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TransDale

JAMES HAUPT
HIS FIRST 18 MONTHS



Kwawu tyhini!

It's our own Ntini!

The high price of keeping Dale on top

THE New Boy has won his spurs. James Haupt has survived his baptism of fire. He has made a positive impact while facing daunting challenges in an uncertain period of transition.

This year's TransDale contains two articles explaining some of the problems confronting the school. They arise mainly from Government financial constraints, indecision, inefficiency and mismanagement.

Apparently the provincial administration either CANNOT or WILL NOT meet its responsibilities.

Amid many frustrations the Headmaster, his Governing Body and his staff have walked a financial tightrope to maintain the school's traditional standards.

As James Haupt points out – after his first 18 months at Dale – the school is being sustained largely through the contribution of its parents. Today, he assures us, "Dale College is alive, it's well, it's vibrant."

But there can be no mistake about it: if Dale is to remain an outstanding boarding school offering a superior, balanced education, then parents, old boys and the community it serves are going to have to pay the price – and a larger one.

Fees have already been increased and more financial support will be required from Old Dalians and friends of Dale in the private sector. Donations to schools, however, can have useful tax benefits.

The Old Dalian Union, with the support of the Governing Bodies of Dale College and Dale Junior, has commendably appointed a public relations officer.

Among his duties will be to restore contact with thousands of old boys throughout the land who have lost touch with their old school. He will need to find them and secure regular subscriptions which are at present lamentably low. This is an immense task but the popular Jack Rosenberg has already made a promising start.

The Old Dalian Union will also be looking for major sources of sponsorship. There are many old boys of affluence in lofty positions in business. They can do much to help their old school stay on top.

Wake-up call to parents

WE have a new name – the TransDale Parents' Association. The old title, the Transvaal Parents' Association of Dale College, has been changed because it is geographically and politically outdated. It was also long-winded.

The association assumes the name of its 23-year-old magazine, which has over the years become a part of the Dale Family knowing no boundaries. The change was approved at the association's 1998 annual general meeting.

Looking ahead, the TransDale Parents' Association needs greater support and new ideas from its members. Traditional fund-raising sources are drying up and new ones need to be found. More helpers are required to support the small band of loyal workers who keep the association alive.

Recruitment of boarders – still the backbone of Dale College – has become more challenging. Without a strong infusion of boarders from outside the King William's Town area Dale could be in danger of losing its traditional mix and character.

Old promotional strategies have become less effective and need to be broadened or revised. More help through hard work and new thoughts from the rank and file are required here too.

Our primary focus remains the welfare of our boys and our common interest in the school. But there is a need to redefine the association's role and priorities. In seeking these we should possibly align ourselves more closely with the King William's Town PTA.

Communication links with the school have been improved but much remains to be done. As we approach the year 2000 our association needs a new spirit and a wider contribution from parents to kick-start it into the new millennium. Let's go for it!

QUOTE

• JAMES HAUPT has come through his first year maybe a little greyer but successfully. He not only understands the Dale culture but also the "funnies" of life as a Dalian.

His understanding of how "things" happen is clearer. We thank him for understanding our concerns and problems which are different in some ways to those of dayboys.

– JOE FYFER, retiring TransDale Parents' Association chairman in his annual report.

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COVER PICTURES

STARS IN STRIPES: Old Dalian Makhaya Ntini, the first African to play Test cricket for South Africa, gets a jousting welcome from his captain, Hansie Cronje, and mentor, fast bowler Allan Donald.

• Picture: The Star

DALE FLASHBACK: Makhaya Ntini with Dalian friends... one of the last pictures taken before he left the school to turn pro. early in 1996. Back row: Roland King, Ntini, Tyrone Adams and Andrew Cawthorn. Front: Vuyo Mashologu, Malibongwe Maketa, Kofi Amparibeng and Khaya Damani.

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We're proud of you, Makhaya!



LEFT:
Makhaya Ntini talks to commentator Mike Haysman after receiving a gift of a new Mercedes-Benz.
• Picture: DAILY DISPATCH



RIGHT:
Among prized possessions in his humble village home.
• Picture: STEVE ANDERSON

Amid his new-found fame . . .

WHEN 15-year-old Makhaya Ntini was plucked from a rural village and sent to Dale College few thought that five years later he would be playing Test cricket for South Africa – and driving a Mercedes.

Some call it a "rags to riches" story. Certainly it has a fairytale touch and Dale – along with Border cricket development officials – must get a share of the credit.

Ntini is the first African player to represent his country at cricket. He follows in the illustrious footsteps of Old Dalians such as Buster Farrer, Hylton Ackerman (chosen but cheated by politics), Kenny Watson, Steve Palfman and the first two brothers to represent South Africa, Stanley and Sibley Snooke in 1907.

There were feelings of great pride in King William's Town and among Old Dalians far and wide when Ntini was selected in November 1997 for the SA side to tour Australia. And again when he was chosen to represent SA this year in his first Test match – against Sri Lanka.

Said Border Youth and Development manager Greg Hayes: "If it had not been for Dale College, Ntini would not be where he is today. Dale should get the lion's share of the credit as your school had the foresight to give him the opportunity he needed. Dale were fantastic. They took a rough diamond and polished it."

Ntini, then 14, was spotted by Border Cricket Board's Raymond Booie at a clinic in Mdingi village, 15 kilometres from King William's Town. He was wearing "tattie tackies, so old that they flapped as he ran up to bowl." Hayes bought him his first boots and socks.

In 1993 he came to Dale on a development bursary, leaving behind his five siblings and a widowed mother who worked as a domestic

helper in Bisho. Then Ntini could hardly speak English. Now he is promoting cricket all over the country. He talks on TV with an Eastern Cape accent – "Dile helped me a lot," he said.

His headmaster, Malcom Andrew, said he had "crossed the gulf" with an ability that showed great personality and character.

"I was lost in my first year because I had never been to a boarding school before, but I got it right," Ntini said later.

The village lad was popular at Dale, by then a multi-cultural school. He showed what was described as "an incredible sense of humour and an unlimited enthusiasm for life." And particularly for cricket.

In a TV commercial promoting the develop-

... his heart belongs to Mdingi

By JOE SUTTON

ment programme he concluded with the now well-known quote: "I don't like cricket - I love it."

When the Dale first team toured Australia the hat went around for the widow's son. A R100-a-head dinner plus sponsorship raised R7 690 so he could make the trip. He was one of the stars of the tour.

Ntini has since represented SA Schools, the SA Under 19 team (on tours of England and India) and attended Dennis Lillie's fast bowlers' academy in Australia and India.

After playing for a Border Invitation XI against the visiting Kenyans he became the 13th Dalian to represent the Border A side while still at school. In his provincial debut against the English tourists he dismissed vice-captain and No 2 batsman Alec Stewart. Since then – after leaving Dale to turn pro. – he has shown an

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Kwawu tyhini! What they say about our Ntini

• South African cricket needs Ntini and those who follow. Black cricket has few role models and Ntini . . . carries a standard for future generations. – *The Saturday Star's Peter Robinson.*

• Ntini's development owes much to his ability to fit in off the field as his willingness to work. Like Fanie de Villiers he has the gift of being able to mix with commoners and kings. – *Peter Robinson.*

• What impressed me from the start was his heart. Makhaya just wants to bowl and bowl and bowl. – *Grey Hayes, Border Youth and Development manager.*

• Ntini may be the greenest player in the South African team, but he has showed up his more experienced bowling teammates . . . on the first day of this key test. – *The Star's Gary Hawthorne at Manchester.*

• Soft-spoken and polite, the third of Virginia and the late Enoch Ntini's six children is a gentle soul. On the field he could be the next Allan Donald. – *cricket writer Telford Vice.*

• He's young, he's keen, he's energetic. – *Mike Haysman, former Australian Test cricketer, now a TV and radio commentator.*

• Makhaya Ntini has the potential to go to the top. He is a credit to the development programme. – *Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board.*

• He has improved a great deal. He's a fast learner. – *Mike Proctor, former SA fast bowler and coach, now a selector.*

• The words, *Kwawu tyhini*, which are part of the Dale War Cry, are an expression of great surprise; in English something like *Gee whizz!*

The young 'apprentice' has come of age

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uncanny ability to conquer captains and ex-captains. They include Stewart again, ex-England captain Mike Atherton (twice), New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming and Australia's Mark Taylor.

He has also dismissed top Sri Lankans Arivinda da Silva (twice) and Sanath Jayasuriya. Eight of his ten Test victims have been caught by Border wicket-keeper, Old Selbornian Mark Boucher. "Mark and I work as a team," he says.

Ntini went on the SA Australian tour (to quote coach Bob Woolmer) as "an apprentice to learn his trade." But he justified his selection with a memorable international debut in January against New Zealand in the one-day series in Perth. He claimed two wickets for 31 and took a catch on an evening that saw South Africa whip the New Zealanders by 67 runs.

Back from Australia he was given his chance against Sri Lanka as the first African player to play Test cricket for South Africa. Four wickets in his first two Tests assured his inclusion on the tour of England.

Despite improved performances in county matches he had to wait until the third Test at

Manchester for his big chance.

There, in England's dramatic first innings collapse, he had Atherton caught behind by Boucher and later he bowled Robert Croft.

Hoping for another wicket on his 21st birthday in England's second innings he had to be content with a sprawling catch to dismiss Atherton again. It broke a third-wicket partnership that had frustrated South Africa for five-and-a-half hours but England held out in the second innings to save the Test.

After missing out at Nottingham through injury, Ntini burst back on the scene in the final contest at Leeds. The wind there didn't bother Ntini. "In East London it blows all the time. This was nothing," he said.

Described by a commentator as "the hero of the first innings," he took four wickets for 74 in a career-best Test performance. Sadly for South Africa, this did not prevent England winning the Test and the series.

Ntini, it has been written, came of age during the tour of England. In all he took 19 wickets for 578 runs (an average of 30.42). "He has improved tremendously from the bowler he was in

Australia," said coach Woolmer. "His run up, his delivery, his confidence are all coming together."

Ntini has apparently modelled his action on the great West Indian fast bowler, Malcolm Marshall.

In Australia, Allan Donald took the role as Ntini's mentor. Shawn Pollock also gave advice. "They made me a better bowler," says Ntini. In England, ex-Springbok pace bowler Corrie van Zyl joined the squad to look after the bowlers.

"Woolmer believes this has worked wonders for Ntini," wrote the Johannesburg Star's Peter Robinson.

Steve Jones, Ntini's coach back home, said the most notable improvement in his play lay in his ball control. He had adjusted well to the different conditions in England.

In maturity, there was no comparison between the boy at Dale and the seasoned cricketer of today. "He's on a different planet," said Steve. "He is now a good, solid member of the team."

"He has served his apprenticeship. But he still holds the same values. On his return from England he went straight back to Mdingi." Amid all his fame, Makhaya Ntini's heart still belongs to his home village.

A BIGGER SPORTS CENTRE

EXTENSIONS to the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre (right) facing Dale's main CB Jennings Field have been completed.

The centre is now triple its original size. It includes new bar and braai facilities, a fast-food outlet, a referee's change room and much improved men's and women's toilets.

The extensions, a joint project by the Old Dalian Union, the school and the PTA, have cost R175 000.

They have been helped considerably by donations of materials by Kelvin Bahmann, the union's senior vice-president, Selwyn and Gwen Lustgarten and Ray Nixon of the PTA. Gwen is ex-chairperson of the PTA and secretary of the college Governing Body.



Donations to the ODU's Building Fund are urgently needed. Donors will be named on a board to be mounted in the centre. Long-term plans are on the cards for an extra floor for the centre.

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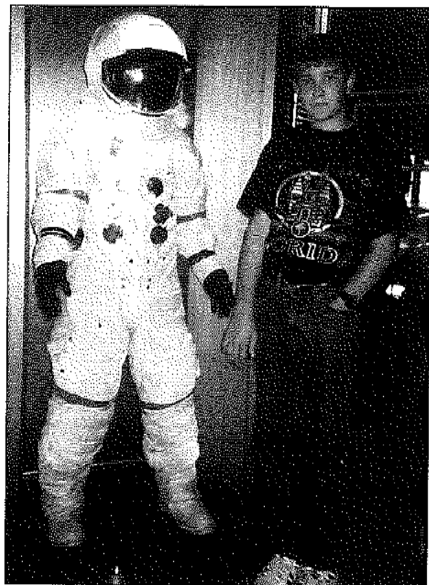
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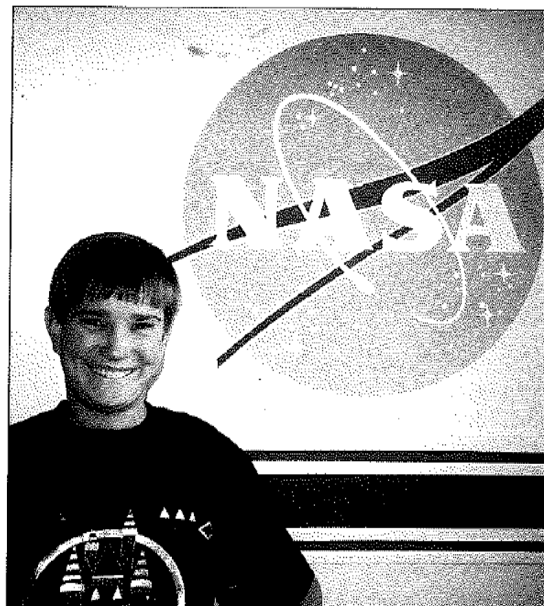
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CADET Mark Kenmuir, with a spaceman model . . . 'The spacesuit made doing the simplest things appear extremely difficult,' he says

MARK, WE HAVE A LIFT OFF!



AT THE US SPACE CAMP, Cape Kennedy, where Mark spent five days . . . 'One of the most exciting things I have ever done.'

TRANSDALE boy Mark Kenmuir, 15, had a chance-of-a-lifetime adventure this year when he visited America's space headquarters at Cape Kennedy and trained as an astronaut.

He was one of 15 South African teenage space cadets who went on a five-day programme in April. The group included Mark and four girls from King William's Town, five girls and four boys from Port Elizabeth and one boy from Kimberley. Mark was 14 years old at the time.

The cadets experienced simulated space travel, including weightlessness and a space walk. They ate space food, built their own rockets and witnessed a rocket launch. After the training programme the group spent four days visiting Disneyworld.

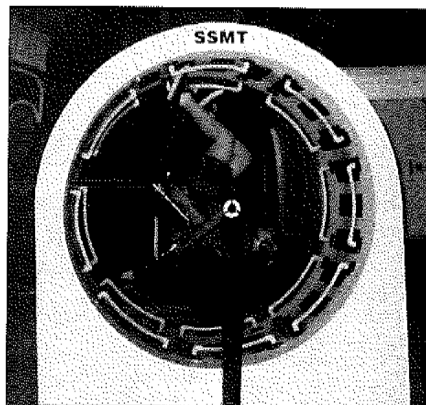
The trip was organised by NASA and Rotary International. Old Dalian Bev Radue and his wife Pixie, of King William's Town, accompanied the space cadets.

Mark is the son of Neville and Dawn Kenmuir of Muldersdrift, north of Johannesburg, committee members of the TransDale Parents' Association. Dawn is in charge of the association's bus-travel arrangements.

Now Mark wants flying to be his career. Here is his story:

● After a long flight from Cape Town we arrived in Miami and took the connection to Orlando where we were met by our hosts, Jerry and Joyce Sale. Their home in West Cocoa, Florida, is three-and-a-half miles from the NASA Space Station, on the banks of the Indian River.

After enrolling at the US Space Camp at Cape Kennedy for a training period of five days, we were issued with our kit and shown our quarters. We were told to get as much rest as possi-



STRAPPED inside this training device, cadets were spun around to simulate a tumble in a spacecraft . . . 'This left me dizzy and disorientated,' says Mark.

TransDale space cadet tells how he trained as an astronaut

ble before training would begin at 7 am the next day.

During these five days we worked at an incredible pace, falling into our bunks at 9 pm exhausted from the day's activities. We learned

about the academic, emotional and physical requirements it takes to make an astronaut.

Being strapped into a Freedom Simulator and performing extra-vehicular duties (a space walk to most people) was an uncanny experience. The spacesuit made doing the simplest things appear extremely difficult.

The Multi-Axis Trainer is a device in which you are strapped and spun around to simulate what it feels to tumble in a spacecraft. This left me dizzy and disorientated.

I enjoyed the rocket building very much and it was a great sense of achievement when we were able to successfully launch our own model rockets.

Not only did we train as astronauts but ate freeze-dried space food and slept in "tuck-away" beds.

Graduation was great. Being a space cadet is one of the most exciting things I have ever done.

I was very fortunate to witness a real rocket launch and cannot describe the emotions I felt when I saw this enormous man-made projectile soar into the atmosphere, trailing a plume of smoke. At this moment I knew I would like to make flying my career.

The next week was filled with fun activities. We spent a few hours in an American school. Their schooling is completely different to ours. Discipline does not seem to matter too much to the American kid!

I went with Jerry Sale to fetch a jet ski from his friend in Melbourne, Florida, Lucky me. I had to drive this thing back to his home, up the Indian River. We spent hours on the river, riding the waves and fishing.

The newly-graduated space cadets visited a ranch near by and spent four days visiting Disneyworld, including the Magic Kingdom, Epcot Centre and the MGM Studios. Now that was an experience of a different kind. There is so much to see and do and the rides are fantastic. I have never seen such wonderful fireworks in my life.

All too soon it was over and I was saying goodbye to Jerry and Joyce, heading back to Orlando Airport for the first leg of my journey home and back to school.

I feel enriched by this experience and am grateful for the opportunity given to me by my parents, Rotary, Dale College, the Sales and the Radues who all made this adventure possible. ●

We have not moved to Bananaland!

DALE COLLEGE features in the South African Schools Collection, an attractive, glossy publication - but is unfortunately placed among leading schools in KwaZulu-Natal.

A promotional article on Dale occupies a full page in this book, published by Collection Media, of Honeydew, north of Johannesburg.

The publishers have apologised for the error.

The feature includes Dale's Mission Statement and an account of the college's facilities and

activities. Two colour pictures show the Hallowed Courtyard, with the Assembly Hall in the background, and the newest hostel, College House, with its boarders assembled in the foreground.

Dale also features prominently in the programme of the Under 13 Craven Rugby Week. The advertisement includes extracts from the TransDale Parents' Association's promotional mini-brochure updated this year.

JAMES HAUPT after 18 months:

"I AM POSITIVE about Dale College and its ability to weather the educational crisis, says Headmaster James Haupt. "But to achieve this a total strategy is needed:

- "The four pillars of the Dale Family (management and staff, the Governing Body, local and TransDale parents associations, and the Old Dalian Union) must work together not against each other.

- "Each group must know what their role is, what their reason is to exist and how they can assist in ensuring the success of Dale in the years to come – not merely its continued existence.

- "Without this we will not succeed in the competitive educational environment.

- "We have no time to waste. Now is the time for action. I hope we can move swiftly."

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IN an extensive review of his first 18 months as headmaster and the problems and challenges posed by the state education system, JAMES HAUPT told TransDale:

❖ **MUCH** has been achieved but in many ways it has been a frustrating period for me. I am somewhat impatient by nature; I set high standards for myself and those I work with and for my school.

I am not happy that we have moved fast enough in the areas that are important for the future of the school as a competitive entity with its main rivals. These delays have resulted from external and internal factors. ♡

TRANSDALE questioned Mr Haupt about the school's strengths and weaknesses, its relations with the education authorities and on a number of other issues. Here are his replies:

STRENGTHS:

- Dale is a model school for the new South Africa which has shown that the multi-cultural approach can work if managed intelligently.

- The results of our pupils in all spheres – academic, cultural and sporting – reflect the dedication of the Dale staff under trying conditions.

The staff has been depleted of its top structure in the past few years and the only way to overcome this is by training internally as promotion posts cannot be advertised.

This has placed added pressure on senior staff who, considering their work-load, are coping very well, but this is not ideal.

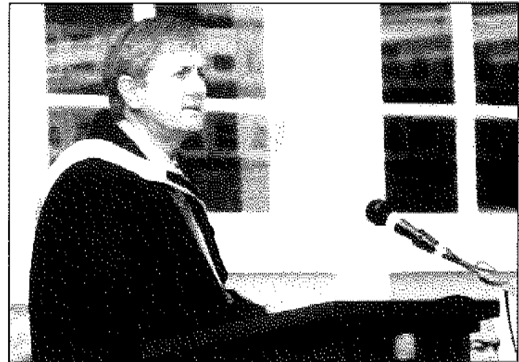
- Dale parents remain the backbone of the school. Despite increased fees, they have realised they have a role to play in ensuring that quality education is delivered as in the past.

For this reason the local PTA has launched numerous fund-raising projects this year to bolster school funds, including take-away evenings. An encouraging sign is that there are now workers on the PTA from all racial groups.

Most parents are utterly supportive of the maintenance of standards at Dale College.

• **Pictures by KEVIN WHITEHEAD and JOHN HUGGETT**

• The Headmaster talks of success and difficulties



SPEAKER: Addressing this year's Reunion opening Assembly

- With our new computer facility we have a main school building which ranks with the best and will not be a big cost factor for at least three years.

The state of the main building is part of an ongoing project. Guttering is being painted and the walls need not be painted for at least three years. Desk refurbishing is nearing completion.

- I believe that Dale College hostels offer the finest value for money in the country. We are fortunate in having dedicated superintendents, duty masters, matrons and workers who care for our pupils very well.

Our strict application of discipline and hostel rules and swift action has ensured that our younger pupils are not intimidated by seniors. Juniors can report such goings-on and disciplinary measures have been implemented immediately.

WEAKNESSES:

The Education Department has created numerous problems for us and other state schools:

- Staff cannot be permanently appointed, thus preventing staff who wish to leave schools from doing so safely and preventing headmasters from attracting the best staff from elsewhere.

The strength of the teaching profession has always lain in the ability of staff to exercise natural movement between schools, thus creating situations where they are more contented and often more motivated. It is now extremely difficult to maintain staff morale at the level required.

- Staff are not allowed to take study or long leave to which they are entitled by law; they can go off, leaving the school to pay the bill for a replacement teacher.

- Because temporary staff are only paid sporadically and there is no guarantee that they will be paid in the future, we have to be careful not to become too heavily dependent on posts paid by the Governing Body.

- If a teacher leaves, he or she cannot be replaced – the school is responsible for a replacement's salary.

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THE STAFF/PUPIL RATIO:

This has still not been settled. We are forced to allow natural attrition to take its course as staff who leave are not replaced.

There is no finality, for example, over whether the headmaster or the music post is included in the ratio. We have not been told to comply with any specific ratio although that may happen soon. We'll cross that bridge when we get there!

At present we have 512 pupils and 24 departmental staff. We have a very favourable ratio – no class is bigger than 30 and some are from 19 to 25. We intend to maintain it against all odds, even if it means employing more teachers paid by the Governing Body.

STATE FINANCE:

Despite threats to audit school and hostel finances (which have not transpired) the department cannot meet its obligations to supply books and pay water, electricity and telephone accounts or for general maintenance.

The department's proposed hostel fees of about R650 a term would close us down. Perhaps we could supply a bed for this amount!

STRIKE ACTION:

I personally support union demands for action as education is in a crisis. I do not agree with strike action as this has ripple effects. Strike action is a minefield. Our hostel situation prevents us from such action as we are responsible for our pupils on a 24-hour basis!



SUPPORTER: With wife Selma at the St John's College rugby festival in Johannesburg

DALE'S RACIAL MIX:

The transformation process at Dale has taken its natural course. I firmly believe in a 50/50 ratio as the different races must be in a position to learn from each other.

I am generally pleased with the calibre of boy at Dale and will work hard to ensure that the ethos of Dale will survive the transformation.

Inter-cultural relationships at the school are really good and the staff deserve a great deal of credit for the sensitive manner in which they manage the system.

RECRUITING:

The hostels are not over-full and this is a critical issue for the Dale of the future. But overcrowding the hostels would be a fatal error. We have an immense task to attract the right calibre of pupil from the various provinces.

The Old Dalian Union has recently been involved in recruiting drives in Stutterheim and Komga and with its help I believe we will be able to expand our influence in the Border region.



GUEST: With Dale Junior's Mike Hosty and hosts Paul and Mandy Chidgey at a TransDale braai

PARENTS OF BOARDERS:

I am very concerned that we are not communicating efficiently enough. This will be raised at our next hostels' committee meeting. These aspects will receive attention:

- Regular information to boarder parents.
- Swifter reporting on discipline and academic problems.
- How to involve Gauteng parents more in the school's activities.
- How to eradicate false alarms.
- How to get the staff and Gauteng parents talking directly to each other.

STATE OF THE HOSTELS:

• *Paterson House* has been part of an ongoing refurbishing project over the past two years. The whole interior and the roof have been repaired. The roof repairs alone cost R28 000 and the painting bill was probably in that region.

I am not happy with the older, cubicle type of dormitory in Presby, but this can only be upgraded when funds permit. Presby is generally very neat and tidy at present.

• *Frank Joubert House* is in good enough nick, but its ablution blocks need urgent restructuring and repair. This means we are faced with a bill in the next 12 months of around R60 000 – and that may not be the final amount.

• *College House* dormitories are being repainted during holidays as finances permit.

The newer cubicle system at College will only be extended (to other hostels) with a great deal of care as many pupils prefer the open dorm system and there is more control of prep etc. Superintendents are monitoring feelings on the cubicle system.

THE OLD DALIAN UNION:

I believe that under the leadership of Pastor Paul Smit the ODU will address the aspects of Dale that really concern them:

- The extension of their membership base and the role of the ODU public relations officer.
- Encouraging Old Dalians to send their sons/grandsons back to Dale.
- A magazine to supply regular information to Old Dalians.
- Helping the school financially to survive the implications of the state education policy, even in employing teachers. This is critical to us.
- In conclusion may I say it again. We must move swiftly to preserve the standards of our school.

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DALE COLLEGE pupils have responded enthusiastically to a recruiting/bursary scheme promoted by Old Dalian Alan Hedding, a partner in Arthur Andersen, a leading firm of chartered accountants and professional services.

Alan, who matriculated at Dale in 1967, visited his old school in July to "seek new talents" for his firm. For him it was also a "walk down memory lane."

His mission was prompted by a quote by the managing partner and chief executive of Arthur Andersen Worldwide:

"Anybody can hire smart people. It's what you do with them that makes the difference. In a professional services organisation all you have to sell are your people's abilities, so we invest heavily in that."

Alan and his human resources manager,

Phillip Grobler, gave a 90-minute slide-show presentation to about 150 Std 9 and 10 boys. This outlined the career opportunities offered to chartered accountants in South Africa and by Arthur Andersen in particular.

The result: At least 11 Daliens wish to apply for bursaries to pursue careers with the firm. Some of them have been strongly recommended by Dale accounting teacher Jane Canfield.

"We were very pleased and surprised by the keenness and interest shown by these young men," says Alan. "The boys were quite ingenious in their questioning and we really had their attention when we started discussing potential earning packages for professional people. An important message that was conveyed was the necessity for continued hard work and that only through dedication

and commitment will one achieve success in the business world."

Alan, who lives in Sandton, believes this venture is the start of a long-term relationship with Dale.

"We look forward to partnering them in the careers of young pupils about to enter university and the business world," he says.

Headmaster James Haupt described the visit as "a wonderful experience."

At a recent parents' meeting a number of Std 9 parents had reported a "dramatic improvement in their sons' work ethic" since the presentation. The boys were aiming at "the best possible results at the end of Std 9."

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SOUTH AFRICAN schools, public and private, are struggling to survive. But against the odds Dale College IS surviving, says Headmaster James Haupt. "We are still producing the goods. We are merely paying the price of survival."

Addressing the annual general meeting of the TransDale Parents' Association, Mr Haupt told of some of the difficulties facing the school and "what we are allowed to do and not allowed to do."

- Half of the hostel staff had not been paid by the department this year. "We have had to carry them."

- Many teachers' salaries had not been paid.
- No water and electricity bills were being paid by the department.

- With a campus of 40 acres, Dale was allowed only one groundsman and one worker. "We have to appoint other people and replace those who leave."

The whole school system, barring permanent posts, had been carried by parents. e.g. a water and electricity bill of R20 000 a month and tractor repairs costing R70 000 in 18 months.

"These are the realities," said the Headmaster, explaining why school fees had been increased.

- Teachers could not be appointed permanently. No permanent appointments apart from Mr Haupt's had been made since June 1996.

- Promotion posts could not be filled. "We cannot appoint senior staff, such as deputies... So we have had to appoint people in acting capacities."

But he added: "We have not been prepared to let these problems get the better of us. Despite all this Dale is surviving."

"Don't get depressed. I am not. We are still in a favourable position."

Just recently there had been a change of heart over temporary appointments and it was hoped this could change soon.

Here are some other topics covered by the Headmaster in his address:

THE MATRIC:

"The exam system is still reputable. We still

SURVIVAL: The challenge facing our schools today

have a lot of faith in it.

"Poor teaching is still rewarded with poor results. Poor pupils receive poor results. Top pupils still perform."

There were some doubts about the independent exam and independent schools were moving away from it.

Dale would offer A-levels only at post-matric level. "We have to have the right candidate and know if the staff can cope with the extra load."

DISCIPLINE:

"Schools are out on a limb. We've had to take action when serious things have happened. I'm not prepared to have any bad behaviour at Dale. The ethos and tradition of Dale has to be maintained."

The Headmaster warned bus travellers: "We will take action against boys who do not wear Dale tracksuits."

SCHOOL FINANCES:

These were "very tight" because of the staff salaries being carried. "We are attempting to absorb Governing Body-appointed staff into the departmental payroll."

Appealing to parents to pay their fees in advance, Mr Haupt said: "We need this. It will help a great deal."

"We are still paying the price of the College House building. We have had to cut expenditure dramatically but we're holding back. The essential thing is the education of our boys."

ACADEMICS:

"Team teaching (lectures presented in team context) would begin in maths and science in Std 8 to 10 classes. Based on higher-grade participation and matric results Dale science and maths were rated among the best in the Eastern Cape."

In the computer room selected staff would be teaching the "end-user" side of computer work from November. Computer science would be introduced as a subject next year. (Up to now emphasis has been on training all staff to be computer literate.)

Through the World of Work project (where pupils do spare-time and holiday work in local businesses) some Std 10s and post-matrics had gone out and received favourable comments. Std 9s would start at the end of the third term.

SPORT:

A professional, former Eastern Province cricket development coach Marco van Zyl, had just been appointed. He would hopefully help with rugby too.

Anton Petzer would coach cricket till the end of the year. Justin Prince had left but hopefully Joe Skinner would be available at the beginning of the fourth term.

Shooting as a sport unrelated to cadets was being offered under the supervision of an Old Dalian.

COMMUNICATION:

Mr Haupt urged parents to follow the correct channels, if possible by fax.

- If the problem concerns a subject, fax to the subject teacher.

- If it is a trickier problem fax to the Head of Academics, Mike Eddy, or the standard head.

- One may still approach the Headmaster, but the response would be slower than through the teachers mentioned.

THE JUNE EXAMS:

"In general we are still very happy." Std 6s and 7s were down about two per cent but the matrics were doing very well and at least three A aggregates were expected.

Concluding, the Headmaster said: "Why should your son stay at Dale? - He would be guaranteed a superior education. If I had a son today I would send him to Dale. There is no finer school."

UPSWING IN DALE MATRIC RESULTS

DALE COLLEGE achieved a 98 per cent matric pass rate last year. Four pupils received A aggregates. Eighty-six per cent of the class attained an overall average of over 50 per cent.

Of the 94 candidates, 60 per cent (56) obtained matric exemptions (university entrance) and 36 senior certificate passes. Two failed.

Top pupil was Michael Djan (with As for high-grade maths and biology, three Bs and a C).

The others were Sanya Rajan (As for maths, science and biology higher grade and two Bs), Dinesh Manoharan (As for maths, biology and accountancy higher grade, one B and a C) and Christian Petersen (A for biology higher grade, three Bs and a C).

Headmaster James Haupt said the result showed an upswing. He expected further improvement this year.

Fanie caps a visit to Dale

BY JOE SUTTON

WAAR kry jy daardie hoed, Fanie? Or to be specific, where did you get that Dale cap?

That's what scores of Old Dalians and Dale parents were asking after seeing South African cricket hero Fanie de Villiers on TV wearing a twin-Heron Dale supporters' cap.

The explanation: Fanie was given the cap by Dale Junior when he paid a promotional visit to the school in the second term with Border cricket development officer Greg Hayes and Border Cricket Union president Robbie Muzzell. Greg and Robbie were also given supporters' caps.

Fanie addressed the boys at assembly and met Dalians being sponsored by Border Cricket, toured the school and spent time chatting to boys and signing autographs.

When he was presented with a supporters' cap, Fanie was challenged by Headmaster Mike Hosty to wear it when next appearing on TV.

Much to the delight of Dale staff and boys he proudly displayed it a few days later while commentating on a South African Test match against England.

Fanie also visited Dale College where he addressed the school and was enthusiastically received. He spoke about the challenges of life and urged boys to take every opportunity that came their way. If they had talent they could make themselves a lot of money as sportsmen, he said.

Walking down the assembly hall aisle he asked questions and handed out promotional souvenirs to those who responded. In turn he was presented with an engraved set of Dale beer glasses.

Afterwards Fanie met the college's three development cricketers, Dumisa Makalima, Malibongwe Maketa and Monde Zondeki. He advised them on keeping fit and in particular on protecting their backs.

Fanie's visit was arranged to promote MTN's commitment to development cricket.

- Dale Junior and Dale College are becoming nurseries of future black sport stars. Old Dalian Makhaya Ntini has played test cricket for South Africa. Makalima has represented the SA Schools Under 19 side and both he and Maketa have played for Border Schools.

Sprinters Sanda Mlalandle and Vuyisile Mbula represented the Eastern Cape at the SA Schools athletics championships. Mlalandle and Mbula, Thobela Mdaka and Vuyo Sishuba ran for Border at the SA junior championships. At the 1998 Craven rugby week Mdaka played for the Border Schools A team and Mbula for the Academy side.

He wears our twin Heron on TV

Pictures:
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RIGHT:
Fanie de Villiers signs an autograph for a young Dalian, Mawande Maqubela

BELOW:
Fanie, with Border cricket officials Greg Hayes and Robbie Muzzell, Dale Junior head Mike Hosty and Dalians Matthew Curnick, Nicholas Groom, Abongile Mkwambi, Nicholas van der Vyver, Yandiso Meva and Ayabulela Gcamane



Media centre completed

TWO major developments have taken place at Dale Junior this year thanks to donations of funds by parents.

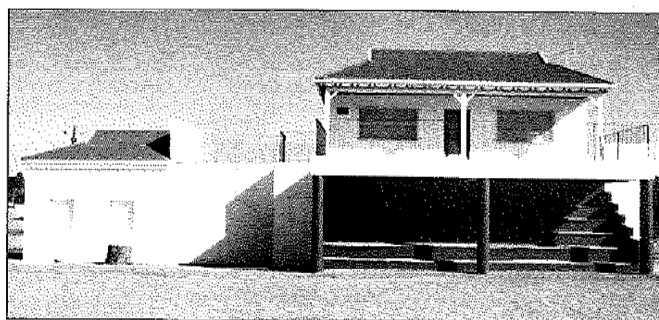
- The third and final phase of the Media Centre, complementing the Library and the recently completed Computer Room, has been completed.

The local PTA, from accumulated funds from 1996-97, converted a classroom adjoining the Computer Room to a lecture centre.

This audio-visual theatre can seat just under 100 boys and is suitable for group lectures and talks, slide shows and video shows to complement class teaching.

During this year the PTA will fund the upgrading of audio-visual equipment, including a multi-media projector and big screen.

- Extensions to the pavilion (pictured right) were completed early in the year.



THE TUCK SHOP extension to the Dale Junior pavilion. This has been added to the ground floor, creating easy access for customers and freeing the upstairs area for serving tea to spectators.

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THE ACHIEVERS

TransDale boys shine in class and sport

TRANSDALE'S Brett Milborrow, Jason Fyfer, Morgan Tinline and Michael du Plessis are among the top academic achievers at Dale College this year.

Brett, son of Dianne Milborrow of Witkoppen, Sandton, was placed sixth in the matric class in the mid-year exams with an average of 68 per cent.

Jason Fyfer, son of Joe and Pat Fyfer of Kempton Park, was joint seventh with 64 per cent. The standard average was 49 per cent.

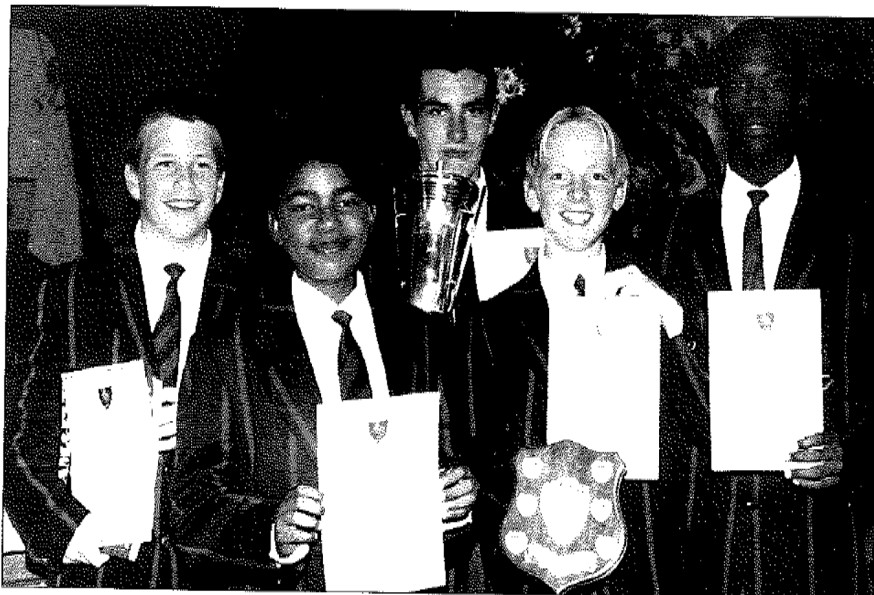
In Std 7 Morgan Tinline (77 per cent), son of Rusty Tinline of Petit, was fifth and Michael du Plessis (68 per cent) was ninth. Michael is the younger son of Etienne and Barbara du Plessis of Northcliff, Johannesburg.

All-rounders ties were awarded to Michael and Morgan in February for achieving 65 per cent in the 1997 November examination.

Ties were also presented to Warren Brett, son of Alan and Shona-Lee Brett of Mondeor, Johannesburg, for averaging 62 per cent in Std 7 and James Winstanley for 60 per cent in Std 8. James is the son of Joan Winstanley of Brakpan.

In the December 1997 examinations Morgan Tinline (second in Std 6) achieved 79 per cent with Brett Milborrow and Jason Fyfer joint seventh on 69 per cent in Std 9.

On the sports field, Morgan has represented the



AWARD-WINNERS Michael du Plessis, Sibusiso Malaza, Warren Brett, Morgan Tinline and Vuyo Sishuba
• Picture: John Huggett



BRETT MILBORROW . . .
academics and swimming

Border Under 14A team for the second year at hockey and Craig Carter the Border Under 18Bs. Craig is the son of Bill and Jane Carter of Cresslawn, Kempton Park.

Michael du Plessis was chosen for the Dale Under 15A Bloemfontein tour and Morgan Tinline has played first team squash.

Brett Milborrow was chosen for the Border A swimming team (for the second year) to compete in the SA high schools' championship in Durban in March.

Brett and Donovan Proudfoot represented Border B in an inter-provincial swimming gala in East London later that month. Brett received half colours for swimming and Donovan half colours for waterpolo last year.

Donovan, son of Finley and Louanna Proudfoot of Parktown North, Johannesburg, and James Winstanley played for the Dale first rugby team this year.

Donovan is this year's headboy of Frank Joubert House and Jason Fyfer, Brett Milborrow, Scott Styger and Shawn Els are prefects. Scott is the son of Errol Styger of Buccleuch and Christine de Plessis of Alberton and Shawn is the son of Mr and Mrs CW Els of Johannesburg.

Daniel de Oliveira, son of Brenda de Oliveira of Randburg, was selected as a non-travelling reserve for the Border men's waterpolo side for the SA Nationals in March.

Last year's College House headboy and a school prefect, Daniel, received a cap for playing at least five games for the first rugby team. He is on

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THE PRIZE WINNERS

SENIOR PRIZE-GIVING:

THESE TransDaleians received awards at the 1997 year-end prize-givings:

- Ondela Kiwa: A trophy for the most persevering and consistent rugby player. Ondela played 41 games for the first Dale rugby team and was awarded colours.

A prop, he was described by coach Andre Dusterhoft as "a hard worker in the rucks and mauls and sometimes looked more impressive in the backline than the regulars."

- Jason Fyfer: The trophy for the smartest cadet non-commissioned officer; an academic merit award for achieving more than 70 per cent.

- Brett Milborrow also won an academic merit award.

- Daniel de Oliveira: A trophy for the most dedicated waterpolo player. Daniel received colours, captained the Dale first team and represented Border A last year.

- Harry Crassas, formerly of Johannesburg, son of Tony and Myra Crassas of Vryheid: A prize for service to hockey. Harry was chosen for the Border Under 21 and Under 18 sides. He was the top goal scorer (37 goals) and was awarded honours.

- Jonathan Letzler, son of Mr and Mrs C Letzler of Rant-en-Dal: A trophy for the most improved squash player. He received half-colours for squash.

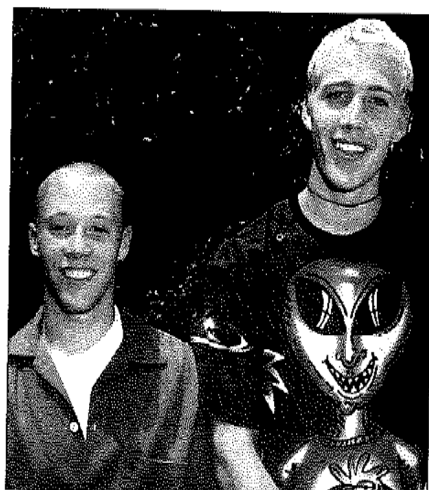
- Daniel Miles, son of Tony and Eva Miles of Jukskei Park: A Std 10 prize for diligence. He was named a Dalian of the Week for upholding the school spirit.

- Bantu Skaap, son of Mrs T Skaap of Suurbekom: A Std 9 prize for diligence.

JUNIOR PRIZE-GIVING:

- Morgan Tinline: A prize for the best all-round sportsman/player in Std 6; a shield for the most promising junior hockey player (goalkeeper for the Border Under 14A side); second prize in Std 6.

- Michael du Plessis: The newboy who has made a positive contribution to college life; a Std 6 prize for academic merit (70 per cent).



JASON FYFER, academics and cadets, and DONOVAN PROUDFOOT, rugby and swimming • Picture: Kevin Whitehead

- Warren Brett: A trophy for the junior player who has epitomised the true spirit of rugby. Warren, who played for the Under 15A side, was named a Dalian of the Week for sportsmanship.

- Sibusiso Malaza, son of Jabu and Maubrey Malaza of Benoni, a Std 6 prize for diligence.

- Kurt Hauptfleisch, son of Michael and Audrey Hauptfleisch of Birchleigh, Kempton Park: A Std 6 prize for diligence.

- Vuyo Sishuba from Botswana: A prize for the most outstanding junior performance in athletics, in which he has also gained a team award.

QUOTE

• It has been quite a challenge to coach a school team and play in it at the same time ... This would not have been possible without the superb captaincy of Daniel de Oliveira, who although at times very frustrated, never gave up.

— GARETH JORDAN, player-coach of the 1997 Dale waterpolo team.

IN AN OUTSPOKEN stand, the headmasters of 24 historic state boys' schools, including Dale College, have declared: We are determined to continue as centres of excellence ... we will defend vigorously our traditions.

At the same time the headmasters said they were "on-side with the new South Africa" and wanted to help wherever they could.

While there were many problems in state education they aimed to be part of the solution.

Their statement – a message to the education authorities, parents and the business community – was signed by the headmasters in seven provinces:

EASTERN CAPE: Dale, Selborne, Queen's, Graeme and Muir colleges, and Grey High.

WESTERN CAPE: SA College School (Sacs), Wynberg, Rondebosch and Paarl boys' high schools and the Paarl Roos Gymnasium.

FREE STATE: Grey College.

KWAZULU/NATAL: Durban, Glenwood, Westville and Northwood high schools and Maritzburg College.

GAUTENG: King Edward VII, Jeppe, Parktown and Pretoria Boys' high schools and the Afrikaanse Seuns Hoërskool.

NORTHERN CAPE: Kimberley Boys' High.

NORTH-WEST: Potchefstroom Boys' High.

The statement reads:

“We, the headmasters of SA's historic state boys' schools, have unanimously asserted our determination to continue as centres of excellence, and to explode the myth that a general decline in state education is somehow inevitable.

Our schools have a proud record of service to communities and provinces, and to the country. Most of the schools were founded before SA as a country was created in 1910; some have deep roots in the last century.

We continue to produce a significant number of leading figures in the professions, in business and in politics, in sport, cultural life and community service. We pursue excellence and are accessible to the broad range of people in the communities we serve.

Often overlooked is our vital role in producing teachers who go on to do important work as school principals elsewhere in the state and private sectors.

There are many problems in state education: we aim to be part of the solution. Many of the

Historic state schools stand by values

- In transition we offer stability and continuity
- Determined to remain centres of excellence
- Problems, but we aim to be part of the solution

problems of transition from the apartheid system – examination hitches, bureaucratic delays and confusion over teaching posts – are essential logistical and therefore not necessarily permanent.

In essence, our message to the educational authorities is that we are on-side with the new SA; we believe we have much to offer and we want to help where we can.

Our message to parents and the business community is that we will also defend vigorously our traditions and our right to invest heavily, with the help of our communities, in our greatest asset – our teaching staff.

Private schools have an important role. But the future of the country, especially its economy but also its political stability, depends on the formation of a large and stable middle class in every province.

The private education sector, however quickly it expands, is by definition financially inaccessible to most South Africans and it can never perform that vital function alone.

We welcomed the chance to open our schools to all; we also think it is important to retain our traditional constituency. We believe that a socially isolated school (whether it is all-white or all-black) can hardly be the best preparation for the realities of life in SA.

Our schools have much in common apart from long historical traditions. We believe in an all-round education that combines academic work, sports, cultural activities and pastoral care. We believe in inculcating discipline, good manners and the unique spirit that boarding establishments can engender.

There is ample evidence that such values are as much in demand among our many black parents as they have always been in our traditional white constituency.

In addition to our shared values, our schools intend to co-operate in sharing ideas on best educational practice. Given our geographic dispersal throughout SA, such co-operation can only benefit our communities and, we believe, the educational system as a whole.

In a time of transition, we offer stability and continuity. We believe we are conservative in the best sense, while remaining alert and proactive regarding desirable change. We intend to get on with the job with renewed enthusiasm and dedication. 9

Jack finds a new place as Old Dalian PRO

ONE of the best-known Old Dalians, JACK ROSENBERG (1945), has become public relations officer of the Old Dalian Union. Jack has been National President of the ODU twice – in 1959-60, when he officially opened the school's Old Dalian Assembly Hall – and then again in 1982-83.

One of his first tasks is to track down the thousands of Old Dalians with whom the union has lost contact. Every year correspondence is returned from Old Dalians marked “unknown.” Only a fraction of known Old Dalians scattered over the land and abroad are

paid-up union members.

In his first two weeks, says Jack, he found more than 100 “lost” Old Dalians. One of them was JOHN TAINTON, who matriculated in 1945 and became a South African Airways pilot. John lives in Plettenberg Bay and his neighbour is JACK MIDDLETON (1944), formerly of Johannesburg.

Among other tasks awaiting Jack are to publicise both schools, to assist in recruiting boarders, to devise fundraising strategies and stimulate growth in Old Dalian branches.

He has tackled his new job with typ-

ical enthusiasm. “It's like starting all over again,” says Jack, 70, who has in turn been a butcher, hotelier and property salesman.

At Dale from 1938-45, Jack played both first team cricket and rugby in his matric year. After a spell in Port Elizabeth he returned to King William's Town with his late wife Ezra to run the Central Hotel.

The Central became famous as a watering hole for Old Dalians and for its restaurant, Jack's Place. In later years Jack has been associated with Rose-Innes Estates.



JACK ROSENBERG ...
‘starting again’

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the executive committee of the Interact Society and is in the post-matric class this year.

Ondela Kiwa, son of Pinkie Kiwa of Johannesburg, was a hostel prefect at Paterson last year.

In the post-matric class Wayne Sedice, whose mother, Odette Sedice, now lives in Spain, captained the first hockey team and played Border Under 21 hockey last year. He was Dale's second top scorer and was awarded colours.

Wayne is studying computers at the East London Technikon and playing hockey for Border men's A. From the third term he has been working part-time as a housemaster at Selborne College to

The Achievers

help cover his study and living expenses before starting a BComm course next year at UPE or the Port Elizabeth Technikon.

Ryan Blackshaw, son of David and Marilyn Blackshaw of Boksburg, played for the first waterpolo team last year, including tours to Johannesburg and Cape Town.

Kenneth Reed, son of Ken and Paula Reed of Vereeniging, who made the Border chess team for the fourth consecutive year, is completing his schooling nearer home this year.

Last year's Dale golf team included Brent Stanley, son of Paul and Michelle Stanley of Benoni, Garry Dale (Maureen and Mike Dale of Kempton Park), Ryan Wait (Jimmy Wait of Germiston) and Justin Jeffreys (Maureen Jeffreys of Florida North).

The second hockey team included Kenneth Reed, Brett Millborrow, Ryan Wait, Dean du Preez, son of Cher du Preez of Buccleuch, and Daniel Miles, son of Tony and Eva Miles of Jukskei Park.

Warren Brett and Glen MacMaster, son of Sandy MacMaster of Randburg, played for the highly successful Under 15A rugby team which scored 358 points against 83 last year.



FAITHFUL CHEVY: Bill and Isobel Rowles and their CD 882
Picture: STEPHEN EGLINTON

Still going strong!

BACK in 1972 when Bill Rowles was Headmaster of Dale he bought a new Chevrolet Constantia V8.

"I see you're still driving the same car," a 1972 Old Dalian told his ex-head at the 1998 Reunion. Sure enough, there it was parked among the VIP cars outside the main building and still going strong.

The Chevy, still registered CD 882, was one of the first models with power steering and electric windows. Although 26 years old, it has only 70 000 kilometres on the clock.

Bill and his wife Isobel drive

up from their Kidd's Beach home to King for Reunion every year but they use the car for little else. "It's going fine, but it's a bit heavy on petrol," he explains.

Years ago Bill promised to give the car to his grandson, David Davies, when he was old enough. "Because of this I haven't had the heart to sell it."

Now studying law at UPE, David told Bill: "Thanks granddad, but I couldn't afford to run it."

Bill says he'll keep his Chev and buy a smaller, more economic car for David. But that may set a dangerous precedent: Bill and Isobel have nine grandchildren!

His pen's as mighty as the bat



STAR SCORER
Sivuyile Mqingwana

• DALE's First XI scorer, SIVUYILE MQINGWANA was awarded his school colours this year. He was chosen by an East London youth newspaper, GO & Express, as its Sports Achiever of the Week for his "real love of cricket."

Sivuyile, who is a boarder at Paterson House, is the son of Mr and Mrs GV Mqingwana of East London.

Here is the newspaper's tribute to the lad who has made his mark in cricket with a pen.

• HE has not lifted a bat, bowled a ball or taken a catch since his mini-cricket days.

Yet there is not a run, run-out or catch that Sivuyile Mqingwana has missed for the games in which he has been involved. For although his shadow does not darken the

crease his pen holds sway over the match.

This Dale matric pupil is a scorer and he has been scoring for the First XI for three years.

He started scoring for the Border men's side at the beginning of the 1997/98 season. Then he was selected to score for the SA U19 World Cup side and travelled during the World Cup held in South Africa this year.

Although his schoolmates tease him over his choice of enjoying cricket from the sideline, they realise the importance of his keen interest which keeps him alert and focused while they are out in the middle enjoying the glory.

"You have to be interested in the game," he explains, "or else you

will be very bored."

But watching cricket is obviously something this 17-year-old loves. He spends his time off watching the SA team in action on TV and would love to score for them one day.

When away from the cricket field Sivuyile plays a bit of tennis and rugby. He said he decided to try scoring while playing mini-cricket and he wanted to get more involved in the game but his playing abilities did not match his keenness.

His achievements off the field, however, have proved to be out of the ordinary and have earned him school colours.

If there is one thing which is true to say of Sivuyile it is: he doesn't like cricket - he loves it. ●

WHAT'S IN A NAME? The way you pronounce it!

HEADMASTER James Haupt and TransDale parent Michael Hauptfleisch have something in common - but they pronounce the similar part of their surnames quite differently.

James and his family call themselves "HOEFT". Michael says the correct (German) pronunciation of his name is phonetically "HAUPTFLYSH."

There are South Africans called Hauptfleisch who pronounce their name "HOEF(0)FLIESH." The T is silent.

The difference has been the subject of good-natured banter between the Headmaster and Michael, a SAA cabin crewman, since they first met.

• Be sure you pronounce their names correctly when you next encounter James, Michael or his wife Audrey.



NAMESAKES (almost): James Haupt, Audrey and Michael Hauptfleisch
• Picture: STEPHEN EGLINTON

Counting birds in Hogsback's yellow-wood forests

TWO TransDale boys, Matthew Eglinton and Cameron Cross, have found a new interest in bird-spotting (those of the feathered kind).

They joined an expedition of the Dale Birding Society held as part of the Cape Parrot Big Birding Day.

This is annual event to count the number of this endangered species who live mostly in the indigenous forests of the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal.

Matthew, 14, and Cameron, 16, were members of a Dale College team led by teacher Jenny Frean which went to count Cape parrots among the yellow-wood trees of the Hogsback. Starting at 5 am, the Dalians spotted 50 Cape parrots.

Cameron's younger brother Kyle, 11, who is in Std 4 and a keen member of the Dale Junior Wild Life Society, obtained special permission to join the outing. Both brothers are very inter-

ested in wild life.

Another Dalian, Dudley Whittal, 15, counted 50 Cape parrots from the top of the Anglican Church tower in King William's Town.

Matthew is the son of Stephen and Wendy Eglinton, of Alberton, committee members of the TransDale Parents' Association. Wendy is treasurer. Cameron and Kyle are the sons of Margaret Cross of Elspark, the association's secretary.

The Changing of the Guard

Chairman Tony's new-look team

FORMER vice-chairman and treasurer Tony Bishop is the new chairman of the TransDale Parents' Association. He succeeds Joe Fyfer, who has been chairman for two years.

Pat Fyfer, who has been secretary for two years, has been succeeded by Margaret Cross.

Tony and his wife Mercia joined the association's committee when their son Nicholas entered Dale College in 1995. He has been treasurer for three years and vice-chairman for two.

A chartered secretary, Tony runs Oakridge Accounting Services, handling financial and taxation matters, from his home in Clarens Park, Edenvale.

He is chairman of the Governing Body of Eastleigh Primary School and a lay minister at St Therese's Catholic Church in Edenvale, where he is vice-chairman of the Pastoral Council.

Tony is also a grand knight of the Council of St Therese, No 28, Edenvale, of the Catholic Order of the Knights of Da Gama.

The Bishops have four children, Anycia, 30, of Swindon, Wiltshire, England, Anton, 27, living in Edenvale with his wife Lisa, Nicholas,



The new executive team (left to right): Andrew Hunt, Wendy Eglinton, Tony Bishop, Margaret Cross and John Gordon.

16, in Std 9 at Dale, and Emily, 12, at Eastleigh Primary.

Tony was not present at his election as chairman. He and Mercia returned later that day from Britain where they attended Anycia's wedding to Russell Turner.

The new chairman leads a new executive team:

- JOHN GORDON, who joined the committee with his wife Diane after their son Duncan entered Dale last year, is vice-chairman. The Gordons live in Glen Austin, Midrand. John's work as a landscaper includes building and

reconstructing golf courses.

- ANDREW HUNT, an electrical engineer, who joined the committee with his wife Brigitte earlier this year, was elected junior vice-chairman. Their son Joseph is in Std 5 at Dale Junior.

- MARGARET CROSS of Elspark, the association's new secretary, has two sons, Cameron, 16, at Dale College, and Kyle, 11, at Dale Junior.

- WENDY EGLINTON has taken over as treasurer. She and husband Stephen, whose son Matthew, 15, is in his second year at Dale, live in Alberton.

Take a break, Joe and Pat!

AFTER two years as chairman and secretary of the TransDale Parents' Association and four years on the committee, Joe and Pat Fyfer are retiring – for a short break at least.

Their son Jason, who matriculates at Dale this year, is expected to be followed there by Brett, 11, in the year 2000. We hope Joe and Pat will then be back where they belong.

They have been committee members since Jason's first year at Dale in 1994. Joe served as junior vice-chairman for a year and vice-chairman for two before taking the chair in 1996.

Since then he and Pat have been the driving force on the committee, particularly in co-ordinating catering at dog shows which have been the association's main fund-raising source for many years.

They have been the pivot of the association's activities, liaising with the headmasters of both Dale schools, overseeing recruiting and golf tournaments and offering a hot line of support and comfort to parents having problems concerning their sons at Dale.

Joe holds a senior position in Parcelplus, the parcel delivery arm of the SA Post Office.

In the absence of the new chairman, Tony Bishop, honorary member Joe Sutton presented the Fyfers with a framed Dale supporters' cloth badge. A Dale supporters' tie will follow once these are available.

After paying tribute to their outstanding service and dedication he told them: "Take a break, Pat and Joe. We'll need you back in the new millennium."

- The Fyfers have been co-opted to the committee for the rest of the year.



JOE AND PAT FYFER, with Dale supporters' badge ... leave of absence



PAUL AND JOANNA MAWDSLEY ... four years' service



OUR NEW MEMBERS

Rusty Tinlin (far left), Kevin Findlay and Brigitte Hunt, who have joined the TransDale parents' committee this year.



A framed supporters' badge was also presented to Paul and Joanna Mawdsley, who retired this year after four years of loyal service on the committee. Their son Stephen, who entered Dale in 1994, matriculates this year.

Making the presentation, Joe Fyfer praised their hard work and dedicated contribution to the success of the association's catering at dog shows, their help at golf tournaments, recruiting and other parents' activities. At a later social function Joe presented the Mawdsleys

with personal gifts.

Another committee stalwart, Brenda de Oliveira, retired this year after five years' devoted service, including four years in charge of air and later bus travel arrangements.

A presentation was made to Brenda last year when her son matriculated, but she remained on the committee when Daniel decided to take an extra year's post-matric course.

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THE CALL OF THE WILD

At their game park by the sea, the Gibb family don't miss the bright lights, but they are near enough to taste city life when they want to

CITY FOLK for most of their lives, Rusty and Janice Gibb have found a new life in the wild. But they haven't left civilisation behind entirely.

They are close enough to a city to enjoy the fruits of that lifestyle when they feel like it.

Their "20-something" Old Dalian sons, Oliver and Dominic, have helped them build up Seaview Game Park, 25 kilometres west of Port Elizabeth. When they bought the 50-hectare reserve 18 months ago it had become sadly run down.

"We have the wonderful combination of the peace and quiet of the game park with its 180-degree sea views alongside the benefits of the city," Janice told TransDale. "We can buy the items we need easily, go the theatre, or out for a meal. And the airport is fairly near us."

Not everyone will agree with a claim that Port Elizabeth's weather is the fourth best (for a city) in the world. But the Gibbs find it agreeable and when drought was predicted they were grateful for the rain.

Visitors can drive through indigenous coastal bush where there is a variety of free-roaming animals and birds. The game include zebras, giraffes, blue wildebeests, duikers, impalas and bushbucks. Six lions are visible close up in an enclosure.

Resident birds include ostriches, peacocks, guinea fowls, frankolins, ha-de-das, white-necked ravens, hawks and owls.

In a safe parking area there are picnic spots, a braai area and toilets. Near by are cages housing monkeys, baboons, meercats, jackals, lynx, crocodiles, a bat-eared fox and another lion.

There is a curio shop and a restaurant serves light meals, snacks and refreshments.

Rusty was chairman of the TransDale Parents' Association for four years and both he and Janice hold the Per Ardua Award for dedicated service to Dale College.

After nearly 40 years with First National Bank – the last 12 as chief manager – Rusty took early retirement at 55. He and Janice, who had been selling upmarket property in Johannesburg, were looking for a change of lifestyle and a new business venture.

"Loving this part of the Cape, we had bought some beach property over the past few years," said Janice. "When we heard the Seaview Game Park was for sale we had a look at it and fell in love with the idea of owning it. We wrote down the pros and cons, then completely ignored the cons. One of the pros was that it would guarantee employment for the boys if they wanted it."

The park was run down. Oliver (Dale matric class '94), who had been living in London, came home and helped build it up. "He took to it like a duck to water and stayed with us for 15 months as ranger/manager – he was invaluable," said Janice.

Oliver has since returned to study in London. "We hope he will be back soon. His public miss him," said Janice.

Dominic (1992) has been at the park for 11 months and, as a qualified plumber, has been very useful. "He, too, enjoys the lifestyle and says he doesn't miss the bright lights of Johannesburg at all. Nor do we," said Janice.

"The phone's always ringing with requests for



ABOVE: Oliver on patrol seeking poachers' traps with his bodyguard, lion cub Lofty.

Picture: WILMA KEMP, Die Burger

RIGHT: Dominic gives orphan Hansie, a baby kudu, his bottle.

Picture: CLIVE SMITH, Evening Post



QUOTE

● We wrote down the pros and cons, then completely ignored the cons ●

him to go out, but he prefers to stay home."

The Gibbs are into their second year at the park and business is looking up. "Just as well," says Janice, "for having sold our house in Johannesburg for almost a straight swap for the game park, the park has been more of a colander than a sieve. Money has been needed for refurbishment."

The park's busiest day is Sunday. It also does well when busloads of school children arrive on weekday educational outings. "All hands are needed when the school bus arrives," said Janice.

Running a game park is a hard, demanding life, not without its crises. Happenings are urgent. Once there was a flap when two zebras escaped. "Because

of the proximity of poachers we hired a helicopter to dart them and got them back," said Janice.

"One escaped again and is grazing with cows from the farm next door on our other, unfenced land. She has become quite tame and we expect to keep her in when we fence that part."

On the day TransDale phoned, Rusty and Janice had been woken at 4.20 am by nine five-week-old puppies crying frantically. They were being chased by a sick jackal which had escaped from its garden pen.

"We got them all inside, separated our big dogs from the jackal but had to wait for daylight to catch it," she said.

But there are many more ups than downs. Rusty's health – not the best in the last years in Johannesburg – has improved a lot. And says Janice: "Because I run up and down from cages to house and from house to restaurant I have shed ten kilos."

Geoffrey, 8, restores the Dale-Wood Family link

THE 21st member of the Wood family to go to Dale moved up to Standard One at Dale Junior this year.

He is eight-year-old Geoffrey Scott Wood, son of Peter Wood, a King William's Town attorney, and his wife Rose.

Geoffrey, who has already passed

Sub A and Sub B at Dale, captains the Under Nine rugby and cricket teams and is doing very well at school, says his dad.

Peter is a grand-nephew of 84-year-old Lyle (LLF) Wood (1922-31), the Old Dalian stalwart and historian, whom he calls "Uncle Lyle". Geoffrey's great-

great-grandfather and Lyle's father were brothers.

The last member of Lyle Wood's extended family to attend Dale was Lyle's grandson, Lawrence Ernest Henry Wood, who left Dale in 1991.

• Peter did not go to Dale College, but to Kingswood.



Sir Langham's home faces demolition

A SEASIDE house once owned by the man who gave his name to Dale College has fallen into such disrepair that the owners want to demolish it. Sir Langham Dale used the house, Highclere, in Bloubergstrand, Cape, as a holiday home while he was Superintendent-General of Education in the Cape in the late 19th century. After his wife died in 1876 he lived there for some years.

More than 100 years ago Highclere was an elegant building, with Oregon pine floors, Victorian-style ceilings and yellow-wood window frames.

Now the house is in a dilapidated state. The window frames are heavily coated with layers of paint. Neighbours have complained that the house is unsightly and undesirable in the upmarket area.

Dirk Uys, an Old Dalian (matric class, 1951) of Pretoria, read about the house in a book, "Blouberg. Ons beroemdste strand," by DW Krynauw and GSJ Moller. While on holiday in the Cape he visited the scene and photographed the old house.

The house and its grounds have been owned by the adjoining Blue Peter Hotel for about ten years.

Chris Duncan, general manager of the hotel, told TransDale that his company had applied to the National Monuments Commission for permission to demolish the building, which for some years has been used as staff quarters.

"It is unfit for human habitation. It is damp and rotten and the ceiling is collapsing," he said. It would cost too much to restore for this to be a viable venture.

Although the building is not a national monument the owners realised it had some historic value. They first asked the municipality if they could demolish it but were referred to the National Monuments Commission, which has still to decide on the issue.

If permission is granted the Blue Peter Hotel will level the site and use it as a residents' carpark.

- Sir Langham was in charge of education in the Cape from 1859 to 1892. He opened the new Dale College building (now Sutton Square) in 1878 and died in 1898.

The picture on the right is of a bust in the Faculty of Education building at the University of Cape Town. Sir Langham was professor of classics at South African College, the forerunner of UCT, for 11 years.

- Dirk Uys, a former economist in the SA Reserve Bank, lives in Menlo Park, Pretoria.



FALLING APART ... Sir Langham Dale's holiday home has seen better days.



DIRK UYS ...
found and
photographed the
old house



SIR LANGHAM
... a bust
at UCT

DALE COLLEGE is the school best suited to face the challenges of the millennium, Headmaster James Haupt has told parents.

The Headmaster was responding to the results of the Sunday Times Top Schools project which rated Dale among leaders in the Eastern Cape but not nation-wide.

Mr Haupt argues that the survey was too limited to truly evaluate the "holistic top-quality education" offered at Dale. In his term-end newsletter to parents the Headmaster expresses reservations about the survey's scope and questioning technique. The newsletter highlights the "vast number of activities high school pupils at Dale College are exposed to by committed staff."

After referring to "the stresses and pressure in teaching which are exacerbated by the continuous threats of redeployment by the Education Department," Mr Haupt writes:

• Dale College staff remain positive and devoted to the task of educating our pupils, insisting on maintenance of standards in the classroom and beyond.

It is said, therefore, that Dale College is now only rated as one of the top schools in the province by the Sunday Times.

Dale still the best, says Head



Unfortunately the questionnaire has a limited scope and really cannot fully evaluate and/or fully comprehend the scope of the holistic educational approach of Dale College, which is why many top schools did not even bother to enter.

It is said that the results of maths and science are over-emphasised ... Dale was one of the top schools in the province in a local provincial assessment on this subject area, outclassing many of the Sunday Times achievers in our area.

To think that outreach action counts for more than the inclusive approach to other cultures that Dale has is ridiculous. The questionnaire was too limited in scope to really assess an institution such as Dale College and this was also indicated in a covering letter to the organisers.

This is a competition that, in my opinion, is really not in step with the requirements of the new millennium and too limited in its capacity to truly evaluate a holistic top-quality education as is offered at Dale College.

I am of the opinion that despite this evaluation Dale College is the school best suited to face the challenges of the new millennium with its excellent cultural mix which is achieving in all areas of school life.

Dale College must be experienced; it cannot be evaluated per restricted questionnaire. •

Elaborating, Mr Haupt told TransDale: "The questioning technique did not allow Dale to project itself fully."

"It did not give credit to issues that really reflect the wide-ranging approach to education at Dale. It was limited, especially in the areas in which Dale excels."

"It did not take into an account how we have absorbed underprivileged pupils from outlying areas. Nor did it reflect the success of integration at Dale - the amount of cultural bonding that has taken place."

Many of Dale's qualities were intangible and not confined to exam results. In the questionnaire there was little opportunity to explain what the school was really about.

Nevertheless, said the Headmaster, the survey was a good basic test of where a school is and an opportunity to think about one's school and where it was heading. He was prepared to enter Dale in the survey again next year.

Alan beefs up a 'dream' meat store

FORMER Dale parent and prominent Old Dalian Alan Davis (1962) has opened a new butchery at Four Ways Value Mart, Witkoppen Road, Sandton.

After 14 years in Louis Botha Avenue, Johannesburg, he has given up his shop, Houghton Butchery. He has opted instead for a more upmarket store with prepackaged meat, combined with a conventional butchery, where portions are served on request. "This is the fulfilment of a dream," he said.

His store, Alan's Quality Meats, is opposite where a casino is being built so Alan is hoping for trade from construction workers over the next three years.

Alan is a former committee member of the TransDale Parents' Association and the Old Dalian Union national executive.

He is regular supporter of TransDale parent and Old Dalian golf days, both as a player and contributor of lamb, which is raffled for Dale funds.

Knott tragedy stuns festive Old Dalians

COLD WEATHER greeted early arrivals for the 1998 Dale Reunion. Light rain fell in the town as staff and boys prepared for the opening Assembly.

Fall-back plans had been made for the opening Assembly to be held at the Kaffrarian High School – the college hall had already been prepared for the formal Old Dalian dinner that night.

The rain held off – and despite a chilly breeze under grey skies the Reunion atmosphere in the Hallowed Courtyard was warm.

But, as the day progressed, news filtered through of the deaths, in a motor accident that morning, of Sheila Knott, 58, wife of Old Dalian past president and cricket star Sid Knott, their daughter-in-law Joy Knott, 35, wife of their son Donald, and Nonkoliswa Moyake, young daughter of the Knotts' domestic worker.

Joy and Donald's three-year-old daughter Chelsea was critically injured but is recovering. Their son Taylor, 6, had been dropped off at school shortly before the accident.

The tragic news cast a shadow of sadness over the weekend's festivities. Seats reserved in advance for the Knott family were unused. A minute's silence and a prayer were observed at the Old Dalian annual general meeting and again at the dinner that evening.

Meanwhile, back for the Reunion after ten years were 35 members of the matric Class of 1988. There were some from the Class of '68 and 16 "Fifty-Eighters", who presented Headmaster James Haupt with a mounted clock and barometer. A few from the Class of '78 arrived later and got together over the weekend.

Old Dalians, said the Headmaster, had returned to the nest once again to:

- "RENEW bonds of the past and to pledge support for the future role Dale College had to play in this country and beyond its borders.

- "SHOW solidarity with the initiatives launched at the school over the years to make Dale the symbol of hope for all South Africans that through hard work we can reach the stars."

Mr Haupt said the Reunion weekend was an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful attributes and achievements of Old Dalians.

"It is also an opportunity to take note of the efforts made at Dale College to prepare Dalians for the coming millennium, ensuring that Dalians are not young men at risk, but young men of promise."

Robbie Campbell, Dale's 1998 Scholar at Exeter Cathedral School, England, sent greetings, observing: "While at Dale you are aware that you are part of something good, but it is only once you leave that you become aware of just how special a place Dale College is."

The Per Ardua Award (Dale's highest honour, introduced 16 years ago for voluntary and valuable service) was presented to:

- Malcolm Campbell, chairman of the Dale College Governing Body, and former



MOMENT OF PRIDE:

Peter Minnie, the Dale captain, hoists Sir Langham, the mascot, in triumph as he and his team celebrate their nail-biting 8-6 win over Queen's on Reunion Saturday.

• **Picture: DENVER DONIAN, Kei Mercury**



MOMENT OF PRIDE:

Headmaster James Haupt presents Joe Fyfer, retiring chairman of the TransDale Parents' Association, with the Per Ardua Award for loyal and devoted service to the college.

• **Picture: JOHN HUGGETT**

secretary and treasurer of the Governing Body at Dale Junior.

- Russell Grigg, college vice-chairman and former chairman of the Dale Junior Governing Body; and

- Joe Fyfer, retiring chairman of the TransDale Parents' Association. In welcoming the guests, the Headmaster observed that virtually the full executive of the association were present.

The Class of '88 were introduced by senior teacher Butch Wiggett, one of the few present

staff members who were at Dale during their time. Greetings came from members of the '88 Class now in London.

Retiring Old Dalian National President Chow Bissell told the 1988 matrics: "Don't forget your old school." He appealed to them to come back again and to support the union.

Chow urged Dalians to play against Queen's as a TEAM: "Together Everyone Achieves More."

Among the 1968 matrics was Chow's ex-newboy, Peter Rowles, son of former Dale Headmaster Billy Rowles and his wife Isobel.

As we sat in the Hallowed Courtyard on red-backed chairs which Billy had bought with the help of parents and Old Dalians 30 years ago, he remarked: "For school chairs to last so long is incredible."

The college's "little brother", Dale Junior, played its part in the Reunion events. Headboy Lambert Vos read the school prayer and Grade 1 and 2 boys, including some barefoot in rugby kit, ran by to join in the War Cry and old Dale rugby songs. (Sample: "QC, waar is jou lekker span?")

After the Assembly and the Old Dalian AGM the Class of '88 were entertained to lunch at the expanded Malcom Andrew Sports Centre. Older Old Dalians joined them. The 1998 Dale Reunion was on its way.

An afternoon of events on the CB Jennings Field, where Dale Junior Grade 1 and 2 boys met Queen's at rugby, was followed by the Old Dalian dinner that evening. Rugby and hockey matches continued against Queen's on Saturday and the Memorial Service wound up the weekend on Sunday.

It was a festive Reunion tinged with sadness and as always a weekend to remember ...

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Dalians need moral as well as physical courage

By MALCOM ANDREW

Former Headmaster of Dale College

(extracts from his address at 1998 Reunion Memorial Service)

THE REUNION of the Dale Family is always a special time – important for fellowship, sporting contact, reliving emotion, making new friends and rising to new challenges.

But also a time when the young men who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and democracy are remembered. We need to find time to stop the busy treadmill of life and remember them and the price they paid for our freedom.

That is why this Hallowed Courtyard is so named; why it is kept as a place of reverence. Why it is the special, unique heart of the Dale Family and the very centre of what is the Dale ethos.

Those young men whose names (to be read shortly by the Headmaster) appear on the Memorial, showed physical courage. They went into war knowing full well there was a better than even chance they would either be killed or wounded before the war ended. They voluntarily took that chance and, by so doing, displayed remarkable courage.

Dalians have always shown physical courage. Modern Dalians show physical courage on the sports field daily, as against Queen's yesterday, and some Dalians have shown unique physical courage.

Some years ago Stewart Maybery broke his neck in a rugby match against Selborne. He was told by specialists that he would be a paraplegic for the rest of his life: that he would never recover.

Yet, with faith in God, an indomitable will and sheer physical courage that overcame pain, agony, disappointment and heartbreak, Stewart leads a normal life today as a businessman in Port Elizabeth.

While still a schoolboy Allen Lennard had a leg amputated after a freak rugby accident against Queen's. Again, with sheer guts, he made it back into the Dale first squash team and then on to the South African Squash Champion of Champions tournament with one leg.

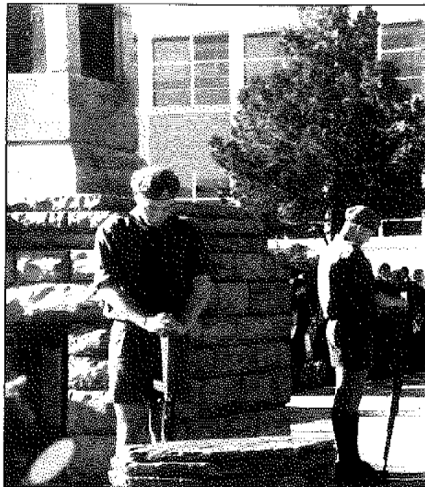
Imagine a schoolboy squash player playing in this prestigious tournament with an artificial leg! Each time I see Allen in King William's Town I silently acknowledge his courage.

Physical courage is part of Dale and is inbred into the youngest Dale Junior newboy and flourishes throughout the years he attends this remarkable institution.

But the reading this morning spoke of another type of courage – moral courage.

Jesus saw at the time of the Passover that the Temple was being desecrated by moneylenders and shopkeepers. He showed moral courage in overturning the tables in the Temple Courtyard to wake up the people to what they were doing. To show them the error of their ways; to clearly indicate that their behaviour was unacceptable to God.

Jesus saw that something was wrong and



THE DALE MEMORIAL . . . a symbol of courage. Garth Friedenstien is the sentry on the right.

Garth stands in as Memorial guardsman

GARTH FRIEDENSTEIN, 17, of Edenvale, was called in at the 11th hour to stand in for injured Nicholas Eyre as a member of the new guard of honour at the Reunion Memorial Service.

Nicholas, scrum-half in the Dale first rugby team, broke his collar-bone in the match against Queen's on the Saturday.

Garth is the eldest son of Hugh and Jenni Friedenstien, committee members of the TransDale Parents' Association. Brett Milborrow, whose mother Dianne lives in Witkoppen, Sandton, was a member of the old guard. Brett is in matric, Garth in Std 8.

THE HEADLINES THAT TOLD OF HEROISM

THE MAYBERY MIRACLE



From the pages of TransDale

1990

STEWART MAYBERY . . . a Dale award for courage

1989

ALLEN LENNARD . . . sheer guts

—FACE OF— COURAGE



did something to rectify the situation.

"For evil to flourish it is necessary only that good men do nothing."

At Dale we are taught standards and values that will last us the rest of our lives and will result in all of us being valued citizens of this country. Values such as decency, trust, honesty, understanding and Christian compassion.

Moral courage is when we observe that one or more of these essential values is being ignored and then have the strength of character to stand up and be counted, publically if necessary. To stand up for that which is right, decent, beautiful, good. That which wise and decent people would approve of; that which Jesus would approve of.

People with moral courage have values we all envy and respect. They are the salt of the

earth. People with moral courage are different, they are special, they change history, then develop a conscience among those that simply go with the flow.

This is required of all Dalians to ensure that high moral standards and values are found in this 137-year-old Christian institution that is known and revered throughout the English-speaking world.

You are the custodians of these values into the future. Let's see examples of your physical and your moral courage. Remember, *"For evil to flourish it is necessary only that good men do nothing."*

Good Dalians need to stand up and be counted to protect those values and standards given us by our Lord Jesus Christ.

The statue before you is a reminder of the Dalians who fought and died for freedom. It is also the symbol of physical and moral courage that each Dalian must accept and display and the statue is the heart of what is essentially and uniquely what Dale stands for.

The Hallowed Courtyard with this statue is a place of reverence and is the special, unique heart of what is Dale. It is the symbol of Christian values in this place, it is the daily reminder that physical and moral courage are part of the make-up of members of the Dale Family.

MALCOM ANDREW . . . stand up and be counted



REUNION '98 SPECIAL

10 YEARS ON: MATRICS HONoured GUESTS

AFTER the Reunion Assembly, returning members of the Class of 1988.

BACK ROW: Shaun Williams, Derrick Denson, Quentin Birkholtz, Brad Hall, Mark Anderson and Jason Waldy.

SECOND ROW: Martin McBride, Basil Stroud, David Campbell, Sheldon Ball, Quentin Hawkes, Juan Crous, Cuan McKinlay and Anton Hawkes.

THIRD ROW: Justin Laing, Lyle Mundell, Mark Harding, Peter Monaghan, Mark Jeacocks, Keith Alexander, Robert Goldie, Grant Miles and Mario Sofokleous.

FRONT: Vivian Vockerodt, Peter Collins, Robin Swanepoel and Timothy Hodgkinson.



19 BRIDES FOR DALIAN '88s

THE CLASS OF 1988

TEN YEARS after leaving Dale College, at least 19 of the Class of 1988 are married, six of them to former Kaffrarian High School girls. Four are engaged, two to ex-KHS girls.

Diminutive Peter Collins and his wife Helen have two daughters and two sons. Nine others in the class are fathers, some with two children.

Thirty-five of the Class of 1988 returned to Dale as honoured guests for a ten-year anniversary at the 1998 Reunion – a weekend of celebration, fun and reminiscence.

Some travelled far. Jason Waldy, a pilot with Cathay Pacific Airlines, jetted in from Hong Kong and Keith Alexander, a systems analyst in Amsterdam, flew via London.

Jason, "a short little fellow" at school had changed into "a big strapping chap of over 6 ft," said Peter Monaghan of King William's Town, who organised the '88 get-together.

Peter, headboy of both Dale Junior and the college, cricket captain and rugby vice-captain, is an attorney with Hutton and Cook in King William's Town. Their offices are in Sutton Square, the former Sutton House. Peter married a KHS girl, Liesl Ann Weyer.

From Johannesburg, Raymond



Basil and Victoria Stroud, Justin Laing (1988 Dux Scholar and chess captain) and Vivian Vockerodt.

Butcher, former headboy of Frank Joubert House and first team swimming and waterpolo captain, and Chris Linde, one of King William's Town's Linde brothers, flew in late on Friday.

"Chris was the life and soul of the party, keeping people amused with his wit," said Monaghan.

Others who travelled some distance included:

- From CAPE TOWN: Anton Hawkes, who has a plumbing business and an interest in a restaurant.

- From KWAZULU-NATAL: Cuan McKinlay, a mechanical engineer, and Robert Goldie, a senior quantity surveyor, both of Pinetown, Timothy Hodgkinson, a telecommunications engineer from New Germany, and Mark Jeacocks, 1988 Victor Ludorum and now a banker in Vryheid.

- From PORT ELIZABETH:

• Pictures: JOHN HUGGETT

Basil Stroud, a plant engineer, and Mario Sofokleous, who manages a fruit and vegetable business. Peter Collins came from nearby St Francis Bay, where he has a carpentry business. Others were from the Border area,

Sutton Cellars, a pub and restaurant co-owned by '88 Class member Quentin Birkholtz in the transformed Sutton House, did a brisk trade with Old Dalians over the Reunion weekend.

For the '88s the party started here, after Friday's opening Assembly, followed by lunch at the Malcom Andrew Centre as guests of the ODU Executive.

On Saturday class members gathered for lunch at Sutton Cellars, followed by the rugby and

and after-match party at the Memorial Hall.

"Dale differs greatly from when I was there as it now a multi-racial school," said Peter Monaghan. "The new Dalians seem to have fitted in very well and I am not aware of any problems."

The Class of '88 are doing well in many different spheres.

Their ranks include a casino slot machine manager, an owner of two retail stores, a supermarket owner, three engineers, a security firm manager, two attorneys, a financial broker, a banker, three insurance staffers, a garage owner, a motor salesman, a property project manager, a building contractor and a textile representative.

At least three have attained provincial sporting honours – Robin Swanepoel, prop forward in the Border senior side this season, Rob Goldie (Natal gymnastics) and Anton Hawkes (Border waterpolo).

Neil Hatley, now playing for Bedford, a top club in England after stints for Natal and Western Province, could not make the trip. He is married to an ex-KHS girl, Robin Howels.

Others who took KHS brides include: Sheldon Ball (Gina Ferrucci), Martin McBride (Margi Grabner), Warren Kyle (Cecily Frauenstein), Grant Miles (Gillian Rudolph), Brad Hall is engaged to Mary Lisa Hydakin and Vivian Vockerodt to Samantha Richter.

Cheers, TransDalians!

With the compliments of

Bill and Diana Beckley

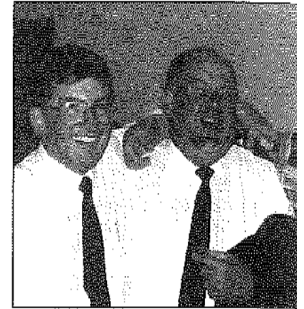
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Neil and Terry Harvey, Di and Robin Hill



"Mugs" Lavin and Alan Stevens



Robert Burton, KC Miles, Rob

THE CLASS OF 1958

40 years on: For Auld Lang Syne...

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?

— Robert Burns

NOI say the Class of 1958. For them the 1998 Dale Reunion was "one continuous weekend of renewing old acquaintances."

That's how George Dracatos of Alberton sums up the mini-reunion of 16 classmates 40 years after they left Dale. They came from all parts of South Africa ... from the slopes of the Drakensberg to the shores of Hermanus, Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth and East London, from Gauteng and from former Dalian outposts like Barkly East, Alexandria and Komani ...

Fourteen of the Fifty-Eighters brought their wives and two of them, Budgie Zandhuis (née Reddin) and Pam Schutz (née Schorn), were Kaffrarian High School old girls.

"The wives enjoyed the weekend tremendously," says George, who organised the get-together with Robert Burton of Port Elizabeth.

"My wife Wandah is now glad she attended. I am amazed how lucky the guys I went to school with have been with their partners. Terry Harvey has told Neil she considers herself an Old Dalian."

Schoolboy stories were recounted and probably embellished. Nicknames endured. "The guys got on as well (if not better) than they did at school. It was tremendous once more to ignite the flame of friendship which had existed between us," says George.

"Obviously old man time has eroded firm figures and good looks but the character traits seem to have remained intact.

"The only person who does not seem to have aged as much as us is Robert Burton, who I think found the elixir of youth, or a damn good hair-dresser and a 'nip, suck and tuck' doctor."

Says Robin Hill of Sandton: "I did not recognise anyone except Errol King."

One highlight for George was "getting slightly inebriated at a place where I previously would not have dared to have done so (at Sutton Cellars, once part of Sutton House)."

Robin recalls that after watching "a bit of rugby" on the Friday afternoon "the call of Sutton House was far too strong ..."

Coach's crit.

EXTRACTS from coach Tommy Higgs's critique on the 1958 First XV:

GA CAMERON (colours). Flyhalf. Vice-captain. A clever player ... master of the tactical kick ... versatile ... played scrumhalf and fullback as well.

HL SCHUTZ (colours): Centre. A greatly improved player. Powerful and thrustful. Inclined to be selfish. A great defensive player.

J FILMER (colours): Hooker. A better all-round player than a specialist hooker. Plays with fire and determination. An honest worker.

RA BURTON (team blazer): Flanker. At times lacked concentration. Tough, mobile and an opportunist. His tackling and, at times, his handling were weak.

Z ZANDHUIS (colours): Lock forward and flanker. A fiery player who gave of his best in every match. Very determined player, who possessed an amazing turn of speed. Should go a long way ... once he has improved his tackling.

JA HEATHER (honours cap): Eighth man. Border Schools. A brilliant opportunist. Has a ready eye for an interception ... a weaving run very difficult to halt ... Inclined to rest in the tight scrums.

• Team record: Played 17, won 13, drew 1, lost 3. Points for: 224. Points against: 73.

No sex please

SOME of the "Fifty-Eighters" stayed at a bed-and-breakfast place called Reflections.

George Dracatos says the rules of this "quaint establishment" are set out on the back of the doors: "No smoking, no drunken or disorderly behaviour, no sex between people who are not married."

Reflects George: "I believe Reflections has been made a Grade B monument and only the outside can be changed. However, with the present officer in charge the inside is unlikely to change. The place is so fixed in its ways that the Bibles in the drawers were 'first editions'."

Many traipsed down to the pub. Most of the chaps stayed there and "drank the night away."

Says George: "The evening was a tremendous reunion of old friends and the effects were felt by all and sundry the next day. Shorty Cameron can confirm this."

Lone representatives at the formal Old Dalian dinner-dance were Robin and Di Hill and Neil and Terry Harvey. "It was great," says Robin. "The parents had done the food, which was excellent, and the band was fantastic."

"On Saturday we dragged ourselves out of bed

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PRESENTATION: The Class of '58 gather after and barometer. Left to right: John Filmer, Ge (obscured), Robert Burton, Robert Montgomerie, Alan Stevens, The Ven. Mike Hall (obscured), R John Heather

30 years on: Gr memories of bu



AT ASSEMBLY:
Brian James,
Peter Rowles,
John Sheard,
Malcolm Phillips,
David Cawthorn
and Cruncher
Wilmot
ABOVE: Basil
Schwulst



THE CLASS OF 1968

THIRTY years after matric some chaps' shapes had changed dramatically and not for the better. Some had grown very grey and others a bit thin on top. That was Peter Rowles's impression of his 1968 classmates who attended the 1998 Reunion. Thirteen of the class made it back, seven of whom brought their partners.

Peter commented: "With the likes of Eric (Altie) Stephen, Cruncher Wilmot, Gordon Daniel, Basil Schwulst and Jackie Wainwright there, many good stories were told. "Some were hard to believe and not appropriate to repeat in a family magazine. Most involved bucking the system and breaking the rules."



Robert Montgomery and Zandy Zandhuis



Barbara and Errol King



Budgie Zandhuis, Zandy Zandhuis and Pam Schutz



presenting Headmaster James Haupt with a clock
George Dracatos, the Headmaster, "Footie" Schutz,
Zandy Zandhuis, KC Miles, Dudley Fleischman,
Robin Hill, Errol King, Phillip Erasmus (Class of '57),
and "Mugs" Lavin

Grey hairs and fond looking the system



And who was headmaster of Dale at the time? Why, none other than Peter's dad, strict disciplinarian Bill Rowles, son of that legendary Dale master, "Drollie" Rowles.

For three of the group it was an opportunity to see their Dalian sons: John Sheard's Douglas, Malcolm Phillips's Rowan and David Cawthorn's Andrew.

Most of the other classmates had not met for many years. It was chance to rekindle old bonds and recall the days when Dale was a lot different from what it is now. Some things, however, like rugby rivalry and the spirit of Dale, remain unchanged.

• Reunion pictures by DI HILL, DENVER DONIAN, JOHN HUGGETT, JILL MITCHELL

The Fabulous 'Fifty-Eighters'

ROBERT and ZUBETH BURTON of Port Elizabeth. Robert, originator and southern organiser of the get-together, is joint managing director of T Birch & Co, supplier of clothing and sportswear to schools and universities in Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown. It also sells gowns to attorneys and advocates.

GEORGE and WANDAH DRACATOS of Alberton. George, northern organiser, has practised as an attorney in Alberton for 30 years. He helped to establish the Alberton cricket and hockey clubs, was secretary of the Alberton Hellenic Association for 20 years and was also chairman of the Alberton Attorneys Association.

NEIL and TERRY HARVEY of Sandton. Neil is chief operating officer of the SABC on secondment from Anglo American, after holding top posts in Anglo companies Amquip, Komdresco and Tyre-quip.

GORDON (Shorty) and GAIL CAMERON of Durban. An insurance broker, Gordon is a former chairman of the Transvaal and East London branches of the Old Dalian Union.

HUGH (Footie) and PAM SCHUTZ of Newlands, Cape. Footie played for the Dale first rugby team and is believed to be in property development.

MORRIS (Mugs) and SANDY LAVIN of Alexandria. Mugs is a farmer/businessman.

JOHN and PATSY FILMER of East London. John, head doctor at Medicross there, has been the team doctor for Border rugby and cricket, the Springbok rugby B team in 1993 and the SA Under 19 rugby team that toured South America last year.

(The Venerable) MIKE and SANDY HALL of Barkly East, where Mike is archdeacon. Described irrever-

ently by classmates as "the irreverent reverend," Mike read prayers at the opening assembly, the dinner-dance and officiated at the memorial service.

JOHN and PAT HEATHER of Bloubergstrand, Cape. A former headmaster of Selborne Primary, East London, he now runs a motivational company arranging seminars and encouraging businesses how to operate better. He has sent ex-classmates copies of his motivational book, "How To Be The Best You Can".

ROBIN and DI HILL of Dainfern, Sandton. Robin is a quantity surveyor.

ERROL and BARBARA KING run Eagles Rock Mountain Retreat, a guest lodge near Underberg in the Drakensberg.

DUDLEY and MICHELLE FLEISCHMAN of Dundee, Natal. Dudley is in the farm implements business.

KC and YVONNE MILES, who farm at Komani, near Queenstown.

ZANDY and BUDGIE ZANDHUIS, who have retired to Hermanus, Cape.

ALAN STEVENS who runs a foundry in Boksburg. Alan's wife could not attend as one of their family was ill. Both he and George Dracatos played cricket for Alberton.

ROBERT (Monty) MONTGOMERY, who formerly farmed near Aliwal North, is now in the animal food business in Durbanville, Cape.

The Class of '58 were joined by three '57s, NEVILLE WOOLGAR of King William's Town, MIKE MOURANT of Port Elizabeth, who came back to Dale in the first term of 1958 to complete supplementary exams, and PHIL ERASMUS.

20 years on: Revelery and old haunts

OLD MATES from the Class of 1978, back after 20 years, met for a nostalgic lunch on Reunion Saturday and that evening celebrated Dale's rugby victory over Queen's.

Sutton Cellars was bustling with midday revellers beneath the floorboards of old College/Sutton House. Bradley Joubert had come up from Port Elizabeth and Alan Eyre and his wife Tibby from East London.

They were joined by local classmate Russell Linde and by Alan Sutton and his wife Linda, who had flown in from Gauteng.

Mingling among the customers was another 1978 matric, Dean Radue, co-owner of the pub.

Over lunch and a few beers the Eyres renewed their friendship with the Suttons - the two Alans and Linda were at Rhodes in the 80s.

Earlier Alan took his wife and ex-Hostelite father on a tour of some of his old haunts, including a quiet spot among barrels outside

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the public works depot. "That's where guys used to hide while others were at church," he said.

Diocesan Hostel, renovated and now rented by the Education Department, looked better than ever. But behind the former "Bottom Hostel" next to the deserted plateau stood the old toilets, derelict but smoke-free. Gone are the days ...

After the match more Seventy-Eighters gathered at the War Memorial Hall to talk about old and more recent times.

Where are they now? Alan Eyre is with Mercedes Benz, Bradley with BP. Russell is a lawyer in King. Alan Sutton is in the computer networking business in Sandton with his cousin, Old Dalian Alan Cawood (1976).

PAUL SMIT: The Pastor President

PASTOR Paul Smit, the new Old Dalian National President, is a man of remarkable sincerity and humility. His strong religious convictions and his skill in public speaking will bring a new dimension to his office.

The former teacher and hockey star is only the second church minister to lead the ODU. The first was the Rev Frank Sutton, who held the office in 1928 while he was Headmaster of Dale.

Paul bared his soul in his address after his induction at the Reunion dinner-dance. He told Old Dalians and friends of Dale: "You will not find my name on any board here."

"Possibly if there was one for the most hidings or the biggest drop-out I would appear on that one."

Fortunately Christ had pulled him out of the gutter and given him a new bash at life, he said.

He wished to put something back into the school that gave him so much without him realising it at the time.

His mission was to try to encourage old boys to become a part of all that is Dale.

He believed that a lack of understanding and familiarity lay behind the apathy of many Old Dalians. The way out was through education and information.

"My mission this year is to get out to as many meetings as possible, to attend every function I can, to promote the school and all it stands for."

He challenged Old Dalian branches to set

up meetings and to old boys to speak positively about their school.

Paul Smit is pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in King William's Town. He studied for three years at the Port Elizabeth Teachers' College, where he was SRC chairman, and took his Higher Education Diploma at the Cape Town Teachers' College.

After army service he taught at Excelsior in King William's Town for two years and then at Dale Junior for a further two.

Paul joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church in 1993 and obtained a Bachelor of Theology degree and Licentiate in Theology through the Baptist International Theological Seminary. He is now taking a Master of Theology degree through Stellenbosch University.

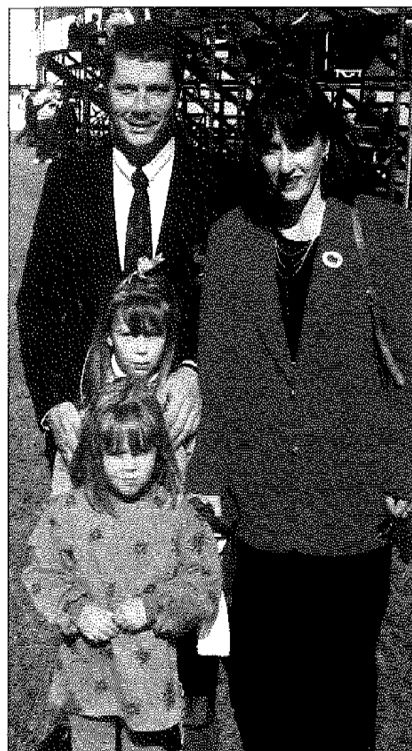
At Dale from Std 2 to matric in 1980, Paul played first team hockey for four years and for Border Schools. He also represented the Border Under 21 hockey side.

He has served on the ODU Executive for seven years, including three as secretary. He is chairman of the local Ministers' Fraternal and a member of the Kaffrarian High School Governing Body.

Paul and his wife Rose, a former teacher at Dale Junior, have two children, Alison and Danica.

FAMILY MAN: Paul Smit with his wife Rose and daughters Alison and Danica.

• Picture: DENVER DONIAN, Kei Mercury

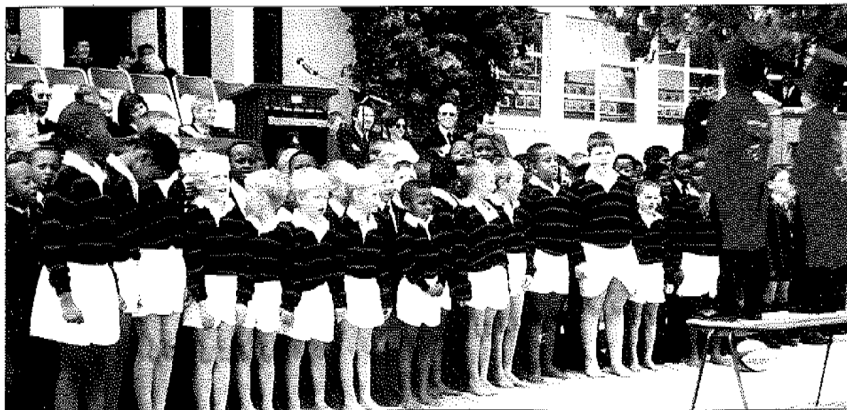


TransDale parents in party mood . . .

At the Reunion dinner-dance: TransDale parents (back) Stephen Eglinton, Joe Fyfer and Hugh Friedenstein, with Wendy Eglinton, Pat Fyfer and Jenni Friedenstein.

• Picture: JILL MITCHELL, Kei Mercury

Juniors at Assembly: Young voices, old songs



THE FIFTY-EIGHTERS

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at mid-morning and went down to the rugby fields to remind ourselves nostalgically of our schooldays and the rugby of years ago." Some things today were very different from those days.

"In the afternoon we gravitated to the main stand and watched the thirds, seconds and firsts. The spirit of the boys and the singing was of a high standard."

Adds George: "It was great sitting in the stand with all the guys and their wives, cheering Dale on to victory. Dale won all the games we watched. The Class of '58 appears to have been a lucky talisman and maybe the rest of the old boys should see that we attend all future Reunions (all expenses paid!)."

After the match the Class of '58 presented Headmaster James Haupt with a mounted, inscribed clock and barometer, arranged by Alan Stevens of Boksburg.

That evening the Class held their own dinner at the Grosvenor Lodge. Robert Burton brought 1958 and 1959 magazines and there was fun and laughter about old times.

Zandy Zandhuis entertained with memories and quoted from coach Tommy Higgs's critique of the First XV (see panel). "It was hysterical," says Robin Hill.

Adds George Dracatos: "It seemed amazing that these character traits still showed after 40 years. Old Tommy was a fair judge."

Next morning the Ven. Archdeacon Mike Hall officiated at the Memorial Service.

Final comment from George, who had been back to King William's Town just once before - about 20 years ago: "Dale has become an affirmative school, but it still feels the same despite the changes."

RUGBY '98 THE TOPSY-TURVY SEASON THAT STARTED SO WELL

PLAYING attractive running rugby, the Dale First XV emerged unbeaten in festivals at Kokstad, St John's College in Johannesburg and Prince Edward School in Zimbabwe.

They beat Kearsney at Kokstad, won all three matches in Johannesburg and another three in Harare. They shared the shield for the playing the best rugby at the Prince Edward festival.

All this followed a disappointing start of the 1998 season when Dale went down to St Andrew's in the Graeme College anniversary festival in Grahamstown.

Back home from Zimbabwe, Dale kept winning. But after a nail-biting Reunion victory over Queen's, they slumped to a heavy defeat against Selborne.

Then hundreds of Dale supporters watched their team outplay Kingswood in a match televised nation-wide live from King William's Town.

Robust forward play, thrilling running by the backs and determined defence by both seemed to have set the scene for an exciting season, but the team's fortunes declined sharply in the latter part. Dale lost six of the last nine games.

"The performance of the team was below par," was their coach's laconic comment.

Nevertheless the First XV scored a 65 per cent success rate and can rate its victory over Paarl Boys' High, one of South Africa's top schoolboy sides, as a notable achievement.

This year's team included two boys from the 1997 Under 15A side: Bradley Rudy, a prop forward, who played 19 games the whole season, and flanker Kaunda Ntunja (seven).

Of the team that ended the season against Queen's 11 will return next year. Only one of them will be a post-matric. TransDale reports:



EYE OF THE STORM: John Kirk (left) had fun, Bill Beckley sat drenched, undaunted – and the Head snapped the scene
• Pictures: JAMES HAUPT

When rain didn't stop play or the magic

By JOE SUTTON

THEY came, they saw, they chirped, they cheered ... Vociferously. And Dale conquered.

The atmosphere at the St John's rugby festival in Johannesburg over Easter was charged even before the Dale First XV ran on the field.

Few, if any, schools matched the fervour of support mounted by Old Dalians, Dalians and parents. Nothing brings Old Dalians out of the woodwork more than a rugby tour. This year they were not scattered around the field.

A Dale College banner attracted fans from Gauteng and King William's Town, to a Dale corner on the lower side of the field.

Supporters, young and older, invaded the field to render the War Cry; they shouted traditional school slogans; they cheered every try and exciting movement. Referees who appeared partisan against Dale were given the bird.

At the Thursday game against Paarl Boys' High, John Kirk, a young Old Dalian up from Vryheid, KwaZulu-Natal, stepped forward as cheerleader.

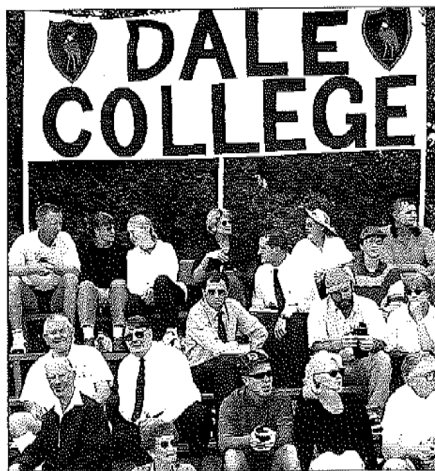
On the Monday Free Stater Peter Wales, now living in Johannesburg, took over the role when Dale played Jeppe Boys' High.

High in a stand above the banner St John's lads joined younger Dale fans to support us against their rivals. They sang Dale songs like good Dalians.

Midway during the first half of the Saturday game against a Gauteng Youth XV, a storm broke, drenching spectators. (Unlike Dale, St John's has no covered stand.)

Some older members of the Dale Family fled for shelter and some went home. But most supporters – notably Durban's Bill Beckley (class of 1946), dressed as usual in shorts and a sleeveless twin-Heron shirt – sat undaunted by the soaking rain. The game went on ... the storm passed.

Afterwards dried-out Old Dalians and parents, joined Headmasters James Haupt and Mike Hosty, ODU junior vice-president Kelvin



UNDER the Dale banner ... fans young and older

Bahlman, players and other members of the touring party at a reception in the main St John's assembly hall. The function, organised by the

local ODU branch, was so well attended that the snacks ran out.

James Haupt strode over to greet the oldest Old Dalian present, Harold Miller (1926-1935) in a wheelchair, and his wife Kay.

ODU branch vice-chairman Ivan Venter (1957), presiding in the absence of holidaying chairman Dave Sephton-Poultnery, welcomed the guests and local Old Dalians and parents. Ivan has since been elected junior national vice-president of the ODU as Kelvin Bahlman moved up to be senior vice.

In a letter to Ivan Venter, Mr Haupt thanked him for the "wonderful reception" the Dale team and staff received from the Transvaal Old Dalian branch.

"The Old Boys made a great impression in the stands and at the after-match function ... The presence of some older members of the union was particularly appreciated," he wrote.

Some of the older Old Dalians met for the first time since leaving school in the '40s. Bill Beckley sat next to his 1945 Diocesan Hostel newboy Cyril Henley (matric class of 1947). Quentin Coaker (1944) renewed acquaintances with another Hostel colleague, Peter Collett (1946).

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Send TransDale's James to France!

THE Dale College first rugby team will play seven matches during a 21-day tour of France in December. The 22 players chosen include two TransDale boys, lock forward James Winstanley and flanker Donovan Proudfoot, and Vuyi Sishuba of Botswana.

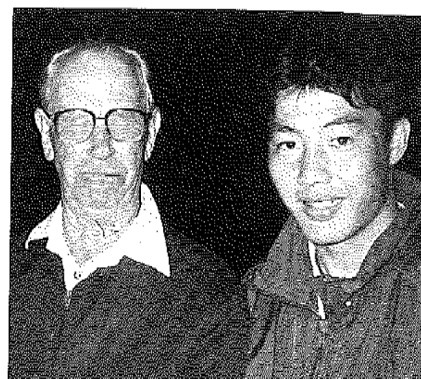
A special appeal has been made for funds to help send James on the tour. The cost to parents is R7 500. James, who is 16 and in Std 9, is the son of Mrs Jane Winstanley of Brakpan.

The cost of sending most other players been

provided for but funds are still needed for general tour and players' out-of-pocket expenses.

Donations payable to Dale College could be tax deductible. Cheques may be sent to Mrs P Minnie, The Bursar, Dale College, PO Box 62, King William's Town 5600.

The team is due to leave Johannesburg for Paris on November 29 and return on December 19. Parents are being asked to accommodate the tour party during two overnight stopovers in Johannesburg.



BACK FROM ZIM: On a cold winter's night, TransDale parents and Old Dalians gave returning Dale rugby tourists a braaivleis welcome. The hosts were Joe and Pat Fyfer, parents' chairman and secretary. Left to right: Finley and Louanna Proudfoot and their lock forward son Donovan; centre Wesley Bahlmann; and flanker Francis Kingston with Des Webber, flank in the unbeaten 1938 Dale First XV

Dale rated best at Zim festival

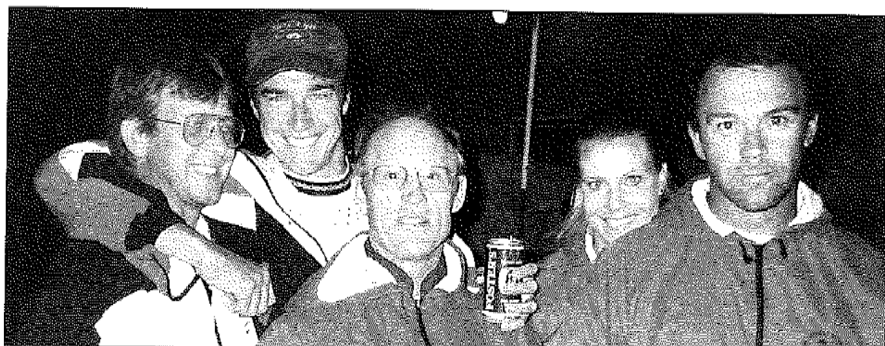
DALE overwhelmed their opposition at Prince Edward School's centenary festival in Harare, scoring 21 tries in three games for a total of 135 points to nil.

Addressing the end-of-season rugby dinner First XV coach Andre Dusterhoft said the tour was highlighted by the way the boys played and behaved, the excellent results and co-winning the shield for the best team in the tournament.

The Zimbabwe tour was "on the whole a bigger success than the 1997 tour," he told TransDale. "Everyone enjoyed themselves more this time, and the games were more entertaining."

All seven reserves played in the opening game against Lomagundi and most players suffered from the 3500 kms of bus travel. Nevertheless Dale won 33-nil.

After leading 6-nil at halftime with two penalties Dale ran five tries with one conversion. Tries were scored by winger Lynden Saayman (two) and one each by Vuyisile Mbula, centre Malibongwe Maketa and No 8 Gareth Krause.



TOUR LEADERS Zane Hagerman, Wayne Rademan, Butch Wiggett, Andre Dusterhoft and wife Nanette

Krause, standing in as captain, scored after an excellent 35-metre touchline run. Mbula goaled the two penalties and fullback Simphiwe Vimbayo one conversion.

The match against Prince Edward was expected to be the toughest. The host side had observed three of Dale's games at the St John's

festival in Johannesburg three weeks earlier.

But Prince Edward were unprepared. They had watched the Dale reserve side on the Tuesday and faced the full side on Thursday. Dale won easily 28-nil, handing out one of Prince Edward's biggest hidings of the century on their home ground.

Try-scorers were prop forward Lonwabo Mtimka, Mbula, Nicholas Eyre and Adam Robertson, who converted all four.

On the Saturday afternoon the word was that St George's were saving their best for last.

The game started at a furious pace with everything running smoothly and Dale leading 28-nil within eight minutes. This knocked the opposition out of the game and saw Dale running in 12 tries in 60 minutes to win by 74-nil.

Ten tries were scored by the backs and two by the forwards. Mbula scored four, Maketa three, and Donovan Proudfoot, Eyre, Vimbayo and Mtimka one each. Robertson converted three tries.

This was good display of rugby technically, even though it was against weak opposition, commented coach Andre Dusterhoft.

For this outstanding win and overall play Dale was awarded the trophy for the most spectacular rugby at the festival.

However, they had to share it with St John's from Johannesburg – a gesture from Prince Edward as both schools were celebrating their centenary this year.

• TOUR manager Butch Wiggett said of the final game against St George's: "This was one of the finest performances by a schoolboy side in which 15-man rugby was played at a high speed."

A hat-trick at St John's

THE touring Dale rugby team scored a hat-trick in the St John's College festival, winning all three matches and scoring 85 points against 41.

Highlights were a speech by President Nelson Mandela and a hard game against Jeppe in which Dale scored five tries to win 28-21.

This followed a one-match tour to Kokstad where Dale beat Kearsney College 29-21. Tries were scored by wing Sanda Mlalandle and flanker Francis Kingston (two each) and full-back Thobela Mdaka (one). Flyhalf Adam Robertson goaled two conversions.

After this visit the team attended a three-day training camp at Ixopo – "an eye-opener for most of the boys in rural KwaZulu-Natal," said coach Andre Dusterhoft.

The team stayed at a hostel at Ixopo High School where an Old Dalian, Dennis Jack, is a teacher. They spent the time training, talking, relaxing and watching videos.

In Johannesburg, Dale won their first game in the St John's festival on the Thursday by beating Paarl Boys' High School 18-15.

Centre Wesley Bahlmann and Mlalandle

each scored a try and Robertson kicked two penalties and one conversion. In an exciting, open game, Paarl replied with two tries, a conversion and a penalty.

Coach's comment: "Our initial breakthrough was enough to secure the game and our defence was good."

The Saturday game against Gauteng Under 19 Youth Clubs was, in his view, a "very relaxed game" in which all reserves were fielded. Despite heavy rain midway through the game Dale ran in six tries to win 41-5.

Try-scorers were Mdaka (two) and centre Malibongwe Maketa, No 8 Gareth Krause, wing Vuyisile Mbula and scrumhalf Nicholas Eyre (one each). Robertson kicked four conversions and a penalty and Mbula one conversion.

The last game of the tournament on Monday against Jeppe turned out to be "a lot harder than expected." In Dale's exciting 28-21 victory Mlalandle scored three tries and Robertson one. Robertson converted three.

Jeppe rallied in the second half and despite Dale's four tries a Johannesburg newspaper said patriotically that the local side were unlucky to lose.

TOUCH AND GO AS DALE SHADE OLD RIVALS **RUGBY '98**

Queen of the Queenians

DALIANS and Old Dalians rubbed their eyes in disbelief when the Queen's College eighth rugby team took the field at the 1998 Reunion. The Queen's hooker was a girl!

Blonde, blue-eyed Erin Engelen, 17, a Canadian Rotary exchange student, scrummled down and rewrote the record books. She was the first girl to play in a rugby match against Dale.

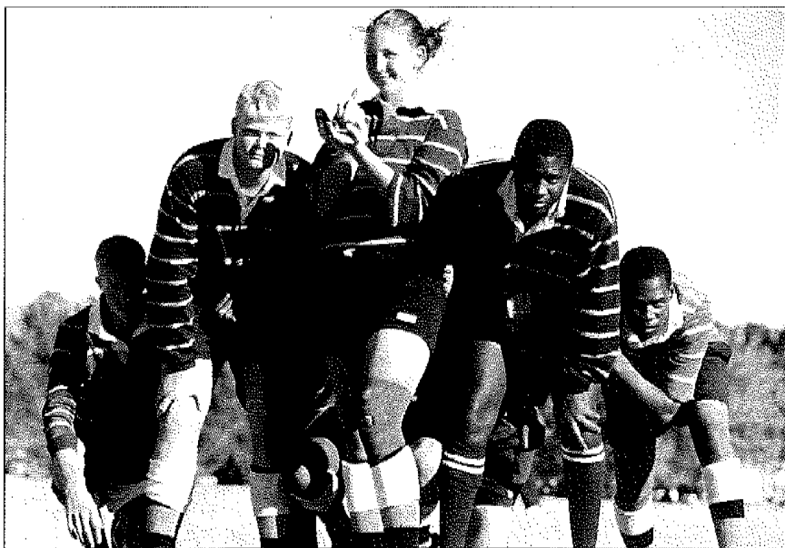
Erin, doing a post-matric course at Queenstown Girls' High School, had played rugby in boys' and girls' teams back home. So she asked if she could join a team at Queen's College.

This was agreed to and her first match was against Dale. An Old Dalian spectator told me that Erin was brought down quite heavily by Dalians but appeared unfazed. She just got up and dusted herself.

Erin laughs off jokes about her position. "Frankly when I play I forget I'm a girl and really get stuck into the game," said the softly-spoken lass.

Erin, who has since returned to Canada, hopes she has inspired young South African women to try their talents at rugby.

• The match was drawn 15-15.



HAPPY HOOKER . . . Canadian Erin Engelen adds a touch of glamour to the Dale Reunion scene.
• Picture: RUVAN BOSHOF, Sunday Times

Then QC get their revenge

DEFENDING desperately to the end Dale hung on a slender lead to beat Queen's 8-6 in the 1998 Reunion match. A kickable penalty attempt by Queen's in injury time fell just short.

It was the 142nd clash between the rival schools with Dale having won 62. Queen's have won 64 games and 16 have been drawn.

The game was played at a fast pace. The heavier visiting forwards pressurised the Dale pack and Dale conceded a number of penalties. Queen's goaled one early in the game to lead 3-nil. Dale replied with a penalty by Adam Robertson to level the score (3-3). Constant pressure by both sides led to many handling errors as the game see-sawed with good defence preventing either side scoring.

Queen's went ahead (6-3) with another penalty. Eventually the Dale backline penetrated the defence and Thobela scored the only try of the match. The conversion attempt failed for Dale to lead 8-6 at half-time.

Five minutes from time excellent jumping by Donovan Proudfoot and Craig Gombert saw Queen's lose their own ball twice while attacking after a lineout five metres from the Dale goal-line.

Then came the failed penalty kick in injury time. Queen's had missed two other penalties in the first half. It was touch and go but Dale had won - thanks to the game's solitary try and dogged defence.

In the return match at Queenstown, Queen's avenged their Reunion defeat in a game played in freezing, rainy weather. The temperature ranged from 2 to 4 degrees C.

Dale went ahead after four minutes when eighth man Gareth Krause took a lineout ball 40 metres out and ran unchecked to score in the corner. Robertson converted (7-nil). Queen's fought back with two penalties to make it 7-6 at half-time.

Dale handled well in the wet conditions and fed their line while Queen's relied on their heavier pack to keep it tight.

A converted try engineered by the Queen's heavier forwards gave the home side a 13-7 lead. Robertson narrowed the lead with a penalty to make the final score 13-10.

THE DAY TV CAME TO DALE

ACROSS the land hundreds of Old Dalians and parents watched on television as Dale beat Kingswood 25-8 in King William's Town.

The atmosphere at the ground was tremendous as cheerleaders from both schools led their supporters in songs, chants and cheers.

Dale shrugged off an early Kingswood challenge to build a 15-8 half-time lead and scored two sparkling tries in the second spell.

Kingswood surprised Dale supporters by scoring the first try. Flyhalf Adam Robertson replied with a penalty and then an unconverted try in the corner to give Dale the lead. Kingswood goaled a penalty to draw level, but, from a driving maul, prop Lonwabo Ntinka went over for a try which Robertson converted.

Nine minutes into the second half Robertson broke in midfield and fed fullback Thobela Mdaka, who ran 35 metres to score a

spectacular unconverted try. With Kingswood wilting and Dale in full cry, centre Malibongwe Maketa burst through and found No 8 Gareth Krause, who sent Madaka for another superb try. Robertson's kick hit the upright. This was TV worth watching!

QUOTE

I WATCHED your televised game against Kingswood. As a lifetime rugby fanatic, I was delighted at the game. That was rugby as it should be played.

To see so many non-white players in both sides acquitting themselves so commendably made me realise that representative national rugby is far closer than a pipe-dream. These lads ARE the Springboks of tomorrow.

- Letter to Headmaster James Haupt from a Cape Town rugby fan.

Selborne pack too strong

DALE lost both their games this season against Selborne who emerged as the strongest schoolboy side on the Border.

The first, played away, saw Dale go down 3-26, their sole points coming from a penalty goal by Adam Robertson. In the return match at home Selborne won 26-6 (two penalties by Robertson).

Dale started the first game well against Selborne's big pack but their forwards broke through to score under the posts. Robertson replied with a penalty (3-7).

A blind-side defensive blunder saw Selborne's flyhalf snap up the ball and score in the corner. Half-time score: 3-22.

Dale came back strongly in the second half but could not add the finishing touches. In an all-out attack the ball bounced off a backline player's shoulder, was intercepted by the Selborne flyhalf, who scored his fourth try under the posts (3-19). At this stage this was only Dale's second defeat in 12 games.

In the home match, Dale began well but were not in the same league as the Selborne pack. Apart from the extra kilograms the visitors always seemed to have a man at the breakdown. Each side scored two penalties, Robertson goaling both for Dale (6-6).

After a fine break down the wing Selborne scored a good try in the corner (Half-time: 6-11).

In the second half Dale were worn down by relentless pressure and weight by the Selborne pack. Dale conceded three more tries to lose 6-26.

Robertson scores a ton

THE Dale First XV won 13 and lost seven of their 20 games in the 1998 season. No games were drawn. The points tally was 470 for Dale and 247 against.

Flyhalf Adam Robertson, with 103 points, was the top scorer. Wing Vuyisile Mbula (62) was second and fullback Thobela Mdaka (50) third.

They were followed by No 8 Gareth Krause, wing Sanda Mlalandle and centre Malibongwe Maketa on 30. Full colours were awarded to Mdaka and Krause and half colours to Robertson, Mbula, Maketa, Mlalandle, Peter Minnie (captain), Lonwabo Mtimka, Bradley Rudy, Craig Gombert, Donovan Proudfoot, Francis Kingston, Nicholas Eyre and Wesley Bahlmann.

• The Under 14As were the only unbeaten Dale College team of the season.

HEADMASTERS AND ODU LEADER UPBEAT ON THE FUTURE



1980s: Grant Bresler, Paul Hartigan and Gareth Hoar



1950s: Dave and Roger Reynolds and John Francis

GLOWING reports on the progress of Dale College and Dale Junior were given to Gauteng Old Dalians by the headmasters of both schools and the 1997-98 National President of the ODU.

Up from the Border, James Haupt, Mike Hosty and Chow Bissell addressed a lunch attended by more than 50 Old Dalians at the Inanda Club, Sandton, last November. They spoke confidently about the future.

Mr Haupt quoted from a statement by 24 SA historic state schools expressing determination to maintain their standards of excellence and "to explode the myth that a general decline in state education is somehow inevitable." (See Page 12).

He discounted fears that Dale would sink into the state of what he called the "disadvantaged, underperforming culturally imbalanced, mediocre and non-descript educational institutions for the masses."

The Headmaster added: "We



Headmasters Haupt and Hosty and ODU leader Bissell

Dale 'at tip of the arrow' in education

who have to steer Dale into the future believe there can be no compromise on quality. Dale in particular has proved this is possible."

"Dale is an integrated school with well-adjusted boys. We are producing quality education and blending a perfect mix."

But he added: "We must go to the business sector and establish

what is required of our students."

Mike Hosty said Dale was "perched at the very tip of the arrow and would be one of the main pillars of education. We are headed in the right direction."

Some other schools not at the "tip of the arrow" were being increasingly marginalised and worried about their future status.

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Describing Dale Junior as "the engine room of Dale," he said: "If things don't happen in a boy's early formative years it will not happen properly at the college."

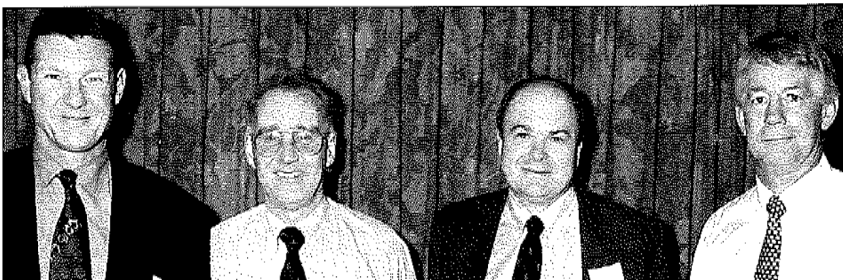
Through only being able to select 60 boys from more than 600 applicants to enter Sub A, Dale Junior ended up with hand-picked pupils of all colours.

Chow Bissell, 1997-98 National President of the ODU, said both schools were doing very well.

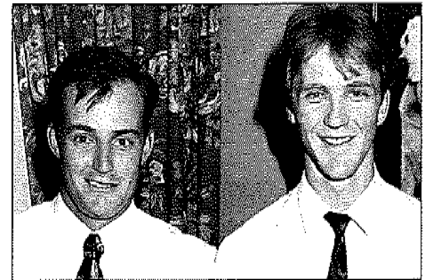
Debunking fears that the new dispensation would lead to a drop in standards, he told the gathering:

"You would be proud of our new Dalians and their commitment to academics and to sport."

The function was attended by a wide spectrum of Old Dalians from several eras. For the second successive year Eddie Coetzer (1957), sang the Memorial Song unaccompanied.



1960s: Jace Tennier, Jackie Hendriks, Ken Mourant and Colin Kretzman



1990s: Stephen Haw and Greig Hains

A NEW bus-hire scheme to transport TransDale boys between Gauteng and King William's Town is being investigated.

Dale College has been asked to consider leasing or buying a bus for normal school purposes which could be hired by the TransDale association over holidays. The Governing Body is investigating whether this would be viable.

Retiring parents' chairman Joe Fyfer told the association's AGM that a chartered bus was still the best option for those families not entitled to airline concessions.

The main benefits of using this service were:

- Boys were collected and dropped off at Dale hostels and at a central Gauteng venue, Eastgate.
- The dedicated driving crew knew and understood our concerns and needs.
- The bus operated to our schedule and there was adult supervision by parents or Dale staff on both journeys.

However, the number of boys travelling by

Plan to solve bus problem

bus had fluctuated and few trips had met the break-even mark.

A shortfall of R10 000 had to be covered by association funds which would otherwise have been sent to the school.

For this reason the association had approached the school about a possible bus-hire scheme.

If this was not viable and the costs of the chartered bus were not covered the transport arrangements would have to be reviewed.

"We would hate to see parents having to make their own arrangements," said Joe. This would also hit recruiting. Fortunately the charter operator had agreed to hold the current return fare of

R450 for as long as possible.

Joe also told the AGM that the association needed to find new fund-raising sources.

Fund-raising through catering at dog shows had drawn little public support despite lots of effort. Profits had dropped by more than R7000.

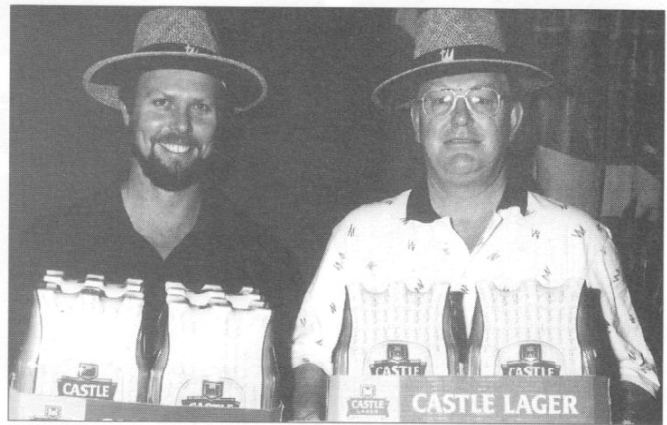
Excess burger patties and boerewors had been sold at cost and bread rolls donated to charities, children's and old folks' homes. "If we could we would rather have sent them to King," said Joe.

"Public catering at major dog shows used to be lucrative but the tide has turned."

The 1997 golf day was again well supported especially by Old Dalians. More than R8 000 was raised.

Joe said the association had worked to improve communication with the two schools. "This is on the right track but it can never be too good. Communication between teachers and parents on boys' academic performance and behaviour could still be improved."

Old Dalians shine in parents' golf



WINNERS (left): Garvin Ogden, holding the SA Oil Mills Trophy, and Haydn Mourant. **SECOND (above):** John Higgs and John Kirkwood

R8 300 is raised for schools

OLD DALIANS Garvin Ogden (1983) and Haydn Mourant (1986) won the SA Oil Mills Trophy for Frank Joubert House at the 1997 TransDale parents' golf day.

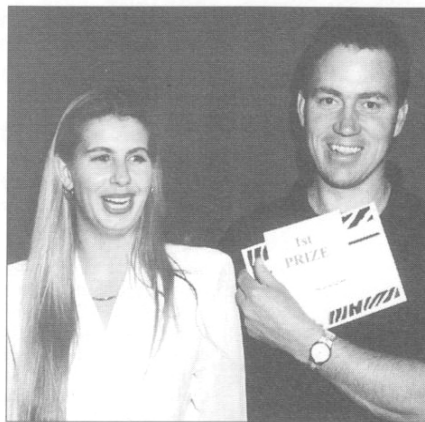
Their prizes included:

- Two nights for two at the luxury Coach House hotel in Tzaneen; and
- A night for two at the Gold Reef City Hotel, plus a jazz lunch for two at the Karos Indaba Hotel, near Four Ways, Sandton.

Garvin and Haydn, who has since moved to Port Elizabeth, scored 48 points in the better-ball stableford competition. Haydn also won the prize for being nearest the pin for three on the par-five 18th hole.

Second on 45 points were Old Dalian John Kirkwood (1964) and his partner John Higgs. They each won a skottelbraai donated by Stewarts and Lloyds and a Times Media hat and pen set. John also won the prize for being nearest the pin on the third.

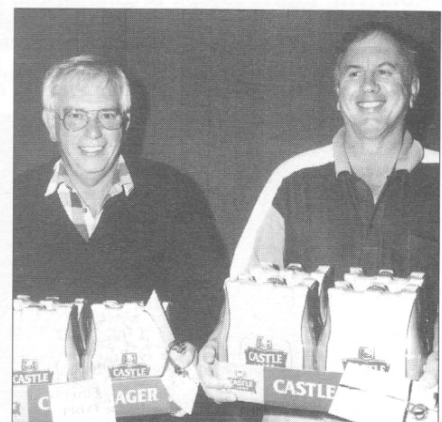
The golf day, well supported by Old Dalians and friends of Dale, drew a field of nearly 100 players and raised R8 300 for the association and the two schools.



TRIP TO VIC FALLS: Kim Copland receives his prize from **Zambian Express'** sales representative, Heidi.

- The 1998 TransDale parents' golf tournament was held at Leeuwkop Golf Club, Sandton, on October 4.

The main sponsors were again Tiger Oats and its associate companies, SA Oil Mills, Albany Bakeries, Tastic Rice, Fattis and Monis, Jungle Oats, Langeberg, Colman Foods and Black Cat Peanut Butter. Together the group donated R2 450.



THIRD: Alan Davis and Neville Padoa

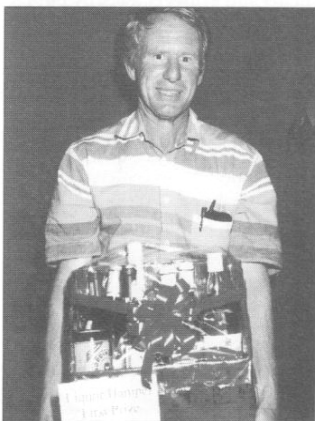
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Other leading sponsors, who each gave R500, were First National Bank, Digital Networking, Dipcivils and Thomas Booth.

Regular partners Alan Davis and Neville Padoa (both 1962), who won the Gauteng Old Dalian golf competition earlier last year, were placed third on 44 points. They won Willard car batteries donated by Old Dalian Don Searle (1957) of Sagercy.

Winners of the first three prizes were photographed taking some strain as they carried

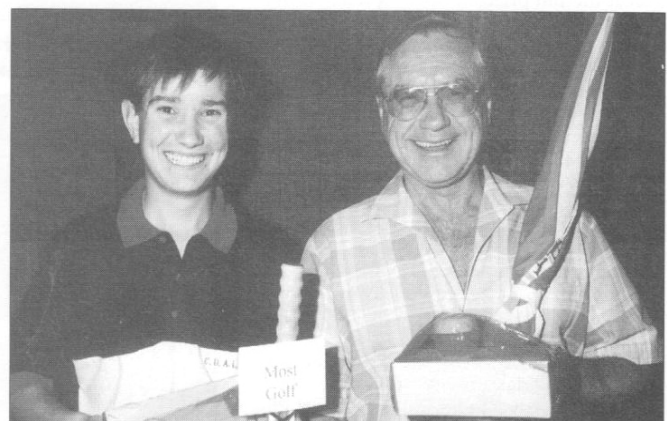
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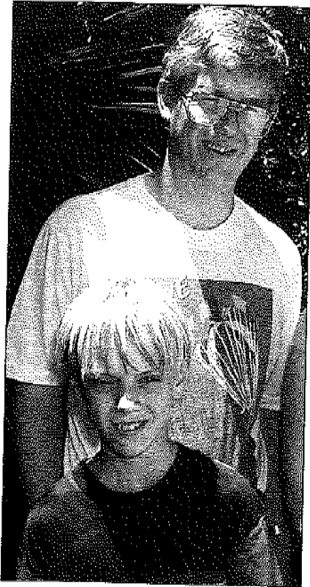
LIQUOR HAMPER
Hugh Friedenstein



LADIES' NEAREST THE PIN:
Karen Wales



DALE FATHER AND SON: Neville and Mark Kenmuir (most golf)



Welcome to Dale Family!



FROM THE EAST: Joseph Brightman and his stepdad, Andrew Hunt, of Edenvale, and (right) Matthew Eglinton and his father, Stephen, of Alberton. Both boys' parents have joined the TransDale committee, Andrew becoming junior vice-chairman and Matthew's mother Wendy, secretary.

GAUTENG boys at Dale Junior this year. Back row: David Turnbull and Mawanda Jadezwani, Front: Kyle Cross and newboys Joseph Brightman, Greg du Plessis and Ashley Bradbury. • Picture: ANN BURKERT

FROM BENONI: Theresa Smith and her son Michael



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Juniors boost Gauteng tally

THREE young boys from Gauteng have enrolled at Dale Junior this year to increase the province's contingent at the two schools.

Joseph Brightman of Edenvale started in Grade 7 at the beginning of the year and was joined in the third term by Ashley Bradbury (Grade 4) from Benoni and Greg du Plessis (Grade 3) of Northcliff, Johannesburg. Greg's brothers Jonathan and Michael are at Dale College.

Already at Dale Junior were Mawanda Jadezwani (Grade 7) of Pretoria, Kyle Cross (Grade 6) of Germiston and David Turnbull (Grade 5), whose parents, Grant and Lesley, have returned to Johannesburg from East London.

Joseph Brightman and newboys to Dale College were welcomed with their parents at a braai given last December by the TransDale Parents' Association for Dalians and their families. It was hosted by Paul and Mandy Chidgey of Boksburg.

College Headmaster James Haupt, his wife Selma and Mike Hosty of Dale Junior were present. Parents' chairman Joe Fyfer presented Mr Haupt with a cheque for R5 000 for sporting and cultural tours.

Mr Haupt said his first year at Dale had been a tremendous learning curve – "the most incredible year I have ever experienced."

He had been drawn closer to Gauteng parents and appealed to them to become more involved in recruiting boarders. "Dale is a tremendous product to sell but too few people know about it." The upward progression from Dale Junior made the two schools a good unit. Assuring parents that their sons were in good hands, he appealed to them to come to Reunion to see what Dale offered.

Outlining progress made during the year, the Headmaster told of developments in the maths and computer fields and achievements by pupils in olympiads and sporting and other events.

He paid tribute to the efforts of the parents' committee – "a labour of love."

PRIZES FOR THE LADY GOLFERS

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cases of bottled Castle Lager donated by SA Breweries.

Beaten into fourth place on a count-out were Ed Warburton, who frequently supports the competition with prizes from Standard Bank, and his partner, Dennis Kennedy.

Old Dalian Peter Wales (1977) and his wife Karen, who won the competition in 1996, were fifth on 42 points. Karen also won a ladies' nearest-the-pin prize.

Darryl Williams won the prize for the longest drive and a men's nearest-the-pin prize. The ladies' longest drive was won by Ester Strauss and the other nearest-the-pin prize by Vicky D'Agnel, a former Dale parent. Neville Kenmuir and his Dalian son Mark, with 17 points, played the most golf.

Raffles included a trip to the Victoria Falls, donated by Zambian Express and won by Old Dalian Kim Copland (1977), and half a lamb from Houghton Butchery, owned by Alan Davis.

Liquor hampers were won by Hugh Friedenstien, a parent of two Dalians, and Les Liebenberg, father-in-law of Natal ODU chairman Stuart Sutton.

• Other prize donors included SA Breweries, Standard Bank, Polygram, Avroy Shlain, the Transvaal Old Dalians, Parcel Plus, Sappi Novobord, Harry Voerman, Mansel Sport, Kriek Pharmaceuticals, A.B.I., Modmark and Symbol Tech.



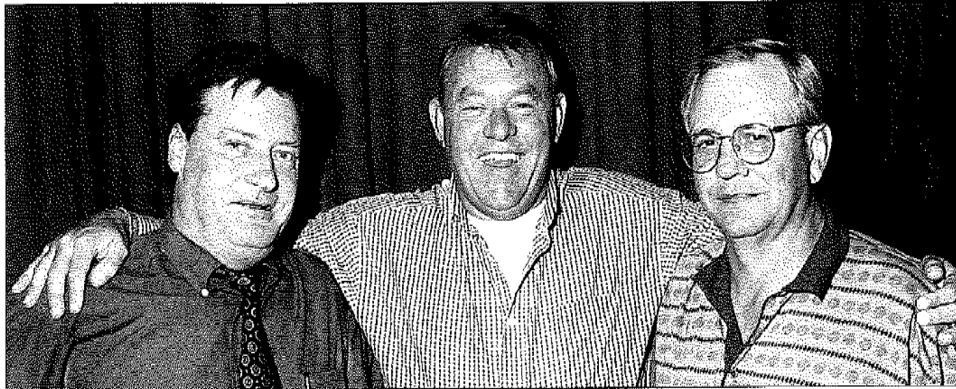
WINNERS: Ester Strauss (left) and Vicky D'Agnel



WORKERS FOR DALE (left to right): Joe Fyfer, Hugh Friedenstien, Jason and Pat Fyfer, Margaret and Fred Switala and Tony Bishop.

Sorry Ackie, we don't sell those half-jacks for the train any more

OUT TO LUNCH – WITH CRICKET LEGEND HYLTON ACKERMAN



1965 TEAM-MATES: Kevin Lawlor, Hylton Ackerman (captain) and Clyde Manson and right, Bobby Hains (vice-captain)

A guided tour of old haunts

CRICKET star Hylton Ackerman regaled Gauteng Old Dalians with a brisk, amusing speech spiced with school and other stories at a lunch at the Wanderers' Golf Club.

More than 40 Old Dalians turned out on June 19 to greet the man who was robbed by politics of a chance to tour Australia with the Springboks in 1971-72. He is now coaching Boland and the SA Academy in the winter.

In the chair was Dave Sephton-Poultnery, who was deputy headboy to Hylton in 1965.

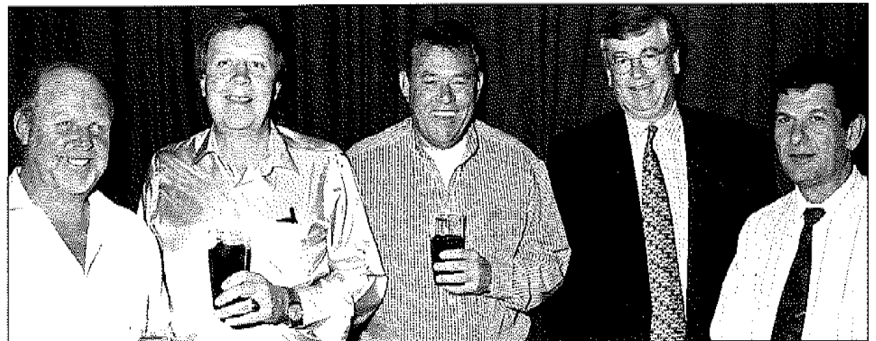
Ackie mingled among the gathering, chatting with old friends, some of whom he had not seen since leaving Dale.

Urging Old Dalians to "pop into King" and their old school ("it's absolutely superb"), Hylton told of a recent visit and took them on a guided tour of his old haunts.

As he walked through the corridors of Dale he felt a footstep behind him. "There was nobody there but I bet it was Russell Searle," he said.

Names of Dale legends were still carved on some desks. Sutton House's plateau had been taken over by a supermarket (not all of it, in fact).

Frank Joubert "needed a coat of paint ... Diocesan looked great." (Ackie didn't mention why: Hostel had been sold, spruced up by a developer and was now occupied by the Eastern Cape Education Department).



'60s DALIANS: Brothers Clive (Copper) and Brian Tressider, Hylton, Andy Andrews and Gerald Rosing

The King swimming pool, the Museum and Huberta were still there – "she sends her regards to all Old Dalians."

So were the Athlone tennis courts, though not in good shape.

On the cricket fields the boundaries were "much smaller than when I was there."

Down at the Vic Ground "memories kept flooding back" ... including those of (rugby hero) Henry Oswald (HO) de Villiers, who had just phoned him to send good wishes to all Old Dalians.

"What a great day it was ..." Ackie dropped in

at Raga's store (in Alexandra Road) and was told: "We don't sell those half-jacks for the Jo'burg train any more."

Of Makhaya Ntini, Dale's latest contribution to international cricket, Ackie mused: "I wonder how George, who cleaned our shoes at Joubert would have felt when he heard he was playing for SA."

Here is a sample of Ackerman stories (some possibly apocryphal):

• ABOUT Meryck Pringle (the Dale Junior Old Dalian who went on to Kingswood):

While dining with English umpire David Shepherd, Ackerman asked him what he thought of the Springboks. Shepherd said they were a

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'70s DALIANS: Hylton Turnbull, Robin Hammond, Dave Ellwood, Bruce Stride



'40s DALIANS: Colin Ewels, Peter (Tiny) Dixon and Cyril Henley

Four in a row! OD golfers triumph

OLD DALIANS won the triangular old boys' golf trophy for the fourth successive time in Johannesburg this year.

The competition was played between teams from Old Dalians, Old Queenians and Old Selbornians at Parkview Golf Club. Each team consisted of up to 20 players and the competition was an individual stableford with the best ten scores in each team to count.

The final scores were Dale 330, Queen's 295 and Selborne 280.

Russell Spring of Dale won the prize for the best individual score of 40 points.

Other Dale players were Ken Mourant, Colin Powell, Gary Fisher, Alan Davis, Grant and Neil Turnbull, Kim Copland, Rob Voerman, Clyde Manson, Ivan Venter, Bobby and Greg Hains, Sean and Rowan Hemphill, Wayne Pollock and Patrick Klebb.

In the 1997 contest played at Parkview last November Dale were again outright winners.

Individual winners were: Garvin Ogden (first with 44 points), Kim Copland (second on 44) Peter Wales (third on 38) and Alan Sutton (fourth on 37).

Rob Voerman was sixth and Kim Copland won the nearest-the-pin prize. The longest day prize was won by Old Queenian Darryl Feldman with ten points.



1997 WINNERS (with bearded Old Selbornian chairman Dave McLeod): Old Dalians Peter Wales, Garvin Ogden (holding trophy), Rob Voerman, Kim Copland and Alan Sutton

Now an inter-old-boys' bowls day

AFTER the Old Dalian vs Old Queenian cricket match at the Inanda Club, Sandton, on October 4, these Gauteng OD events are planned for the rest of 1998:

- Friday, October 30: Year-end luncheon at St Stithian's Old Boys' Club, Randburg, from 12.30 pm. Cost: R60 per person. King William's Town representatives will be present.

Phone (all 011): Dave Sephton-Poultney 788-

0542, Ivan Venter 444-1648 or Joe Sutton 622-9818.

- Wednesday, November 18: Old Boys' Associations' bowls day at Pirates Bowls Club, Cruden Bay Road, Greenside, Johannesburg. Time: 12.30 pm for 1 pm start. Phone Dave Sephton-Poultney (011) 788-0542.

This is a new event initiated by the Old Dalian branch. Teams of four will represent old boys' associations nation-wide.

A LUNCH FOR ALL ERAS – FROM THE '40S TO THE '70S



'60s HOSTELITES: Brian Eekhout, Peter Ibbotson, Chester Hollis, Chris Bull and Richard Beresford



'50s DALIANS: Ivan Venter, George Shaw, Louis McEwan, Chris Wright and Dennis Ryan

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good side but some of them were "a bit stupid."

After dismissing a batsman Pringle (whom Ackerman must have coached at Newlands) had asked the umpire: "How many balls have I bowled?"

"Three," said Shepherd. "Then how many have I left?" said Pringle.

- WHEN Ackie went to visit legendary Dale coach Percy Davis at his home in Houghton-on-the-Hill, outside Leicester, Sparrow told him how to play Aussie leg-spinner Shane Warne – using a walking stick.

"Every time I see that Queenian Darryl Cullinan, I tell him how to play Warne – with a walking stick."

When Ackie bowled the last man out

HYLTON ACKERMAN could also bowl. Clyde Manson (1965) who played first-team cricket at Dale with Ackie, told of a match where Selborne were nine wickets down and facing defeat. The was one over left when Ackerman came on to bowl.

"Just see out the over," the one batsman urged the No 11 and shouted "Leave it," as each of three balls were bowled. He survived. Then Hylton bowled a straight ball and shouted: "Leave it!" The No 11 did – and was bowled.

IVAN VENTER IS ODU JUNIOR VICE

- THEN there was this one: When Ackerman arrived in Oz with another Old Queenian, Tony Greig, on the World XI tour after the SA tour was cancelled, a "little guy" approached them. Greig offered him some coffee. Ackie asked him to mind his bags while he went to the loo.

On his return there was a deathly hush when Tony asked the "little guy" who he was. "The name's Bradman," he replied.

Clyde regarded Ackie as "easily the best schoolboy cricketer in the world – not just for his talent but his maturity."

While they were in the Army together, said Clyde, "Ackie made a double century in an afternoon. The other (opening) batsman made 11 not out."

- Brian Solomons recalled: "When I was a prefect at Joubert you could never gate Hylton Ackerman – he was always playing cricket."

So Ackerman must be the only man who has asked Don Bradman (Australia's most famous batsman) to mind his bag and Greig the only one who asked the great Don who he was.

Chairman Dave Sephton-Poultney told the gathering of plans to hold a limited-overs cricket match against Old Queenians in October. There were some priorities:

- To get the right umpire, possibly Tony Winterscale.

- The right scorer. One candidate was too inflexible. Perhaps Nummy Zasman would be better.

- A good groundsman: Maybe Bruce Stride.

- A good coach? There was one guy with some experience who might be able to handle the job: Hylton Ackerman?

Dave reported that Ivan Venter, his vice-chairman had been elected junior vice-chairman of the Old Dalian Union.

One of Ivan's projected tasks was to help to strengthen the activities of other OD branches.

Ivan later admitted that the Gauteng branch committee of three had not been elected at an AGM – there hadn't been one and the "committee" had just "elected themselves". But, in a branch which had been dormant two years ago, Old Dalian activities had since taken off.

He appealed to Old Dalians to pay their subs to headquarters. "Like paying your TV licence – it is the right thing to do," he said.

JAILED! Old Dalian golfers find it's a lot of fun inside

BY JOE SUTTON

IF life in prison is a bit like this let's join the jailbirds, or at least the Department of Correctional Services!

The 1998 Old Dalian golf tournament drew a field of 80 players at Leeukop Golf Club, Sandton, on June 6. And what a pleasure it was "doing time" there.

The club's proshop staff, Kingsley Pape from East London, and his pro golfer son Craig, were extremely helpful, even supplying a few local fourballs and fill-in players.

The course conditions were good, though some found the winter greens fast enough to make a quick getaway from the law.

The fourball alliance competition (one score to count) was won by Old Dalian Alan Davis and three friends, Hardus de Beer, Johnny James, and Roland Smidt, who finished with 49 points.

Another Old Dalian, Bobby Hains, and his partners, Laurence Weber, Greg Bush and Athol Carter, also scored 49 but lost on a count-out.

Third, on 48 points, were Old Dalian Neil Turnbull, Gordon Griffin, Rusty de Beer and Roy Wildich, who also won a nearest-the-pin prize.

Regular Dale golf supporters Frank Poulter, Scotty Smook, Digby Leask and Hannes van Graan, shaded two Old Dalian groups on a count-out.

Richard Beresford, Bruce Stride and Ivan Venter, with Scotty Smook pivoting, were followed by Ross Field, Kim Copland, Robbie Voerman and Peter Wales. All three fourballs scored 47 points in a competitive field.

Former Old Dalian branch chairman Paul Hartigan brought Gauteng and ex-New Zealand cricket captain Ken Rutherford, his brother Neil and Malcolm Dungee, visiting from "Down Under" for Ken's wedding. But the fourball's creditable 44 points could only earn them eighth place on a count-out over three others. The longest drive prize was won by T Richards.

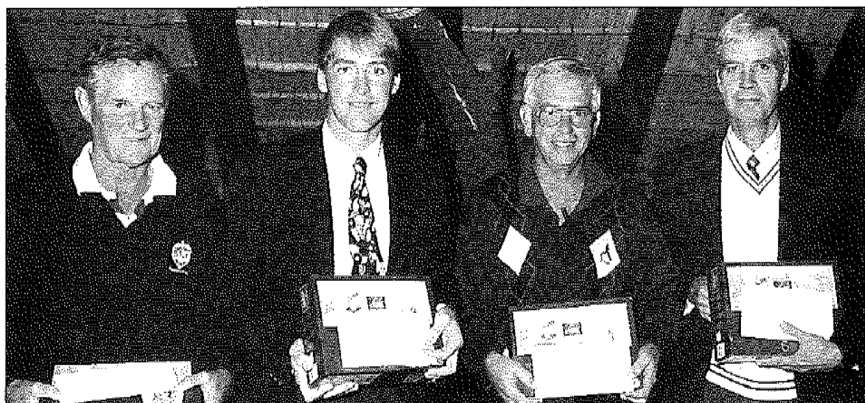
The caddies were met with predictable questions like "What are you in for?" to which one readily replied: "Murder and rape." Most, however, were professional caddies from outside who had spent long enough inside to know the course well.

After a meal of well-spiced bobotie and rice cooked by an Indian chef serving a term for fraud, a Brit, Stuart Proctor, rounded off an enjoyable evening with a quick-fire burst of jokes, new, borrowed and blue.

It was worth getting INTO jail for a day like this!

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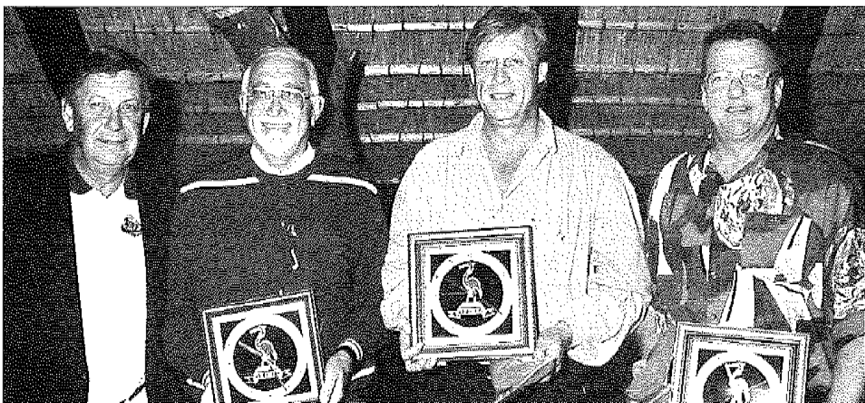
Alan's team pips Bobby's on count-out



WINNERS: Johnny James, Roland Smidt, Alan Davis and Hardus de Beer



SECOND: Bobby Hains, Laurence Weber, Greg Bush and Athol Carter



FIFTH: Ivan Venter, Scotty Smook, Bruce Stride and Richard Beresford



SIXTH: Kim Copland, Robbie Voerman, Ross Field and Peter Wales

The one-year Dalian who made good without matric

BY JOE SUTTON

MANFRED HARTSLIEF spent just one year at Dale College – but at 90 years he is one of the staunchest Old Dalians. He wears his faded Old Dalian blazer and tie with great pride.

One of his most prized possessions is a certificate stating that he topped his class, Std 7, in 1922. It is signed by the then Headmaster, the Rev Frank (Tanner) Sutton.

Disregarding the head's advice to go on to matric, Manfred left school at 15. For three years he worked part-time for a King William's Town grocer at £7 a month. Then the Rev John Paterson, the local Presbyterian minister, got him a job in the Standard Bank in King.

He studied and wrote the banker's exam. "I regarded this as better than a matric," he says.

This was the start of a lifetime of self-education leading to entry into the ministry with what he terms "some assistance from Dale Carnegie."

Now, after 60 years in the church, Manfred is a revered Minister Emeritus of the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa. He and his wife Gertie, 93, live in an old folks' home in Laubscher Park, Walmer, Port Elizabeth.

Manfred is still active in church circles, but finds his days too short. "Whenever I can help people I do," he says.

In Christmas 1997 he had to turn down a request to be Father Christmas because he was too busy.

Church ministers and friends turned out in



MANFRED HARTSLIEF . . . "You get what you give"

strength for his 90th birthday party on October 8 last year at his old church, St Columba's in Newton Park, Port Elizabeth.

"I have tried to live up to my name," he told well-wishers. (Manfred is a German name meaning "Man of Peace.")

When we visited him the wall in his small but comfortable room was lined with greetings cards.

Manfred found his true calling in the church after spending seven years in banking in King and Johannesburg. After training as a student probationer, he travelled around on a motor-bike serving five preaching stations in Stutterheim, Komga, Emgwali, Bolo and Quant.

Later he moved to Kokstad and brought his bride there from Johannesburg. A wealthy Kokstad farmer told him: "Stay here five years and I'll wipe out the church's debt."

Manfred and Gertie stayed and loved it. When he left it was to go to war as a Presbyterian-Methodist chaplain in South Africa and Italy, first with the SAAF and then

'Man of Peace' topped Std 7 – then went out to work

the Sappers (Engineers).

More than 50 years later he still has vivid memories of wartime experiences. Once, as an officer, he told a woman soldier she should button up her tunic.

She turned out to be the widow of the famed General Dan Pienaar, drowned in a flying accident in East Africa. Years later, after Manfred had returned to Kokstad, Mrs Pienaar gave him Dan's dress ribbons for a Pienaar memorial there.

After a spell in Boksburg, including a term as moderator of the Transvaal Presbytery, Manfred Hartslief, then 47, was called to build a church, St Columba's, in Newton Park, Port Elizabeth. He stayed there 22 years until 1975.

His early experience in banking must have helped him to negotiate deals and raise money to build churches, church halls and a manse in Port Elizabeth.

It was during this time that Manfred renewed his association with his one-year alma mater. He attended Reunions and as a bemedalled ex-chaplain took several Sunday morning memorial services.

It is many years since Manfred last rode his faithful motor-bike to preaching stations and despite a successful cataract operation he has given up driving a car.

Friends help him to get around Port Elizabeth and he walks well. In the old days he used to give people lifts. "You get what you give," he says, "now it's coming back to me."

"The Man of Peace," is at peace with the world. He has given much and is still giving.

Mike is now banking on golf trade

MIKE MOURANT (1957), ODU National President in 1986 and formerly of Natal and the Transvaal, has retired after 40 years with Barclays and First National Bank.

He has acquired the franchise for the Port Elizabeth branch of the nation-wide golfing supplies business, the Pro Shop.

Mike was previously manager of FNB's Corporate branch in Johannesburg and the bank's Main Street branch in PE. After a lifetime in banking Mike is enjoying the change and the closer association with the game he loves.

He has been joined at the Pro Shop by his Old Dalian sons, HAYDN (1981-96), who has left Coca Cola in Johannesburg, and MILES (1985-90). Miles still holds the PE franchise of a fragrances business owned by Old Dalian GEORGE DAWS (1959-61) in Johannesburg.

The eldest of the Mourant sons,



DES TORR...feeling ten years younger

GUY (1978-84) is sales manager of Coca Cola SABCO in Port Elizabeth.

Mike's younger brother KEN (1964) is senior general manager at the Chamber of Mines' head office in Johannesburg. He lives at Fairlands in north-west Johannesburg. In 1984 Ken organised a reunion of members of the unbeaten 1964 Dale first rugby team who played two matches in King William's Town.

At 56, Des is a master swimmer

FORMER Springbok athlete DES TORR (1950-57), who hung up his running shoes 31 years ago, has returned to competitive sport – as a swimmer.

Des, 56, won a gold medal in the medley relay and a bronze in the individual backstroke event at the SA Masters swimming championships in Bloemfontein this year.

In his heyday as an athlete Des was chosen to run the mile for South Africa in 1962 against Britain, but the SA's participation was cancelled. In 1966 he won the SA Marathon championship, beating Tommy Malone and Manie Koen, who finished first and second in the Comrades Marathon that year.

Des ran in the World Cross Country championship in Wales in 1967 and won the SA Cross Country title that year to become the only Border athlete to achieve this feat.

He was one of the first SA athletes to break the 28-minute barrier for the 10 000 metres.

This year, after years of sporting

inactivity, he had eight weeks to prepare for the swimming championships. "I last swam competitively when I was 12 and the first four weeks of training were hell. After each session I needed three days to recover."

"My colleagues told me I was crazy but it has done my health and motivation the world of good. I feel ten years younger."

His next goal: A national title at the Masters championships in East London next year.

Ray mobile again

DALTON RAY OWEN (1939), who broke his pelvis two years ago by falling through his garage roof, has discarded his "walker" and is driving his car again.

Ray, as he prefers to be called, has moved since his accident to a "granny flat" at his son's new home in Linden, Johannesburg.

THE BREAKFAST RUN

BY JOE SUTTON

THOSE WERE THE DAYS ... when hungry Dale College boarders ran half-dressed and barefoot through the streets of King for breakfast.

Bernard Sprenger spent his final year at Dale in the '20s as a boarder in School House, in Alexandra Road, opposite the old railway station.

He recalls: "There was no catering service so we had to run for it to be in time for breakfast at College House (later renamed Sutton House). It seemed quite a long way when you were late.

"Some chaps ran barefoot, half-dressed to get there in time. They dressed on the run."

In those days boarders wore mortar boards with red tassels to church on Sundays. "The masters wore their mortar boards with gold tassels on special occasions. Headmaster Tanner Sutton wore one every day," says Bernard, of Durban.

"We could take off our jackets in class, but if we wanted to go to the toilet we'd have to put them on again.

"On Saturdays we wore Dale blazers and white pants and cheese-cutters (bashers). If a prefect saw us down town without these we'd be in trouble."

Now 87, Bernard does not run any more, but keeps fit and walks daily. There is a supermarket in the ten-storey building where he lives in Glenwood. But he prefers to do his shopping elsewhere, sometimes walking four kilometres to Musgrave Centre and back. Recently he took a bus to see a friend across town and walked the five kms back.

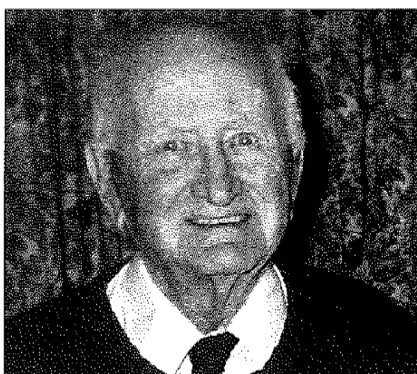
Until last year he used to walk to clear his postbox in central Durban, even in summer, but he since given up the box.

Born in Macleantown, near King William's Town, Bernard was at Dale from 1924 till 1929, the first five years as a day-boy.

"We were naughty boys then. We knew the accountancy teacher (Nipper Sheard) was very keen on cricket so we'd get him talking about cricket till the bell rang." Nevertheless he made accountancy a life-time career.

Bernard, who played first-team tennis at

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BERNARD SPRENGER, 87 . . .
non-drinker, non-smoker

How Daliens dashed barefoot and half-clad through streets of King

school, tells how he got a job on the tennis court.

While he was playing in the East London first league his opponent, a sweet factory chief accountant, offered him a post.

It was during the '30s during the Great Depression when jobs were hard to find. Although Bernard was already articled to another firm he left to join Wilson-Rowntree in East London as an accountant. His association with the "sweet life" lasted 45 years.

He recalls the time when the office had only one adding machine - which no one would be caught dead using.

"Those were the days when people could add up," he explained. "So nobody wanted to be seen using it. The only way to do so was to stay behind after work so that no-one could see you."

After leaving the world of sweets and chocolates to retire at 65 he became bored and took another job. "Doing nothing would have finished me off," he says.

Still in accounting, he worked for a clothing factory in East London, a garage in Queenstown and moved to Durban in 1980.

He then became financial director of Operation Outreach, a literacy programme which trains teachers to teach illiterate adults to read and write.

"Through this organisation we were able to build bridges between the different race groups," he says.

Bernard finally gave up full-time work when he caught double pneumonia when he was over 80. Even then Operation Outreach sent the books to his sickbed until they found a replacement.

Always a keen Baptist, Bernard's proudest achievement is perhaps the book, "History of the City Baptist Church, 1883-1983," which he wrote to mark the East London church's centenary celebrations. He was treasurer of the church for 43 years.

After he and his wife, formerly Phyllis Radue, moved to Durban Bernard became a deacon of the Central Durban Baptist Church, its treasurer and Sunday School superintendent.

He moved to Bulwer Road Baptist Church in 1985 and edited Clarion, a lively, quarterly magazine, for the church. Its Christmas 1997 edition ran to 26 pages, packed with articles, messages, recipes, quotes and quips, many of them written by him. Sadly the church has since discontinued the magazine. He now runs a mid-day/lunchtime Bible study group in the city.

Bernard's wife died in 1993. He shares a flat in Davenport Square, Glenwood, with his daughter Sheila, a former East London Clarendon Girls' High pupil, who retired last year from Telkom.

Another daughter, Desire, who trained as a nurse at Frere Hospital, East London, is nearing retirement at City Health, Durban.

Bernard's philosophy of life: "I gave my life to the Lord at a mission in King William's Town as a lad of 14. With His help I have led a wholesome life. I have never drunk alcohol or smoked."

From the big city to a quiet village

JOHN SADLER, who matriculated at Dale in the 1940s and emigrated to Canada, is living in retirement in a village in Ontario.

John, who came to King William's Town as a boy early in the Second World War, is a cousin of Malcolm (Monkie) Sadler, who was a prominent diver and swimmer at Dale in the '40s.

After receiving a copy of TransDale from Old Dalian RONNIE GUNN (1944), who lives in King City, Ontario, John phoned another Dale contemporary, HULME SUGDEN (also 1944) of Randburg. They talked across the Atlantic and two continents for the first time in 54 years.

In a follow-up letter John, an electronics engineer, tells how he semi-retired 14 years ago with his wife Jean from the big city (Toronto, population 2,5 million) to the village of Omamee (pop. 900).

"We noticed a difference," he says. "We bought a very small house (1 000 sq.ft) and soon Jean found our bedroom too small so I

John Sadler writes on life in Canada

built (with my own little hands) an addition of 200 sq.ft.).

"Our houses have full basements and that really doubles the space available. It also gives me a 35 x 12 ft. workshop, filled with a band-saw, lathe, milling machine, drill etc. Great fun, what we could have done with that in King!

"Our house is right in the village, the shops are less than 50 yards away. I never realised how handy it was to be able to walk to the hardware shop. We also have three acres and are on the water. A small lake, which we call the pond, is about half a mile wide and a mile or so long. It then becomes a river that we can take our little 12 ft boat about five miles down."

Ronnie Gunn (says John) has several acres of

land and a much larger house. "He has three kids, all have left home, so he and his wife Peggy rattle around in a mansion ... Ron had a bypass a couple of years ago." Ron and John meet several times a year and invest money in mortgages together.

The Sadlers have been back to South Africa several times since leaving and spent a month in Britain last year. This year they went on a cruise in the Caribbean during the Canadian winter. "In the summer we try to stay here as we really are in holiday country with the weather normally hot (85-95 deg F) for several weeks.

"Peter Rose-Innes (1945, of King William's Town, who paid a visit), was surprised to find it so hot."

Peter retired as sheriff of King William's Town in January, but is carrying on temporarily until a successor is appointed. He previously ran the property firm of Rose-Innes Estates till he handed over to his sons Bruce and Mark.

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GUNMEN ROB TED PHILLIPS OF R15 000

OLD DALIAN past-president TED PHILLIPS (1975) and his staff were held up at gunpoint by robbers at his business in Dimbaza, near King William's Town, in March. Ted was forced to open a safe and hand over about R15 000 to the gang, whose leader spoke with a British accent.

Three men, two armed with pistols and the third with a shotgun, entered an assembly plant at one of five factories that make up the business, Ciscryl, of which Ted is general manager.

They locked six staff members in the toilet before two of the robbers headed for the main factory and Ted's office where they grabbed the R15 000.

Then they forced financial accountant Elsa Remand, at gunpoint to drive them to their get-

away car at the Dimbaza entrance. Police were on the scene within minutes of being told of the robbery and, said Ted, showed professionalism and care for the staff. But several months later no arrests have been made.

Ted Phillips said a remarkable aspect of the robbery was that the leader of the gang spoke with an Oxford accent and chided his henchmen for speaking Xhosa.

Ted has served on the OD executive for many years including some as secretary and a term as national president in 1996-97.

TED PHILLIPS and wife LOTTIE ... on a happier occasion at the 1998 Reunion

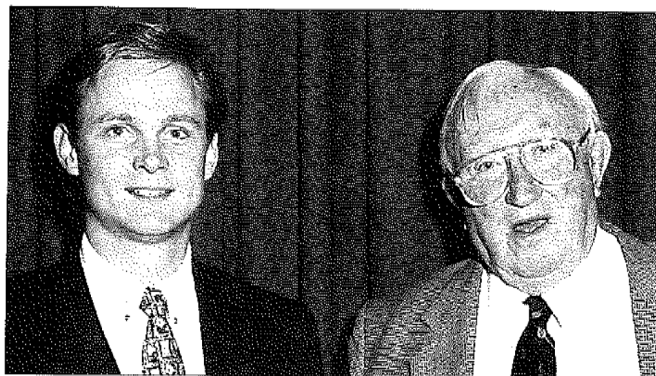


Meredith bros. on the move in business

RICHARD MEREDITH (1989) has obtained his BComp degree from Unisa while working as investment manager at American Express's head office in Braamfontein, Johannesburg. His next goal is an MBA.

He pays regular visits to London for his company which offers card, travel and foreign exchange services. He is also establishing links with banks in Africa.

Richard is looking forward to attending Reunion in 1999, ten years after he left Dale. Interested matric contemporaries may call him at 083-2671589 or (011) 792-8161. He and his wife Karen live in Randburg.



Richard Meredith (1989) meets an ex-banking colleague, veteran Old Dalian Harold Miller (1935) at a Johannesburg OD lunch. They had last met when working in Standard Bank's Northcliff branch. Richard was starting his career; Harold was doing a post-retirement stint.

• Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

Peter is now No 2 at the Sunday Times

PETER MALHERBE (1977) has become managing editor of the Sunday Times, South Africa's largest-selling newspaper. Peter, who is also the editor's deputy, is the second Old Dalian to hold this position.

He was previously the paper's news editor, its correspondent in London and is a former president of the SA Union of Journalists.

Cathcart-born and Komga-raised, Peter Malherbe caught the news bug while working on Khale, the newspaper produced then by Dalians and Kaffrarian High School girls. He ruffled a few feathers by writing a piece sending up a King Mercury columnist.

"Perhaps the headmaster thought I was heading for trouble in the field of journalism," Peter recalled later. Billy Rowles advised him to go on the stage but Peter chose journalism.

He joined the Sunday Times in 1981 as a reporter when it was headed by two Old Dalians – amusingly known by staffers as the "Dale Mafia" – editor Tertius Myburgh (1952) and his deputy, Joe Sutton (1944), who was also managing editor.

After leaving to complete an honours degree in journalism at Rhodes University and working on other newspapers Peter returned to the Sunday Times in 1992.

Lucky 'Shops'

EVAN C WORKMAN, 1956 National President of the Old Dalian Union and a teacher at Dale for 41 years, has won a prize of R500 in a draw organised by the Old Rhodian Union as part of its Bursary Fund campaign.

Known to thousands of Dalians as "Shops", Mr Workman was one of two teachers to become ODU National President although they were not educated at Dale. The other was Chris D (Karretjie) Marx (1933-1961) who was president in 1962 and died in Cape Town last year.

Mossie has settled down to paint and fish



ANGLER Mossie Hawkes ... with a seven kilogram garrrick caught at Wavecrest, Transkei, in January.

MALCOLM (Mossie) HAWKES (1951-54), for many years an Old Dalian stalwart in Natal, is enjoying his retirement, developing his talents as an artist and fishing on the Natal and Transkei coast.

Mossie, who retired from Nedbank three years ago, says he "really missed the place" for the first year but has settled down to life as a pensioner at his home in Kloof.

He did a spell of relief work with the bank and admits to being "a little more than an amateur artist." His oil paintings, landscapes and seascapes, are "selling well, particularly in the old Transvaal, where people have more money than sense."

Mossie and his wife Mel attended this year's Dale Reunion, including the dinner dance.

Their 28-year-old son Anton (1988), who was among the matric class returning after ten years, has his own plumbing business in Cape Town where he has an interest in a restaurant in Rondebosch.

Brothers plumbing the depths

GARETH HOAR (1986) has taken time off from his plumbing business in Johannesburg for a three-month contract with an Australian mining company in Tanzania.

Younger brother KINGSLEY (1990) is diving and supervising operations for a deep-sea diving company in Durban. Earlier, after six years' service with the SA Navy, he was freelancing as a diver off Durban and Namibia.

The Flying Serfs

WYNAND SERFONTEIN (1983) is flying 747s on SAA international flights.

His brother BARRY (1985) flies Beachcrafts for Rossair, mainly between Johannesburg and Maseru.

Both spent some years with the SAAF before joining airlines. Wynand lives in Pretoria and Barry in Midrand.

Their parents, THEUNS and MICHELE SERFONTEIN, former chairman and secretary of the TransDale Parents' Association, are still living in Singapore, where former SAA captain "Serf" has extended his contract with Singapore Airlines by a further three years.

GREIG HAINS (1987-91) is in Wesbank's dealership department at Imperial Motors, Randburg.

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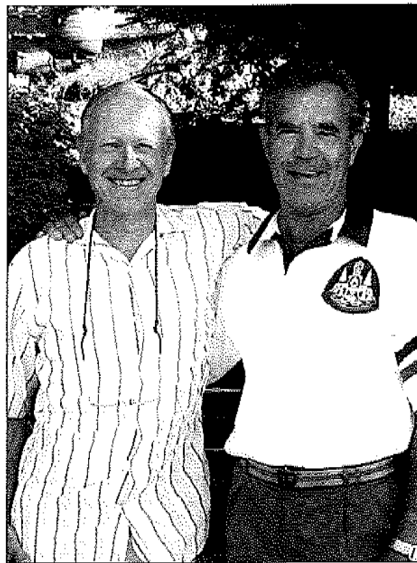
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• Hugh also visited an old friend, former Springbok rugby coach Kitch Christie who has since died of cancer. Hugh and Kitch met in their early '20s aboard a ship travelling to Britain. They worked in London bars and at the Overseas Visitors' Club and toured Europe in a kombi.

• Old Daliens, fellow Dale teachers and friends may care to contact Hugh Robertson at 66 Dunbarton Court, Ottawa, K1K4L4, Ontario, Canada (Phone 613-7470334. Fax: 613-7470334). E-mail address: piperhall@sympatico.ca



OLD FRIENDS: Hugh Robertson (left) and Koos Mare

60 YEARS WED: The rugby hero and the matron's daughter

THE DALE FAMILY will always regard Noel Robertson as an Old Dalian rugby hero although he matriculated elsewhere.

The son of 1926 Old Dalian National President JW (Billy) Robertson, Noel began his schooling at Dale Primary in the 1920s when the junior school was still part of Dale College. Then, like some other Old Dalian notables, he was "sent away" to boarding school.

After leaving St Andrew's College, Grahamstown, he went on to captain the Albert Rugby Club in King William's Town, represent Border and tour Argentina in 1932 with the Junior Springboks.

On March 8, 1938, the dashing man-about-town and accountant, married a glamorous young nurse, Molly Twinch, eldest daughter of Alice Twinch, a former matron at Dale's oldest hostel, then known as College House. The ceremony in Johannesburg was performed by Molly's uncle, the Rev FJ (Frank) Sutton, who had retired three months earlier as headmaster of Dale College.

This year, 60 years later, on March 8, Noel and Molly celebrated their diamond wedding. Aged 86 and 85, they are now living in Protea retirement village, in Kensington, Johannesburg, a few kilometres down the road from where they were wed.

Their elder son Hugh, a former teacher at Dale College now living in Canada, flew to Johannesburg to spend a few days with his parents at the home of his younger brother David

Where are they now?



NOEL and MOLLY ROBERTSON ... a mock newspaper front page to mark their diamond wedding

and his wife Russella in Morningside Manor. An anniversary lunch was attended by close family members and friends. A video of their wedding reception, converted from an old-time cine film, was shown.

Gifts included "The Robertson Times", a larger-than-life newspaper front page recalling Molly and Noel's achievements and including a picture of the young bride and groom. The montage was compiled from press cuttings by the Sutton family.

Among these memorabilia were an item from the Dale College Magazine about Noel's rugby career and a picture of the first Border rugby team to beat Western Province in 1934. The Border players included N Robertson; the Western Province side boasted seven Springboks.

During the Second World War Noel served with the Kaffrarian Rifles and was captured at Tobruk in 1942. He spent the rest of the war in prison-of-war camps in Italy and Germany.

After the war Noel became well known as an accountant and auditor travelling throughout the Border. Molly became prominent in municipal affairs, the Red Cross and other welfare work in Barkly East where the couple lived for 30 years.

She was the town's first woman deputy mayor and in 1988 the second person and the first local resident to be awarded the freedom of the town for her services to the community. The Anglican Church awarded her the Order of Simon of Cyrene for humanitarian service.

Where are they now?

Run/Walk Peter calls it a day

PETER COLLETT (1946) has retired for the second time – after a seven-year association with Run/Walk for Life in Kensington, Johannesburg.

Earlier he worked for 42 years for Stewarts and Lloyds, the engineering firm which became part of the Dorbyl group, and served for many years on its top management team.

Peter, who started as an 18-year-old accounts clerk on leaving Dale, rose to become the company's human resources manager overseeing this field in 29 branches from Malawi to Cape Town.

He retired at age 60 after 20 years in this position and acquired the franchise for three Run/Walk For Life branches in Bedfordview, Glenhazel and Kensington.

Peter, who was an active half-marathon runner until recent years, still keeps fit by walking long distances at Johannesburg Airport where he looks after the merchandising at a number of outlets selling newspapers and magazines.

His wife Yvonne runs a company distributing Times Media publications in Johannesburg's eastern suburbs and adjoining towns.

While living in Vereeniging some years ago Peter was deputy mayor, chairman of the local Country Club and deputy chairman of the SA Olympic Water Sports Committee.

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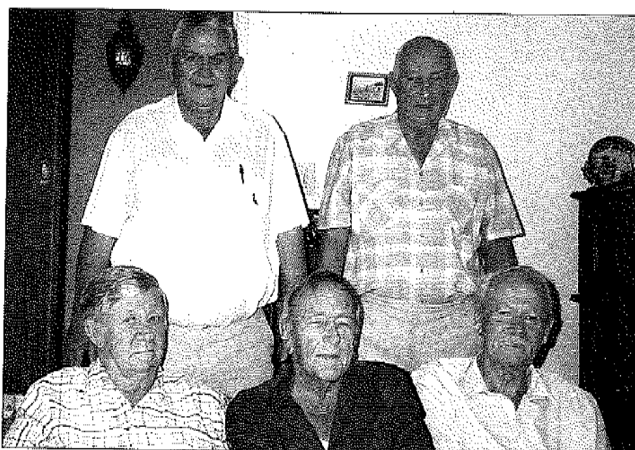
'Gentleman' Thulani is moving up

THULANI TSHABALALA (1996) is now a junior consultant at Rennies Travel in Halfway House, north of Johannesburg. His duties include making and assisting with domestic air, hotel and car-hire bookings and general office work. Before his promotion Thulani was employed as a travel processor.

He was judged the "the best gentleman" at the Travel Training Institute in Johannesburg and awarded a prize after a six-month travel agency competency course.

"Thulani is a team player and always willing to help his colleagues," says his area manager.

He is playing soccer for his branch in the Rennies Johannesburg league.



VETERAN Old Dalians from the 1940s era got together at Pip Sutton's house in Baysville, East London, in April. Back row (left to right): Bill Beckley and Tom Rayment. One of the five is no longer with us. Front: Pip Sutton, 1943 Diocesan Hostel headboy, Trevor Sparg and Bush Bennett, 1942 Durban House headboy and prominent all-round sportsman. Pip, Trevor and Tom became Transkei traders. Pip retired as director of Bantu Affairs in East London and Trevor as a city businessman. Bush is a retired Rand mine manager and Bill semi-retired from the shoe trade. Sadly, Trevor Sparg died in August.

Greg Mackay, the Happy Wanderer



GREG MACKAY and his father **JOHN**, pictured at this year's Old Dalian golf tournament

GREG MACKAY (1993), now in his third year of his BComm studies at RAU, has been playing first-team waterpolo and second-team rugby for Wanderers in Johannesburg, with an occasional game for the firsts. Earlier in the season he captained the third rugby team.

One of his rugby coaches is KEVIN VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (1966), a former chairman of the Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union.

After leaving Dale, where he won a trophy for waterpolo and captained the first rugby team, Greg emigrated to Australia. He studied business accounting and management in Sydney and played club rugby but returned to South Africa after six months. In 1996 he played waterpolo for the then Transvaal team.

Greg is a junior member of Royal Johannesburg Golf Club. He is the son of Dr John Mackay of Winston Ridge, Sandton, and Sally Weetman, now living in Australia.

David is trying his luck with Irish

DAVID BECKLEY (1985-94), youngest son of BILL BECKLEY (1942-46) and his wife Diana, left in September for Ireland to play rugby. He has joined Monieva, a club in Galway, for the winter season and hopes to get part-time work, probably as a barman.

After leaving Dale, David spent a year's post-matric study at Maritzburg where he played centre for the school's unbeaten First XV. He has since been studying marketing management at Natal Technikon and played for Rovers Under 21s. This year he has been playing for the club's second team.

At Dale as a fullback and centre but mainly flyhalf, David toured with the 1993 team to Britain and played regularly for the First XV in 1994.



DAVID BECKLEY . . . abroad to play rugby

Adrian builds a family – and a better body

ADRIAN MEYER (1979), who runs an off-shore investment bank in Barbados, is according to his wife Heather, "sporting a new and improved body."

In a letter to friends back in South Africa, she says he works out in the gym before work and "is very dedicated."

"He does not miss any of his four mornings a week even though he has to leave here shortly after 5.30 am."

"He continues to love his job and is extremely satisfied with the way that Bayshore Bank continues to grow beyond their expectations."

"While still working incredible hours he is definitely seeing the fruits of his labours and at home we seem to be enjoying a more relaxed man."

Adrian pays frequent business visits to South Africa and keeps an eye on his farm, Linton, in the Adelaide district where he and his brother COLIN (1981) grew up. Their late father, ANDREW MEYER, matriculated at Dale in 1943. Mother Liz now lives in Cape Town.

Adrian and Heather have added baby James Robert this year to their family of Kathleen, Victoria and Andrew. Colin and his wife Karen have two daughters Elizabeth and Megan born earlier this year. Colin runs a brickworks outside Grahamstown and has lately gone into pottery.

28 'outs' for 'keeper Steve

AFTER moving from Border to Boland, former South African wicket-keeper STEVE PALFRAMAN (1987) set a record of 28 dismissals in last season's night series.

This included another record – five catches and three stumpings in one innings – which helped his new province to score a 113-run victory over Easterns in the Standard Bank League.

Steve has started practising for the new Currie Cup and night series and is looking forward to the season.

He is also working as a PRO for HC Fuel Solutions, a new Cape Town investment company, where his wife Sandy is human resources manager. They live in Rondebosch.

★ Elder brother MICHAEL PALFRAMAN, (1986), achieved an ambition this year when he ran his tenth Comrades Marathon before turning 30 years old. He finished in 7 hr 2 min to gain his eighth silver medal. Michael manages the Newton Park branch of First National Bank in Port Elizabeth.

Musical director

SINGER-musician DOUGLAS THOMPSON (1984) has been appointed musical director at Swazi Sun Hotels, including the Royal Swazi Sun, the Lugogo and Ezulwini Sun hotels.

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• Hugh also visited an old friend, former Springbok rugby coach Kitch Christie who has since died of cancer. Hugh and Kitch met in their early '20s aboard a ship travelling to Britain. They worked in London bars and at the Overseas Visitors' Club and toured Europe in a kombi.

• Old Daliens, fellow Dale teachers and friends may care to contact Hugh Robertson at 66 Dunbarton Court, Ottawa, K1K4L4, Ontario, Canada (Phone 613-7470334. Fax: 613-7470334). E-mail address: piperhall@sympatico.ca



OLD FRIENDS: Hugh Robertson (left) and Koos Mare

60 YEARS WED: The rugby hero and the matron's daughter

THE DALE FAMILY will always regard Noel Robertson as an Old Dalian rugby hero although he matriculated elsewhere.

The son of 1926 Old Dalian National President JW (Billy) Robertson, Noel began his schooling at Dale Primary in the 1920s when the junior school was still part of Dale College. Then, like some other Old Dalian notables, he was "sent away" to boarding school.

After leaving St Andrew's College, Grahamstown, he went on to captain the Albert Rugby Club in King William's Town, represent Border and tour Argentina in 1932 with the Junior Springboks.

On March 8, 1938, the dashing man-about-town and accountant, married a glamorous young nurse, Molly Twinch, eldest daughter of Alice Twinch, a former matron at Dale's oldest hostel, then known as College House. The ceremony in Johannesburg was performed by Molly's uncle, the Rev FJ (Frank) Sutton, who had retired three months earlier as headmaster of Dale College.

This year, 60 years later, on March 8, Noel and Molly celebrated their diamond wedding. Aged 86 and 85, they are now living in Protea retirement village, in Kensington, Johannesburg, a few kilometres down the road from where they were wed.

Their elder son Hugh, a former teacher at Dale College now living in Canada, flew to Johannesburg to spend a few days with his parents at the home of his younger brother David

Where are they now?



NOEL and MOLLY ROBERTSON ... a mock newspaper front page to mark their diamond wedding

and his wife Russella in Morningside Manor. An anniversary lunch was attended by close family members and friends. A video of their wedding reception, converted from an old-time cine film, was shown.

Gifts included "The Robertson Times", a larger-than-life newspaper front page recalling Molly and Noel's achievements and including a picture of the young bride and groom. The montage was compiled from press cuttings by the Sutton family.

Among these memorabilia were an item from the Dale College Magazine about Noel's rugby career and a picture of the first Border rugby team to beat Western Province in 1934. The Border players included N Robertson; the Western Province side boasted seven Springboks.

During the Second World War Noel served with the Kaffrarian Rifles and was captured at Tobruk in 1942. He spent the rest of the war in prison-of-war camps in Italy and Germany.

After the war Noel became well known as an accountant and auditor travelling throughout the Border. Molly became prominent in municipal affairs, the Red Cross and other welfare work in Barkly East where the couple lived for 30 years.

She was the town's first woman deputy mayor and in 1988 the second person and the first local resident to be awarded the freedom of the town for her services to the community. The Anglican Church awarded her the Order of Simon of Cyrene for humanitarian service.

Where are they now?

Run/Walk Peter calls it a day

PETER COLLETT (1946) has retired for the second time – after a seven-year association with Run/Walk for Life in Kensington, Johannesburg.

Earlier he worked for 42 years for Stewarts and Lloyds, the engineering firm which became part of the Dorbyl group, and served for many years on its top management team.

Peter, who started as an 18-year-old accounts clerk on leaving Dale, rose to become the company's human resources manager overseeing this field in 29 branches from Malawi to Cape Town.

He retired at age 60 after 20 years in this position and acquired the franchise for three Run/Walk For Life branches in Bedfordview, Glenhazel and Kensington.

Peter, who was an active half-marathon runner until recent years, still keeps fit by walking long distances at Johannesburg Airport where he looks after the merchandising at a number of outlets selling newspapers and magazines.

His wife Yvonne runs a company distributing Times Media publications in Johannesburg's eastern suburbs and adjoining towns.

While living in Vereeniging some years ago Peter was deputy mayor, chairman of the local Country Club and deputy chairman of the SA Olympic Water Sports Committee.

At Dale he was headboy of Diocesan Hostel and a school prefect in 1946. He played in the first rugby team that toured Johannesburg that year and was also a member of the first athletics team.

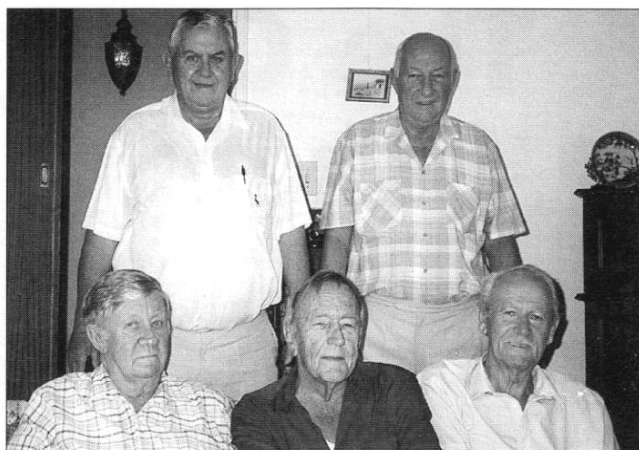
'Gentleman' Thulani is moving up

THULANI TSHABALALA (1996) is now a junior consultant at Rennies Travel in Halfway House, north of Johannesburg. His duties include making and assisting with domestic air, hotel and car-hire bookings and general office work. Before his promotion Thulani was employed as a travel processor.

He was judged the "the best gentleman" at the Travel Training Institute in Johannesburg and awarded a prize after a six-month travel agency competency course.

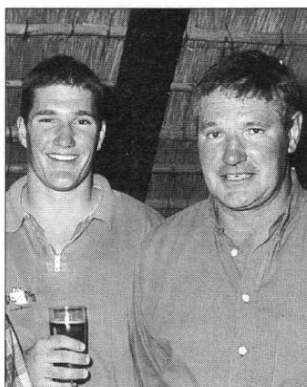
"Thulani is a team player and always willing to help his colleagues," says his area manager.

He is playing soccer for his branch in the Rennies Johannesburg league.



VETERAN Old Dalians from the 1940s era got together at Pip Sutton's house in Baysville, East London, in April. Back row (left to right): Bill Beckley and Tom Rayment. One of the five is no longer with us. Front: Pip Sutton, 1943 Diocesan Hostel headboy, Trevor Sparg and Bush Bennett, 1942 Durban House headboy and prominent all-round sportsman. Pip, Trevor and Tom became Transkei traders. Pip retired as director of Bantu Affairs in East London and Trevor as a city businessman. Bush is a retired Rand mine manager and Bill semi-retired from the shoe trade. Sadly, Trevor Sparg died in August.

Greg Mackay, the Happy Wanderer



GREG MACKAY and his father **JOHN**, pictured at this year's Old Dalian golf tournament

GREG MACKAY (1993), now in his third year of his BComm studies at RAU, has been playing first-team waterpolo and second-team rugby for Wanderers in Johannesburg, with an occasional game for the firsts. Earlier in the season he captained the third rugby team.

One of his rugby coaches is KEVIN VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (1966), a former chairman of the Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union.

After leaving Dale, where he won a trophy for waterpolo and captained the first rugby team, Greg emigrated to Australia. He studied business accounting and management in Sydney and played club rugby but returned to South Africa after six months. In 1996 he played waterpolo for the then Transvaal team.

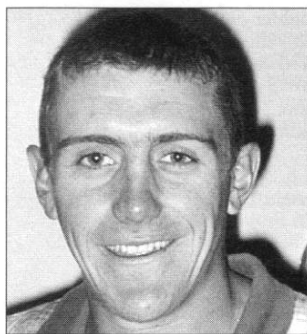
Greg is a junior member of Royal Johannesburg Golf Club. He is the son of Dr John Mackay of Winston Ridge, Sandton, and Sally Weetman, now living in Australia.

David is trying his luck with Irish

DAVID BECKLEY (1985-94), youngest son of BILL BECKLEY (1942-46) and his wife Diana, left in September for Ireland to play rugby. He has joined Monieva, a club in Galway, for the winter season and hopes to get part-time work, probably as a barman.

After leaving Dale, David spent a year's post-matric study at Maritzburg where he played centre for the school's unbeaten First XV. He has since been studying marketing management at Natal Technikon and played for Rovers Under 21s. This year he has been playing for the club's second team.

At Dale as a fullback and centre but mainly flyhalf, David toured with the 1993 team to Britain and played regularly for the First XV in 1994.



DAVID BECKLEY . . . abroad to play rugby

Adrian builds a family – and a better body

ADRIAN MEYER (1979), who runs an off-shore investment bank in Barbados, is according to his wife Heather, "sporting a new and improved body."

In a letter to friends back in South Africa, she says he works out in the gym before work and "is very dedicated."

"He does not miss any of his four mornings a week even though he has to leave here shortly after 5.30 am."

"He continues to love his job and is extremely satisfied with the way that Bayshore Bank continues to grow beyond their expectations."

"While still working incredible hours he is definitely seeing the fruits of his labours and at home we seem to be enjoying a more relaxed man."

Adrian pays frequent business visits to South Africa and keeps an eye on his farm, Linton, in the Adelaide district where he and his brother COLIN (1981) grew up. Their late father, ANDREW MEYER, matriculated at Dale in 1943. Mother Liz now lives in Cape Town.

Adrian and Heather have added baby James Robert this year to their family of Kathleen, Victoria and Andrew. Colin and his wife Karen have two daughters Elizabeth and Megan born earlier this year. Colin runs a brickworks outside Grahams-town and has lately gone into pottery.

28 'outs' for 'keeper Steve

AFTER moving from Border to Boland, former South African wicket-keeper STEVE PALFRAMAN (1987) set a record of 28 dismissals in last season's night series.

This included another record – five catches and three stumpings in one innings – which helped his new province to score a 113-run victory over Easterns in the Standard Bank League.

Steve has started practising for the new Currie Cup and night series and is looking forward to the season.

He is also working as a PRO for HC Fuel Solutions, a new Cape Town investment company, where his wife Sandy is human resources manager. They live in Rondebosch.

★ Elder brother MICHAEL PALFRAMAN, (1986), achieved an ambition this year when he ran his tenth Comrades Marathon before turning 30 years old. He finished in 7 hr 2 min to gain his eighth silver medal. Michael manages the Newton Park branch of First National Bank in Port Elizabeth.

Musical director

SINGER-musician DOUGLAS THOMPSON (1984) has been appointed musical director at Swazi Sun Hotels, including the Royal Swazi Sun, the Lugogo and Ezulwini Sun hotels.

OBITUARIES

KEN ZASMAN: He won Lions' highest award

KEN ZASMAN (1942), one of three Old Dalian brothers, died in Sandton earlier this year aged 76.

At Dale he was a college prefect and played first-team rugby as a loose forward and wing in 1941-42.

After serving in the SAAF during the Second World War in Egypt, Syria and Italy Ken joined the family retail store in King William's Town.

He was prominent during ten years in Round Table before founding the King William's Town Lions Club. He became its charter president and held top positions in the foundation.

Among several honours received, his most treasured was the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, Lions International's highest, for dedicated humanitarian service to the foundation.

Ken retired from the family business in 1983 and moved to Johannesburg with his wife Vera, a former columnist on the King William's Town newspaper, The Mercury. He also leaves an Old Dalian son Neil and two daughters, Adrienne and Gail.

STEPHEN RUDOLPH: Shot dead by robbers

STEPHEN RUDOLPH (1983-89) was killed by armed robbers on the outskirts of Duncan Village, East London, last year. He was 25 and an only son.

Stephen was shot down while going to the area to collect takings.

His mother, Mrs Lorraine Rudolph of King William's Town, said: "He loved his work and trusted those with whom he did business and they in turn respected him."

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

DICK NIBLOCK-STUART: Rugby hero and top airman

NOEL GRAY (Dick or Dickie) NIBLOCK-STUART (MBE), Dalian rugby hero and distinguished airman, died in Pretoria on April 24. He was 87.

Dick (matric class 1930) was one of Dale's finest flyhalves in the era before the Second World War. He captained the First XV in 1930.

In his prime he represented Transvaal at rugby and hockey in the same season and the SAAF in the boxing ring. He played rugby in the Springbok trials and narrowly missed selection.

After joining the SAAF he qualified as a pilot and rose to the rank of colonel. He was made a Member of the British Empire for his wartime services.

Dick remained a top officer in the SAAF after the war. He served as air attaché to High Commissioner Brand Fourie in London and also at the SA Embassy in Washington. Back

home he commanded Waterkloof and Wingfield (Cape) air stations.

After his retirement in the late '50s he dabbled briefly in citrus farming and property before returning to Pretoria. There he settled down to running his home while his doctor wife Popsy ran a clinic in Mamelodi township.

"He was an excellent cook and shopper," said a niece, Debbie Barrie, who stayed with the Niblock-Stuarts as a young child.

Dick and Popsy were married for 49½ years. Popsy died six months short of their golden wedding celebration.

In a funeral tribute Brand Fourie said: "During a full life he had his share of success and happiness but also tasted adversity and personal suffering. He never displayed bitterness."

"He was imbued with a true spirit of sportsmanship - honest endeavour and fairness."

JAMES WALES: Springbok angler and father of four Old Dalians

JAMES PETER WALES, prominent Free State farmer, Springbok angler and father of four Old Dalians, died in July on the family farm in the Petrus Steyn district. He was 76.

James leaves his wife Paddy, two other sons and three daughters.

The sons educated at Dale are Cosmo (matric class 1973), Willy (1974), Conway, known as Sput (1975) and Peter (1977).

Apart from the main farm, Calverton Estates, James had two others and ran several combine harvesters.

He supplied drivers and contract harvesting to farmers and owned a Cesna 210 aircraft to look after his farming and harvesting operations. He flew this plane himself till about 15 years ago.

James represented South Africa at world deep-sea fishing contests in Hawaii and was a keen golfer.

DES MILLS: Five years in First VI

DES MILLS (1945), who played first team tennis for Dale for five years, died in East London in March. He was 70.

Des was headboy of Diocesan Hostel and a school prefect in his final year.

After farming in the Post Retief district near Fort Beaufort for many years, he went into earth-moving, then security and later worked as a consulting engineer. He retired six years ago.

Des leaves four daughters, Charmaine, Marianne, Roseanne and Tracy. His wife Moira died in 1993.

CECIL KIRTON: Provincial cricketer

CECIL KIRTON (1939) one of three Kirtion brothers educated at Dale, died in East London on November 24, 1997, aged 74.

After leaving school Cecil joined the Kaffrarian Rifles during the Second World War and was captured at Tobruk. He spent the rest of the war in prisoner-of-war camps in Italy and Czechoslovakia.

Later after a spell in Rhodesia he worked for the Bantu Affairs Department until his retirement in 1983.

At Dale Cecil was awarded his colours for tennis. Although he

never played cricket at school he played for Border after the war, scoring 99 against Rhodesia in his first game.

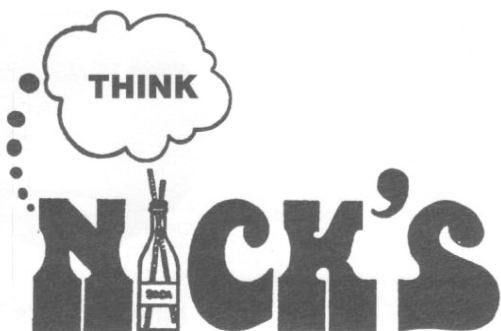
While his brother Keith captained Border Cecil captained North Eastern Transvaal, opposing each other in two games.

Another brother, Harold, was wounded in Italy during the war and drowned on a boat trip in an Italian lake.

Cecil leaves his wife Marjory (née Schroeder). They were married for 45 years. Their only son Rowan died aged 23.

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SHEILA KNOTT, devoted wife of Old Dalian past president and cricket star Sid Knott, died after a motor accident in East London on May 15, the opening day of the 1998 Dale Reunion. She was 58.

Killed with her was her daughter-in-law Joy, 35, wife of the Knotts' elder son Donald. Nonkoliswa Moyake, daughter of the Knotts' domestic worker, was the third victim of the tragedy.

Donald and Joy's three-year-old daughter Chelsea survived the accident.

Sid and Sheila had been married 36 years. A former teacher, she was closely involved in Old Dalian affairs when her husband was National President in 1987-88.

But it was in the restoration of the derelict Convent premises into Dale Junior's DV Taylor House in the mid-1980s that Sheila perhaps made her most notable contribution to Dale.

Headmaster Mike Hosty said: "While her son Robin was a boarder, over and above her role as a hostel committee member, Sheila injected such enthusiasm and vision in the development of the hostel complex."

"Sheila, with her enthusiastic partner Sue Taylor, rolled up her sleeves and spent countless hours landscaping and creating the beautiful gardens that residents and visitors still enjoy today."

"Her contribution was felt and appreciated in the gardens, the dining hall, kitchen, dormitories and

SHEILA and JOY KNOTT: Vibrant, special people



SHEILA KNOTT ...
a breath of fresh air



JOY KNOTT ...
great zest for life

every nook and cranny of the hostel. Even after Robin moved into high school Sheila's interest in DV Taylor House did not wane."

Sid, a former Border opening bowler, is a prominent farmer in the Kei Road district and chairman of the East Cape Red Meat Producers Organisation.

Apart from Sid and her sons Donald and Robin and grandchildren Taylor and Chelsea, Sheila left a daughter, Judith, wife of Howard Sheard of Nieu-Bethesda, and their children, James and twin girls Kate and Jessica.

Donald, who spent a year at Dale

College after attending Dale Junior, completed his education at Kingswood College. Robin was schooled at Dale from Sub A to matric and was a member of the unbeaten 1990 Dale first rugby team.

Robin, who is living abroad, flew from England for the memorial service on the family farm Lyndhurst.

Old Dalians turned out in strength at the ceremony conducted by the Rev Ian Hawkbridge of the Presbyterian Church in Stutterheim.

In a tribute, Roy Taylor, former Headmaster of Dale Junior, spoke of Sheila and Joy as two "beautiful,

vibrant and special people."

He described Sheila as "a natural leader ... an active, selfless person ... a breath of fresh air. She would blow in and out and have things done before one could think of doing them."

To give unemployed people work and a sense of purpose Sheila had started a woolspinning venture which grew into "quite an enterprise."

"Her involvement in the community was endless," said Roy. He quoted the words of Linda Mbambama, president of the Developing Chamber of the Eastern Cape Agricultural Union: "She was a mother and friend of our family of new farmers."

Added Roy: "She was truly a mother to all and opened her home to all."

Roy said "caring, fun-loving" Joy had "an enormous zest for life - she could turn the darkest day into light with her infectious smile and her joyous attitude to life."

She and Donald had done wonderful work for the Theodore Blumberg Centre (for the deaf) where they were assisted wonderfully in their son Taylor's education. Her work never stopped when Taylor moved to a normal school.

Joy, who was schooled at Eunice Girls' High in Bloemfontein, was the daughter of George and the late Pam Fairweather of Kroonstad.

Donald and Joy had been married nearly nine years. She was the Daily Dispatch "Bride of the Year" in 1989.

JAC ROMAIN: Finished book about Dale on day he died

JAC ROMAIN (1944-47) finished writing a book about his boarding school years at Dale a few hours before he died. He had been researching the book for several years.

Jac, who lived in Mountain View, Johannesburg, collapsed at the wheel of his stationary car on November 2 last year. He was 68.

An architect, he worked for the Johannesburg municipality for about 20 years after being city architect at Germiston. He retired in 1995.

A fitness fanatic, he took over the municipal gymnasium and ran two aerobic classes a day up to two days before his death. He also taught draftsmanship and building science at Highlands North High School.

When he attended his last annu-



JAC ROMAIN ...
fitness fanatic

al Old Dalian lunch Jack read poems he had written about Dale and appealed for stories for his book.

Jac leaves his wife Carmel, two sons, Trevor, who lives in Texas, USA, Steven of Cape Town, a daughter, Elise of Johannesburg, and three grandchildren. Trevor is editing his father's book.

GORDON McEWAN: Old Dalian with a family of 93 dies aged 90

STALWART Old Dalian **GORDON** (Mr Mac) **McEWAN** (1924) died at his Johannesburg home in September last year, three months after he celebrated his 90th birthday.

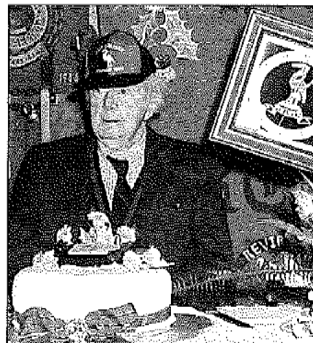
He was National President of the Old Dalian Union in 1972 and a leading spirit of the union in Johannesburg for many years.

His elder son Louis (1957), in a funeral tribute, described him as "one of the last of the great patriarchs - as the husband of two wives (Mabel and Margaret) with a very strong love for both, a father (11 children), grandfather (38 grandchildren), and great-grandfather (44)." He was about to become a great-great-grandfather.

Gordon was a gifted engineer (without formal qualifications) and built up a successful pump business in Johannesburg.

"Up North" with the Sappers (Engineers) during the Second World War, he became a sergeant-major. He declined a commission because, as an officer, he would have lost some (monetary) support for his family and the camaraderie he enjoyed with his troops.

Gordon lost his first wife Mabel in 1966. Fifteen years later he met Margaret at Arthur Murray's School of Dancing and they married within a month. They danced together till Gordon retired from the floor aged 82.



GORDON McEWAN ... at his 90th birthday lunch with a cap and clock presented by Old Dalians

His 90th birthday party on July 1, 1997, was attended by 150 family members and friends, including the ten survivors of his 11 children. His two Old Dalian sons Louis (1957) and Charlie (1962) were joined by seven other Old Dalians. Some also attended his funeral service.

An article about Gordon in last year's TransDale was headlined: "The grand old man of many parts." Apart from his family titles, he was described as a farmer, entrepreneur, engineer, dancer, humorist, wartime sergeant-major and bowling club greenkeeper.

ALF (FINGO) VAN DER VYVER

ALFRED (Fingo) **VAN DER VYVER** (1942), who represented Dale's first rugby, cricket and athletics teams, died at Gingindlovu, near Empangeni, KwaZulu-Natal in July. He was 74.

Alf was headboy of Diocesan Hostel and took over as headboy of Dale College when Louis Kockott left mid-year to join the Army.

A loose forward in the 1942 First XV, he was described by coach LJ Lazarus as "tall and fast ... a most dangerous player ... very good on attack and defence."

After war service, Alf worked for the Customs in East London and later became one of the most successful sugar farmers on the North Coast. Alf leaves his wife Dot, three daughters and a son.

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