda scored a try converted by Adam Robertson, who also put over a penalty. Marc Petzer slotted another.

Catfish derby games are top crowd-pullers

THE DALE v Selborne derby clashes are rated the second biggest crowd-pullers in South African schools rugby.

Rugby writer Grant Moodie rates the best-attended one-off schools derby to be the Paarl Boys' High v Paarl Gymnasium annual event which draws more than 15 000 spectators.

Dale v Selborne is classed as the biggest double-header (twice a year) followed by Bishops-Rondebosch, Hilton-Michaelhouse, Maritzburg College-Durban High School and Affies-Pretoria Boys' High. The "fiercely contested" derby matches between Dale and Queens are also highly rated.

Moodie's ratings are published as part of an article on "The Great Schools Rugby War", published in *Directons*, a magazine for men.

He rates Dale as the top rugby team of 1993.

(This was the year Grant Griffith's First XV were unbeaten and produced ten out of 20 Border Craven Week players).

Selborne were tops in 1994 and Paarl Gymnasium, who beat Dale at the Cape Schools Week, are rated the best team this year.

The other top-rated school teams are Grey (Bloemfontein) 1990 and 1995, Paul Roos (1991), Bishops and Paarl High (1992), and Affies (1996).

"Schools rugby in the Eastern Cape is of a much higher standard than its top-level provincial team would lead many to believe," says the article.

"Selborne and Dale fared best in the '90s... Graeme College has managed to turn around a slump at the beginning of the decade –

which included a 66-3 loss to Dale College – to become a serious rugby force in the region."

The article notes the fierce rivalry between rugby-playing schools, the growth of professionalism in coaching, training and medical programmes.

School teams are sponsored and company logos are appearing on some first-team jerseys. Allegations of poaching by offering bursaries are flying around but "nobody will admit it."

Even top junior school players are reputedly being offered incentives by high schools. Sponsor boards around rugby fields can bring in thousands for equipment, coaches and overseas tours.

Professionalism, in one form or another, is on the march.

Togetherness!

Golfers Peter and Karen bring home the prizes and the trophy

FOR the first time, a husband-and-wife team has won the Transvaal Dale parents' annual golf tournament.

Old Dalian Peter Wales (matric class 1977) and his wife Karen scored 48 points in a better-ball stableford competition held for the 11th successive year at Benoni Country Club in September 1996.

They won two skottel braais donated by Stewarts & Lloyds, two garden umbrellas from Johnson and Johnson, plus cosmetic sets from Avroy Shlain.

Karen also won the ladies' longest-drive prize and the ladies' nearest the pin at the 15th hole.

The leading sponsor was again the Tiger Oats group with a donation of R3 100. This was contributed by Fattis & Monis, Albany Bakeries, Golden Cloud Flour, Tastic Rice, Dogmor, Black Cat Peanut Butter, Jungle Oats, All Gold and Sunshine Margarine.

Old Dalian Laurie Troxler (1959), managing director of Albany Bakeries, presented the SA Oil Mills Trophy to the tournament winners, who awarded it to Peter Wales's old hostel, Frank Joubert House.

Other top sponsors were Busaf Sales, First National Bank, Dipcivils, Digital Networking Systems, Thomas Booth, Sagercy and Multivid.

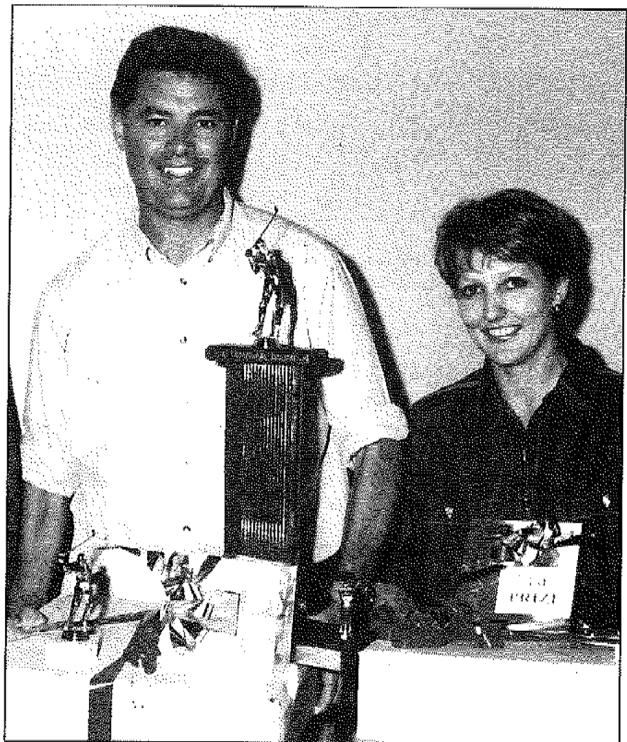
The field of 100 was smaller than usual, due largely to the tournament falling during an unexpected "Monday off, Tuesday holiday" long weekend. Partly because of this proceeds were down to close on R9 000.

Second prize in the tournament was won by regular supporters Athol Carter and B Stuart, friends of Old Dalian Bobby Hains, on 46 points. They won a handsome package of prizes from Standard Bank.

Third in the line-up, Alan Cape and Larry Mare, on 45 points, won track suits and jerseys from Busaf, plus golf shirts from Sappi Novobord. The fourth prize also from Busaf went to John Foote, headmaster of King Edward's Prep and a regular supporter, and his partner B Clark, on 44 points.

Competition was keen with the remaining six prizes going to players who had scored 43 and 42 points. All were decided on count-outs.

Other results were: Men's longest drive, I Matthews. Nearest the pin 3rd hole, B Bezuidenhout; 15th, Andy Moorcroft. Nearest the pin for three on the par five 18th, R Beaumont. Nearest the pin ladies on the



WINNERS! Peter and Karen Wales with their prizes and the SA Oil Mills Trophy. Karen also won the ladies' prizes for the longest drive and nearest the pin

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third, Vicky D'Agnel, a former Dale parent.

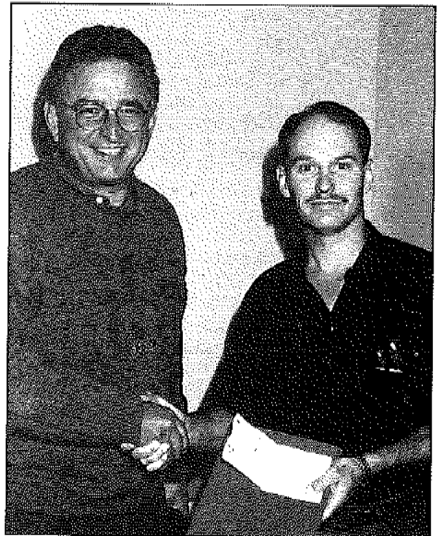
Two-club winners: E Burger, C Ehlers, I Matthews, and Old Dalians M Watson, David Crossey, Gary Fisher and Kim Copland.

Dale parent Tony Bishop won a raffle for a luxury two nights at the Coach House, Tzaneen.

The liquor hamper, donated by Transvaal Dale parents' committee members, was won by Old Dalian Alan Davis, who himself had donated half a lamb which was also raffled for tournament funds. Second prize in the hamper draw was won by the Dalian Crassas family of Newcastle, who won the 1995 top hamper prize.

The prize for the most golf was won by Old Dalians Neville Hawkes and Steven Haw. Their score was not disclosed.

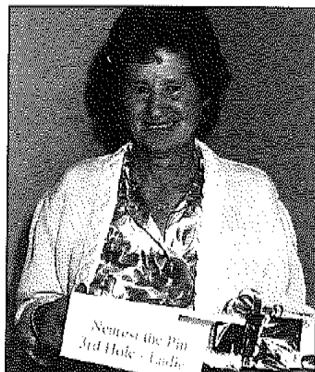
• The 1997 Transvaal Dale parents' golf tournament will be held at Benoni Country Club on Sunday, September 21, the first Sunday of the Eastern Cape schools' third-term holidays.



THANKS! Parents' chairman Joe Fyfer receives a R3 100 cheque from Laurie Troxler of the Tiger Oats group



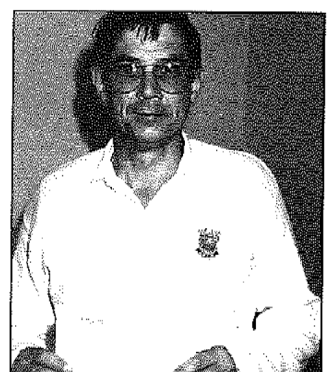
LIQUOR HAMPER
Alan Davis



NEAREST THE PIN
Vicky D'Agnel



NEAREST THE PIN
Andy Moorcroft



LUXURY TWO NIGHTS
Tony Bishop

Hockey's Harry nets 36 goals in season

THE DALE first hockey team had a superb season after starting well in the 16th annual Founders festival hosted by the college during the April holidays.

The team won 22 of their 35 matches, lost nine and drew four.

Harry Crassas, formerly of Johannesburg and now of Vryheid, scored 36 goals of the side's 102 goals.

A feature of the season was Dale's valuable exposure to teams from top hockey schools in the Founders event and the Ascension festival held in Cape Town.

Twelve schools from Gauteng, Bloemfontein and the Western Cape competed in the Founders festival, which despite the wet weather was a great success. Some games had to be played on astro turf in East London.

Dale won three matches (Northwood 3-1, Fish Hoek 2-1, SACs 5-0), drew two (Kimberley 0-0, Parktown 1-1) and lost to Wynberg (0-1).

Wayne Sedice of Gauteng scored three of the 11 goals and Crassas two. The other goal-scorers were Simon Boucher (four) and Clive Pretorius (two). The team conceded only four goals.

Colin McGowan of Brakpan captained the side which also included Dean du Preez of

Bucleuch. Dale will take part in the 1998 festival in Johannesburg.

In the Ascension festival Dale lost 0-3 to Rondebosch, 1-3 to Wynberg, 1-3 to Pinelands and 2-5 to Alexander Road. The team beat SACS 3-0.

In the Servistar League Dale finished second winning eight out of nine games, beating Queens 10-3 and losing only to Selborne.

McGowan, Crassas and Justin James made the Border U18A side, Sedice and Crassas the Border U21 side.

Boucher, Robbie Campbell and Luke Morris made the Border U18B side. McGowan played for Border in goals in the U18 tournament in Port Elizabeth.

In other second-term matches Dale beat Queens 2-nil and Port Rex 5-nil with Sedice scoring two goals and Crassas one. Boucher and James scored one goal each.

The team also beat Muir 4-1, with Sedice scoring two goals, and Crassas and Michael Djan one each.

At Reunion Dale lost 1-3 to Selborne with former Dalian Michael Smith, now playing for Selborne, scoring all their goals. Sedice scored Dale's only goal.

Maintaining their high standard in the third

term Dale gave Hudson Park a 5-nil lesson. Sedice, James and Crassas each scored a goal and Boucher two. They beat Grey (PE) 3-1 with Boucher scoring two goals and Sedice one.

But the side scraped home 3-2 against Cambridge after conceding a soft goal in a poor first half. They netted three goals in the second half and hung on to their slender lead after conceding a late goal to their opponents.

Dale went down by four goals to three against Selborne in a tough and exciting game. Both sides played constructive hockey and the outcome was in the balance till the final whistle. Boucher scored two goals and Crassas one.

In the final match at home against Queens Dale won three nil through goals by Campbell (2) and Gallen Kallides.

The Dale U16 team played outstanding hockey to be unbeaten in the Queens College Coca Cola festival over the Easter weekend. Dale played eight matches, won six, including victories over the high-regarded Wynberg (4-0), Grey (2-1) and York High (5-0), and drew two.

At the Border trials Steven Poortman and Warren Kopke were chosen for the Border A side, Brendan van der Vyver, Kallides and Kofi Amparbang the B side and Zuzile Hlazo the C side.

New chance for cricket young ones

PROMISING young Dale cricketers Dumisa Makalima and Malibongwe Maketa have again been chosen to join the Border senior B squad.

Although they have not played for the B team they have gained valuable experience at practice sessions when their school duties permit.

Both played for the SA U15 team in the World Cup in England last year and have represented the U18 Border School side in the Coca Cola tournament and Border U19s this year.

Makalima's top score for Dale was a breathtaking 131 runs off 96 balls against Kingswood in the final match of the 1996-97 season. This brilliant innings included 15 fours and five sixes.

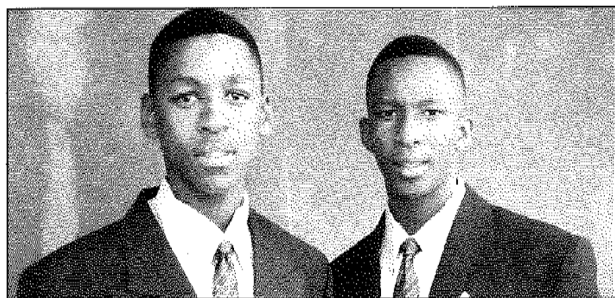
He also top-scored with 32 against Grey High in Port Elizabeth and hit 44 against Hudson Park.

His highest score in club cricket for King William's Town was 77 runs against Villages. Other performances for King have included seven wickets for 65 and 44 not out in a premier league match against Police and four for 51 against Constantia in the national club championships in Johannesburg last year.

Both Makalima and Maketa have been hit by injuries which ruled them out of the Selborne 125 Festival in January. Dumisa returned to the side at the end of January but could not bowl. Malibongwe did not play for Dale in the first term. His serious stress fracture has been monitored by sports doctor Tim Noakes and his medical team.

Dale cricket master Mike Eddie reports: "We are pleased that he will return to cricket in September but will probably not bowl until 1998.

Makalima and Maketa . . . hit by injuries



"After a lean time the Dale First XI is starting to take shape under the guidance of professional coach Justin Price. A fine seven-wicket win over the Citizen Bank XI in February was a great boost for the team. The Selborne match was cancelled and the other first-term matches drawn due to rain.

"In September the First XI will travel to Cape Town for the Cape Schools Week to be hosted by Rondebosch as part of their centenary celebrations.

"The Dale team is a blend of youth (four Under 15 players) and experience (three matrics). Malibongwe will take over as captain from Marc Petzer who gave splendid service to Dale over three years in the first team."

Dale basketball's on the way up

UNDER American coach Patrick Dunn basketball is becoming a popular summer sport at Dale College. Patrick teaches history and geography at the college.

Players are looking forward to a great 1997 season which begins in the fourth term.

Earlier this year Dale won the Border inter-schools championships in East London. Eight schools competed and Dale had the best record by losing only one match - to Stirling by a point. They defeated Green Point by 16 points and Selborne by four.

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TOWERING Terry Gainsford with a somewhat shorter Roger Perry at ODU lunch

Nostalgia time!



FROM THE FORTIES: Hans Cyrus, Nummy Zelman, Jac Romain, Colin Ewels and Cyril Henley
• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD



LEST WE FORGET: Eddie Coetzer sings the Dale College Memorial Song

Fun and laughter as pre-1950 Old Dalians (and a few younger ones) get together

By JOE SUTTON

TWO DAYS before Remembrance Day 1996 the stirring strains of the Dale Memorial Song rang through a corner of the Wanderers' Club, Johannesburg.

Eddie Coetzer (matric class 1957), ex-rugby star now church chorister and retired furniture company director, was warmly applauded by about 30 fellow Old Dalians attending a year-end lunch.

The topicality of this moving song was co-incidental. It was one of the few sombre moments of the lunch organised by the Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union for pre-1950 old boys. Old Dalians from the '50s and '60s were also present.

Amid the fun and laughter some misty eyes were noticeable. The War Cry, led by 85-year-old Johnny Terbrugge (1923-28), was lustily chanted and happy memories were swapped of schooldays many years ago. Sadly Johnny has since passed on (see Page 34).

Nummy Zelman, headboy in 1949 and all-round sportsman, recalled a retort by Dale rugby coach "Monkie" Lazarus to centres whenever they dropped passes: "Hold it before you catch it." He sells cars for an Edenvale firm once owned by Old Dalian Syd Gervis.

Eddie Coetzer, captain of the Dale First XV in 1957, said he believed he was the first paid Dale rugby player. Someone came up to him after a game which Dale had won and gave



AFTER 50 YEARS: John Dorkin, Hulme Sugden and Alan Cuthbertson and (on the right) Martin Robinson



him a five pound note.

Municipal architect Jac Romain (1945), who is writing a book on his schooldays, appealed for stories of Dale in the '40s.

Veterans of earlier decades included Harold Miller (1926-35), Des Webber, a member of the 1938 unbeaten Dale First XV, and Dalton Ray Owen (1939), struggling gamely on a "walker" after falling through his garage roof and breaking his pelvis.

Few of the dozen Old Dalians from the '40s era had met since leaving school. They included:

- Swimming star Roger Perry (1941), who won the 500 yards freestyle and the 100 yards backstroke titles at Dale, now living in retirement at Jukskei Park.

- Jan du Toit (1942), since retired after working for Old Dalian Dave Reynolds (1953) at his plant-hire business in Edenvale. Dave, 1980-81 Springbok clay pigeon shooting captain, and his brother Roger (1954) were also at the lunch.

- Terry Gainsford (1944), rugby star and middle-distance runner, who according to the Dale Magazine of his day also rendered behind-the-scenes harmony at the sing-song. Terry, now retired, lives in Montgomery Park, Johannesburg.

- Rob Tipper (1944), of Kensington, Johannesburg, who retired from the Standard Bank and returned as a re-employed pensioner to the bank's Rosebank branch. At Dale he swam for the 1944 relay team that won the Athlone Shield.

- Still running his own pensions business, Hulme Sugden (1944), who excelled at Dale as a 100 and 220 yards sprinter and distinguished himself in sing-song plays and sketches. He lives in Ferndale, Randburg.

- Donald (Stiffy) Duncan (1944), better known today as Jock, of Wilro Park, Roodepoort, back in personnel work in Johannesburg after a brief sojourn in retirement.

- Retired journalist Joe Sutton (1944), whose few achievements at Dale included hitting a six against Selborne in the one match he played for the First XI, captaining the unbeaten fourth rugby team and briefly holding a Diocesan Hostel record for eating 21 slices of bread at one meal.

- Alan Cuthbertson (1946), retired and living in Bryanston after a lifetime career as an accountant including 35 years in the Gencor group. He became financial director of Samancor and the Trans-Natal Coal Corporation. At Dale he played second team rugby and cricket.

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EX-CLASSMATES Donald "Stiffy" Duncan and Rob Tipper

AN ACTIVE YEAR FOR OLD DALIANS

THE Old Dalian Union's Transvaal branch reports an active year of sporting activities and two enjoyable luncheons. Successful events have included:

- A LUNCH for pre-1950 Old Dalians and the first quarterly one for old boys of all eras.
- A SIX-A-SIDE inter-house cricket contest.
- A GOLF day for Old Dalians and friends.

In addition Dale teams have won a local action cricket league and an old boys' golf tournament.

Reports on these activities appear on this page and on Page 30.

- Old Dalian National President Chow Bissell and Dale College Headmaster James Haupt will attend an Old Dalian lunch at the Wanderers Club on Friday, November 14. Those wishing to attend may phone Ivan Venter (444-1648) or Dave Sephton-Poultny (work: 788-0542; home 782-8640).

Sporting year for Old Dalians

GOLF: Padoa and Davis are winners

THE "old firm" of Neville Padoa and Alan Davis, with 45 points, won the annual Gauteng Old Dalian golf competition held at the Wanderers Golf Club on June 18.

The betterball stableford contest drew a Wednesday afternoon field of about 60, including visiting teams from Durban High School and Jeppe Old Boys' unions and other friends of Old Dalians.

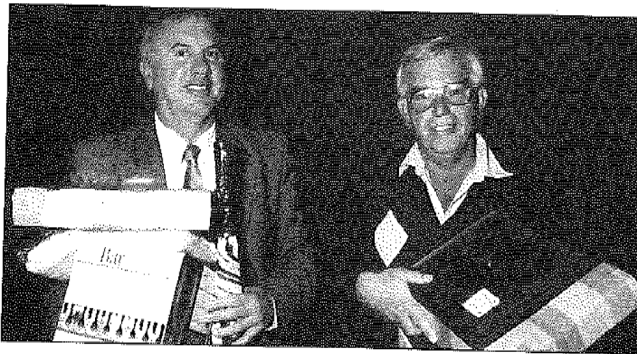
Second were visitors Frank Poulter and Scotty Smook with 43 points. Frank (of Germiston Golf Club) also won the prize for being nearest the pin.

Old Dalian prize-winners included: Garvin Ogden, partnered by Tony Kakoliris (third), Tony Boesch, with Tom Tinsley (fourth), and Dave Ellwood for the longest drive.

The longest-day prize was won by Old Dalian Paul Hartigan and Cecil Leigh with the magnificent score of 12 points!

Chappy Hartley of Jeppe Old Boys, who gave great support to the tournament, was a worthy winner of the liquor hamper.

The tournament raised R3 400 for Old Dalian funds. Of this R630 was raised at a "swindle hole" where Kevin van der Westhuizen, Dux Andrews and Robin Hammond fleeced golfers.



GOLF WINNERS Neville Padoa and Alan Davis
• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD



PRIZE-WINNERS Garvin Ogden (third), Tony Boesch (fourth), David Ellwood (longest drive) and Paul Hartigan (most golf)

GOLF: Dale team beat 21 schools

AN Old Dalian team have beaten a field of 130 golfers representing 21 schools from South Africa, Scotland, Ireland and Zimbabwe.

It was the first time the Old Dalians had entered the annual Durban High School Old Boys' tournament, held this year at the Wanderers Golf Club, Johannesburg, on July 2.

Ivan Venter, Garvin Ogden, Dougie Marr and Rob Robertson finished with an alliance score of 50 points to beat a combined Scottish schools side on a count-out.

The field included old boys from KES, St John's, St Stithians, Marist Brothers in Gauteng, Graeme College, Grahamstown, Bishops and Rondebosch in the Cape and old DHS rivals Glenwood.

Former Springbok rugby captain Francois Pienaar and ex-Springbok cricketers Lee Irvine and Lee Barnard were among the players.

The Old Dalian team were presented with the Frank Cotterell Trophy.



OLD BOYS' chairmen Dave McLeod (Selborne), Eldred Braun (Queens) and David Sephton-Poultney (Dale) at ODU lunch

CRICKET: Victory for Greg's Joubert team

GREG HAIN'S Frank Joubert team won the 1996 Old Dalian inter-house six-a-side cricket contest.

Presby had selection problems and could not match their winning 1995 performance. Joubert proved too strong in the final against Diocesan Hostel.

The fixture was played at the Dimension Data Oval in Sandton, an attractive setting with the cricket

oval surrounded by a ring of offices. No windows were broken but cricket balls were lost after being hit over the office roofs.

Among the players were some leading lights in local cricket: Bruce Stride, chairman of the Zoo Lake Cricket Club, Kevin Lawlor, outgoing chairman of the Inanda Cricket Club, and Keith Willows, past chairman of the Wanderers Cricket Club.

Lunches every quarter now

ABOUT 30 Old Dalians attended the first quarterly lunch organised by the Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union at the Wanderers Golf Club on June 13. Monthly evening pub meetings have been dropped.

The lunch was attended by Old Dalian national treasurer Ian Fleming of King William's Town, Eldred Braun of Old Queenians, Dave McLeod of Old Selbornians, and Brian Solomons of Old Greys (PE), who is also an Old Dalian.

Ian outlined some of the goals of James Haupt, new Headmaster of Dale College (see Pages 4 and 5).

Former classmates Quentin Coaker and Hulme Sugden (1944) met at the lunch for the first time in 20 years. Quentin recalled how he once fed Hulme and another classmate hiding out in a mountain cave outside Ladybrand (see Page 23).

Eddie Coetzer, who attended the Reunion as a member of the matric class of 1957, told of his memorable, sentimental weekend. He recalled that 40 years ago Dale had beaten Selborne 6-3 in similar fashion by an unconverted try in the last minute.

Eddie discounted fears by some Old Dalians about Dale's future since the school had gone multi-racial. He said he had been very impressed that standards were being maintained.

"Don't withhold funds," he urged Old Dalians, "the school is doing a tremendous job. Give your support. It is the top school in the Eastern Cape."

Branch chairman David Sephton-Poultney said: "It seems that Dale and Queens are ahead of their neighbouring schools in integrating blacks into schools that were previously whites-only. They have become trailblazers in many aspects of school life in the new South Africa."

ACTION CRICKET: Greg's lads again

FOR the first time Gauteng Old Dalians entered a team this year in the Edenvale action cricket league.

The team, captained by Greg Hains, won the league format of the competition but lost the knock-out section in the final against Old Queenians.

The Dale squad of old boys mainly from the 1991 and 1984 eras included: Ryan Bennie, Lee Kritzingger, Brendon Joubert, Chris Mosely, Jody Watson, Clinton Penny, Malcolm Tonkin and Grant Bresler.

Classmates meet after 45 years

coast, Cyril Henley (1948), then manager of human resources for Metropolitan Electricity which supplies power in the Greater Johannesburg area.

"My only claim to fame at Dale was that for half an hour I played next to Pee-wee Howe (later to become a Springbok) at an Under 13A rugby prac-

tice," he recalled.

• Colin Ewels (1948), who won cricket colours as a fast bowler at Dale and played for Border Nuffield Schools. Now living in Robertsham, Johannesburg, Colin is leading an active retired life.

• Hans Cyrus (1949) semi-retired in Randburg after years in business supplying conveyors and belting in Johannesburg.

• Dirkie Uys (1949-52) retired economist at the Reserve Bank, Pretoria, and at the time a controller in the nation-wide census.

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At the lunch Alan met a fellow classmate and College House boarder, John Dorkin (also 1946), for the first time in about 45 years.

John, a former first team swimmer, drove up from Vereeniging, where he has retired after 44 years with the municipality.

• Martin Robinson (1947), still practising as an attorney and living in Boksburg (see Reunion Special - Page 19).

• Preparing to retire at 65 and move to the

Where are they now?

Whizkid Weir makes a killing on the market

RISING business star STEVEN WEIR, who spent 12 years at Dale before matriculating in 1979, has made a coup on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange since his company was listed last month.

The public offer made by Afribrand was 75 times oversubscribed. Its shares issued at 100 cents each opened at 200c, doubling the company's market capitalisation to R200-million. Two weeks later the share was trading at 292c and possible deals and export inquiries were mounting.

Stephen, 36, is a great-great-grandson of James Wilson Weir, chairman of the Dale College Committee in the 1880s and one of the founders of the Old Dalian Union in 1893. James founded the King William's Town firm of James Weir, now known as Radue Weir.

Stephen's Old Dalian father Michael (1941-47), a former chairman of Assocom, and mother Margaret live in retirement in Cape Town. Stephen and his wife Fiona have two children, Shannon, aged two-and-a-half, and baby James.

At Dale Stephen obtained a first-class matric pass and won the class third prize and another for his "praiseworthy attitude."

An early interest in finance was evident in his membership of the Dale Company in The Business Game, an inter-school mock investment competition. Despite heavy losses Dale still made a R2-million profit – on paper. He was also a member of the Dale Sailing Club and its committee in its first full season.

Stephen quit a rewarding merchant banking job last year to start his own business now selling to the informal sector. His success was featured in a "Newsmaker" profile in Business Times, the financial section of the Sunday Times, last month.

"From his earliest childhood days in King William's Town Weir had been involved in his family's 135-year-old wholesale business which served the informal sector, doing anything from packing boxes to later managing the stores during university holidays," said the profile by Zilla Efrat.

"He has also been fascinated by the informal sector ever since he did a thesis for a BComm Honours degree at Rhodes University."

Steven spent four years at Rhodes, graduating in 1983 and holds an MBA degree from Wits. After two years' army service he came to Johannesburg in 1986, worked for Nissan for a year and then spent ten vital years with Investec.

This included "putting deals together,

**STEPHEN WEIR
... from Dale's
Business Game to
dizzy heights on
the JSE**

• Picture:
ANDRZEJ SAWA,
Business Times

launching new products and laying the foundations for its private banking operations."

Said Stephen: "Investec was the best university, particularly in those days when we were exposed to so many areas. Without that experience I could never have started Afribrand."

The road to success has not been plain sailing. "Over the past year," said Business Times. "Weir has not earned a salary, and in the beginning he would often spend an entire day waiting to see if a meeting would happen."

"This left him with plenty of time to play golf and do the deliveries for his wife Fiona's baby-clothing business."

"After much research he chose the rapidly growing black market – and particularly the bottom end – as his niche."

"His target was anything that could be sold from a hawker's table. The products showing fast growth in this area, he discovered, were sweets, confectionary and snack foods. Past experience soon kicked in to help him achieve his dream."

"Weir, operating from a cellphone out of his

nine-year-old BMW, looked at 17 companies but chose to buy only three. The turning point came when Standard Bank and Brimstone decided to back him in May.

"The day after Afribrand's listing hit the press, he received 19 calls within two hours ... in the delivery room while Fiona was giving birth to their second child."

"Lately he has been working 16 to 18 hours a day and Afribrand's listing is unlikely to change that."

"The listing hype has drawn a pile of offers to buy companies which make anything from mopane worms to knuckle-dusters that clean pots ... Afribrand hopes to be sending its first containers to Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Zaire, Congo and Senegal."

"But Weir says: 'The success of the listing has put us under more pressure to perform than before, and we will have to work hard to justify the high rating the market has given us.'"

• The lad who modestly can't recall any achievements at Dale College is doing just fine, thank you.



Fletcher leaves the Bar for opera

SINGING advocate JOHN FLETCHER (1978) has quit the law to concentrate on a career in opera. He is spending a month in Rio de Janeiro being tutored by leading Italian opera producers.

John is preparing for his role of Figaro in a FACT production of the Barber of Seville at the State Theatre in Pretoria in October.

He developed an interest in opera while studying at Rhodes University and later when doing his legal doctorate at Cambridge

University.

After studying opera for a year at the Royal College of Music in London he returned to South Africa to complete his army service and pursue a singing and legal career.

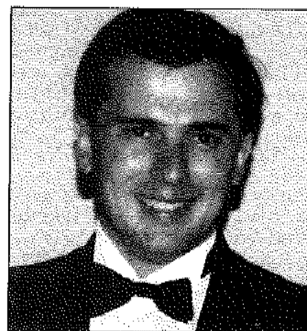
Since then he has made many "moonlighting" operatic and other stage appearances including some in popular Lerner and Loewe and Webber and Rice productions.

He has appeared on television and released a collection of

Christmas carols on compact disc entitled "When a Child is Born." All this while appearing by day at the Johannesburg Bar.

A former dux scholar and deputy headboy at Dale, John has made frequent visits to perform at the college. He is the son of Trevor and Sheila Fletcher of King William's Town.

Nedbank has sponsored his trip to Brazil. On his return he will conduct classes for emerging singers at the State Theatre.



**JOHN FLETCHER ...
no more moonlighting**

Where are they now?

Oscar finds good life in the Cape

AFTER living in King William's Town, East London and Johannesburg, Old Dalian Oscar Navra (1946) is enjoying semi-retirement in Cape Town as a part-time life assurance consultant.

"This is the most enjoyable career in my life," says Oscar, who spent years in the carpet business.

Oscar, who moved to the Cape 11 years ago, finds "life down here so relaxing, almost like being on a perpetual holiday."

In a letter to TransDale Oscar recalls his years at Durban House in the 1940s under the legendary Drollie Rowles ("The true son of Dale", TransDale June 1992).

"What an unforgettable great man he was. When I won a swimming contest for Durban House my father was informed and he rewarded me with a shilling (about ten cents).

"Those days it was worth something. We were able to buy a 'tuppenny' at Mardons – an aluminium glassful of strong ginger beer containing a scoop of ice-cream for two pennies.

"While in Std 7 Drollie inspired me after I was picked to play for the Dale third team against Queens in Queenstown. I was so hyped up that I never slept the whole night during that cold train journey. (In 1946 he earned his rugby colours and toured the Transvaal).

At Rhodes Oscar linked up again with a classmate, Tom Higgs (later to become head of Queens), and Billy Rowles (son of

OSCAR NAVRA
... a daily swim
all year



Drollie and later to become head of Dale).

In his years as a businessman at King, Oscar's public-spirited interests ranged over sport, service clubs and other organisations. He was a rugby referee for ten years, founded the King Chess Club and started a club at Dale.

An experienced chess player, he was the unbeaten runner-up in the SA open tournament in 1958 – half a point behind the winner. He played against five overseas chess grandmasters, including ex-world champion Dr Max Euwe.

These days he coaches chess at a junior school and serves on the Western Cape Council of LUASA (Life Underwriters Association South Africa), having been re-

elected recently for a second term.

After being president of the Rotary Club and the first vice-president of the Lions Club in King William's Town Oscar moved to East London and later to Johannesburg.

When he became president of a Lions club in Johannesburg in 1975 his secretary, who succeeded him as president, was an Old Dalian, Chris Bull. Today, after 30 years' service, Oscar is a privileged member of the Camps Bay Lions Club.

After 42 years of marriage Oscar and his wife Sylvia, who were married in 1951, now have four married children, and ten grandchildren – the eldest aged 21.

At 70, Oscar is still a fitness fan. "My daily swim (20 x 25 m) is my routine throughout the year. It makes me feel terrific.

"I'm curious to learn about Old Dalians like 'Milky' Corder, 'Rusty' King, 'Wolf' Rissik, 'Joyce' Duncan, John Dorkin, Delville Muir, Barry Marsh and Dal Shone. Dal and I were prefects together at College House under Taffy Williams."

• John Dorkin is living in Vanderbijlpark (Phone: 016-322039). Will any other survivors please write to the Editor of TransDale, PO Box 1602, Bedfordview 2008 (fax 011-622-9818), or direct to Oscar Navra, 9 Thorniebrae, York Road, Green Point, Cape Town 8001.

Greg tipped as a future All Black

NEW ZEALANDER Greg Somerville (1995), who spent a year at Dale College as an exchange student, played for the Kiwi Under 21s in the recent four-nations Colts championships in Sydney.

Greg, who was vice-captain of the Dale First XV, was in the side that beat the South African Colts 46-20 – a victory he must have enjoyed as he was in South Africa when the Springboks beat the All Blacks in the World Cup final.

Greg, a loosehead prop, known to his team-mates as Lambie, led his forwards by example in his 20 matches for Dale and also played for Border Schools A. In a recent letter from "Down Under" Greg said he had learnt more about rugby at Dale than ever before.

Old Dalian Tim Russell (1947), who has been living in New Zealand since 1956, was on a return visit to South Africa two years ago when he spotted Greg playing for Dale. He was so impressed by Greg's performance that he recommended him to his neighbour, Frank Oliver, a former All Black now coaching the Wellington Hurricanes and the New Zealand Colts. Oliver told him recently that Greg would be playing for Wellington next season and that he was a potential future All Black.

News of this comes from Tim's brother, Mike Russell (1953) who lives in King William's Town and was national president of the ODU in 1981-82.

Mike writes that Tim, after recovering from a double bypass, plays golf twice a week and last year won the New Zealand veterans championship.

Tim remains an ardent Springbok rugby supporter despite pressure from his son Douglas, who played for New Zealand Colleges a few seasons ago.

Back home Mike's son Colin (1982) and his wife Penny have a son James, who turned one in July. Colin was recently yacht-sailing between Madagascar and the Comores with Tony Birkholtz, who owns Birkies (The Man's Shop) in King William's Town. Colin's younger brother David (1983) married King-born Mandy Swartz last October.

84 and not sinking

HARRY HARE-BOWERS, who taught and coached tennis at Dale from 1944 to 1954, is now 84 and living with his wife Rosemary in Vincent, East London. "My American grandmother survived the liner Lusitania sinking in 1915 and reached 99," he says confidently.

Singing at the Swazi

Singer-musician DOUGIE THOMPSON (1984), who runs a one-man band called Upfront, has moved to the Royal Swazi Sun after a spell at Sun City. He also performs at Sun International's other Swaziland hotels, the Lugogo and the Ezulwini Suns.

Hijackers rob Voermans

OLD DALIAN Robert Voerman (1977) and his father Harry, co-founder of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association, and their family were victims of a hijacking and robbery in Edenvale.

The hijackers struck after the family of 12 returned to Harry's home from a weekend holiday to celebrate his 69th birthday in August last year.

Harry and his daughters Judy and Yvonne were in the house with Yvonne's husband and three children.

When Robert arrived shortly afterwards in his kombi with his wife Sandra and three children they were held up by five gunmen.

Within minutes the robbers had taken radios, a CD player, bedding, linen and other household items before driving off in Harry's BMW, Robbie's kombi and another BMW belonging to a neighbour who had just driven in. No one was hurt.

Said Harry: "It's happened to Tom and Dick and now it's

happened to Harry. We were protected by God. We just spoke to each other and stayed calm. I told the children not to concentrate on what could have happened. The robbers had taken only material things."

Robert's elder brother Harry (1975), who had joined the family weekend with his wife Janet and son and daughter, escaped the hijacking.

They had driven straight to their home in Pine Park Johannesburg. Harry is managing director of PolyGram Africa. Robert is MD of Design Products, wholesalers supplying the picture framing industry.

Since the robbery Harry snr. has sold the Dunvegan house he had lived in for 36 years and moved to a townhouse complex in Bedford Park. "I feel safer here," he said.

Harry has retired from his picture-framing business and is now concentrating on his painting, relaxing and making clocks for the Dale Clock Fund.

Basil Elliott to be 90 next month

VETERAN Old Dalian BASIL ELLIOTT (1916-1924) will celebrate his 90th birthday in October. He and his wife Imogen live at Umdoni Retirement Village near Pennington on the Natal South Coast.

While living in Vereeniging Basil worked for 35 years in a steelworks office and 11 years for a building

society.

Born and bred in King William's Town, he went back to his home town for a Dale Reunion in 1994 for the first time in 60 years.

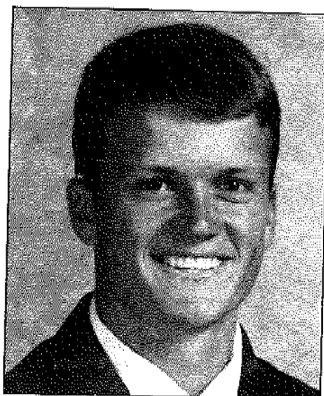
He recalls being caned at Dale by Headmasters "Bob" and "Tanner" Sutton and by woodwork master "Crackaway" Galloway.

Grant Griffith is sports master at Dale Junior

GRANT GRIFFITH, captain of the unbeaten 1993 Dale first rugby team which remained victorious on their year-end tour of Britain, has joined the staff of Dale Junior as a full-time sports master.

After leaving Dale Grant moved to Natal where he played club rugby for College Rovers Under 21A and toured Zimbabwe with the first team. He also played for the Natal U21A squad.

He returned to the Border the next season and played for the King first team, Border U21A and the senior Border Development side in 1995.



GRANT GRIFFITH ... still at the centre of sport

In 1996 Grant was chosen for the Border senior trials and Border B. This season, still at centre, he is captaining the King first team for the second year and has played for the Border Baabaas side.

At Dale Junior Grant, now 22, is teaching physical education to all classes except Std 5 and coaching the U12A and B sides, the U11Cs and U8s. He is also doing some refereeing and intends studying for a diploma in sports management this term.

• Grant's 1993 team scored 104 tries against ten and 696 points against 104 in 17 matches. It was hailed as the most exciting Dale side in 30 years and has been rated the top SA school rugby team of 1993. In that year a record ten Dalians were chosen for the Border Schools Craven Week squad of 20.

From rugby to hockey

GARETH PADGETT (1995), who has turned to hockey after being injured playing rugby at Dale, represented the Transvaal Country Districts team in East London in July. He is a member of the Alberton Hockey and Cricket Club.

Gareth, who won a set of golf clubs as the Chairman's Prize at the Transvaal parents' golf tournament in 1996, now plays his golf at Gernistown. He lives in Brackenhurst, Alberton, and is an apprentice machine minder with a printing firm in Johannesburg.

Where are they now?



The five Beckley brothers ... golfing on the Loch Lomond course in Scotland. Left to right: Michael, Peter, David, James and John

Bucket goes bananas!

VETERAN Old Dalian BILL (Bucket) BECKLEY (1942-46) has left his beloved Border with his wife Diana to join five of their children in Durban where they once lived for 20 years.

He has retired from the executive of the Old Dalian Union after serving for 14 years.

Bill and Diana, whose term as Dale parents spanned 20 years, have sold their home in Cambridge, East London. They are living in Musgrave Road, Berea, before moving to Hillcrest, hopefully next January.

From their Natal base they are continuing to run their footwear business in East London and Port Elizabeth.

"I love East London and the Eastern Cape and was very sad to leave," said Queenstown-born Bill, whose health has been "up and down" lately.

While he was a boarder at Diocesan Hostel Bill's home was in East London, but he and Diana have since shuffled between living in Durban, Hogsback and East London. Now they're back in Natal.

Relics of the Beckley bar - a "shrine" of Dale pictures and memorabilia - have been moved from Cambridge. The pub will be restored in Natal.

Bill was due to join his five sons recently in a Beckley reunion in London, followed by visits to Scotland and the Canary Islands, but he withdrew on doctor's orders.

The Beckley brothers are all doing well, says Bill. Three of them live abroad.

Eldest JAMES (at Dale from 1975-79) and JOHN (1983-89) are in property and time-share in the Canaries. PETER (1975-84) is in travel and time-share in Dubai, in the Persian Gulf.

MICHAEL (1986-90) of Durban is set to graduate Lb from Unisa at the year-end after graduating BComm at Natal University, Maritzburg. He will then be articulated to a firm of attorneys. The youngest, DAVID (1985-94) is taking a marketing management course at the Durban Technikon and playing rugby for Rovers Under 21s.

Offshore with Michael Beckley

MICHAEL BECKLEY (1983), who sold his property business in Parkmore, Sandton, in 1995 to go timber-and-trout farming in the Natal Midlands, has entered the foreign investment business.

Michael is the son of Tootsie and the late Barry Beckley of Benoni and a nephew of Bill and Di Beckley.

From his farm in Howick Michael has joined a London/South African-based firm, Ducaret International Ltd, offering offshore financial services to South Africans and advice to those wishing to settle abroad. He reports that "things are going exceptionally well."

So is the timber farm after recovering from a disastrous fire in 1995. Michael has replanted trees and is still dabbling in real estate. Trout-fishing is available for visitors.

Old Dalian friends are welcome to drop in for a cuppa at his farm in the Dargle Valley where he lives with his wife Joanne and their



MICHAEL BECKLEY ... farmer businessman

young daughter and two sons. Their address: Dinwiddie Farm, District Road D244, Dargle Valley, Natal Midlands.

Makhaya Ntini goes back to school - for cricket

FORMER Dale College cricketer Makhaya Ntini, 20, has been attending former Australian star Dennis Lillee's fast bowling school in Madras, India.

Ntini, 20, has already made his mark as a member of the Border side since 1995 and toured England and India with SA Under 19 and Malaysia with the SA senior Eighths team.

He was awarded a scholarship to attend the school for a fortnight in August-September with Eastern Province pace bowler Mornentau Hayward. Both have been part of the Plascon Cricket Academy directed by ex-Springbok captain Clive Rice.

They have been coached by Lillee and another great ex-Australian fast bowler, Jeff Thompson.

Ntini came to Dale from a rural village four years ago on a bursary from the Border Cricket Board's development programme and within a year was playing for the Dale First XI.

He attended a fast bowlers' academy in Australia and toured Australia with the Dale first team in 1995.

In the same year he was the leading wicket-taker when he toured England with the SA U19 team. Last year he toured India with the SA U19s and has since represented the SA Eighths team in Malaysia in 1996 and again this year.

Early last year, after playing for the Border senior team, he left Dale to pursue his career as a professional cricketer.

"He is improving all the time and has never stopped learning," says his coach, Stephen Jones. Makhaya, he adds, has done so much travelling that he has already used up one passport.

Top cricket writer Colin Bryden says Ntini, now 20, is in the queue for higher honours. "He could get his chance on the (SA) tour of England next year when there will be numerous three-day county matches in which he can establish his credentials."

In between playing cricket Ntini is taking a course in sports management at the East London Technical College.

• The award-winning TV advert featuring Ntini and promoting cricket development was still being flighted during the cricket season earlier this year.

Supermarket boss

TONY CRASSIS (1994) is managing his father's Sentra Supermarket in Vryheid after a three-month visit to Greece and Cyprus.

After matriculating he took a course in business management and marketing at the Wits Technikon and spent some time in London. "Now he wants to be a businessman and I am going to retire," says his dad, also Tony.

OBITUARIES

KEITH GORDON: Rugby star and magistrate

RONALD Keith Gordon (1930-40), the magistrate who refused to squash an Old Dalian's traffic fine, has died aged 75.

Keith, as he was known, spent the last five years of his life at San Sereno retirement village in Bryanston, north of Johannesburg.

At Dale he won his colours as a fullback for the First XV in 1940. The Dale Magazine's rugby critique says of him: "Wonderful hands and a good kick. Anticipation uncanny at times... Defence sound." Gordon, said the report, never let the side down.

The story is told of how Keith, as a senior magistrate in Durban, was pressured by partying Old Dalians to drop a speeding charge against 1967 national president Tommy Marshall. The incorruptible Keith refused to intervene but finally took the ticket. Legend has it that he paid the fine himself.

Born in Verulam, Natal, Keith grew up in King William's Town and spent his entire schooldays at Dale. During the war he joined the Kaffrarian Rifles but escaped being captured at Tobruk because he was on leave. After the war he joined the Justice Department and rose to be a magistrate in 1955, serving in Newcastle, Glencoe and Durban. He retired aged 60 in 1981.

Keith had not been well since having a stroke some years ago. In 1995, confined to a wheelchair, he enjoyed a lunch with fellow Old Dalians at the Wanderers Club, Johannesburg. He died at San Sereno in September 1996.

Keith's wife, an old KHS girl, Fay Stent, died in 1964. He leaves two sons, Neale of Bryanston and Alastair of Kempton Park and a daughter Carol Hibberd, who lives in England. Neale owns a chemical trading business and Alastair is a technical manager with the Airports Company.

Neale Gordon says he believes the story about his dad and the traffic ticket. Keith once refused to squash a speeding charge against him too.

EUSTACE PEVERITT: 16 Dale Reunions

EUSTACE PEVERITT (1916-1924), who never missed a Dale Reunion for 16 years, died at his home in Pumula, near Port Shepstone, on the Natal South Coast in January. He was 90.

Eustace attended his first Reunion in 1979 and attended his last in 1994 with his friend Basil Elliott (also 1916-1924). His wife Alma drove him every year to East London for ten years after he married her in 1983, a year after losing his first wife. She accompanied him to Reunion four times.

After leaving Dale Eustace spent his entire career with Standard Bank, finishing as a senior bank clerk.

To improve his health in his later years Eustace went on frequent fasts. One lasted 22 days.

"He carried on playing bowls and nobody knew he was fasting," said Alma. "Most of his fasts lasted only two or three days but they helped."

Eustace had no children. Alma now lives at Umdoni Retirement Village near Pennington.



KEITH GORDON
... incorruptible

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

SPIDER GARDNER: Last of five Old Dalian brothers

ALAN GARDNER, the last survivor of five Old Dalian Gardner brothers, has died in Norwich, England, aged 70. Alan, who was born in King William's Town, spent all his schooldays at Dale Primary and Dale College from the early thirties until he left in 1944 to join the Navy in the Second World War.

At Dale "Spider" was a popular, fun-loving character, fond of ribbing masters, and played second XI cricket.

After the war Spider qualified as a pharmacist and worked in Durban for some years before emigrating to England in 1980. He was relief manager for Boots Chemists for 11 years and after retiring lived in Norwich, Norfolk.

Alan and his wife Gwyn were married for 48 years. They had two sons, Graham and Peter, a daughter, Megan, six grand-daughters and one grandson.

The schooldays of the five Gardner brothers, Monty, Ronald, Les, Vernon, and Alan, spanned 32 consecutive years at Dale. Ronald was convener of the Border cricket selectors for some years.

Monty, the eldest, lived and died in Cape Town. Vernon won the Military Medal in the Second World War and died in Cape Town in 1980. His son Phillip is sports editor of the Melbourne Herald.

Les spent a lifetime in journalism rising from linotype operator to sports editor and finally editor of the King William's Town Mercury for 23 years.

ed in the younger generation and was unstinting in his support. He assisted many with their education and encouraged them to take part in sport.

Joe and his wife Phoebe had no children. His brothers, Billy, a former headmaster of Dale College, and Sam, live at Kidd's Beach. He also leaves three sisters, Mary (Tottie) Fowles, Alicia (Tickle) Gibson and Florence (Wally) Selby.

Dale historian Lyle (LLF) Wood believes that Joe Rowles was named Joseph George after his father's headmaster, Joseph George Sutton.

SPENCER MACKIE: Sports lover killed by lightning

SPENCER MACKIE (1987), who attended Dale from Sub A to matric, was killed by lightning while playing golf at Warmbaths in January. He was 26.

Spencer was cremated wearing his Old Dalian blazer. A memorial service was held in Brooklyn, Pretoria.

He was senior assistant food and beverage manager at Sun International's Carousel entertainment centre north of Pretoria.

Scots-born Spencer came to South Africa aged four with his family in 1974. At Dale, where he was popularly known as Spennie, he captained the third rugby team in his final year.

The 1987 Dale Magazine complimented him for "the tremendous role he played in motivating and encouraging his side to achieve the standard of play which was reached." (The team won nine matches out of 12 played.)

A bowler and batsman, he also

captained the third cricket team, which was praised for its "tremendous team spirit."

After serving as a lieutenant in the army Spencer completed a hotel management course through the Durban Technikon. He worked in hotels in Knysna, Mafikeng and East London before moving to the Carousel.

Spencer, who loved sport, had taken up golf only two months before the tragedy occurred while he was trying out a new set of clubs.

Spencer leaves his parents, Alex and Sandra Mackie, and sister Traci, a former editor of the Mercury, King William's Town, and now news editor of the Weekend Post, Port Elizabeth.

Mr and Mrs Mackie left King William's Town for Mmabatho in 1990 and now live at Hartbeespoort Dam, north of Johannesburg. Traci, an ex-KHS girl, was married recently to Ivo Huiseman, of Port Elizabeth.

JOE ROWLES: Caring man who helped others

1996, he was on the Board of Trustees for the Border Training Centre.

"Joe was a people's person with a tremendous capacity for caring. He made many sacrifices during his life to help, encourage and assist others," said one tribute.

Another said: "He was proud of his alma mater and was a generous benefactor. Joe was vitally interest-

JOSEPH George Rowles (1954), youngest son of legendary Dale housemaster and teacher EW (Drollie) Rowles, has died aged 59.

Joe spent his entire schooling at Dale. After leaving the college he joined the Standard Bank in King William's Town and moved to Rhodesia in 1958.

When appointed training bank manager in Zambia he was the youngest manager in the service. In 1981 he returned to South Africa and became managing director of the Ciskeian Small Business Corporation. He retired in July 1994. When he died on July 12,

JOHNNY TERBRUGGE: A great Old Dalian



JOHNNY TERBRUGGE ... followed his wife

JOHNNY TERBRUGGE (1923-28), one of the staunchest Old Dalians, died in Johannesburg in April, two months after the death of his wife Agnes. He was 85.

"He was a great friend of Dale and never forgot his old school pals," said his son Peter (1961), a former chairman of the Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union.

Johnny was born in Vereeniging and spent his life there till he and Agnes moved to join their family in Johannesburg about five years ago. From then, on he seldom missed a major Old Dalian function or a rugby tour match.

For some years he ran a sub-branch of the ODU in Vereeniging where he worked in insurance and industry.

During the Second World War he was rated a "key man" and worked for Stewarts and Lloyds producing munitions.

After playing second team cricket and rugby at Dale he started the Wanderers cricket club in Vereeniging. He played in the Vaal first league and coached cricket and rugby in the town.

Johnny also leaves two daughters, Winifred Hofmeyer and Margaret Crichton of Johannesburg.

OBITUARIES

CECIL EHRKE: A family of Old Dalians

CECIL EHRKE (1936), of Port Alfred, a great pre-war Dale rugby player, died in King William's Town on July 18, aged 79. He had two Dalian sons, a son-in-law and two grandsons.

Cecil won his rugby colours at Dale in 1936 as "an excellent and at times brilliant loose forward."

The Dale Magazine of that year described him as "full of dash and grit. Links up well with the three-quarters. Fast and handles well. Very good on attack as well as defence."

While still at Dale Cecil played for the local Alberts Club and joined the club when he left school. During the Second World War he served in North Africa as a sergeant in the Kaffrarian Rifles. After being captured at Tobruk he spent nearly four years as a prisoner-of-war.

Before and after the war Cecil worked for the King William's Town municipality, becoming health inspector, until he joined Radues, now known as Radue Weir.

He retired in 1980 and built a retirement home in Port Alfred where he lived from 1982. At the time of his death he was staying, because of ill-health, in King William's Town with his daughter Lynette, wife of Old Dalian Neville Woolgar.

Old Dalians, including National President Chow Bissell, past-presidents Barry Turner and Lyte (LLF) Wood, and executive member Cecil Bosman, attended the funeral in Port Alfred. The service was conducted by the Rev Garth Kieck, an Old Dalian.

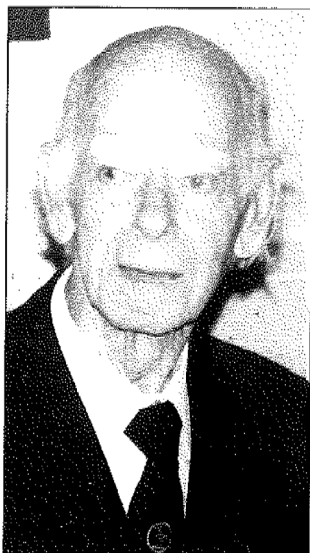
Cecil leaves his wife Erna, to whom he had been married nearly 57 years, two daughters, Phyllis Pautz and Lynette Woolgar, and a family of Old Dalians. They include his brother Dennis (1934-38), son Trevor (1954-63), son-in-law Neville Woolgar (1945-57) and grandsons Barry Woolgar (1970-81) and Dallas Ehrke (1977-89).

MARTIN STANFORD: The Good Samaritan who helped elderly

MARTIN STANFORD, a King William's Town businessman who was educated at Dale College and St Andrews College, collapsed and died of a heart attack at Kidd's Beach on December 16, 1996.

After leaving school he qualified as a chartered accountant and opened a carpentry business in King. He was well known as a "Good Samaritan" who assisted elderly people in the area and spoke out for them in the press.

Martin leaves his wife Bernice and four children. He was the youngest son of King Golf Club bomb victim and ex-attorney Bob Stanford.



CHRIS MARX ... a mentor
in the first flight

"KARRETJIE" MARX: Teacher and tennis coach

CD (CHRIS) MARX, one of the "grand old men" of Dale College, has died in retirement in Cape Town, aged 91.

Popularly known as "Karretjie" because of the small car he drove, he was among the last of a loyal and dedicated band of teachers who came to Dale before the Second World War and served the college for decades.

Chris hailed from Burgersdorp in the North-East Cape and graduated BA and MEd at Stellenbosch University. He joined the Dale staff in 1933 and served under three headmasters, the Rev Frank (Tanner) Sutton, HT Crouch and Russell Searle.

He taught at Dale for 29 years, coached tennis and played for the college in open league matches.

When Chris retired in 1961 "Rusty" Searle paid tribute to his

"singular" service, his "many talents ... enthusiasm, energy and skill" and "his labours in the cause of tennis and Afrikaans at Dale."

"As a mentor he is in the first flight ... he is an adornment to the profession and a great asset to this school," said the headmaster.

Chris was the "guiding spirit" of the Student Christian Association and chief vocational guidance officer at the school. In this relatively new subject he helped boys to choose their future careers. Religious studies were close to his heart.

He founded and was a leading light in the local branch of the Suid Afrikaanse Onderwysers Unie, which made him an honorary life member.

Chris promoted the Afrikaans language and culture by making them accessible to others. He was a staunch member of the Dutch Reformed Church and an elder for many years.

He contributed greatly to the building of the large church at Bonza Bay where he lived before moving to the nearby Kennerley Park retirement home and finally to Cape Town in 1995.

Chris played hockey for Border but tennis was his main sport. He served on the executive and selection committee of the Border Lawn Tennis Association and was president of the East London Tennis Club.

After leaving Dale he taught at the East London Technical College for a few years. His pupils will remember "Karretjie" not only for getting them through their exams but for what he taught them about life: discipline, integrity, service, sportsmanship and courage.

He was an example to them all. Unobtrusively he gave financial help to several pupils to complete their studies.

Chris was one of a few non-Dalians to become National President of the Old Dalian Union. This was at a time when Dale teachers were accepted as members of the union, a practice now restored after a period when selected teachers were awarded honorary membership. He was president in 1962 and travelled country-wide and beyond raising funds.

Chris leaves his wife Margaret and daughter Joanna of Cape Town. Joanna, an ex-KHS girl and noted scientist, is in her third career of historical architecture at the National Monuments Council after years in biomedical research and editing scientific journals in Pretoria and Germany.



BUNTY SUTTON ... with her
grandson Joe

BUNTY SUTTON: A loyal Dale mum and supporter

BUNTY SUTTON, devoted Dale wife and mother and loyal supporter of the college, died aged 67 in a Johannesburg hospital on May 2 after a long illness.

She was the wife of Joe Sutton (matric class 1944), editor of TransDale, and the mother of Alan (1978), Stuart (1983) and two daughters, Frances, a Dale College Per Ardua Award recipient, and Alison.

Bunty was a founder member of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association in the 1970s. She hosted committee meetings and working sessions at her home, serving sandwiches, snacks and home-made soup, and helped to run fund-raising golf tournaments for Dale and Rhodes University.

As assistant editor of TransDale for 20 years, she checked copy and read proofs for errors and faulty grammar. "She was my 'final eye' - my right hand, adviser and my best friend", says Joe.

Dale parents, past and present, Old Dalians and friends turned out in strength at her memorial service in Edenvale.

The Dale Family was represented by Mike Hosty, Headmaster of Dale Junior, and Malcom Andrew, former Dale Headmaster and a close friend, who paid one of the tributes.

Bunty Sutton, he said, came to South Africa with Joe in the early '50s and became one of Dale's most committed supporters. She loved

people, had lots of common sense, an independent mind and a wonderful sense of humour. She was cheerful, dynamic, open-hearted and hospitable and a loving wife and mother.

"She was the mother confessor to generations of Dalians, Dale parents and Old Dalians."

Bunty, he said, was an "essential ingredient" at annual golf days which brought many members of the Dale Family together and made thousands of rand.

"Her home was open to Dale teachers, sport and cultural teams. We were met and cared for in a special way. A really remarkable lady."

At Dale College, staff and boys stood in silence at morning assembly in memory of Mrs Sutton.

JAMES MACKAY: Boxing was his first love

POPULAR amateur boxer JAMES MACKAY (1990) died in hospital in May from chest injuries after a motor accident near East London.

James came to South Africa in 1974 with his parents from Scotland and enrolled at Dale College when the family moved to King William's Town in 1983.

His elder brother John described James as a "diligent pupil who worked hard and gave of his best at all times."

John, who had left King this year to re-settle in Scotland, flew back with his grandmother for the funeral. He said: "James loved sport and played rugby for the college but

boxing was his first love. He excelled at it, winning many amateur titles."

James was employed by Afroxx and described as a "natural salesman with a promising career ahead of him." Old Dalian friends Denver Donian, Daryll Herbst and Charles Dawes were among his pallbearers.

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