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BEYOND 2000
WHERE ARE WE GOING?



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WHY WE
CAME
BACK
TO DALE



OUR
'MINI
BOKS'

The way ahead

AS we approach the dawn of a new century and a new millennium Dale College and Dale Junior appear to be riding on the crest of the wave. Academically both schools are on an upward trend: for the first time in 37 years the college has attained a 100 per cent matric pass.

On the sports fields the schools are outclassing or at least matching their rivals. The college first rugby and cricket teams have had outstanding seasons. On the cultural front both schools have achieved much. Dale can rightly claim to offer a well-balanced education.

Socially, over the past decade, both schools have pioneered the entry of boys of colour into what was once a white preserve – with remarkable results. The transition has been relatively trouble free and the "New Dalians" have been among the top achievers on the sports field, in class and in cultural activities. Our schools have been enriched.

Amid all these positive signs, however, the word *survival* stalks the corridors of Dale and other traditional schools. The problem is mainly financial: the battle to maintain standards in the face of dwindling state aid and rising costs.

To mark the dawn of the new century TransDale asked leading members of the Dale Family to respond to some key questions on the future of Dale. eg.: Can Dale survive as a boarding school? Can it maintain a reasonable ratio between boarders and day boys – and an acceptable one between boys of different cultural backgrounds? How can the schools maintain traditional standards amid growing financial pressure? What needs to be done to ensure a promising future?

The message has come back strongly: Dale *can* survive but certain things need to be done urgently. Here are some of suggestions made:

- The pursuit of excellence in all spheres must be stepped up to "stay ahead of the pack."
- Boarders are the backbone of the school and vital to its successful future. A reasonable ratio needs to be achieved between boarders and day boys.
- This is seen as one way of securing the right racial mix where boys of different cultures benefit from their interaction and neither group dominates. The balance is particularly desirable in the hostels where boys live cheek by jowl – it must not be tilted either way.
- Recruitment of boarders must be boosted – particularly in areas untapped for years. The school needs to be more vigorously promoted and new strategies employed.
- The present dedicated team of teachers must be rewarded and strengthened in quantity and quality.
- Change is inevitable but core traditions and discipline must be maintained.
- A bursary/scholarship fund is needed to attract deserving pupils including promising sportsmen. Dale's rugby successes should be exploited so the school could develop into a nursery for future Springboks. Another fund to pay teachers more is suggested.

These ideas have merit – but most require money. Dale cannot survive as one of the country's traditional schools without a massive injection of cash.

Old Boys – many of them influential and affluent – have a strong role to play. The Old Dalian Union, which has its own financial problems, is mounting a big campaign for subscriptions and donations to stabilise its situation and develop certain projects.

Some of this money could be channelled into the schools to maintain their high standards – academic, environmental, cultural and sporting.

With the right commitment, the challenge of the next century, or at least the crucial next decade, need not be so daunting. The future presents not only challenges but also opportunities. Dale can become even more prestigious in the years ahead.

Dale and Makhaya Ntini

OLD DALIAN Makhaya Ntini, South Africa's first black Test cricketer, has been convicted of rape and sentenced to six years in prison. As his appeal had not been heard before TransDale went to press, we have withheld comment on the merits of the case.

But we can say this: Ntini has been found guilty of a crime viewed with increasing outrage in this country. Justice must be done. Whatever the outcome of the appeal, we trust that the Dale Family – and particularly the Old Dalian Union – will be ready to help him pick up the threads of his shattered life when he needs us.

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COVER PICTURES

OUR "MINI BOKS": Dalians Kaunda Ntunja and Lonwabo Mtimka, who represented the South African Schools rugby side in a Test curtain-raiser at Loftus Versfeld, and Gauteng's Morgan Tinline, the first Dale hockey player chosen for an Under 16 SA team.

• Picture: Denver Donian, Kei Mercury

WHY WE CAME BACK: The Groom family explain how they came "home" to Dale Junior less than a year after moving to New Zealand. (See Page 3)



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SEVENTH IN THE WORLD!

A DALIAN ranked seventh in the world in an international debating contest this year has now been voted the Eastern Cape's top matric.

Sazi Tizani was just 16 and still in Grade 11 at Dale last year when chosen to represent his country at the 11th world schools' debating championships in Britain. The SA team of five finished 11th out of 32 in the world and won the bid to host the 2001 championships.

The son of an Oxford-graduate archdeacon and a primary school teacher, he was ranked seventh among individual speakers. He was chosen to take part in the year 2000 championships and asked to help convene the 2001 event in Johannesburg.

In August Sazi followed up this success by winning a Matric of the Year contest sponsored by the East Cape Weekend newspaper and the Bridge Shopping Centre in Port Elizabeth.

The 17-year-old world-class debater was named the winner at a function at the Port Elizabeth Technikon for the top 20 entrants chosen from 50 schools.

These were reduced to Sazi and four other finalists – Grant Ralph from Grey High School and Tracy Hammond from Alexander Road High in Port Elizabeth, and Kirsten Pearson from Riebeeck College and David Dimpleby from Muir College in Uitenhage.

The total value of the prizes for the top five is R50 000. Sazi's prizes include a R7 000 computer and a bursary from the PE Technikon.

"This is a great coup for Dale," said a delighted Headmaster James Haupt. "We are very proud of Sazi." After being declared the winner Sazi had addressed the gathering and impressed people with his oratory and modesty, giving credit not to himself but to his upbringing.

One of the judges, East Cape Weekend editor Jeremy McCabe, said Sazi was chosen because of his all-round achievements. Pupils were judged on academic skills and their leadership qualities shown in various areas, such as interest groups and community projects in and outside of school.

Besides gaining his academic half colours and consistently finishing in the top 10 since



DEBATING:
Sazi's first love ...
Will it lead to law,
then politics?



HUG OF THE YEAR: Delighted matric winner Sazi Tizani is congratulated by his proud mother, Zingisa Tizani

• Picture: EUGENE COETZEE, East Cape Weekend

Now debater Sazi is the top matric in Eastern Cape

Std 6 (Grade 8), Sazi is a keen sportsman and has been a member of the first cross-country team since 1997. At 15, he was chairman of the Debating Society and third in his standard.

Last year he was awarded honours for debating, placed first in the Eastern Cape schools debating championships and runner-up in the SA National Guild of Speakers competition. He won best speaker prize and the English prize.

This year he is a college prefect, PRO for the prefect body and chairman of the matric dance committee. But his true love is debating.

Sazi, who lives with his parents and elder brother in Bisho, says he comes from a "close-knit" family and has always relied on their support and loyalty.

His father, Archdeacon Mazwi Tizani, an MA of Oxford University, is based in King William's Town in the Anglican Diocese of

Grahamstown. He works in non-governmental organisations and is an executive member of the board of the Kagiso Trust and a trustee on the Transitions National Development Trust.

He served for a period as personal assistant to Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Sazi's mother, Zingisa Tizani, teaches at Ekonwaben Primary School in Bisho. She has been a teacher for 20 years. His brother Dumo is in his final year as a linguistics student at Rhodes University and wants to be a diplomat.

After leaving school Sazi plans to take up law and later move into politics. "Law and politics have often fallen victim to the stereotypes of dishonesty and moral degeneracy," he said.

"This is an unfortunate misconception because politics and the laws that govern it are responsible for shaping our lives. In my life I intend to show that government need not be synonymous with dishonesty."

Sazi said he had tried to take part in and achieve in as many fields as possible. Outside school he has assisted in the Kagiso Trust feeding schemes project and as the Department of Social Responsibility of the (Anglican) Church of the Province of South Africa. Both these organisations teach and help people to grow and market their own food.

He is also a member of the Junior Child Welfare Society and has assisted in cleaning operations in and around King.

'A once-in-a-lifetime experience'

SAZI TISANI has described the world debating championships as a "once-in-a-lifetime experience which prepares young men and women for public life."

The 1999 championships were held at Britain's House of Commons, Oxford and Cambridge Universities, at Eton College and London's Guild Hall. The event's patron was Princess Anne and its president was Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Sazi was selected for the SA team by the Rhodes University Debating Society with the SA National Debating Council after being rated the top debater in the

Eastern Cape at the schools debating championships in Grahamstown in October last year.

The team included Bradley Shuttleworth from the Western Cape, Richard Hofm and Tebogo Ramuthla from Gauteng and Mark Holness from Natal.

Sazi's achievements of being placed seventh in the world and his role in future championships are modestly mentioned in the last paragraph of his report on the performance of the SA team in the week-long 1999 event.

He wrote that SA lost the first and second round debates to Bermuda (by 243 points to

237) and by half a point to Slovenia.

"In the first two debates we had been hampered by lack of practice. However in the third round we were starting to show our true form and beat Hong Kong by 20 points."

In a debate proposing that "This House regrets the influence of Hollywood" the SA team beat the Americans by 248 points to 240. Opposing a proposal that "This House would break the law to protect the rights of animals," the SA team beat Estonia by a comfortable 12 points.

The teams were hosted by

the Speaker of the Commons, Betty Boothroyd, at a government reception at Lancaster House. They also attended a West End theatre show.

At Oxford University, "generally regarded as the home of English debating", SA beat Poland by 15 points.

The seventh and final leg of the round-robin debates was held at the Inns at Court, headquarters of the British Law Society. SA opposed Australia – the defending champions ranked No 1 in the world – in a topic condemning the bombing of Iraq.

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The Eagle has landed

A MAGNIFICENT hand-carved lectern depicting an eagle has found a new home in the Old Dalian Assembly Hall at Dale College.

It was given to the college by St Mary's Anglican Church, Tylden, near Cathcart, after the church was closed down.

The lectern was originally donated to the Anglican Church at Toise River by Harold and Ida Ella in memory of their Old Dalian son, Alfred Newsam Ella, and his fiancée, Esme Philipps.

Both died of influenza in 1919, Alfred in Europe while awaiting repatriation to South Africa after serving in the First World War, and Esme two weeks earlier in South Africa.

She had lived with her Old Dalian brother, Bert Philipps, on a farm in the Cathcart district. Alfred did not know of his fiancée's death when he died in Salonica, Greece, three days before the armistice was signed ending the war.

The lectern was handed to Priscilla Forwood of Tylden by the Ella family about 20 years ago for safekeeping and used as a pulpit in

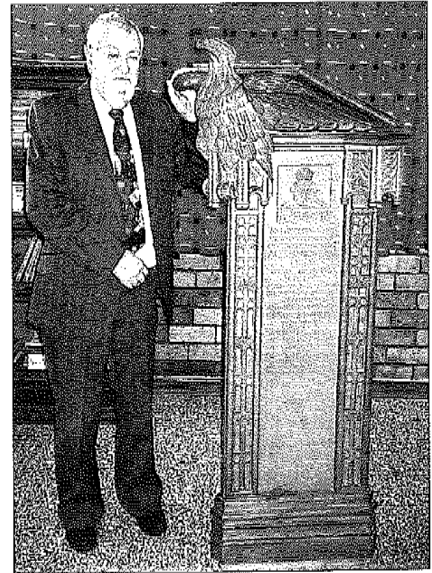
Historic hand-carved lectern given to Dale

St Mary's Church. Alfred Ella's brothers Melton and Broughton, who also attended Dale College, asked that if ever the church should close, the lectern should be given to their old school.

The inscription on the lectern reads: "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of 2nd Lieutenant Alfred Newsam Ella, Royal Garrison Artillery, born 26 January 1894, died 8 November 1918 at Salonica, and his betrothed, Esme Winifred Philipps, born 9 February 1898, died 27 October 1918, at Toise."

The Ella family owned and ran the Toise River Wool Wash for about 112 years.

When the Tylden church, its congregation dwindling, was closed down it was decided to hand the lectern over to Dale College in line with the family's wish.



GIFT FROM THE PAST: Old Dalian PRO Jack Rosenberg with the lectern

QUOTE

SAZI TISANI not only has a great amount of talent, but the drive and dedication to use that talent to the utmost of his ability.

He is a person who sets himself specific goals and has the commitment to achieve them.

He has done a sterling job as chairman of our Debating Society and has played a major role in encouraging some of our junior orators. Sazi has established himself as a worthy role model, not only to our juniors but also to his peers.

His achievements in provincial and national competitions deserve a lot of praise.

— Wayne Rademan, Master-in-charge of Debating, Dale College.

Knocked out in the Commons

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"South Africa were perhaps overawed by the occasion and lost the debate by 19 points," reported Sazi. "Nevertheless it was a good experience and we had done well enough to make the knock-out stage."

In the knock-out South Africa were beaten by Scotland who went on to win the championships. The topic was "This House fears the millennium." More than 400 people attended the event in the House of Commons.

"South Africa were a little nervous but not overawed and gave probably their best performance of the championships," wrote Sazi.

"When the judging results came in they could not have been closer. The first judge gave it to Scotland by four points. The second judge gave it to South Africa by three points. The third and decisive judge gave it to Scotland by half a point. We were then out of the championships.

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WHY WE CAME BACK

- I couldn't get rid of my red-and-black blood, says Chris Groom, after spell in NZ
- I missed Dale's family atmosphere. I want to play my part in new South Africa
- The Dale Junior Family were fantastic to us on our return, says Sharlene

TEACHERS Chris and Sharlene Groom are delighted to be back at Dale Junior after spending less than a year in New Zealand. Chris says he missed Dale's family atmosphere and sense of belonging. "One could almost say I could not get rid of my red-and-black blood," he told TransDale.

"I returned because I felt my work with the youth of South Africa was incomplete. I have a strong urge to play my part in the new South Africa and help children who could make a difference in our new country."

The Grooms, with their son Nicholas, then aged seven, and daughter Hayley, five, left South Africa in April 1997. Sharlene and the children returned in September and Chris followed in December that year.

"The Dale Junior Family were fantastic on our return," said Sharlene. "They supplied us with furniture, accommodation, uniforms, food etc. until our things returned and we got on our feet again."

"This typifies what Dale stands for - who could dream of teaching somewhere else? It is wonderful being back. This is not a job - it is a calling requiring 100 per cent +++, but we love it!"

Chris returned to his post of Head of Department (Senior Primary) and teaching Grade 5 at Dale Junior. He serves as duty master at D V Taylor where he was superintendent before going to New Zealand. Sharlene teaches Grade 1.

After settling in Hamilton, North Island, Chris taught at Southwell, a private school with about 300 boys, 100 of them boarders.

Sharlene became a housewife "for the first time in our married life" and after a few months secured a part-time teaching post at the same school.

"I was involved in teaching 'Special Needs' children," she said. "It was very interesting to observe the ways these children are educated."

Sharlene also spent time observing in the junior departments which she found very interesting as a junior primary teacher.

Nicholas, who had been a prominent swimmer at Dale Junior, attended Southwell and excelled at rugby, swimming and gymnastics. He caught up academically after struggling a little. Hayley went to a girls' private school.

Chris said Southwell had magnificent facilities and they were passionate about their rugby and cultural activities. "Although I enjoyed my teaching at the school and learned an enormous amount about their education system, I struggled and missed the family atmosphere and the sense of belonging I have always experienced at Dale."

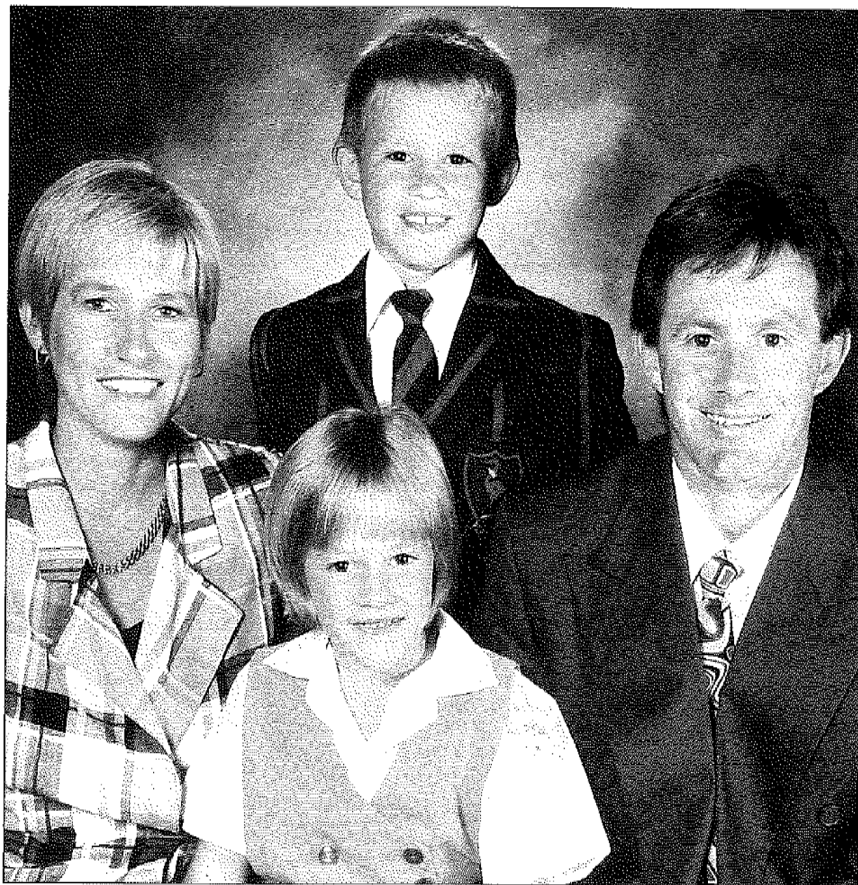
"Discipline was also a big factor. Teaching young Dalians who are so grateful and respectful is so rewarding and I missed them all very much."

"I think that had I taught at any ordinary

QUOTE

• Leaving Dale Junior for New Zealand was one of the saddest times of my life. When you are away from this great school you soon appreciate the friendships, the bonds and discipline that it strives for.

- Chris Groom



HAPPY TO BE HOME: The Groom family, Sharlene, Nicholas, Chris and Hayley

The incident that touched my heart

THE children missed their grandparents and cousins a great deal in New Zealand, said Sharlene, describing an "incident that really touched my heart."

"Chris's dad taped the Selborne-Dale rugby match that was televised while we were away. When we received the tape Nic and Chris settled down to watch it."

school in South Africa before going to New Zealand my adjustment would have been somewhat easier. The school curriculum in New Zealand was fantastic and I have managed to bring in many new ideas to Dale and have been allowed to implement them slowly.

"Sport has always and will always be an integral part of Dale and my life as well. I missed the contact between schools and the 'rivalry' we are known for on the sports field. There were times there, when some of my boys simply did not arrive for a rugby match as they had decided to go ski-ing instead!"

"Although I made many new friends in New Zealand it was difficult to tell them about your roots as they did not have a clear understanding of the school system and life in South Africa."

"As the cameras moved over the Dalians sitting singing, so smartly dressed in their uniforms, there was stunned silence in the house. Familiar faces looked at us as tears rolled down my son's face!"

"Need I say more - the Dale blood runs THICK AND STRONG through the Groom veins!"

Nicholas, now in Grade 3, has continued with his swimming and represented Border at the national schools championships in Cape Town this year. He plays cricket and tennis for the Dale Junior Under 10s and captains the Under 9 rugby team. He is also involved in music, drama and chess.

Hayley is in Grade 1 at KHS. She loves dancing and modelling and plays hockey and netball. Now aged seven, she won the swim-athlon in her age group this year and was part of the KHS Under 8 team which won a trophy at the Rotary Relay Gala in East London.

• Last word from Chris: "Thank you Mike (Hosty), my colleagues, parents and boys for making going to work every morning such a rewarding experience."

BEYOND 2000: WHERE IS DALE GOING?

AS we approach the new millennium Dale College and Dale Junior can reflect on their illustrious past over the last century and look forward to a challenging yet uncertain future.

For its 1999 issue, TransDale invited prominent members of the Dale Family to respond to some of these questions:

- What does Dale mean to you?
- Can Dale College survive as a boarding school? Can it maintain a healthy balance between boarders and day boys?
- Can Dale College and Dale Junior

maintain a healthy, realistic balance between different cultural groups?

- How do you see Dale's future, considering the changing demographics of King William's Town and the Border? What path should Dale take in the next decade?
- How can it meet the challenges of declining state aid, redeployment of teachers and other restrictive Government policies?
- Could Dale realistically contemplate going private? Are there financial resources within the Dale Family to

consider this option? Could a private educational company take on this challenge as a business proposition? Would this endanger Dale's traditional culture?

- What is needed to ensure Dale's future as a respected, top educational institution in the new South Africa? What roles have Dale College, Dale Junior, the Old Dalian Union and parent bodies to play in this changed environment?

Here is an edited selection of contributions submitted.

What Dale needs to survive

WHAT DALE MEANS TO ME:

ANY institution which survives 139 years and still retains its core values, traditions and position as a leading educational institution, must have something very special in its make-up.

Even today, anyone who becomes associated in some way with this school, as staff member, pupil, parent or eventually past pupil, soon becomes aware ...

THAT they are becoming part of a family bigger than any individual or organisation/component operating within it;

THAT Dale is the ultimate example of synergy, that moulding together of diversity – and this has been in our present times demonstrated all too clearly by the easy assimilation of the various cultures in the school. Yet, each of the components which make up Dale College, is also essential for its survival.

As headmaster, I have felt honoured to be at the helm of such an influential educational institution. It is the culmination of a dream, that ultimate challenge, that one challenge which one feels you could not lay to rest until you have successfully come to terms with it.

In my view Dale is still at least one of the top ten state schools in the country. I believe it is as a state school that it must continue to produce South Africans to play a role in this country in its new form, just as it has produced leaders for the past dispensation.

It is this challenge which we must take forward into the millennium: producing leaders of all races capable of dealing with problems to be faced in the country in the future. I would hope that we would be producing loyal South Africans of all races, willing to apply their skills to the development of a country they are loyal to.

Were Dale not to survive the next ten years, given its total representation of cultures and the goodwill prevailing at present, I would not have much hope for the future of this country.

This is why it is imperative that we take up the challenge of moulding a wonderful past into the hope of the future! What a challenge!

DALE'S SURVIVAL as a boarding school is one of the big challenges. I believe it can if we follow this policy:

- Attract pupils who wish to be in a boarding environment, particularly those who are already at junior school in such an environment.
- Recruit only quality pupils. Recruit more from the rural farming communities, not necessarily from the cities – there is a growing demand for after-hour care of pupils with both parents working and unable to be at home in the afternoons. My recent foray into the Natal Midlands met with tremendous interest, particularly from those boys already in boarding school.
- Recruit closer to home and also in somewhat neglected areas from where we are not at present recruiting pupils.
- We need not focus as much on Old Daliens to send their grandsons back. We must not miss any such opportunities, but focus on NEW Dale parents who are perhaps less negative to our multi-cultural school and can clearly see the advantages the excellent education Dale offers.

QUOTE

THE NEXT YEAR or so will determine whether we will survive. We need to actively market our school to ensure success. Without the hostels, Dale would degenerate to mediocrity. By marketing our successes, we will continue to draw boarders to Dale. The recent turnaround in KHS marketing strategy to join us on recruiting drives for hostel pupils bodes well for the future.

– James Haupt, Headmaster of Dale



BY JAMES HAUPT
Headmaster of Dale College

- Ensure that our hostels are neatly maintained.
- From a security aspect, Dale offers prospective parents a wonderful safe environment.

DAY BOY/BOARDER BALANCE:

Considering the present school numbers (460), with 160 in the hostels, an acceptable ratio has been maintained. We would, however, look to increasing our numbers to over 550 by recruiting more boarders rather than day boys.

INTER-CULTURE BALANCE:

Recruiting quality pupils must be the main focus. Our recent successes in all spheres of education have proved that quality is more important than numbers.

The balance between racial groups already exists and will be maintained. Although in the eyes of outsiders, we have perhaps lost the so-called balance, we are happy that more than 90 per cent of our Daliens of all races rank with the best pupils in the country on achievements in academics, sport, culture and behaviour.

DALE'S PATH in the next decade amid the town's changing demographics:

Our main thrust must be to market King William's Town as an educational town. Dale, KHS and De Vos Malan are among the leading institutions for secondary schooling in the province.

There are already plans afoot to link up with KHS on the academic front to share areas of expertise – matrices already write the same internal exams in many subjects, and subject teacher study groups are in the pipeline.

The changing demographics should not influence us much if we can maintain our boarder population. Our academic, sporting and cultural programmes must offer more than is available elsewhere:

- Computers in education and audio visual aids.
- Excellence in key subject areas and more relevant subject choices.
- Additional courses (management, computers, etc.) which can give pupils additional accreditation.
- Specialised staff in sport and culture

DECLINING STATE AID, redeployment etc:

Parents will have to pay for the product delivered – it will become progressively more expensive to afford top-quality education. Schools will have to produce the product demanded by the market – by providing value for money!

This is the only way in which we can counter the restrictive policies of

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BEYOND 2000: WHERE IS DALE GOING?

Tradition, discipline must stay

TO ME, DALE MEANS a strong combination of the pursuit of excellence, the high regard for maintaining traditions, and the belief in the innate ability of the individual.

IT CAN SURVIVE as a boarding school, but only with a very strong public relations/recruitment/marketing strategy. Jack Rosenberg (as PRO) is doing wonders for the Old Dalian Union but it is nowhere near enough at present.

BOTH DALES (College and Junior) can maintain a healthy, realistic balance between different cultural groups. This can be done through active recruitment for English First Language pupils and selective screening of English Second Language pupils.

DALE'S PATH in the next decade: The schools need to build up a significant bursary/scholarship fund to attract deserving pupils. In addition, a fund should be established to boost remuneration packages to secure and retain quality staff. We also need to market our areas of speciality. In the words of Loretta Lynn, "to succeed you have to be first, best or different."

GOING PRIVATE? No! Inadequate resources within the Dale Family, plus the "market" could not sustain it. But people will be prepared to pay marginally more for specialist "extras."

TO ENSURE DALE'S FUTURE we need a strong commitment to tradition, discipline and the ethos of a boarding school for boys. These qualities are rapidly waning in



FUTURE DALIAN LEADERS?
What lies ahead of them?

• Picture: Stephen Eglinton

By **MIKE HOSTY**

Headmaster of Dale Junior



many established schools but we must reinforce them at Dale as pillars of our identity.

• **TEACHERS** Chris and Sharlene Groom, who returned to Dale Junior after a spell in New Zealand, responded positively to questions about Dale's future – with some interesting suggestions. Here are extracts from their replies:

Dale can survive as a boarding school, says Sharlene, as long as standards continue to be upheld. Chris thinks this is going to be difficult

and suggests good public relations and forward planning to maintain the racial balance in the hostel.

A healthy cultural balance has been successfully maintained and continues to be, says Sharlene. Chris suggests that more parents should be drawn into school affairs. "Indaba is needed so each group can understand their cultural differences."

On Dale's future path, Sharlene suggested: Look after the teachers you have got and continue to strive for only the best. Chris felt substantial sponsorship was needed to cater for extra teachers and bursaries. They believe that academic and sporting standards should be maintained. Chris says the ODU needs to recruit more members and both schools should sit down and talk about the present and the future.

The Grooms agree that privatisation is possible with sponsorship – but that this needs to be carefully negotiated between all parties.

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We can create the new SA 'elite'

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government aimed at making it difficult for us to offer superior standards of education.

The workload of the staff will increase and the true professionals will once again come to the fore – those in education for the wrong reasons will disappear from the scene. There will however have to be a rethink of remuneration of staff who are out-performing all others as completely rounded educators.

Redeployment has finally made its inroads into our staffing quota – 16 departmental staff for 500 pupils – this means that we really are very dependent on our quota of ten Governing Body posts, including part-timers, temporary etc.

GOING PRIVATE?

No! I do not believe this should be contemplated. Our market has traditionally not been the private school parent – the financial burden would place Dalians now able to afford our quality education out of the equation. This would be sad!

Private education today is no better than that which Dale offers to all its pupils, not to a moneyed few. We deal with the backbone of the future SA population – why should we reject them when the going is difficult?

Dale must serve all South Africans who have the ability and wish to partake of its fine education. It should not serve an elite few! We are prepared to create the new SA Elite!

I would rather have private educational companies, such as the John Gouverneur Trust and the Hostels Trust to assist us in providing the extra funds we require to employ the extra teachers and build and maintain essential facilities.

DALE'S FUTURE:

To ensure this, the college and junior school should not veer off from their chosen courses and should stand firm against any onslaught. Mediocrity should therefore never feature in our vocabulary.

Perhaps the most important aspect for the college to consider is that it must stay at the forefront of educational development. As important as its past successes in certain areas of school life were and still are, these should not at all hamper its search for the correct educational formula for the future.

This might mean that the emphasis on certain areas of college life may have to change to ensure our pupils remain competitive – we must have the courage to place our pupils and their futures first!

OLD DALIANS:

The emphasis must now be placed on ensuring that the educational clout of Dale survives. The union must see that it has a role to play in funding staffing, academic facilities etc. to remain at the forefront, and that it can also provide funding for the professional coaches we require.

The ODU, with financial initiatives, can muster funds easier than the schools with their limited population-funding base. I believe bequests, golf days, debit orders for school funding etc. can all be mobilised to place education at Dale a cut above the rest.

Finally, I believe the ODU is not using its clout through its top achievers to promote the school. Neither is it using to good effect the expertise which is dormant in the organisation – the union is there to preserve the past, be custodians of the future, but also to play an active role in funding educational projects.

IN CONCLUSION:

We have negotiated difficult times at Dale in the past two years. The inability of the Department to assist us in appointing a deputy for two and a half years, the halving of our staffing complement, the threats of lowering our standards ...!

We have survived, and this gives me much hope that in the next few months, we will not just be putting out fires, reacting to threats, but once again be able to become pro-active and able to work within reasonably well-defined parameters.

BEYOND 2000: WHERE IS DALE GOING?

GOING to Dale College for my last two high-school years was probably one of the most important decisions of my life. I've always said the only thing better than being a Dalian is being an Old Dalian.

While working for a commercial bank for almost 40 years I travelled and worked all over South Africa. That Heron is recognised wherever you go.

I became involved with the Johannesburg ODU branch only in the past five years and have found this very rewarding.

IT IS VITAL that Dale survives as a boarding school as this has been one of its biggest strengths.

Earlier in the century Dalians came from all corners of South Africa and from Zimbabwe, Zambia and Namibia, but this is less evident today. It is vital that groups like the TransDale Parents' Association remain in place and get the support of both schools and the Old Dalian Union. We need Gauteng boys at Dale!

THE INTEGRATION of different cultural groups has been a major success at Dale and there is no reason why this should not continue.



By IVAN VENTER

Senior Vice-President of the Old Dalian Union

We need more Gauteng boys at Dale

DALE'S FUTURE in a changing area: The area has settled after five years of democratic government and although the educational situation country-wide is far from ideal it is being handled by those in charge at the school.

The challenges of declining State aid and the redeployment of teachers should motivate Old Dalians to strengthen their union financially so that the schools should need look no further than the ODU for support.

This is essential. A nation-wide drive should be undertaken to enrol more Old Dalians, re-establish branches and raise funds to erase the union's current financial losses.

GOING PRIVATE? This would be difficult to support as we do not have the financial backing for a private school. It would place Dale out of reach of the solid man-in-the-street who presently sends his son to Dale because he can afford it. It would surely endanger Dale's traditional culture.

DALE IS IN GOOD HANDS and must remain so. James Haupt and Mike Hosty are headmasters of the highest quality and we must ensure that they remain in charge for a long time.

The standards set at Dale are very high and will remain that way while these gentlemen are in charge.

— Ivan Venter matriculated at Dale in 1956.
A retired banker, he lives in Sandton, north of Johannesburg.

Hostels are a recipe for survival

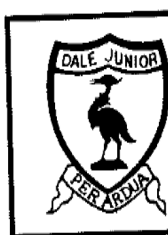
DALE must and can survive as a boarding school, as well as a day school. But certain steps must be taken to ensure this. This message came through strongly from Dale Junior teachers who replied to TransDale's questionnaire. Here are some edited extracts on this topic:

- The hostel makes up the backbone of the school. Boarders are very passionate about hostel life and the school.
- The hostels are the only hope of survival. The school has much more control over the pupils in a boarding environment.
- The boarders are the heart of our heritage at Dale.
- It is important to scout around for the perfect boarders. A healthy balance should be maintained because boarders are the backbone of the school and the interaction between boarders and day boys is the fuel that creates a great school.
- Boarders are important. Change is essential but tradition must stay.
- Dale can survive (as a boarding school) for as long as its high standard is maintained. Boarders should be well cared for, considering the high cost. The hostel provides essential accommodation for boys from afar whose parents want them to attend the school.
- If we maintain our high standards we will always survive. With strong hostels we will have the backbone of a strong school.
- Yes – just try to maintain a healthy balance of different cultural groups.
- There should be a healthy balance between boarders and day boys. I'm not sure there is.

On other topics ...

CULTURAL BALANCE: Teachers reacted with a resounding "yes" that this should and could be maintained. Here are some extracts:

- We need boarders to keep the balance.
- Friendships are forged when boys from different cultural groups start school together at a young age. These are cemented through time with the school ethos, a central ingredient in maintaining a common bond.
- This has not been a major problem.
- We are already ahead of other schools. Their future problems have already been worked through and solved at Dale.
- Different cultures can still reach common goals.



Teachers say boarders are backbone of the school

- The balance has been great. As the young grow up it will get better.
- More Chinese and Indians should be drawn into the Dale Family – they are usually quality leaders.
- We have started off well and are continuing to do so.

There were some reservations:

- At present the balance is tilted, but culturally there should be a balance. At Dale ... the majority rules and this makes it difficult for teachers to maintain that balance.
- Surely Dale must serve its community, which includes a very strong, vibrant old boys' union, as well as the immediate physical community, irrespective of race or culture.

DALE'S FUTURE:

- We need to become more of a boarding institution, where more than 50 per cent of the pupils can be influenced daily to the "Dale Way." We need to keep a careful balance between our cultural groups to be respected by all.
- Dale must strive for academic excellence. Challenges can be met through more parent involvement. Government must be made aware of the real problems. Dale needs vision and an ability to change with the times. A change of mental attitude on social issues and respect for all is vital.
- We should offer a wider variety of technical subjects, raise school fees and privatise. Keep Christian standards high. More parents should be involved in raising funds outside school premises. Buildings should be rented out in evenings to raise funds.
- The demographics of KWT must not have any effect. If the leadership of the school and the link

between the ODU, the staff and the Governing Body is strong, progressive and all work together, Dale will be even stronger than it is today.

- We are ahead of the pack; let's stay that way. The stronger our ODU and parent bodies are the easier it will be.

• Parents need to invest in their sons' education. Facilities improve attitudes, attitudes determine the future! We need dedicated qualified teachers, dedicated committed hostel managers and qualified sports coaches who care.

• Dale will rise above predictions of a dim future. Its powerful old boys' network will help keep the torch ablaze. The school should be advertised more in other provinces. Dale needs to be recruiting the right students and producing good results on the sports field and in class.

• We should continue canvassing further afield, raise fees and offer scholarships to quality boys whose parents cannot afford the fees. The main priority must be quality teachers who are dedicated, enthusiastic and able to change with the times.

• Hang on to the teachers we have – there are no better, especially at Dale Junior. A teacher's job is becoming more difficult but in King we should see this as a challenge and face one day at a time. We need, first, to look after the teachers that Dale has; to make sure we keep them and that they are happy about the way the school is run.

• We need strong leadership, committed loyal and faithful staff, supportive and involved parents. Take a long hard look at traditions – decide which are worthy and dynamic enough to transcend current changes and toss out those that are not. Face current upheavals with courage and faith. More than anything else ... pray!

• We have to maintain traditional standards and values that have kept Dale's reputation high for so many years. But we should not feel threatened by change, nor fear moving forward from irrevocable times. Dale has learnt much and still has much to learn.

GOING PRIVATE:

Most teachers who responded ruled out the prospect, mainly because of the cost, but also because it would deprive the school of too many pupils. It would be better to go semi-private with outside help. Parents, too, could afford higher fees.

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BEYOND 2000: WHERE IS DALE GOING?

Private? No! Inventive? Yes!

I DO NOT believe Dale College has the financial constituency to contemplate becoming a private school.

The cost of paying teachers and the boarding fees of those who stay in hostels, plus the upkeep of school property would be beyond what most parents can afford. Fees would have to be raised even higher to subsidise a significant number of present pupils.

The Education Department would not permit Dale to go private. Many members of the present government who were denied access to the school would not accept that their sons could not attend Dale as a public school. Queen's tried this avenue 18 months ago but were turned down.

The alternative is to make the best of what we have.

The changing demographics have affected not only King William's Town. Every town and city has felt the impact of people pouring in from the rural areas.

To my mind these observations and suggestions are relevant in deciding Dale's future path:

FINANCE:

Funds from government will continue to decline rapidly. There will be no good news in the foreseeable future. Good schools will need to plan their finance more strategically. Schools that can balance their books and stay in the black are in a very strong position.

The greater the financial load that parents pay the greater the say they should have in the type of education offered. He who pays the piper ... etc

I think any performing school will be left alone because the department has more problems than it can handle and no money to get involved where it does not have to.

STANDARDS:

Most good schools have learnt to do their own thing to protect their academic and other standards. The Governing Body needs to decide what is necessary for the school and do it, regardless of regulations. This will take courage but as long as what is introduced is educationally sound it is defensible.

HOSTELS:

To run these as a strictly profit-making business, the Governing Body and the Hostels

By **MALCOM ANDREW**

Headmaster of Dale College, 1982-96



Committee should turn the facilities into a money-generating operation. They need to be inventive.

At a world conference of principals in Australia I met students of a school that ran a very successful wine farm on the premises. Science, biology, art and business students had first-hand experience of wine-producing. They made a fortune for the school and developed entrepreneurial skills at the same time. A wonderful mix that Dale could try to emulate.

Unfortunately the only commercial crop I can visualise for Dale is a dagga plantation on the top two hockey fields! More intelligent and imaginative minds might come up with something more acceptable but equally lucrative.

At present boarding school is a viable option for fewer parents than before. If we can cut costs so that living at home is twice as expensive as living in a hostel we will have the edge - provided the academic performance of all five grades, the sporting achievements and the teachers are all excellent.

REDEPLOYMENT of teachers will harm day schools more than boarding schools. Some teachers in governing body posts could be given free accommodation and meals in hostels. As a result salaries could be reduced.

More young men who want to teach but cannot afford to enter university could be recruited to live free in the hostels, coach sport and study through Unisa.

RECRUITING:

A dynamic, full-time Dale PRO (possibly female to reassure mothers) is needed to 'sell' the school and find high-calibre boys and staff. This could be done in Eastern Cape farming areas, the corporate world

of Gauteng and the East London area, particularly Comubie, where there is no high school.

Continuing on the theme of being inventive, one could suggest the following:

NEW COURSES:

Perhaps the school could introduce some eye-catching, innovative matric subjects (e.g. travel and tourism, catering, work in plastics, glass, metal and ceramics). Courses on entrepreneurial skills and computer studies could be expanded and subjects whose usefulness is questionable could be phased out.

FLOODLIGHTS could be installed at the A and B fields so rugby and cricket may be played on Friday and/or Saturday evenings. This would increase the number of home matches, generate more ODU and PTA funds through gate takings, meals, braais and bar takings.

CAREERS:

Help matrics to find the right tertiary course to follow and how to make their own jobs. This would go way beyond traditional guidance practices. The new concepts involve shadowing a selected professional over holidays, gaining first-hand experience of small businesses (three to four employees or less), knowledge of labour law, the stockmarket etc. Service clubs like Rotary, Lions and Round Table could help.

BOARDERS:

- Develop the (at present informal) idea of linking up every boarder with a day boy or ODU family so he has a home-from-home in King William's Town or East London. Mothers of boarders would love the idea because they could get an independent and unofficial view of their son's adaptation to and progress in hostel life.
- Get hostel prefects to phone their newboys' parents on the hostel phone every fortnight. It used to work well.

THE MEDIA: Seek maximum publicity to change the public perception that Dale is primarily a sporting school by emphasising that it has gone out of its way to prepare young men to face the challenges of life.

But keep thumping the opposition on the sports field!

We must keep up numbers and standards

DALE means more to me now as an Old Dalian. That's what motivates me to carry on. My work for the union must filter through to the benefit of all Dale boys.

DALE CANNOT SURVIVE without its boarders. We appeal to Old Dalians: please consider sending your sons to Dale.

CULTURAL BALANCE: I believe that in our new education system Dale is streets ahead of other schools in the Eastern Cape. At the



By **KELVIN BAHLMANN**

1999 National President of the Old Dalian Union

Cape Schools rugby week we were described as a professional team compared to others.

DALE'S FUTURE (considering demographic changes in the Border): The Old Dalian Union will continue to promote our school and encour-

Dale can't live without its boarders

age boys from the area to enrol at our schools. It would be a sad day if Dale were to close.

TO ENSURE Dale's future we need to keep our numbers up. We must continue to strive for high standards of discipline and education. Our strong traditions must be maintained by all pupils.

Our parents also support our traditions and want high educational standards maintained. This is the backbone of Dale's success.

BEYOND 2000: WHERE IS DALE GOING?

Hostels need 50-50 cultural balance

I AM NOT an Old Dalian, but I have been drawn into the Dale Family. My wife Jenni's family, who are from the Eastern Cape, have been associated with the school for generations. Dale has become a second home for my sons and the staff a second family to them.

EDUCATION has been subjected to tremendous change in the past decade. Dale College has had to unite many different cultures in the classrooms, on the sports fields and in the hostels.

Although the boys come from many different backgrounds they have warmed to each other, interacting well, with the comradeship on the sports fields drawing them together.

FOR THE HOSTELS to survive, however, a reasonable balance has to be maintained. There will always be cultural differences and each boy needs the support of his own culture. It is extremely important that:

- Boys, selected for boarding, come for the unique opportunities offered.
- Hostels can and are being used to absolve



By HUGH FRIEDENSTEIN

Vice-Chairman of the TransDale Parents Association, who sits on the Dale College Governing Body

parents of their responsibilities. Total parent interaction is required. Extreme caution needs to be taken in selecting the boarding child (and family).

- The unsuitable child needs to be weeded out. Hostel systems need to be developed so that total parent, teacher, child interaction can take place. Computer systems with e-mail facilities may offer new possibilities in this area. We need to lead with new boarding techniques in the next millennium.

CULTURAL and boarder balance: What is a reasonable and obtainable balance? I would say that at least one third of the school should be boarders. This would mean around 170 boarders, but it could be debated. The cultural balance should be as close to 50/50 as possible.

Due to a lack of good schooling opportuni-

One third of school should be boarders

ties in predominately black areas there is no difficulty in recruiting good black children, but a determined effort needs to be maintained over a large area in recruiting suitable white children.

TRADITION: Dale is one of the country's traditional schools developed over the past 140 years in a white community. Yes, some traditions will change over the next few decades.

I am sure they have changed over the past 140 years. These changes will all be part of the ongoing development of the school.

THE FUTURE: I am sure that - with the continued excellent leadership the school has at present and the parental support Dale enjoys (without political interference) - Dale College can and will maintain its stature as one of the leading schools in the Eastern Cape and in fact the country.

- *Hugh and Jenni Friedenstein have two sons at Dale. Garth is in Grade 12 (Std 10) and Craig in Grade 10 (Std 8). Hugh is an SA Airways captain, Jenni a swimming teacher.*

Top education and discipline are essential

By DAVE SEPHTON-POULTNEY

Chairman of the Transvaal Branch of the Old Dalian Union



WHAT makes Dale College the great school it is? What are the key elements that will see Dale successfully into the new millennium? In determining the answers, these points seem paramount:

EDUCATION must be relevant and competitive.

Relevant in the sense that an academic stream is not the complete solution. More practical, life-skills type of training seems to be playing a bigger than ever part in the school's special task of preparing boys for life.

Competitive, because Dale, as a public school, really is expected to provide education at the same level as that offered at private schools. The reality is that Dale must continue to strive to achieve at this top level. Additional excellent teachers need to be employed to succeed at this.

TRADITION: Dale is special because of its own traditions built up over many decades. As times change, so some of these traditions may

also, but certain core building blocks need to be retained. These include:

- **Boarding.** Dale as a non-boarding school would not be the same and, realistically, a medium-sized country town cannot support a school of Dale's stature as a day school only.
- **Discipline** has always been integral to life at Dale. This must remain so, because from discipline flows the other desirable characteristics, like respect for your school, colleagues and seniors, good manners, competitiveness, dress code, spirit etc.

The Old Dalian Union, if strong, can make a meaningful contribution in many ways. It must be strengthened and allowed to play its full role.

There have always been challenges for Dale and there always will be. The immediate challenge of continuing to build on the foundations of the past, as Dale enters the new millennium, will call on the superior efforts of the whole Dale Family.

DALE must rank among the best schools in the country. The Eastern Cape has a unique ethos in schooling and Dale is very much part of this, leading the way in this area. Dale certainly means more to me today than when I was at school.

BOARDERS: The vast contribution of nearby farming areas to our boarding section has been mostly eradicated. There is a very small pool to draw from so Dale will need to do much in the line of promotion. Further afield remains a challenge: to motivate Old Dalians and others to send their sons to Dale. Loyalty to the "old school" may not be what it was years ago.

CULTURAL BALANCE: Considering the demographic trend of King, this does not seem possible. "Healthy" to me would be a 50-50 situation. To maintain this would require a large chunk of Dale being made up of boarders as it used to be.

DECLINING STATE AID etc: The obvious route is to involve parents, the community and Old Dalians a lot more than at present. If we want good education for our boys we need to be involved. Possibly Old Dalians in business could get more involved. This requires taking the focus off the immediate and recognising some responsibility for posterity.

EDUCATION: I am greatly encouraged by James Haupt's holistic approach. We have the man of the hour for Dale.

DALE'S FUTURE: I remain very positive despite any colour considerations. There is no reason why the school cannot continue to be a force in South African schooling. To ensure this I place a strong emphasis on the continued commitment to a solid Christian education. A sound Christian norm is the best springboard to build anything else on.

The college, junior school and the ODU need to work together for a common goal.

A challenge to parents and Old Dalians



By PAUL SMIT

Immediate Past-President of the Old Dalian Union

Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in King William's Town

BEYOND 2000: WHERE IS DALE GOING?

Go for excellence in all fields

DALE COLLEGE, as my alma mater, represents my roots and is an institution I love very dearly. To me today it represents a vibrant secondary educational institution which makes a significant contribution regionally and nationally and which at all costs must be preserved.

WE CAN SURVIVE as a boarding school. I believe the time will come when Dale, as a boarding school, will again have great attraction to people who will simply be sick and tired of the lack of discipline and low educational standards prevailing in many secondary schools.

I believe a healthy balance between boarders and day boys will be maintained and I would like to see boarders comprising at least 50 per cent of the school.

CULTURAL BALANCE: It is possible to maintain a healthy and realistic balance between different groups and I see this happening at Dale. More and more the wisdom and foresight of opening the school to members of other races is becoming evident, particularly as Dale started early and was able to control the matter to a large extent.

DALE'S FUTURE is to continue to pursue excellence educationally, culturally and in the field of sport. We should take the road of

By **NEVILLE WOOLLGAR**

1973 Old Dalian National President and chairman of the Dale College Governing Body for 17 years



actively and aggressively marketing the school and developing and strengthening the parent body and the old boys' union in an attempt to give us greater financial independence. This leads on to:

GOING PRIVATE? I do not believe Dale could realistically contemplate this route. I would, however, like to see the Governing Body work out what type of capital reserve would be required to generate sufficient income to sustain privatisation.

Dale College in itself does not have the resources. The Hostels Trust and perhaps the Old Dalian Union have resources but insuffi-

cient to enable us to consider privatising.

I do not believe a private educational company could take on this challenge but here again it is a question of supply and demand. Until we have seen some figures from the Governing Body it is impossible to decide whether it would be viable or not. I do not believe privatisation would endanger Dale's traditional culture.

CONTINUED high standards - and aggressive public relations - are needed to ensure Dale's future as a respected and top educational institution. We must market the school and all it has to offer.

FINALLY: The Dale rugby side has performed very well this year and I believe we must capitalise on this strength. We can become known as a nursery for future Springbok rugby players - just like Grey College, Bloemfontein.

I believe that at present this is one of our strongest attributes. Rugby bursaries etc, should be considered and promoted, particularly as this year's team has a most exciting racial mix.

• Mr Woollgar, who was a top all-round sportsman at Dale, is a partner in Hutton and Cook, a King William's Town firm of attorneys.

Our Christian values hold key to future

DALE COLLEGE means to me a sound basis of principles on which to base one's life. These principles hold even more value today in the changing South Africa as they represent all that is best in the past.

In my view Dale can survive as a boarding school and maintain a healthy balance between boarders and day boys. By marketing the school correctly the message can be brought home that Dale boys are instilled with fine Christian principles which are much needed in today's world.

If our pupils are Christians it does not matter whether they are black or white as they will hold the same values and ambitions. My dream is that we will produce an ANC politician who will rise to the top and remember his alma mater.

A HEALTHY BALANCE between different cultural groups will result provided sound Christian principles are upheld.

By **MALCOLM ANDERSON**

1979 National President of the Old Dalian Union



A school with a sound Christian base will stand out in the modern education system and achieve excellent results as Dale has done in changing circumstances.

CHANGE: Amid the changing demographics in King William's Town and the Border, Dale is an outstanding example of what can be achieved through adopting the Christian principles laid down by two clerical headmasters.

If these principles are extended into the new South Africa they will ensure the college's survival despite changing demographics.

GOING PRIVATE? I seriously doubt whether the Dale Family has sufficient financial resources to consider this option.

Boarders and day boys must be balanced

TO ENSURE its future as a respected, top educational institution Dale should maintain the excellent academic and sporting standards on the lines achieved so far this year.

Dale College, Dale Junior and the Old Dalian Union can play a strong role in this new environment by ensuring that everything is done to maintain the school's traditions and its excellent results.

I believe that Dale College has the right headmaster to achieve its goals if he is given the right encouragement.

I take heart from the approach of Old Dalian past-president Paul Smit and his successor, Kelvin Bahlmann, whose message at the memorial service was outstanding. Perhaps therein lies the key to Dale's future.

• Mr Anderson, who captained Dale at cricket and played first team tennis, is a partner in Hutton and Cook, a King William's Town firm of attorneys.

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Learning to be teachers

Gauteng boys at Dale Junior this year (left to right): David Turnbull, Terence Lowe, Joseph Brighton, Ashley Bradbury, Graham Eglinton, Greg du Plessis (whose parents now live in Uganda), Robert Blackshaw and Kyle Cross

It's working well at Dale Junior

For the first time the second tennis team had won the league, with 12 wins out of 21 games and beating Queen's in the final. In squash Dale Junior had won ten games out of 11.

The students assist in teaching of non-academic subjects and have a wide range of extra-mural coaching duties. They also help hostel duty masters. After qualifying they will hopefully become fully-fledged teachers at Dale Junior.

QUOTE

He has been at Dale Junior for 5½ years after teaching at several other schools.

– Deputy Headmaster Robbie Noble.

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A streak on the wild side!

Cheeky Old Dalian 'saved' rugby Springboks from the Welsh ... but he was too busy when they needed him the next time

WHERE WERE YOU, OLIVER? We needed you! The Old Dalian streaker who 'saved' the Springboks from defeat by Wales in their rugby Test at Wembley last December, was unfortunately not at the Millennium Stadium when the Boks crashed to defeat in their second encounter this year.

Passionate Welsh fans, officials and sportswriters claimed his interruption robbed them of victory at Wembley Stadium.

The streaker was Oliver Gibb (matric class 1994), adventurous 22-year-old son of Rusty and Janice Gibb, one-time pillars of the TransDale Parents' Association, who now own the Seaview Game Park near Port Elizabeth.

Oliver, who was photographed in the 1998 issue of TransDale walking through the park with a lion cub, joined SA fans at Wembley last December while working as a building labourer in London.

When the Springboks played Wales at the inaugural Test at the new stadium in May Oliver was working back in London. "He would have loved to be there but he was too busy," Janice told TransDale.

The story of Oliver's 'saving' streak was graphically told in the Eastern Province Herald by reporter Brett Atkins (an Old Dalian himself, matric class of 1978).

"Perhaps it was all that running around with the wild life that brought out the animal in him," he wrote. Oliver, he added, had certainly proved that he was born to be free.

"With his bushy beard and long mane of hair flying in the wind as a security guard tried to catch up with him, Oliver did not appear entirely unlike one of his former feline charges at the game park he used to manage for his parents.

"As a Full Monty subscriber, Oliver was a braver man than many if you consider the somewhat cool conditions at Wembley," said one caller to the Herald after the newspaper published a front-page picture of Oliver in action.

"It was also a bummer for the Welsh who are blaming the interruption of the proceedings for costing them the match," added Brett.

"Full of giggles his mother said: 'I've always wondered what sort of a nutter would do something like this - now I know!'

"Mrs Gibb said her son had phoned her and her husband to tell them about his long run to freedom during the nail-biting match which South Africa scraped through 28-20 after being down 14-0 in the first 25 minutes.

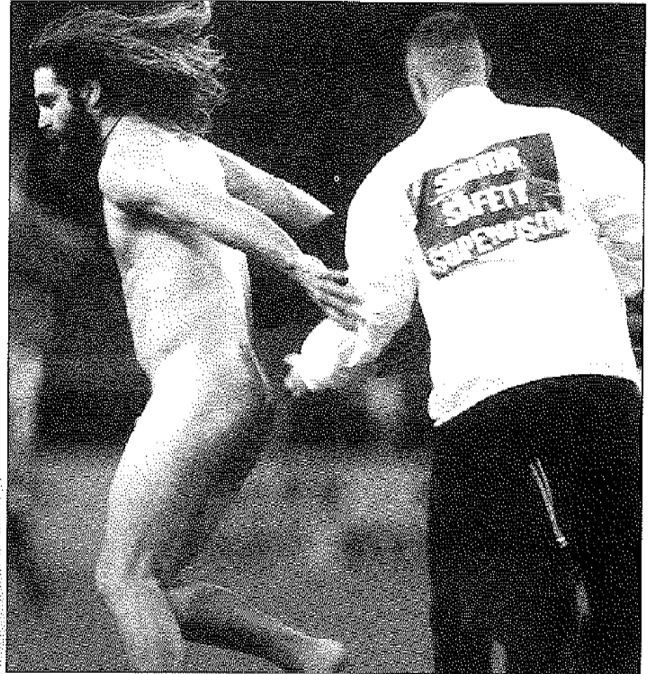
"They were apparently sitting in the front seats and talking about streaking when Oliver suddenly got up and did it.

"Mrs Gibb said her son had been given a warning by Wembley's security staff for his cheeky escapade. 'He's never done anything like this before - not that I know of,' adding though that Oliver was always doing things to make his family laugh."

Janice Gibb, who left Johannesburg in 1997 with her retired banker husband to take over the game farm, told TransDale later that the favourable publicity generated by the incident had been "quite unbelievable and still ongoing."

Visitors who had seen the picture of Oliver

WILD MAN OF SEAVIEW ...
Oliver Gibb in full cry at Wembley, with a security guard in hot pursuit.
• Pictures: The EP Herald and the Associated Press



GAME RANGER ... Oliver with mini-monkey in quieter days back at the park

streaking across the hallowed turf of Wembley pursued by a security guard had flocked to the park and asked when he was coming back.

After working on building sites in Britain for

nearly a year Oliver will be heading for Australia in November for the next phase of his adventurous life.

His work in Britain has involved carrying heavy weights up building floors during construction. "He says it's like going to the gym and being paid for it. He is as fit as he was when he was playing waterpolo and rugby at Dale," said Janice.

Elder brother Dominic (matric class 1992), who also worked on the game farm, joined Oliver in Britain in mid-February. He too has laboured on building sites but is now plying his trade as a qualified plumber, travelling five hours a day to sites outside London. Last month he was preparing to start classes to go into the computer industry.

Meanwhile back at the park, business is brisk, particularly over weekends. Visitors are increasing and the Gibbs are planning to buy more land to expand the reserve from 31 to 120 hectares.

The game, which have been increased, include giraffes, zebras, blue wildebeests, duikers, impalas and bushbucks. Twelve lions are housed in an enclosure next to a caravan park where the visitors do not seem to mind the roaring at night. They feel closer to the wild, it seems. Stock in the curio shop has been almost doubled.

Rusty's younger brother Kevin, another ex-banker, and his wife Sue have joined the game-park management, enabling Rusty and Janice to take an overseas holiday to see their sons this year.

After retiring from the banking world in Johannesburg at 55, Rusty says: "I am enjoying a better quality of life after years in the concrete jungle."

Rusty was chairman of TransDale Parents' Association for four years in the '80s and both he and Janice hold the Per Ardua Award for dedicated service to Dale College.

now you can call up dale on the web

THE DALE Family now have an Internet web-site, www.border.co.za/Dale, promoting Dale College and the Old Dalian Union. The school's previous home page has been superceded.

The school and the ODU have separate e-mail addresses. Dale College has two new ones: dalec@sainet.co.za and dale@sainet.co.za

The ODU's address is: odu@border.co.za. PRO Jack Rosenberg has sent e-mail appeals to hundreds of Old Dalians to enrol as members and contribute subscription fees (R120 a year, and R90 for students and pensioners). He has received an encouraging response.

From R10 to \$100!

TRANSDALE READERS RESPOND TO APPEAL

TRANSDALE readers have responded generously to the magazine's appeal for donations to help meet rising costs. More than R2 500 was contributed towards the cost of last year's publication.

Donations ranged from R10 and R35 sent by two 91-year-old Old Dalian pensioners to 100 Canadian dollars (about R400) from a 1944 matriculant living in King City, Ontario.

"I realise this (R35) is a small sum but it's the best that a 91-year-old Old Dalian can do. I wish you every success the future," wrote Basil Elliott (1924), of Umdoni Retirement Village, Pennington, Natal South Coast. He sent a picture to "show that he is still around."

Equally laudable was the R10 contribution by the Rev Manfred Hartsliel, who left Dale in Std 7 in 1922 and lives in an old folks' home in Port Elizabeth where "my rent takes more than 80 per cent of my church pension."

Another R10 donation, gratefully received, came from Felicity Gardner, of East London, elderly widow of Old Dalian journalist and historian Les Gardner.

From Canada, Ron Gunn wrote: "Sorry, the Canadian dollar has slipped so badly but I guess every bit counts."

"I was most delighted to get news of both the old school and of companions of long ago. TransDale goes a long way in keeping those bonds alive and hopefully providing the present crop with the inspiration to maintain the traditions of the past."

"It is gratifying to see that the intense rivalry on the sports field between Queen's, Dale and Selborne that we knew in our day is still alive and as healthy as ever."

Ron says he has "a foot in each camp." Apart from Dale he attended Queen's for a short while in 1938 and the present principal of Selborne College is his Queenian brother's

elder son, Sammy Gunn.

He sends "warmest greetings" to 1944 matric classmates Quentin Coaker, Hulme (Suggie) Sugden and Peter Pratt and invites them to "drop in if you're ever in this neck of the woods. We're not too far from the bright lights and quite accessible."

TransDale gratefully acknowledges these donations:

- R250: Bill Beckley (matric class 1946) of Durban, Quentin Coaker of Rivonia, John Gouverneur (1947) of Durban.
- R150: Peter Wales (1977) of Johannesburg and Donald (Jock) Duncan (1944) of Roodepoort.
- R125: Lyle (LLF) Wood (1932) of East London.
- R100: Peter Malherbe (1967) of Johannesburg, Mike Mourant (1957) of Port Elizabeth, Paul Howarth (1956) of Kenton-on-Sea, Clive Stuart (1952) of Johannesburg.
- R75: Kim Copland (1977) of Roodepoort.
- R50: Former Dale headmasters Malcom Andrew of King William's Town and Billy Rowles of Kidd's Beach, Grant Davis (1947) of Kenton-on-Sea, Peter (Tiny) Dixon (1947) of Johannesburg, Gordon (Mick) Collocott (1944) of Scottburgh, Malcolm Hawkes (1954) of Kloof, Durban, Traci Huisman, whose Old Dalian brother, Spencer Mackie (1987), was killed by lightning, Kay Mellon, daughter of a former Dale headmaster (she has since died in Port Elizabeth), Oscar Navra (1977) of Cape Town, Martin Robinson (1947) of Boksburg, Harry Voerman of Bedfordview, father of two Old Dalians, and Judge Charles Waddington (1947).
- TransDale much appreciates these and further donations from former Dale parents Alan and Barbara Naylor of Edenvale and Frank and Cookie Rouessart of Johannesburg.



BASIL ELLIOTT

... at 93 he still walks for half an hour most days. In summer he does aerobics in a pool — "it's good for my legs," he says. A freemason for 53 years, he goes to Lodge once a month. He writes to friends "all over the globe." "Dale means a lot to me," he says. "I have retained a great love for a fine school."

We believe that TransDale has a place in the Dale Family as a source of interest and information and as a promotional tool for the college and the parents' association. As costs continue to rise, a further appeal is made with this year's issue. Cheques, payable to the TransDale Parents' Association, may be sent to TransDale, PO Box 1602, Bedfordview 2008.

WHAT is it that sets Dale apart from other schools? Old Dalian past-president Trevor Balzer posed this question at the 1999 Reunion dinner-dance where he was master of ceremonies.

Said Trevor: "In many other schools pupils leaving school after the final matric exam make a clean break. At Dale this is not the case."

Why Dale is special — by past-president Balzer

The old boys' union provided a valuable resource to help the school maintain a competitive edge when education was in crisis.

The physical infrastructure at Dale provided

through the union had a value of more than R3 million.

The loyalty of Old Dalians and the institution of the Old Dalian Union were key factors which helped set Dale apart.

Loyalty made Old Dalians return to Reunion and continue to support Dale. "The bond that draws us together is the comradeship we experienced and the loyalty to a common ideal."

WHAT has Dale got that other schools don't have? How do "new" Old Dalians rate their old school? FRANCIS KINGSTON, First XV flank forward who matriculated at Dale last year and is now taking a BComm at Rhodes, spoke to other 1998 matriculants there, and reports:

- THEY all enjoyed going to a relatively small school (compared with DHS and Grey High, PE). They got to know their fellow pupils quicker and most of them by their first names. This is why Dale is known as "The Dale Family."
- BEING at a relatively small school, you have a better chance to

WHY DALE IS TOPS — by young Old Dalians

show your talents at just about anything — cultural, academic and sporting. Dale, for its size, offers a huge range of opportunities with a good chance of provincial exposure.

• THE SPIRIT of Dale at big "derby" games (against Queen's and Selborne) is unlike most schools. I talked to many guys from different schools who said they had no spirit at their school.

• EVERYONE, including Selborne-

ians, thinks our Reunion is one of the best times in the school calendar. Selbornians wish they had something similar.

• BEING Old Dalians really helps now because Dale is well known at Rhodes.

• CONRAD KOLES (a 1996 matric) commented on the number of facilities Dale had to offer. He enjoyed knowing that we had five rugby fields, three hockey fields, five tennis courts, two squash courts and two basketball

courts, unlike most other schools.

• OLD DALIANS stick together. All ODs you meet here appreciate that you went to Dale. Whenever you see someone who has been to Dale you chat with them.

• SIMPSON KOJO commented on the friendliness at the hostels. He says he adapted quickly.

• SOME old boys of other schools told us they had a big problem with violence, including bullying and bringing weapons to school.

■ Francis's father, TERRY KINGSTON (treasurer of the Dale College Governing Body) quoted from this letter home when he addressed members of the TransDale Parents' Association earlier this year.

This page is sponsored by James Beckley (1979) of the Canary Islands

ODU honours 20 presidents – and six men who led Dale

TWENTY Old Dalian past-presidents from 93-year-old Arthur Wood and his brother Lyle (LLF) to outgoing president Pastor Paul Smit (aged 35) were honoured at the 1999 Dale Reunion.

Said incoming National President Kelvin Bahlmann: "What an honour it is for me to look at these men and their wives: men who have been privileged to serve a union and school they loved so much."

"There were personal sacrifices of time, effort and finance, but none of these could ever overshadow the rich rewards of serving their alma mater."

Mr Bahlmann told the opening Reunion assembly that when he was invited to convene it he knew it would be a special weekend "because it is the last one of this century".

The president-elect told of his "vision that all past-presidents and headmasters of our two schools should be honoured at this important assembly".

Of the 34 past-presidents whose names were on the present chain (from George Sutton of 1965), 11 had passed on, six had sent apologies and some had served more than one year. Those present (with their years of office) were:

THE PRESIDENTS

1943: Lyle (LLF) Wood, the college historian, of East London.

1945: Arthur Wood, one of the oldest living Old Dalians, of Komga.

1959 and 1982: Jack Rosenberg, first team cricket and rugby and now PRO of the Old Dalian Union, of King William's Town.

1963: Stanley Pope, member of CB Jennings's unbeaten 1934 Dale first rugby team, of Cathcart. (Stanley's son Charlie captained the unbeaten 1964 Dale First XV).

1966: Ray Radue, former Senator and MP of King William's Town.

1973: Neville Woolgar, first team rugby player and member of the Athlone Shield swimming relay team, chairman of the Dale College Governing Body for 17 years and partner in a King William's Town legal firm.

1977: Leo Crossman, first team rugby player and former motor car distributor, of Kaysers Beach and Port Elizabeth.

1979: Malcolm Anderson, first team cricketer, tennis player and partner in a King



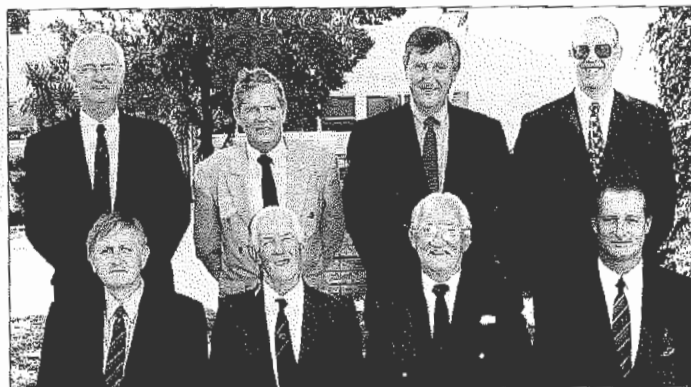
ALL THE PRESIDENTS ... Seated: Jack Marshall, Sid Knott, Stanley Pope, Lyle (LLF) Wood, Arthur Wood, Jack Rosenberg and Leo Crossman. Back row: Ted Phillips, Trevor Balzer, Rodney Breetzke, Paul Smit, Barry Turner and Chow Bissell. Middle: Kelvin Bahlmann (1999), Malcolm Anderson, Ray Radue, Neville Woolgar, Buster Farrer, Mike Russell and Derek Moodie. Absent: Mike Mourant

HEADMASTERS

ALL ...

Seated: James Haupt, Bill Rowles, Dummy Taylor and Mike Hosty. Standing: Roy Taylor, Malcom Andrew, Ken Schaefer and Colin Thomson

• Pictures: Richard Domeris, Photo King



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William's Town legal firm.

1980: Jack Marshall, involved in Border cricket administration, of East London.

1981: Mike Russell, Border clothing firm executive and Old Dalian philanthropist.

1984: Trevor Balzer, town councillor, chairman of the KHS Governing Body, of King William's Town.

1986: Mike Mourant, former top banker in Durban, Johannesburg and Port Elizabeth. Natal parents' association leader, now runs a Port Elizabeth golfing business.

1987-88: Sid Knott, headboy, first team Dale and Border cricketer, leading Kei Road farmer.

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It was a Reunion with a difference. The basic formula was unchanged but some trends and innovations gave the last Reunion of the 20th century a fresh look.

- For the first time former Dale headmasters and Old Dalian Union past-presidents were honoured at the opening assembly.
- The Class of '89, back as honoured guests ten years after matriculating, responded to an appeal to support official Old Dalian functions as well as their own get-togethers.
- So did the sportsmen of '59, most of whom attended the Old Dalian dinner-dance. The presence of Eighty-Niners and the nature of the music gave the occasion a younger flavour than usual.
- The newly-completed Malcom Andrew Centre, its walls smartly decorated by PTA members Eugene and Mandy Moss and PRO Jack Rosenberg, was the hub of festivities.
- The post-match "bunfight" of former Reunions

COMMENT

at the Memorial Hall gave way to a combined function at the centre. Most younger Old Dalians celebrated under an adjoining marquee and older ones inside the expanded building and on the veranda.

- Jack Rosenberg and his assistants had revamped the display of memorabilia in the Old Dalian President's Room – another noticeable improvement.
- Most of the Dale Cadets paraded in white shirts and grey trousers with one platoon in traditional browns, which are no longer available. Unfortunately the intended red and black shirts were not ready. The band looked smarter and performed better.
- For perhaps the first time, an Old Dalian trum-

peter, Alan Pitt, sounded the Last Post and the Reveille at the Sunday Memorial Service. The improvement was noticeable. (See Where Are They Now, Page 37.)

The 1999 Reunion has been rated one of the best ever, but streamlining of the opening ceremony appears to be needed. The Assembly went on far beyond its allotted time, delaying subsequent functions.

There was little time for tea, meetings with old colleagues and photography of honoured guests before Old Dalians had to dash off to Dale Junior for their annual general meeting.

This started half an hour late and lunch at the old Convent, now part of Dale Junior, was further delayed.

Perhaps in the new century the opening assembly could start earlier and be handled more briskly. Perhaps, too, the Old Dalian AGM could be streamlined or rescheduled.

– JOE SUTTON

The Spirit of Dale...

"HAVING been in the hot seat at this school is an experience you never get over. This place gets into your blood; somehow Dale becomes part of you; the pride you felt when you arrived never diminishes..."

WITH these stirring words, ex-Headmaster Malcom Andrew (1982-96) responded for former Dale College and Dale Junior heads honoured at the 1999 Reunion. He said that with the present headmasters they represented more than 70 years of school leadership (37 years at Dale Junior and 34 at Dale College).

Continuing this theme, Mr Andrew added: "The impossible demands made on you and your wife through work pressure, anguish, disappointment, the demands of the hostels, old boys and parents are forgotten."

"You remember the good things like thumping Queen's (as you did last Saturday) and Selborne (as you'll do tomorrow), the personal successes and achievements of the students and the staff in so many spheres of life. The Red and the Black is special..."

"Dale is not a building or even an area in King William's Town, but a living organism where there is a dynamic tension between youth and age, knowledge and learning, experience and growth, schoolboys and Old Dalians spread far and wide throughout South Africa and beyond its borders. It is a spirit, or soul, or frame of mind, or essence that is indefinable and spectacularly unique."



GOLDEN OLDIES

Veteran Old Dalians at Reunion
(from left):
Lyle (LLF) Wood (matric class 1932), aged 85, his 93-year-old brother **Arthur** (1924) and **Jack Wiggett** (1936), aged 82 and father of Dale teacher **Butch Wiggett**

It gets into your blood, says Andy

rience and growth, schoolboys and Old Dalians spread far and wide throughout South Africa and beyond its borders. It is a spirit, or soul, or frame of mind, or essence that is indefinable and spectacularly unique."

The thousands of people who made up Dale were an extended family of young men, parents, teachers, Old Dalians and friends with mutual respect for each other.

In the corridors of Dale College and Dale Junior were photos of Old Dalians who had "made personal sacrifices for an ideal, displayed moral and physical courage, found happiness in serving their fellow men, stood up for an ideal they believed in, regardless of personal cost and achieved great things against all odds."

"Truly this is an amazing institution - one of

the great schools of South Africa, 138 years old this year."

Mr Andrew recalled how at a world conference of high schools held in Australia, "Pam and I were amazed how far ahead of US, New Zealand, and British schools we (at Dale) were in our thinking and in our practices."

"Things we took for granted, e.g. basic discipline, involvement of parents in their sons' education, undying support of old boys, total commitment of the teaching staff etc. were things they did not have (but wanted) or had never considered possible in a state school."

• Concluding his address, Mr Andrew (who began his education at Dale Junior and matriculated at Selborne) urged Dalians: "Thump the Fish tomorrow. Eat more Fish!"

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1990: WE (Buster) Farrer, triple Springbok in cricket, hockey and tennis. King William's Town sports businessman.

1991: Derek Moodie, Border angler and businessman.

1992: Rodney Breetzke, Dale College Governing Body member for several years. King William's Town businessman.

1993: Barry Turner, house prefect, prominent athlete, East London businessman.

1995: Ted Phillips, first team rugby player, Border businessman.

1997: Clifton (Chow) Bissell, first team rugby player 1962-65, captain in 1965, rugby honours, Border Schools and Border Senior, first team rowing captain.

1998: Paul Smit, first team and Border Schools hockey player, teacher at Dale Junior and Excelsior, now pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, King William's Town.

• Apologies were received from Ronnie Phillips (president in 1974), Des Bouchier (1987), and 93-year-old E.C. (Shops) Workman (1952), who wrote from Port Elizabeth: "I'm beyond that skipping around," Jock Wright (1994), teaching in the Western Cape, Trevor Bennet (1996), who reported that this was the first Reunion that Irene and he had missed since one of their sons started at Dale Junior in 1984; and Roger Budler (1989), former Headmaster of Dale Junior, who sent this message from Australia: "My heart and thoughts will be with you all."

The president-elect paid tribute to the contributions made to Dale by the three former headmasters of Dale Junior and the three ex-heads of Dale College present at the assembly:

DALE JUNIOR:

1962-76: Dummy Taylor, an Old Queenian and the first head of Dale Junior when it became a separate school. Now retired to East London and Kei Mouth. "It is said that he and Billy Rowles worked hard and swung the cane regularly," said Kelvin Bahlmann.

A salute to six former principals

1976-80: Ken Schaefer. "What Dale Junior taught him he put into practice (as head) at Selborne Primary."

1980-89: Roy Taylor. Son of Dummy, Old Queenian, provincial rugby referee, now a King William's Town estate agent.

As mentioned above, Roger Budler (1990-95), a past-president of the ODU and son of an Old Dalian, lives in Australia and could not attend.

The present headmasters of Dale College (James Haupt, since 1997) and Dale Junior (Mike Hosty, since 1996) were photographed with their predecessors.

DALE COLLEGE:

1965-77: Bill (or Billy) Rowles, first team cricketer and rugby player at Dale (1940), who as headmaster "inspired his pupils to live life to its fullest." Now retired to Kidd's Beach.

1977-82: Colin Thomson. "In his five years he followed in the footsteps of his predecessor and instilled a sense of belonging and traditional values."

1982-96: Malcom Andrew. He started school at Dale Junior, matriculated at Selborne, taught at Queen's and became Dale's tenth headmaster - "a man who loves Dale and its boys with a passion reserved for very few." Now Chief Education Specialist in charge of matric exams in the Eastern Cape Education Department, based and living in King William's Town.

In his address at the dinner-dance after being inducted as the Old Dalian Union's 76th National President, Mr Bahlmann recalled the

words of Dale Junior Headmaster Mike Hosty at the same occasion last year.

"He compared our union to a painting in his home - a portrait of a man standing at a pond. The wording said: 'Keeper of the pond.'"

"In a school like ours the staff will come and go but the Old Dalians will always be there. We are like the keeper of the pond. We are the keepers of the two schools. Have we been good keepers this past year?"

Addressing the Sunday Memorial Service, Mr Bahlmann, a lay preacher, spoke of heroes - from the "very special group of Dalian young men who selflessly laid down their lives in the service of their country and their fellow men," to sportsmen like H.O. de Villiers and Hylton Ackerman, to those of every generation and to Jesus Christ himself.

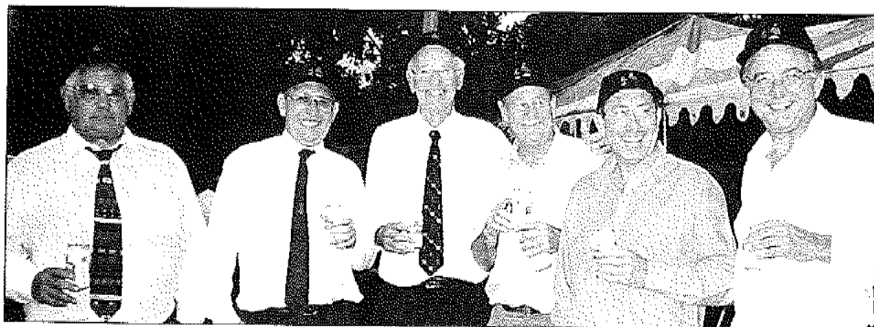
"Heroes are an inspiration to all," he said. "It's amazing how quickly the Grade 1s who stand in awe of the huge matrices soon become the inspiration of the generations who follow them."

"We are all part of an event called 'life' - it's like a relay race we enter, each one taking over the baton from one who has gone before us, together with a word of encouragement to run to the best of our ability. And to every Dalian here today: you owe a debt of gratitude to the many generations that have gone before you, faithfully passing on the baton, year by year, which you have eventually received."

There were, however, rules in the competition. "You can't score a try from an off-side position. To be successful you have to train like an athlete or a boxer with the purpose to win... not just running around without a game plan. It involves discipline. It takes dedication and determination to reach the top, as any world-class sportsman will tell you."

FAREWELL NOTE: Pianist Wendy Fleming accompanied Ray Palframan for the last time when he sang the Memorial Song at the Sunday service. (See: Where Are They Now? - Page 38.)

The old camaraderie lives on



AFTER THE MATCH (left to right): Denzil Kretzmann, Trevor MacDonald, Gavin Busse, Lorrie Connellan, Mike Callaghan and Laurie Troxler



REUNION DINNER: Billy James and his wife Joan

SPORTING heroes of 1959 and 1960 returned to Dale College 40 years later to swap memories of past triumphs at the 1999 Reunion.

"It was fantastic," said Denzil Kretzmann of East London, who helped to organise this mini-reunion of a dozen veterans of that era. "Three or four brought their wives and some had tears in their eyes when we left – it was like a family get-together."

"It was fantastic," echoed Billy James of Randburg, whose wife Joan accompanied him. "It was like an all-time high. After 40 years the old camaraderie and spirit were still there."

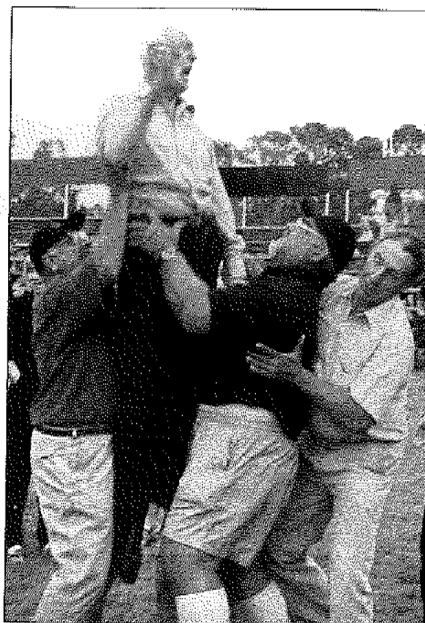
Lorrie (Truck) Connellan, flew in from Perth, Australia, bringing a sheaf of press cuttings recalling one of Dale's most successful rugby seasons – 1959. His father, 93-year-old Pat Connellan, who attended Dale in 1928-29, came in from Kei Road for the Reunion.

Many of the sporting veterans, with portly girths and greying hair, had not met for years – some since leaving school.

Lorrie raised the weekend's biggest laugh when he did not recognise fellow sports star Ernie Hartley, and called him Dennis Bottcher, another ex-fifties colleague who was not present.

Billy said he did not know one of the first guys who approached him. "He told me in the minutest detail what instructions Tommy Higgs (the coach) had given me before a game against Selborne – things I'd long forgotten. He knew everything. I didn't know who he was. We spoke for about five minutes before I realised he was Owen Bahlmann."

Billy, who last attended a Reunion in King in



REUNION LIFT-OFF: Gavin Duffy is hoisted by Denzil Kretzmann (left) and Ian Crossman with Ernie Hartley lending support

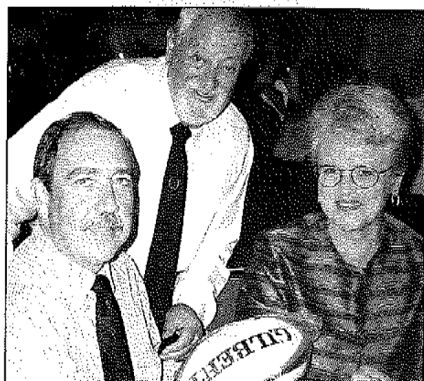
the early '60s, took his wife round the town to his old church, the Museum and to where his hostel, Page House, had been. Only an empty stand remains. "We both had a great time and felt very deflated when we left."

It was a weekend of nostalgia, including the opening assembly, the dinner-dance, and the cherry on the top, the 17-nil rugby victory over Selborne. This was followed by the evening "bash" at the Malcom Andrew Centre and next day by the Memorial Service in the Hallowed Courtyard.

The 1959 First XV won 17 of their 20 matches, drawing two and losing one. Their total of 299 points against 77 included 66 tries.

The school that denied Dale an unbeaten

DIPLOMAT Leslie Labuschagne holds a Dale rugby ball raffled for Old Dalian funds at the Reunion dinner. With him is his wife Rae and ODU PRO Jack Rosenberg. He has since returned the ball to Jack signed by ex-President Nelson Mandela



record was St Andrew's who snatched an 11-9 victory with a try in the closing minute. St Andrew's finished the season unbeaten.

Besides Connellan, who played wing, Kretzmann (prop forward), James (centre), Bahlmann (flank) and Hartley (hooker), four other members of the '59 Dale team attended the Reunion. They were:

- Gavin Busse (captain and lock forward), who missed his team's only defeat.
- Ian Crossman (prop forward) and Mike Callaghan (wing), who each scored eight tries that season.
- Laurie Troxler (flank) and Glen (KC) Miles (prop), who toured with the side and played a few other games.

Busse missed achieving the unique distinction of leading unbeaten Dale rugby and cricket teams. The Dale First XI captained by him and coached by the legendary professional, Percy Davis, won nine and drew two of its 11 games. The season was described in the Dale Magazine as "one of the best experienced in the annals of Dale cricket."

Busse captained Border Schools in both rugby and cricket in the same year and is the most-capped Dale first team rugby player of all time. He played for the team from mid-1955 to his matric year and won an honours cap in the last three years.

Headboy in 1959, Busse went on to captain the Buffalo Rugby Club in East London and represent Border. He is a medical rep. in East London.

Connellan continued playing for the First XV till he left in 1961 when he was vice-captain. Kretzmann played rugby for Border and Eastern Province, coached Buffs and Border and represented Border Country Districts at cricket.

Hartley played for the First XV again in 1960 and also for the first cricket team. He played rugby for Rhodesia where he farmed tobacco. He is now semi-retired in Nelspruit.

Miles, who attended last year's Reunion with his 1958 former colleagues, played for the First XV again in 1960 when he was headboy of the school. He lives in Cambridge, East London.

Crossman, who had played in the 1958 First XV, turned out for Crusaders (PE), Pirates (KWT) and Buffs after leaving school but his "big rugby" was curtailed by a leg injury. He lives at Kaysers Beach.

Callaghan was vice-captain of the First XV and Border Schools in 1960 and then played for Alberts and Border. He became a teacher and taught for some years at Dale Junior. His son

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• **Pictures:** Stephen Eglinton, Megan Venter and Lorrie Connellan

A quiet man who gets things done

THE NEW leader of the Old Dalian Union is also a Dale parent, farmer, businessman, lay preacher and family man – and not in that order. All these aspects of his life are close and important to him.

For the next year one of his priorities, however, will be to lead the Old Dalian Union into a new century, a new millennium. Kelvin Bahlmann, National President of the ODU, is a quiet, sincere man dedicated to his task of serving his school and union.

Aware of the historic timing of his presidential term, he observed at the 1999 Reunion that the opening Assembly was special – the last one of the century. His induction was also appropriately timed, just 30 years after he was head prefect of Dale College.

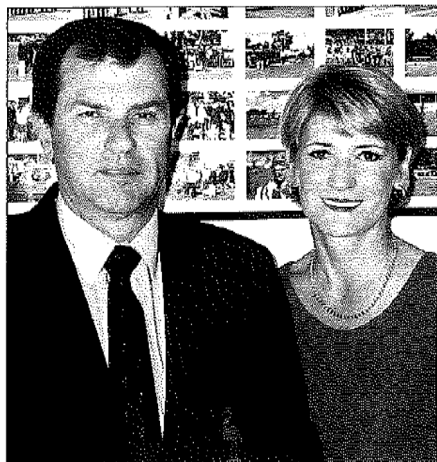
Kelvin spent the last three years of his schooling at Dale, finishing as headboy of Joubert House as well as the college. He played second team rugby for two years and was also a sprinter. He has been a member of the Dale College Governing Body for two years in a dual role as a parent and a link with the ODU.

He and his wife Noleen, who farm beef cattle near Kei Road, have a daughter Sheree at Rhodes University and two sons at Dale. Wesley is in matric and plays wing for the first rugby team. Ryan is in Grade 10 (Std 8) and eighth man in the thirds. Both play first team water polo.

Kelvin projects a busy, bustling image, a determination to do things right and see things done right. Behind his serious exterior, friends say, is a warm and concerned person – a man of the soil, devoted to his farm and family, his old school and his church.

He preaches when needed in an interdenominational fellowship in Kei Road. He was secretary-treasurer of the Kei Road Farming Association for five years. On his farm he runs a successful general dealer's store.

Kelvin is a descendant of a remarkably



PRESIDENTIAL PARENTS: Kelvin and Noleen Bahlmann
• Picture: DENVER DONIAN, Kei Mercury

President Kelvin will lead Old Dalians into the new millennium

resilient group of German farmers who settled on the Border more than 100 years ago. He is the third generation Bahlmann to own the family farm Southdown and the store since 1900.

Before coming to Dale he was a weekly boarder at a country school in Frankfort, a village 18 kilometres from King William's Town. His headmaster for a year was Billy Rowles, later to become his headmaster at Dale. "It was a small school with about 100 pupils, backward in some ways," says Kelvin. "Billy revived it."

In those days there were no security worries in Frankfort. Billy's only concern when they went on holiday was to make sure the school gates were shut so the sheep didn't eat the flowers.

Billy remembers Kelvin at Frankfort as a quiet, reliable boy of about 13 in Std 5. "They were all

well-disciplined at home and were never a problem at school. Many of them went home after school to work on the farm," he told TransDale.

He found the German settler community "a remarkable group of people." An Old Dalian banker told him that he had never met people like them: he had lent money to Frankfort farmers and never had one defaulter. They all paid up as undertaken in six months.

Billy described his year at Frankfort as "an amazing experience" after teaching at Queen's for ten years. Boys from surrounding farms walked to school barefoot and there were no school uniforms. Billy introduced these and other innovations.

As headboy in 1969, Kelvin "always set an example," said Billy. "He was forceful in a quiet way, was respected by both staff and boys, and fulfilled his post admirably."

In his final year Kelvin was vice-captain of the second rugby team and won both the head prefect's prize and the award for "the boy who has done most towards the success of school life in 1969."

One man who worked closely with Kelvin in the past year is his predecessor, Pastor Paul Smit, Old Dalian National President for 1998-99.

Paul describes Kelvin as a man who while openly confident, prefers quietly getting a job done very well. "He shies away from things not done perfectly. His loyalty to Dale is unquestionable."

His portfolio in the ODU for some years has been "Existing Facilities" where his influence and success has been tremendous, says Paul. His farm equipment and his staff have been seen at work frequently on the college campus. He frequently stood in for Paul at functions during his presidential year.

"I enjoy serving you steaks," says Kelvin. Steak evenings have been one of Kelvin's specialties for some years in promoting fellowship among the Dale Family. "He and Noleen have spent many hours preparing for and presenting these evenings," said Paul.

"Kelvin is a man of commitment to his family, the school and to God. Noleen has taken up the challenge to be at a busy man's side with skill and grace. Her thorough organisation of the ladies and acceptance of the huge task they carry shows her uncompromising loyalty to the Dale Family."

"This family, with two sons at Dale, is a shining example of parent involvement at a school."

QUOTE

- I THRIVE on the friendship and the spirit that is evident when Old Dalians meet.
- I ENJOY serving you steaks.
- I KNOW that everything we do must filter through to benefit the boys of the school.

– 1999 Old Dalian National President
Kelvin Bahlmann

Rugby heroes relive their triumphs of 40 years ago

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Dave, who began his schooling at Dale Junior, went on to become a cricket Springbok and still plays for Eastern Province. Mike lives in Port Elizabeth.

The line-up of veterans also included:

- Trevor MacDonald of Durban, who played first team cricket for Dale from 1958 to 1961, the last two years as captain. He won rugby colours in 1960 and honours in his final year. After matriculating in 1960 he returned to obtain a university entrance pass in 1961. He later played cricket for Natal.
- Evan Dille of East London, a 1959 first team cricketer.
- Graham Schroeder, who played second team rugby and cricket in 1959 and later badminton for Border. He became a veterans champion. Graham is a director of Da Gama textiles in King William's Town.
- Len Labuschagne, who matriculated with a

first class in 1959, and is now Chief Director: Asia and Oceania after many years in the Department of Foreign Affairs. He lives in Pretoria.

Several of the rugby and cricket stars, including Troxler, Bahlmann, Callaghan, Connellan and Kretzmann were also members of the athletics teams of that era. Callaghan captained the athletics team in 1960 and Connellan in 1961.

Troxler shared the Victor Ludorum trophy in his matric year and also played first team tennis. He is managing director of Albany Bakeries in Gauteng. Bahlmann, who is an elder brother of Old Dalian National President Kelvin Bahlmann, farms near Berlin.

James is a financial manager of a Johannesburg document-moving and courier business.

The group were joined at the Reunion by friends of earlier years, Dale athletics star and later Springbok Des Torr (1957) with whom

four of the visitors stayed in King William's Town, and Rodney Breetzke (1957), Old Dalian National President of 1992.

• One of Lorrie Connellan's press reports recalls a motor accident in which he and two other team members – Callaghan and Denzil Forbes – and a Dale teacher, A J (Attie) Maree, were injured. The four were returning from Port Elizabeth, where Dale had beaten Grey High School 14-nil, when Attie's seven-month-old car was wrecked in a collision with another vehicle. He and the Dalians suffered cuts, abrasions and shock.

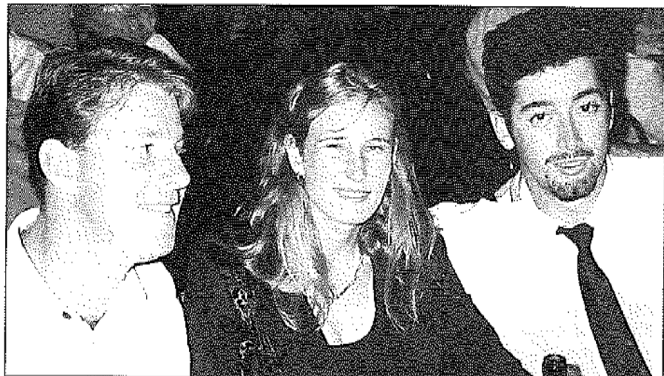
Copies of Connellan's cuttings were displayed during the Reunion in the Old Dalian President's Room where they will be retained.

• The 1959 season was a great one for Dale rugby teams. In 107 matches 11 teams scored altogether 1 653 points and conceded only 367. The Dale teams won 81 matches, lost 17 and drew nine.

After ten years: What a party!

REUNION '99 SPECIAL

'89 matrices meet again: Now they talk via e-mail



DINNER DATE: Andrew Burton (right), his girlfriend Brenda Clark (from Johannesburg) and Dale Waterman (KWT)



PARTY FUN (from left): Stuart Simpson (UK), Alan Canny (Knysna), Allan Long (EL), Andrew Burton (Johannesburg)

THEY CAME, they saw, they celebrated ... Nearly 30 of the Class of '89 returned to Dale for a memorable 1999 Reunion weekend.

They came (some with wives and girlfriends) from Britain, the United States and from many parts of South Africa.

They saw Dale snatch victory in the closing stages of their game against Selborne.

They celebrated all weekend, especially at a pub lunch before the match and at the Malcom Andrew Centre afterwards.

Now that they have met again – most of them for the first time in ten years – they're keeping in touch with each other by e-mail.

For most the highlight was the rugby, where they joined the team in the War Cry midfield after the match.

In one hilarious scene former Dale rugby star Warren Raath and Andrew Burton, in high spirits, tried to kick goals after the game. Not very successfully, we are told.

"We had a strong matric year and after ten years the spirit was still there," said Neil Abbott, who travelled from Gauteng with his fiancée Leanne. "We stuck together very well. All of us attended the lunch (hosted by the ODU) and 80 per cent made the dinner. I hadn't seen any of the guys since '89 except Richard Meredith" he said, "Most had put on a bit of weight but otherwise looked the same."

Changes after ten years? The hostels that, sadly, are no more. "Sutton is now a shopping centre and there is a pub where the guys used to shower. Diocesan now an education centre," said Neil nostalgically.

"We spoke a lot about the Hostel days with Mr (Alastair) McCallum and Mr (Graham) Nolan."

The only masters from that era still at Dale



FROM NEAR AND FAR (left to right): Chad Burtt (US), Kriton Efstratiou (KWT), Stuart Thompson (UK) and Eric Chang (Durban)

were Butch Wiggett and Hilton Jarman.

"Dale has changed a lot – but the spirit seems to be very high and Dale seems to be producing fine young men. We were impressed how sharp the youngsters were when we visited the hostels."

Richard Meredith flew from Johannesburg with his wife Karen – arriving a bit late after missing their plane. He had seen Neil in Gauteng, but neither had met any of the others, including Andre Wood. Neil was headboy of Diocesan Hostel in 1989 and Richard and Andre were joint deputies. Richard had one word to describe the weekend: "Excellent."

Mr Wiggett welcomed the Eighty-Niners to the Assembly, and listed their achievements, revealing an astonishing variety of occupations and qualifications.

IN TEN YEARS the 1989 matrices have come a long way. Their occupations range from a yachtsman and electrical and mechanical engineers to two quantity surveyors, two supermarket owners, and one with a career description of "international relations and managerial consulting."

FROM AMERICA came one of the more colourful characters, Chad (Ramkat) Burtt, first officer on a private yacht in the Caribbean and the Mediterranean.

He obtained his commercial yacht master's certificate after studying at the Royal Cowes Academy in England. Chad, whose South African home is in Henley-on-Klip, Gauteng, is based at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, US.

FROM BRITAIN came:

- Stuart Thompson, an aircraft maintenance engineer, who spent two years with SA Airlink, a charter airline, lives and works at Farnborough, Hampshire.

- Stuart Simpson, who brought his wife Belinda from London where he has been living for five years. They met in a South African bar there and have been married for three years. She is from Durban, he from Johannesburg.

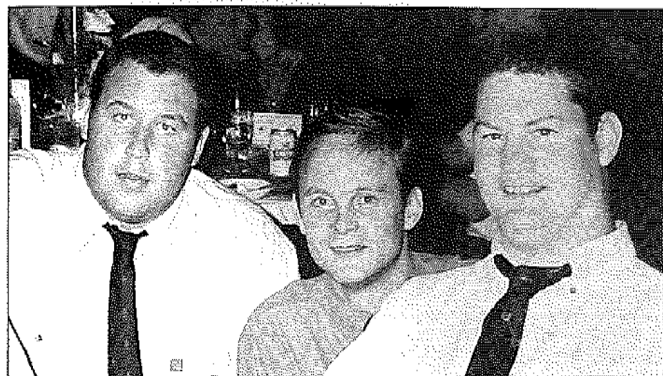
Stuart is a stockbroker for Midland Merchant Bank in London, which he joined as a "temp" while on holiday in the UK five years ago. In Johannesburg he had been in charge of a sub-branch of the United Building Society after obtaining an accountancy diploma from Damelin College. At Dale he won half colours for water polo.

Stuart's parents, Arthur and Maureen, staunch committee members of the TransDale Parents' Association in the '80s, now live in Knysna.

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DINNER REUNION

(from left):
Lyndon Myburgh
(KWT),
Anthony Meredith
and Neil Abbott
(both Gauteng)



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On land, sea and in the air – the '89s are going places

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FROM GAUTENG came: Neil Abbott, who lives in North Riding, Sandton, and holds a national diploma in electrical engineering from the Port Elizabeth Technikon, is working for a computer firm in Johannesburg after a spell in England.

Richard Meredith, as American Express operations manager for South and East Africa, travels widely and frequently in Africa and pays regular visits to London. He is based in Johannesburg and lives in Randburg.

Andrew Burton, who took a BSc (Information Systems) at Rhodes and works for Investec in Johannesburg, brought his girlfriend Brenda.

Niels Interbiethen, who did technical training in electrical engineering at Siemens and worked there for more than seven years. Now, after a spell running his own electrical firm, he works as a product specialist on Siemens switchgear. He is also involved in marketing and training and lives in Blairgowrie, Randburg. At Dale he won colours for shooting.

Gary (Nobby) Butcher, who won swimming colours and honours at water polo at Dale and played for Border Schools, SA Schools B and later Northern Transvaal, is in a family industrial painting business in Pretoria after qualifying as a quantity surveyor.

FROM NATAL came Eric Chang, who qualified in political science/law at California State University, Los Angeles. He describes his career as "international relations and managerial consulting." Thanks to him the Class of '89 are keeping in touch by e-mail. Eric, who lives in Durban, has circulated the electronic addresses to all who are on stream. Richard Meredith said he was in regular e-mail contact with his old '89 classmates and was due to meet Stuart Thompson in London the following week as a result.

Alastair Pittendrigh, a mechanical engineer who graduated at Natal University, came from Durban, Northern Natal, where he worked on a coal mine. He has since moved to another mine in Thabazimbi in the North West Province.

FROM THE BORDER, came several former Dale rugby stars, who are busy in business:



OH MY HEAD! Andrew Burton (left) and Warren Raath at Reunion dinner ... goal kicks went astray after the match

• Lyle Mundell, who was awarded honours for rugby, organised the '89s get-together.

He owns a supermarket in Stutterheim and is on the Old Dalian Union executive.

• Allan Long, who received colours for two years and played for Border Schools, spent a year in Chile, South America, coaching rugby. With a national diploma in marketing management from the Port Elizabeth Technikon, Allan is now sales manager for South African Breweries in the Border region. Earlier he spent three years as an area manager. He lives in East London.

• Warren Raath, who played Border Under 23 after being awarded colours at Dale, is in the retail business in East London. Andrew Bennet, who played rugby and water polo for Dale, is farming near Stutterheim.

• Andre (Bulla) Wood, who played first team rugby at Dale for three years and also for Border Schools, Border Under 21 and Border Baa Baas, runs a security shop with his brother and sister in the Quigney, East London.

• Ed Marshall, first team rugby, tennis and Border athletics, is a sales technician for Panasonic in East London.

• Another first team rugby player, Kriton Efstratiou, runs a supermarket in King William's Town after studying marketing at the PE Technikon and a year training in Kent, England.

• Dallas Ehrke, who was at Dale from Sub A to matric and played first team rugby, is sales manager of Norris Ford in King William's Town. He obtained a human resources diploma at the PE Technikon.

• Hardly a rugby star at school, Darren Edwards rose from Dale 4ths to play for Border Under 21s. He is a quantity surveyor for a construction firm in King William's Town.

Rory Kieck, who went from Sub A to matric at Dale, won honours at golf and played first team cricket, is a consultant for Price Waterhouse-Coopers (chartered accountants and management consultants) in East London.

Dale Waterman, who won colours at hockey and tennis, is serving his articles with King William's Town attorneys Squire Smith and Lawrie after taking his BA, LLB at Rhodes.

Basil Clifford, who spent seven years at Dale, has been managing the Komga branch of Standard Bank since 1997. Anthony Abrams is a management assistant in First National Bank in King William's Town. Lyndon Myburgh is a technician at Meyers Delta in King.

FROM PORT ELIZABETH: Steven Smith is director of a PE waterproofing and painting company. He holds a national diploma in construction management. He played Western Transvaal rugby after leaving school.

Greig van den Berg owns a Xerox franchise after qualifying in marketing and Howard Hughes is studying for a BComm degree towards an accounting career, both in Port Elizabeth.

Alan Canny, who played first team rugby for Dale for three years and represented Border Schools for two, is a printer in Knysna.

FROM CAPE TOWN: Robert Philpott, who spent 11 years at Dale, is studying electronic engineering after completing ten years in the South African Navy. At the time of the Reunion he was working on SAS Emily Hobhouse as an electronic fitter.

MARGE HENNING has retired after 13 years as secretary to the Headmaster of Dale College.

She has served under two heads, Malcom Andrew and James Haupt, whom she found "completely different."

At the 1999 Reunion Marge was presented with Dale's highest honour, the Per Ardua Award, for loyal and devoted service.

Said Marge: "It's time to go and make way for younger people. But I'm not leaving happily – I've loved it here."

GOODBYE MARGE! AFTER 14 YEARS

Mrs Henning's husband Edgar has retired at the same time as senior partner at the King William's Town legal firm of Squire Smith and Lawrie. They plan to move to East London.

DALE COLLEGE could overcome its difficulties with the support of the Old Dalian Union, said Headmaster James Haupt at the 1999 Reunion dinner-dance.

He believed the school would survive far into the future if it could:

- Use the ODU's muscle in areas where the need was most acute.
- Muster the ODU's influence and financial strength and apply it to the most effective area.
- Ensure that the executive brought on board the experience of high-powered Old Dalian executives in different professions to guide the school and the union in business-related ventures.
- Produce young Old Dalians of the calibre of the past. He appealed for close ODU-school liaison to provide old-boy networking for jobs for school-leavers.

The Headmaster said: "Education in South

Dale 'needs Old Dalian muscle'

Africa is at the crossroads. Schools like Dale, Selborne and Queen's are hard-pressed to maintain past standards."

Redeployment had made inroads into the staffing complement at famous schools. A school of Dale's calibre was allocated 16 departmental staff and to maintain standards had to pay over a million rands a year in governing-body staff salaries.

"There is no departmental financial support for essential services like building and grounds maintenance, water and electricity, telephones and transport." This cost another R2 million.

• The Per Ardua Award was also presented to Colin Thomson, who as Headmaster of Dale from 1978-82, introduced the award in his final year. At 36, Mr Thomson was one of the youngest headmasters to take the helm at Dale.

He left to return as headmaster to Pinelands High School, Cape Town, where he had previously been deputy head. He later moved to Gauteng to be head of Damelin College, a position he still holds.

"School fees have been increased, placing incredible strain on parents struggling under the burden of a depressed economy.

"Despite this the school is producing exceptional quality matric results, exceptional sporting results, exceptional achievements in cultural activities.

"At the end of the 1890s with the advent of the South African War, Dale College was also facing difficulties. Yet it survived."

In 1949, when the country was facing abnormal economic difficulties, a new system of education was in prospect. Major difficulties in education included inadequate accommodation and a teacher shortage. But education survived. Dale College survived.

To ensure Dale's survival today amid an uncertain future, Mr Haupt cited the Old Dalian rescue of Presby in 1974 and of the "New Dale" on the hill in the late '50s as "a good indication of what can be done."

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THE ACHIEVERS

Well done, Gauteng ... on the field and in class, too!

TRANSDALE'S **Morgan Tinline** has been one of the top performers at Dale College this year – academically and on the hockey field.

- He became the first Dalian to be selected for a South African Under 16 hockey side. He has represented the Border Schools Under 16A team and toured Britain with the Dale first hockey team in April.

- He was one of the top ten pupils in Grade 10 (Std 8) in both the first and second term. In the first he came eighth with an average of 63.5 per cent. In Term 2 he rose to second place with 78 per cent.

Last year he was fourth in Grade 9, averaging 81 per cent, and won an award for the best scholar/sportsman of College House. Morgan is the son of Rusty Tinline of Petit, a committee member of the TransDale Parents' Association.

Three other Gauteng Dalians, **Craig Carter**, **Garth Friedenstein**, **Shawn Els** and a former Johannesburg, **Michael du Plessis**, were members of the hockey team that toured Britain.

Goalkeeper **Craig** has played for the Border Under 21 B hockey team and coached the Dale Under 16B side. Last year he was awarded half colours and represented the Under 18 USSASA hockey team. **Craig** is the son of Bill and Jane Carter of Kempton Park.

Garth was chosen for the Border B swimming team that competed at an inter-provincial gala in Port Elizabeth. At the colours ceremony he received a swimming team award and at last year's prize-giving he won the computer prize for outstanding service. He is headboy of Frank Joubert House this year.

Garth is the son of Hugh and Jenni Friedenstein of Edenvale. Hugh is vice-chairman of the TransDale Parents' Association which he represents on the Dale College Governing Body.

Shawn, who is in post-matric, coaches the Under 16 C team. He is the son of Hans and Barbara Els of Johannesburg. **Shawn** and **Garth** have played for the second water polo team this year.

Michael, whose parents Etienne and Barbara du Plessis now live in Uganda, has played for the Border Under 16 B hockey team and last year he captained the Under 15A cricket team. His brother **Jonathan** is a College House prefect this year.

Jonathan Letzler, son of Nils and Corrine Letzler of Krugersdorp, has played first team



MORGAN TINLINE
hockey, academics



VUYA SISHUBA
athletics and rugby



GARTH FRIENDESTEIN
hockey, swimming



MICHAEL DU PLESSIS
hockey and cricket



JAMES WINSTANLEY
Craven Week rugby



JONATHAN LETZLER
first team squash

squash for three years and for Border B last year. He played for the second rugby team this year.

Vuya Sishuba, son of Jason and Pamela Sishuba of Randburg, has excelled in athletics. He represented Border at the USSASA South African championships and the SA junior championships. Last year he won half colours and was in the Dale Under 19 team which won the 4 x 100 relay to equal the record set by Queen's in 1970.

Vuyu was a member of the rugby squad that toured France and this year he represented the Border Academy side in Craven Week. He is also in the college choir.

Brent Stanley, son of Paul Stanley of Benoni, won an athletics merit award at last year's prize-giving.

Three other Gauteng Dalians, **Donovan Proudfoot**, **James Winstanley** and **Warren Brett**, toured France last November/December with the first rugby squad.

Donovan has been regular member of the first team for two seasons and played in his 50th match against Selborne at Reunion. He represented Border A at Craven Week, having played for Border B last year. **Donovan**, who is in post-matric, is the son of Finley and Louanna Proudfoot of Johannesburg.

James, son of Jane Winstanley of Brakpan North, was another regular member of this year's highly-successful Dale rugby team. He scored a spectacular try in the closing minutes of this year's televised game against Selborne and was one of the nine Dalians chosen for the Border A team for Craven Week. He is a college prefect this year.

Warren, son of Alan and Shona-Lee Brett of Walkerville, played first team rugby this season after touring France at the end of last year. He has also played for the second water polo team.

James and **Donovan** have represented the Border B swimming team and the Dale first water polo team.

David Turnbull, son of Grant and Lesley Turnbull of Alberton, represented the Border under 12 rugby team in the Nike regional trials in Port Elizabeth in September. Grant is junior vice-chairman of the TransDale Parents' Association.

Brett Milborrow, son of Dianne Milborrow of Sandton, was in the Dale Athlone Shield swimming relay team and the Border Schools A swimming team. He received an award for the best scholar/sportsman of Frank Joubert House.

Brothers are now dinkum Aussies

AN Old Dalian living in Australia called at Dale College with his son during a three-month visit to South Africa this year.

Maurice Parker (matric class 1967), who left SA soon after leaving school, works in the construction industry. His brother **Neil** (1968), a chartered accountant and financial director, followed him some years later. They are both Australian citizens and live in Melbourne.

Maurice and his son **Shane** toured SA visiting relatives, including



MAURICE PARKER ...
Dale visit

Maurice's uncle **Edmund**, now retired to Sedgfield, near Knysna, and his younger brother, **Kenneth** (1978), a Cape Town insurance broker. **Edmund** and the brothers' father, **Leslie Parker**, who died two years ago, matriculated at Dale in the 1940s.

After 37 years ... a perfect matric pass

FOR the first time in 37 years Dale matrics scored a 100 per cent pass rate last year. Of the 91 candidates who sat the exam two received A aggregates and 58 per cent achieved matric exemption – university entrance passes.

Anith Chacko scored an A aggregate with five distinctions and was placed 12th in the province. **Shamal Mahabir** achieved two distinctions.

A delighted Headmaster **James Haupt** said: "This matric class was a dedicated group. There was also exceptional staff commitment."

The result, he said, was a good omen for the future of the college. The last matric class to achieve a perfect pass rate did so in 1961.

Other 1998 academic highlights were:

The business management team came second out of 430 teams in a University of Port Elizabeth business game.

Shamal Mahabir represented the Border senior team at maths in an inter-provincial tournament.

Two pupils, **Wesley Botha** (Std 7) and **Stephen Tessel** (Std 6) finished in the top 20 per cent in the country in the Maths Olympiads.

Dale came second in a science festival in Grahamstown and second in a regional bridge-building contest.

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Vive le Dale! A tour de force

RUGBY '99 HAVE FUN AND GIVE THEM A GOOD KLAP, I



RUGBY STARS: Springbok Hennie Le Roux, flanked by Dale vice-captain Nic Eyre (left) and captain Gareth Krause



LOW TACKLE: Parent Audrey Hauptfleisch pins Vuyisile Mbula, backed by Nanette Dusterhoff, Lundi Mdingi and Jayne Cansfield

AN UNFORGETTABLE experience ... not only of everyday life in France, but making new friends, learning new cultures and rugby as we have never experienced before.

That is how Andre Dusterhoff, coach and teacher, summed up the Dale rugby tour of France last December. It was his last Dale tour before taking up a new teaching post at Grey High School in Port Elizabeth.

The team played seven matches, won six and lost one. One match was abandoned because of fighting. Altogether Dale scored 265 points against 79.

Top points scorers were flyhalf Francois Vermaak (62, including 17 conversions, six penalties and two tries), eighth-man Gareth Krause (35 - seven tries), full-back Tobela Mdaka (25 - five tries), hooker Glyn Ogden (20 - four tries), scrum-half Nicholas Eyre and Kaunda Ntunja (15 each - three tries) Simpewu Vimbaya (13 - one try, four conversions).

Donovan Proudfoot, Lundi Mdingi, Owen Lentz and Jason Bulford each scored two tries (five points) and Mwalimu Soul, Francis Kingston, Lyndon Saayman, Vuyisile Mbula, and Warren Brett each scored a try (five points).

Krause captained the tour side who also included Bradley Rudy, Andile Jali, Maphelo Nabe and Lwaganda Balfour. Eyre was vice-captain.

Thanking parents for their support, Mr Dusterhoff said: "Your children will never be able to thank you enough ... They were true Dalians, on and off the field and you and the school can lift your heads high.

"Their behaviour, on and off the field, their manners and enthusiasm, impressed everyone,

Au revoir, Dustie, a super swansong

staff, parents and spectators, the French people and everyone that came in contact with them."

Referring to the hard work put into making the trip a possibility, Mr Dusterhoff added: "At times one wondered if it was all worth it - and we can safely tell you: it DEFINITELY was!"

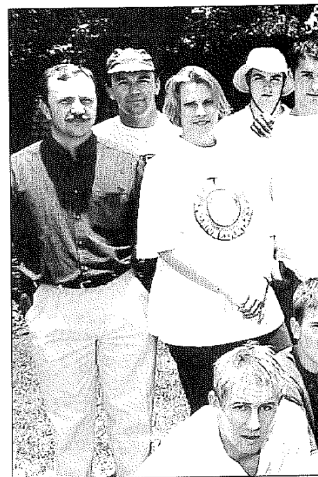
To the boys, he said: "Thank you for support, enthusiasm and interest in this tour. Your rugby has come along in leaps and bounds and you can be truly proud of that ... The 150 per cent commitment shown on the field really impressed.

"You have shown yourselves to be mature, responsible and true Dalians. You have shown that through hard work you can reach the stars."

Here are edited comments by Mr Dusterhoff on the games played on the tour:

NANTES: vs Stadt Nantes University Club. Dale dominated the game and won 62-7. It turned out to be an Under 21 side, but though very big, they lacked the heart and discipline to play constructive rugby. The French like a type of rugby similar to touch rugby, where you pass the ball, run and support. Hard tackling and diving on the ground are not in their rules. The Dalians found the soft mud wonderful after the hard A Field back home.

It was the first time any of the Dalians had played in snow, which fell lightly throughout the game.



THE TOUR PARTY, joined by

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BORDEAUX: vs Merignac, also side. This game was played under the same conditions as the Nantes game. The boys found that if the French are not try to level the odds by fighting. It is "Rule 22" and very much part of the game.

After a very good game Dale won 20-10. **TOULOUSE:** vs Toulousan Club. A very, very big. Glyn Ogden, our Under 21 champion in 1997, was propped against a tighthead weight.



THE WINEMAKER pours a glass, watched by Andre Dusterhoff (left) and others. Wine tasting was rated among the highlights of the tour



TORTURE: Donovan Proudfoot with a model in a mediaeval instrument of torture at the Museum of the Inquisition at the 2 500-year-old walled town of Carcassonne

Force! We tamed the fighting French

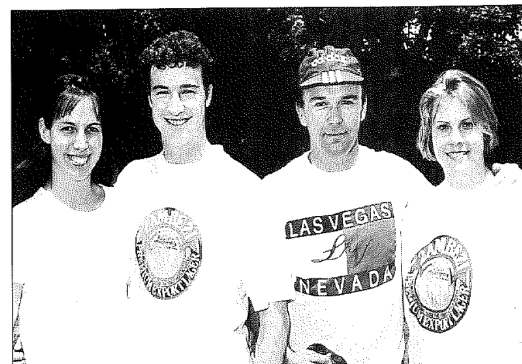
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GRUB TIME: Bradley Rudy and Glyn Ogden. A last taste of braaivleis before a daily diet of baguettes



HENNIE LE ROUX (centre) joined by Lyndon Saayman (left), Mwalimu Soul and Francis Kingston



TOUR LEADERS: Staffers Jayne Cansfield, Wayne Rademan and Andre Dusterhoft with wife Nanette



led by Hennie le Roux, at the braai held at Stephen and Wendy Eglinton's Alberton home
IN WHITEHEAD in Johannesburg, **FINLEY PROUDFOOT** in France

also an Under 21 under lights. The are not winning they ng. In France hitting part of the set-up. won 30-nil.
n Club, the French 7. The players were, our 70 kg hooker, weighing 130 kg.

Although outweighed by the French, who ended up fielding 13 reserves instead of the usual six, Dale's typical guts and never-say-die attitude kicked in and we played great rugby. Although we lost 28-31 the moral victory was ours.

At the after-match function the local side could just not believe the Dale players were so young. **NARBONNE:** vs Rugby Club Narbonne. The game got off to a bad start with a local player throwing a punch in the first scrum. After the ini-

ENJOY YOURSELVES! That was the advice Springbok Hennie le Roux gave Dalian rugby players heading for a tour of France.

The 1995 Rugby World Cup star joined the Daliens at a pre-tour braai given by TransDale parents Stephen and Wendy Eglinton at their Alberton home last November.

Hennie, invited by Alan and Shona-Lee Brett, whose son Warren was in the Dale squad, told the boys: "You are extremely lucky to go on this tour. The big thing is to enjoy the culture and visit places of interest. Go and experience life in France and give the French a good klap. Good luck!"

Schooled at Graeme College, Grahamstown, and a former Eastern Province flyhalf, Hennie spoke of the fierce rugby rivalry of schools in

tial shock the Daliens clawed their way back. Continued punching and the fact that the referee lost control of the game finally caused Andre, Wayne and Finley to pull the team off for safety reasons.

The Dale team decided to change and leave directly afterwards. This was the worse display of blatant aggression by a French team and was the lowest point of the tour for all.

PRIVAS: Here the Daliens were treated like an international squad. The two teams lined up on the field and each player was introduced to the crowd over the public address system.

The "stardom and celebrity status" went to the boys' heads and they played like 15 individuals and not as a team. Dale still won 58-nil.

CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE: The temperature was 1deg. below freezing and it was very foggy. Midway through the game there was a power cut and only one bank of floodlights remained on. This was not a problem as it shone in the 25 m area where the Daliens were playing. The opposition only got into our half on the kick-off. Dale won 37-5.

PARIS: vs Stadt Français. The game followed the usual pattern with the home team cheating at every opportunity. In the end the Daliens played against 30 opponents and convincingly beat the French 1998 Under 21 champions 41-22.

This must go down as one of the "gutsiest" and most determined games I have ever seen Dale play. The real heroes won the day.

the area. It was nice to be associated with a school with strong traditions and good discipline and values, he said.

He renewed acquaintance with Dale coach Andre Dusterhoft, whom he had played with and against in Port Elizabeth.

Dale tour captain Gareth Krause presented Hennie with a Dale tour shirt. Thanking TransDale parents for their hospitality, Andre told them: "We've decided to move you all down to King."

Relaxing before their challenging tour, the Dale team frolicked in the Eglintons' pool, some jousting with Gladiator-type foam-rubber poles on a floating log. That evening it was: "Paris, here we come!"

Baguettes, baguettes ... Not quite haute cuisine

ONE of the attractions in touring any country is the food offered. Here is a sample of the dishes encountered by the Dale rugby tourists:

LUNCH at McDonalds in Chartres, Le Mans. "Our first introduction to the French mademoiselles."

BAGUETTES (long, thin bread rolls) and cheese bought at a supermarket in the fishing village of Le Croisic. The temperature was below freezing point.

MORE BAGUETTES at a clubhouse function after the match against Nantes. The adults were introduced to Kir, a drink consisting of Sirop de Cassis (blackcurrant syrup) mixed with local white wine.

PASTA, pasta and more pasta at a big lunch at La Hume after a tour of vineyards, cellars and bottling areas and wine-tasting (a small glass at 15 francs).

BLACK CAVIAR, smoked salmon, and other French delicacies were served at a formal after-match function at Bordeaux. Many a Dalian was at a loss.

BAGUETTES again and very strong coffee for breakfast at La Hume.

A VERY big pasta lunch in Toulouse and after the match a wonderful meal followed by a great spread of cheese biscuits.

A FEW Big Macs at the youth hostel restored spirits after the abandoned match against Narbonne.

ROAST deer for supper at Privas. Baguettes, croissants and coffee for breakfast at Privas.

STEAK for lunch at the town of Chalon-sur-Saône. This took quite some getting used to as the French like their meat very, very raw. On a farm the next day pâté was served.

RARE steak and chips after the final game in Paris.



HISTORY LESSON: The tour squad pause at an ancient aqueduct (6th Century BC) near the walled town of Carcassonne

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CHEATS AND LIARS!

That's how Johannesburg Dale parent Finley Proudfoot describes those French rugby officials who fielded over-age teams against the young Dale squad that toured France last December.

Despite being heavily outweighed by older players the Daliens won five of their seven games. They lost one game narrowly and another was abandoned when fighting broke out between the two sides.

Finley's 17-year-old son Donovan described the tour as "a big experience," particularly on the field. "We played rough and older sides but the rugby brought us together," he told TransDale. "There was no bickering."

The relatively new squad, which included several second team players and three third-teamers, developed into a strong combination. They outplayed their slower opponents with fast, open rugby on muddy fields and in temperatures as low as one degree.

Donovan said he and the team had learnt a lot playing against Under 21 teams - including "how to tackle a 100 kilogram prop. We learnt how to play together." Despite not starting as a complete first team they had showed they could stand up to first-teamers.

The tour was marred by on-the-field fighting in the match against the Rugby Club Narbonne, who were obliged to field an Under 19 side after Dale complaints to the French authorities.

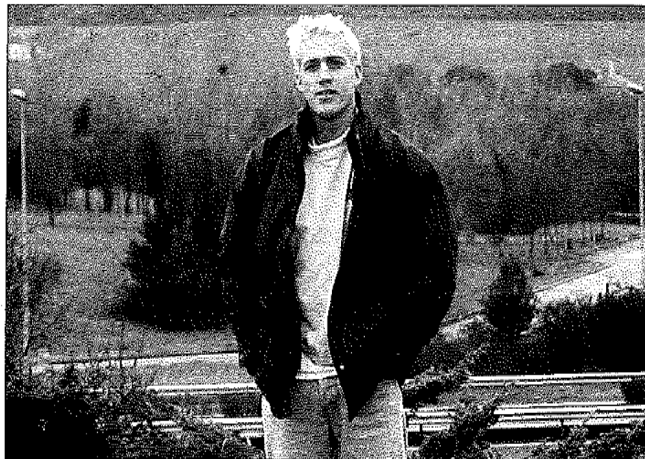
"It was a nasty situation," said Finley of Parktown North, the only Dale parent to accompany the tourists.

The French were pugnacious from the start but the Daliens kept their cool and were down 13-8 at half time. Donovan was captaining the Dale side.

"Fighting broke out openly at the start of the second half after Donovan was high-tackled in the throat, Francis Kingston kneed in the face

FRENCH WERE OLDER AND HEAVIER, BUT...

We learnt a lot, says Donovan



DONOVAN PROUDFOOT travelling in France ... "It was freezing"

and Bradley Rudy hit in the nose. The Daliens retaliated."

Finley said he dashed on to the field to pull fighting players apart and Dale coach Andre Dusterhoff stopped the game. The match was

abandoned about five minutes into the second half. Ignoring pleas from the Frenchmen to join them at supper the Daliens walked to their bus and left.

For Donovan the highlight of the tour was the final match in Paris against Stadt Français. The French crowd snickered when the lighter Dale side took the field. By comparison some of the older French players wore beards.

But the French fans changed their tune and applauded the Daliens when they ran out winners 41-22.

The French began the first half with their second (Under 19) side, then substituted 15 players after half time when Dale were leading 24-6. Dale made two substitutions, one through injury. In the second half each side scored 17 points. "We earned their respect. Smaller guys had beaten them," said Donovan.

The after-match party went well. "The French had beers but the Daliens (as elsewhere on the tour) had cool drinks. The French had to run out and fetch them," Finley added.

As at previous functions some of the students in the French team spoke English and the players got on well.

Finley accused some French rugby officials of deceit for fielding over-age sides and making wholesale substitutions. Before the tour the Dale squad understood they would be playing Under 19 club and student teams. But in most of the games the French fielded Under 21 players.

Despite these snags it was an enjoyable tour on and off the field.

For most of the squad this was their first trip abroad and some had not previously flown before. It was an eye-opener.

"It was great fun," said Donovan who enjoyed particularly the sights of Paris.

"The weather was cold - the first game was played in light snow - but there was not much rain. Fields were muddy but we got used to it."

We love Paris in the winter...

PARIS ... the breathtaking view through the mist from atop the Eiffel Tower ... the sheer size and detail of the Arc de Triomphe ... an evening stroll down the Champs Elysees, lit up and decorated for Christmas ... a glimpse of the Mona Lisa at the Louvre, a trip to Eurodisney ... much of this in temperatures near or below freezing point.

These are some of the memories brought back by the Dale rugby tourists from their visit to France. Here are a few of the off-the-field highlights, extracted from coach Andre Dusterhoff's diary.

- **TRAVELLING** in a luxury coach used by the Brazilian team for the Soccer World Cup.

- **LIVE** crabs, prawns, and crayfish on view at an open-air market at La Baule. Dead, feathered pheasants and quails and furry rabbits hung from the ceiling - all ready to be bought. No fridges necessary - it was cold enough.

- **ONLY** two older members of the tour (Andre and Finley) reached the top of a 6 m-high climbing wall on the way south to Bordeaux. It must have been technique or experience that comes of age.

- **BORDEAUX** - a beautiful city with impressive cathedrals, buildings and bridges.

Christmas decorations and Christmas trees everywhere.

- **A JOURNEY** in sight of the snow-capped Pyrenees to the medieval fortified town of Carcassonne. Dating back to 600 BC, the town has two walls around it, a moat and a castle. Most of the outer walls were built in the seventh century. Some of the boys bought replica swords and maces as souvenirs.

- **NARBONNE**, a small, beautiful town with Roman pillars, relics of a Roman wall and road and a massive unfinished cathedral with a ceiling 45 m high.

- **AN EARLY-MORNING** rugby practice on a Mediterranean beach near Narbonne. Daliens, crazy enough to run around barefoot in short pants, playing rugby, with the temperature at 5deg C, aroused a lot of interest. The local newspaper arrived for an interview and photos.

- **SLEEPING** overnight in the haunted Chateau de la Loyere, built in 1091 in the town of Chalon-sur-Saône. Some boys asked the tour driver to sleep in their room so that should a ghost appear he could tell it in French to go away. Singing, chanting and noise on the ground floor built up courage to

warn off evil spirits.

At a memorable after-match function many addresses were exchanged and friends made. Singing from both teams ended the evening in high spirits and the Daliens were presented with a lovely trophy and many other gifts.

- **BACK IN PARIS:** One group caught the metro and rode this underground train to the Eiffel Tower. After paying 59 francs some very nervous people ascended the 320 m tower. Once on top spirits lifted at the breathtaking view.

- **A VISIT** to the Arc de Triomphe, built 50 m high to commemorate Napoleon's victories. A stroll through the artists' quarter and the Moulin Rouge.

- **AN EERIE** bus trip to the rugby field for the final match, travelling much of the time in a forest. You almost felt like you were being led to an execution.

- **EURODISNEY**, Paris: Although it was raining, everyone had the time of his life. Highlights were the Space Mountain, Indiana Jones and Big Thunder. Mwalimu Soul had an even better time - he was given the wrong directions and ended up taking three hours to find his way back.

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We won on and off the field

SPEED, SKILL AND SPIRIT. That was the key to Dale's best win in the St John's College rugby festival in Johannesburg over Easter.

After outplaying King Edward VII School 35-nil in the main Saturday match Dale captain Jason Hosty summed it up: "We won the game on the field and off the field."

Support for Dale – from Old Dalians young and older, and from present Dalians, parents and friends – was outstanding. No other school, including local school KES, could match Dale in numbers, volume and fervour.

Two Dale banners brought from King attracted a large group of Dale fans to part of a stand on the west side of the St John's ground. There was not enough room for all. Some sat on the grass and others found seats near by.

A number of black Old Dalians, mostly students, turned out to support their old school, a welcome trend.

Led by present Dalians and young Old Dalians the crowd sang traditional rugby songs, some dating back more than 50 years. Veteran Old Dalians cheered and chanted popular old slogans.

During the game tempers flickered briefly when young KES supporters sitting dangerously near the touchline in front of the Dale stand ignored appeals from officials to move back. Play was held up but the fans moved only marginally.

The War Cry was heard at least four times. As the Dale team ran on to start the match they were welcomed by a ring of chanting supporters on the pitch.

During the game supporters rose in the stand to celebrate thrilling Dale tries.

After the game supporters rushed to join the team and the strains of "Ah-ha, ah-ha, ah-ha ... khangela iDale College" echoed again across the field. Later Old Dalians and parents gathered at a reception in the St John's College hall to greet the victorious Dale party.

Old Dalian Senior Vice-President (now National President) Kevin Bahlmann noted that this was Dale's fourth visit to the festival and commented on the Dale spirit.

Headmaster James Haupt thanked the Dale Family for its tremendous support. He added: "The boys responded to this and the support played a big role today."

In a rare occurrence, the Dale First XV captain rose at a public gathering to thank his team and their supporters for their part in Dale's great win. The team responded with the War Cry.

Gauteng's Ivan Venter, OD Junior (now Senior) Vice-President, paid tribute to the team for their performance and to local Old Dalians for turning out in strength.



AMADODA!
Dale fans
applaud
another
brilliant try
against KES



AMADODA!
Young Old
Daliens
celebrate
after the
game

Dalians show festival flair

• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

DALE'S match against King Edward's was for Old Dalians, parents and others the highlight of the St John's rugby festival. "It was the game of the tournament for running rugby," says Dale's head of rugby, Butch Wiggett, who accompanied the tourists. Dale won 35-nil after leading 10-nil at half-time.

"At a staff function after the game the staff of other schools encouraged all schools to play rugby the way Dale was playing, to bring back the flair to schoolboy rugby and set an example to senior players. The old boy support at this match was tremendous – possibly the biggest and better even than the host school."

In their two others matches, Dale beat Paarl Boys' High School 25-20 and lost 13-14 in a

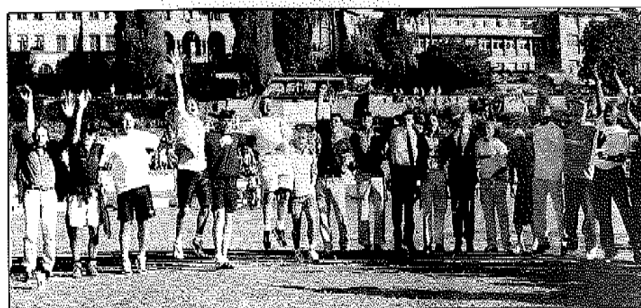
nail-biting finish to Pretoria Boys' High.

Butch Wiggett reports: The match against Paarl Boys' High was fast and exciting, with the Dale backline spreading the ball and running with determination.

Ten minutes from time Dale, leading 25-8, appeared to relax a little. Paarl replied with two tries, putting them within five points of us.

Dale try-scorers were: Perseverance Duda (wing), Vuyisila Mbula (fullback) and Nicholas Eyre (scrumhalf). Adam Robertson slotted two conversions and one penalty.

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WAR CRY 1: Dale supporters take the field at the St John's Festival



WAR CRY 2: Ex-cheerleader Scott Styger and friends in action

20 WINS OUT OF 21 GAMES

FORTY years ago the Dale first rugby team were unbeaten, except for one game they lost by two points. This year history repeated itself. The First XV won 20 out of 21 matches and lost one game by one point.

And there to see Dale beat Selborne at Reunion were members of that 1959 first rugby team. Later in the season Dale defeated these old rivals again in a match televised live nation-wide.

Several sides have been unbeaten in Dale rugby history but the performance of the 1999 Dale First XV, like that of 1959, must rank among the best. They scored 558 points and conceded only 156.

Much of the credit for the team's successful 1999 season must go to new coach Mike Wesson and his second team partner Darryl Mauer, who both play first league rugby.

"They have infused a spirit of enthusiasm among the players," says head of rugby Butch Wiggett.

"They have bonded well with the boys and produced results. Emphasis on discipline on the field has also been a key factor."

The first team were ranked third among the Top 20 South African rugby schools this year and beat Bishops at Loftus Versfeld in the two schools' first-ever encounter.

A host of Dale rugby players achieved higher honours in the 1999 season. Twelve were chosen to represent the three Border senior sides at Craven Week. Nine were selected for the A side, two for the B side and one for the C team.

Kaunda Ntunja and Lonwabo Mtimka were chosen for the Under 18 South African Schools side which played in a SA-New Zealand Test curtain-raiser at Loftus Versfeld.

Vuyisile Mbula and Chumani Booi were selected for the Border Under 19 side who played six matches in the third term. Three boys were selected in the third term for the Under 16 Border Academy team. They were Azikiwe Kashe, Radar Mialandile and Murray Ranger. Azikiwe was also selected for the Coastal Sharks Under 15 team to play in the Nike All Star Camp.

Four Daliens were selected for the Border Academy Under 17 rugby side to play in the SA tournament in Bloemfontein in September. They were Yande Bokoda, Luthando Mondliwe, Maphela Nabe and Vumisa Mayisela.

Dale teams played altogether 176 matches, winning 113 (64 per cent) and losing 54 (31 per cent). Nine games (5 per cent) were drawn. The Under 14A side had an outstanding year losing only two games and drawing one. Overall the Under 14 teams won 70 per cent of their games.

Five Dale Junior boys represented the Border Under 12 team in the Nike trials in Port Elizabeth. They were Gauteng's David Turnbull, and from King William's Town Dewald Vermaak, Alex Irumba, Vuyo Mpalala and Mandilakhe Tile.

Irumba, Vermaak and Tile were chosen for the Under 12 Coastal Sharks and Irumba for the national training squad.



DAY OF TRIUMPH: New First XV rugby coach Mike Wesson is chaired off the field by excited team members after their 17-nil Reunion victory over Selborne. Mike, who played for Natal Schools and matriculated at Ixopo High in 1992, has taught maths at Dale since 1995. He coached the unbeaten Dale Under 15B/C sides in 1995, the Under 14As in 1996 and the Under 15As in 1997-98.

• Picture: DENVER DONIAN, Kei Mercury

FROM 5-3...TO 50-3!

DALE'S lowest-scoring victory during the 1999 season was against St Andrew's College – the same school that robbed the 1959 Dale First XV of an unbeaten record.

This year's match was played in rain, which made the field very slippery. Both sides failed to adapt to the appalling conditions.

In the second half, lock Craig Gombert dropped over the goal-line unimpeded from a lineout to score Dale's only try, which was not converted. St Andrew's goaled a penalty.

The season's closest result was in the only match that Dale lost (13-14) to Pretoria Boys' High at the St John's festival in Johannesburg. (See Page 23). Another close finish was Dale's 22-19 win over Bishops in the Top 20 Schools tournament at Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria.

The biggest victory margins were the 50-3 defeat of the touring English schoolboy side, Lancaster Royal Grammar School, fresh from an 8-all draw with Selborne College, and the 51-8 hiding inflicted on Rondebosch Boys' High.

The English lads were hit by an eight-try blitz in one of Dale's finest displays of running rugby.

Wesley Bahlmann and Nicholas Eyre each scored three tries and James Winstanley and Vuyisile Mbula one each. Adam Robertson converted five of the tries.

IN OTHER MATCHES, Dale defeated these opponents:

- Oudtshoorn High: 19-6
- Paarl Boys' High: 25-20
- King Edward School: 35-nil

- Border Development XV: 22-nil
- Queen's College: 18-3
- Selborne College: 17-nil
- Kingswood College: 41-3
- Hudson Park High: 34-9
- Port Rex High: 32-nil
- Grey High: 11-3
- Boland Landbou: 26-14
- SACS: 19-5
- Daniel Pienaar Hoërskool: 27-22
- Cambridge High: 39-7
- Selborne College: 26-8
- Queen's College: 26-9
- A match against Grens Hoërskool was not played because of the rain-soaked field.
- The Dale team played 21 matches, won 20 and lost one. No game was drawn.
- Dale scored 558 points and conceded 156.

TOP POINT SCORERS:

- Flyhalf Adam Robertson: 144 points (one try, 38 conversions and 21 penalties)
- Fullback Vuyisile (Veeg) Mbula: 75 points (15 tries, top try-scorer)
- Scrumhalf Nicholas Eyre: 55 points (11 tries)
- Wing Wesley Bahlmann: 45 points (nine tries)
- The team scored 83 tries, 58 by the backs and 25 by the forwards.

FOOTNOTE: These statistics were compiled by Old Dalian Tom Sheard (1961), of King William's Town. TransDale thanks Tom and Butch Wiggett, Dale's head of rugby, for their invaluable assistance in covering the 1999 rugby season.

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Dale's second match against KES was again played at speed, with the Daliens leading 18-nil at half-time. Both tries were scored by leftwing Wesley Bahlmann, with Robertson goaling two penalties and a conversion. Second-half try-scorers were Eyre, centre Chamani Booi, wing Luthando Mondliwe, one of them converted by Robertson. A bad pass and a knock-on before the line cost Dale two further tries.

After this superb match we expected another good run on the Monday against Pretoria Boys' High. The game, however, was marred

A match marred by the whistle

by penalties and incorrect interpretations by the referee. This forced both sides to play a frustrating game, although both scored great tries. The penalty count went in favour of Pretoria Boys' High. Although Dale led until near the final whistle Pretoria nosed in to win by one point (14-13) with two quick penalties

in front of the posts. Mbula, playing wing, scored Dale's try, converted by Robertson who also goaled two penalties.

On the social side the Dale staff were well looked after at St John's. One of the highlights was a supper at the Butcher Shop and Grill in Sandton City. The food and wine were excellent and this is a place to go if you have the money.

Another evening was spent in the staff lounge after watching the Cats play the Bulls at Ellis Park. We were entertained by the Pretoria Boys' High coach with his guitar. We sang until 2 am. A great bit of coach bonding.

OLD RIVALS ROUTED TWICE

DURING their outstanding season, the Dale First XV beat old rivals Queens and Selborne twice. This remarkable achievement included two away victories on big occasions – the Queen's Reunion and a late encounter at East London against Selborne, watched by hundreds of Old Boys of both schools on nation-wide TV.

In the first match played in April Dale beat Queens convincingly 18-3 after leading 10-3 at half-time. "They made the Queenians look a pretty ordinary outfit," commented rugby critic Brian McLean in the Kei Mercury. "While the home side played with little imagination, Dale were full of it."

Flyhalf Adam Robertson, he wrote, sparked his backs almost at will. His vision under pressure and for the gap helped keep the side going forward.

Dale's points came from tries by hooker and captain Jason Hosty and flanker Kaunda Ntunja, and a conversion and two penalties by Robertson. Queen's replied with a penalty.

Another sportswriter, Brian Birch, commented: "The match was dominated by the Dale forwards with the loose trio of Gareth Krause, at eighthman, and the two flanks, James Winstanley and Kaunda Ntunja, having a storming game. With Dale using Krause as a crashball specialist and then recycling it, Queen's were on the defensive for most of the game."

In the return game at home to wind up the season Dale beat Queen's 26-9 after leading 19-9 at half-time. Dale's points came from first-half tries by rightwing Monde Zondeki, Winstanley, Simphiwe Vimbayo and a superb individual try by scrumhalf Nicholas Eyre in the second half. Robertson converted three of the tries. Queen's goaled three penalties.

The Dale Reunion game against Selborne watched by a large and enthusiastic crowd was a tough one, with both sides running the ball at every opportunity. Dale won 17 nil.

With Selborne defending many Dale attacks, a penalty by Adam Robertson was the only score for much of the game. The first try came from fullback Vuyisile Mbula, who dived on a bouncing ball from a chip kick which went over the tryline. Robertson converted and Dale led 10-nil at half-time. In the second half No 8 Gareth Krause scored a second-phase try converted by Robertson.

The return match televised live was the 159th match played by the old rivals. Dale triumphed again, winning 26-9 from one goal, two tries and three penalties to a Selborne try and a penalty.

The first half was very even with only penalties scored. Selborne received 52 per cent of the possession but Dale had the territorial advantage. Dale led 6-3. In the second half the game came alive, with Dale firing on all cylinders. Mbula scored in the first minute followed by another try by prop Bradley Rudy diving in low from the loose. Robertson converted and after he goaled a penalty Dale led 21-3.

Selborne scored in the corner after a well-worked move from a line-out on the goal line. Dale surged forward with wave after wave of attacks and right on time Robertson chip-kicked brilliantly for Winstanley to catch the ball in flight and crash over for Dale's third try. "This was another fine performance by a team that has produced exciting running rugby this season," commented Butch Wiggett.

DAY OF PRIDE:
Loose forward
Donovan Proudfoot
of Johannesburg,
playing in his 50th
game for the Dale
First XV, leads the
team out for their
Reunion clash
against Selborne

• Picture:
DENVER DONIAN,
Kei Mercury



Dazzling display at Cape

THE Dale First XV maintained their top form by winning all three of their games against strong opponents at the MTN Cape Schools rugby festival in Uitenhage. They scored 96 points and conceded 27 in beating Boland Landbou 26-14, Rondebosch 51-8 and SACS 19-5.

The highlight of the tour was the impressive, runaway victory against Rondebosch after leading 24-8 at half-time. Their brand of open, running rugby in the game was described by one sportswriter as a "sensational performance" which "stole the show" at the festival. "Their ball-handling skills, particularly at halfback, dazzled," wrote another.

Rondebosch scored first with a penalty but thereafter it was one-way traffic, apart from one Rondebosch try. Dale responded with eight tries – by hooker and captain Jason Hosty (two), scrumhalf Nicholas Eyre (two), and one each by centre Chumani Boo, fullback Vuyisile (Veeq) Mbula, rightwing Monde Zondeki and flanker Vuyo Mayisela. Flyhalf Adam Robertson slotted four conversions and one penalty to give Dale a resounding victory.

Against Boland Landbou Dale scored an impressive win after leading 14-5 at half-time. Tries were scored by leftwing Vuyo Sishuba, Mbula and Zondeki, with Robertson converting one try and goaling three penalties. Man of the

match was flanker Kaunda Ntunja, who put in a spirited performance.

In their final game Dale cemented their position as the most entertaining side at the festival with a 19-5 win over SACS. After leading 7-5 at half-time from a try by Sishuba converted by Robertson, Dale ran in two more. They came from wing Perseverance Duda and Eyre, who put in a brilliant run from the half-way line. Robertson converted both.

Our 'Mini Boks'

TWO Dalians represented the SA Schools Under 18 rugby team that played in a curtain-raiser to the Tri-Nations Test at Loftus Versfeld between South Africa and New Zealand.

Kaunda Ntunja, 17, a speedy flanker, has 29 first team caps and still has another year to play at Under 18 level. Lonwabo Mtimka, 18, a burly prop, has 40 caps. Both have played first team rugby for two years.

Mtimka represented the Border Under 17 Academy team last year. He has risen to SA Schools level in his senior year after starting playing rugby in Std 6 for the Dale Under 14D team. Both Ntunja and Mtimka have played excellent rugby this year. Mtimka is also the Dale Cadet Band's drum major.

Gauteng's Morgan Tinline was the No 1 choice in goalies for the SA Schools Under 16 hockey tour of Zimbabwe in August. Although Border were placed only sixth in the SA Schools Under 16 tournament, he impressed the selectors.

• Morgan has also played squash for the Border Under 14 team and has a promising sporting future. He is the son of Rusty Tinline of Petit. (See: The Achievers, Page 19).

Under 13s sparkle

DALE JUNIOR'S Under 13A rugby side won their three games convincingly in the 150th Bishops anniversary tournament in Cape Town.

Playing strong, running rugby, they beat Rondebosch 29-nil, Bishops 34-nil and Wynberg 30-nil. Twelve schools took part.

The young Dalians excelled in all facets of the game and came away tipped for future stardom.

Close call with Bishops

IN their first-ever rugby encounter, Dale edged out Bishops 22-19 at the Top 20 Schools tournament at Loftus Versfeld after trailing 8-7 at half-time. A ding-dong battle saw the lead change hands several times, with Dale snatching victory late in the game.

Ranked third in the Top 20, Dale scored two goals, a try and a penalty to Bishops' one goal, a try and three penalties. Tries came from flanker Kaunda Ntunja – who had played just two days earlier for SA Schools on the same ground – James Winstanley at No 8, and flyhalf Adam Robertson, who converted two of the tries and slotted the penalty.

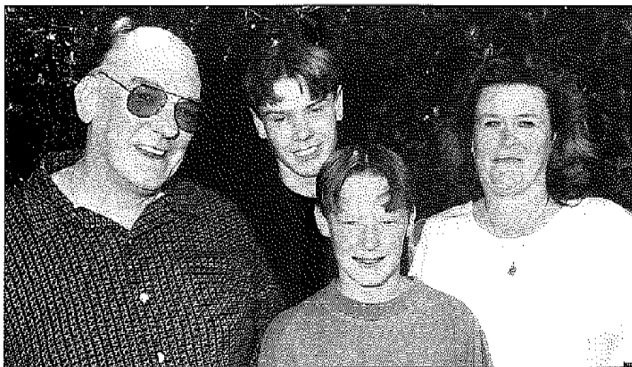
Ntunja cut through the Bishops backline to cross the line with defenders hanging on to him. After Winstanley had charged down a Bishops

clearance kick, scrumhalf Nicholas Eyre pounced on the bouncing ball and returned it to the No 8, who ran in close to the posts.

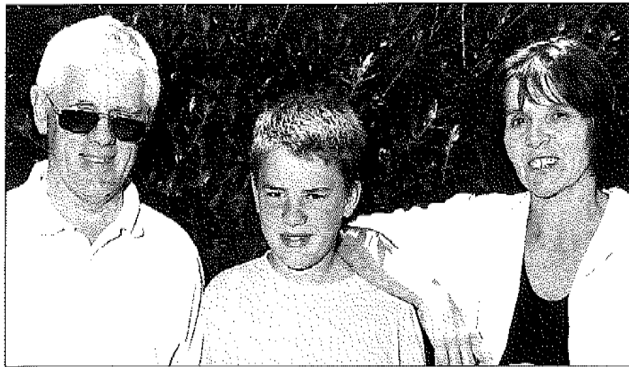
With Dale trailing by two points and time running out, a well-judged up-and-under by Robertson was fumbled and bounced towards the Bishops line. Robertson, following up his kick, gathered to score an exciting final try.

A number of Old Dalians and parents drove to Pretoria to join Headmaster James Haupt, teacher Mandy Hosty and PRO Jack Rosenberg in a vocal group of Dale supporters. They included Old Dalian Alan and Pixie Tuck, former Dale parents from Carletonville. ODU senior vice-president Ivan Venter and Gauteng OD chairman Dave Sephton-Poultney.

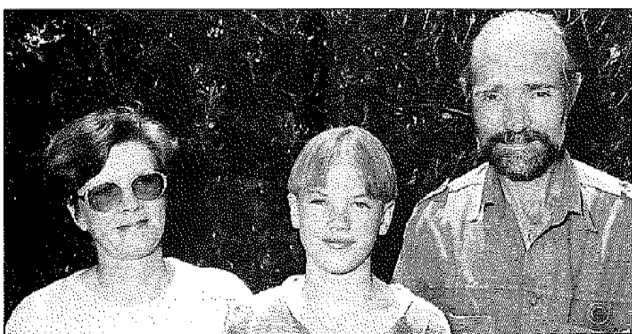
Newboys join TransDale Family



FROM BOKSBURG: Christopher Chidgey (front centre) with parents Paul and Mandy and elder brother Jason, already at Dale



FROM BOKSBURG: Robert Blackshaw with parents David and Marilyn. Robert's brother Ryan left Dale after matriculating in 1997



FROM WALKERVILLE: Robert Barnsley with parents Mary and Terry
• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

Book early and fill our school bus

THE ESCORTED bus service provided to Gauteng boys attending Dale College is running at a loss. Over the first-term holidays the service had to be subsidised by nearly R5 000 by the TransDale Parents' Association.

Association chairman Andrew Hunt explained the problems facing the bus service at the 1999 annual general meeting on July 4.

"With reduced income from fundraising we had to look critically at how we operate this service," he said. "We feel that the escorted bus for Gauteng boys is essential to maintain the critical mass in terms of numbers of boys. It is part of the support we as parents can offer."

However, with fewer seats occupied the association decided to take a smaller bus, based on the expected number of bookings. This unfortunately meant a couple of boys could not be accommodated.

"Ideally every seat is filled and no one is turned away. But this is difficult to achieve and is something we will continue to optimise," said Andrew.

He appealed to parents to reserve their sons' seats promptly. The bus had to be booked well in advance and size changes in cost were significant.



FROM BRAKPAN: Ashley Bradbury (who entered Dale Junior in the third term last year) with his mother Natalee

Now they're going to the CATS!

FOR years TransDale parents have raised funds by catering at dog shows. Now, as competition grows, they are targeting cat shows, too.

Chairman Andrew Hunt told the parents' AGM that the association had catered at one cat show with reasonable success. The association had lost one or two dog shows but a new event in Pretoria had proved "a successful, if long, weekend."

At the Dog-of-the-Year show at Gillooly's Farm the Dale caterers,

TRANSDALE parents and their sons welcomed new Dalians and their parents at a braai last December. Headmasters James Haupt (Dale College) and Mike Hosty (Dale Junior) addressed the gathering at the home of Andrew and Bridgitte Hunt in Elma Park, Edenvale. Both spoke positively on progress at both schools, despite ongoing difficulties.

Mr Hosty said Dale Junior had had a tremendous year, enjoying great stability. The staff were working fantastically well together. He told incoming junior boys: "You will be part of a very special school."

The school's financial position had been stabilised. "We must brace ourselves for shocks but we are prepared for them."

Mr Haupt said there had been tremendous academic, social and sporting development. He brought school reports which, he said, showed pleasing progress as boys became used to the school.

John Gordon, 1998 vice-chairman, handed cheques to the headmasters from funds raised by the association.

Big Gauteng drive for more Dalians

TRANSDALE parents and a Dale teacher visited 30 Gauteng primary schools and held five evening meetings with interested parents and boys in an eight-day recruiting campaign in April.

Areas visited ranged from Alberton, Germiston, Benoni, Boksburg and Edenvale to north-west Johannesburg, Randburg, Honeydew and Roodepoort.

The new Dale College promotional video was received enthusiastically by boys in presentations by Wayne Rademan of Dale College and Grant Turnbull, junior vice-chairman of the TransDale Parents' Association.

The video was also shown at evening meetings addressed by Wayne and Grant, vice-chairman Hugh Friedenstein, who sits on the Dale College Governing Body, and former chairman Joe Fyfer.

Chairman Andrew Hunt and several other committee members were on hand to answer questions and give first-hand advice to interested parents.

Application forms have been sent to the parents of about 50 prospective new Dalians. Replies are awaited and some have already enrolled. Three booked in 1998 for the year 2000.

Andrew Hunt told the AGM that it was in the interests of the parents' association and the school to increase the number of Gauteng boys at Dale.

More boys would make a larger bus more cost-effective, more parents would mean a bigger pool of people to draw on for fund-raising, leading to more and bigger activities.

As a result more money would be available for the association to donate towards improvements at Dale hostels. The workload in the association could be spread, relieving some members of the large amount of work they willingly took on.

AWESOME! WHAT AN EXPERIENCE FOR OUR HOCKEY BOYS IN UK



AT THE CUTTY SARK, London. Standing (left to right): Graeme Klerck (coach), Hilton Jarman (master), Anathi Ngcakani, Craig Carter, Shane Friedrichs, Donovan Nixon, Steven Poortman, Garth Friedenstein, Shawn Els, Warren Kopke, Kofi Amparabeng, Mike Eddy (manager). Front: Michael du Plessis, Loyiso Mgebisa, Lamla Fihla, Morgan Tinline, Morne Cloete and Veeral Patel



BIG MACS (left to right): Shane Friedrichs, Steven Poortman, Morne Cloete and Shawn Els enjoy a McDonalds lunch, which became popular with the tourists. Morgan Tinline says he had about 14 Big Mac meals

By HILTON JARMAN

(Edited extracts from his report on the 1999 hockey tour to Britain)

AN OVERSEAS tour for a schoolboy is a huge extravagance in these economically depressed times. To set some minds at rest, the tour did not cost the school a cent. All costs were met by the parents, fund-raising and donations.

Now the tour is over, I think it is very easy for parents to justify the expense. For the boys the tour was an awesome experience socially, educationally and from a hockey point of view.

Our flight to London was uneventful and apart from a mysterious but persistent drip on to Graeme Klerck's head, very comfortable. The drip was eventually traced, not to a fault with SAA's newest 747-400, but to Lamla Fihla's Energade bottle in the overhead locker.

The first valuable lesson learned by the boys and some of the staff was to travel light. Tube travel with a sea chest on your lap is not pleasant. Once the train has disappeared down that dark tunnel and you are left holding one bag less than when you started out, you will probably not wear your new Diesel jeans again. Only half an hour of intense prayer in Westminster Cathedral saved Loyiso Mgebisa this fate.

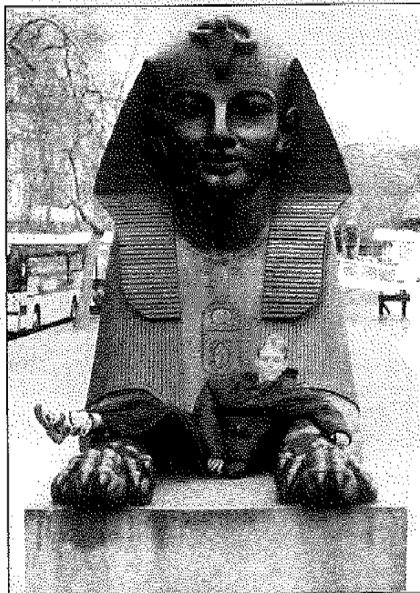
One of the brilliant things about London is that it can provide hours of entertainment at no cost. As cash-strapped South Africans it is easy to justify not dipping into your pockets for street entertainers around Covent Garden and Leicester Square. Our first night was spent wandering around soaking up the atmosphere of this vibrant city.

On Day Two we were introduced to a new concept in continental breakfasts including juice, cereal, yoghurt, croissants, rolls, toast, sausages, eggs, beans, hashbrowns, coffee and to our bus driver, Steve, a very pleasant, competent and accommodating man.

We drove up to Hailbury, the school that was to host us first, and even from the safety of the bus it looked intimidating. Acres of manicured lawns and miles of ancient stone buildings. The staff dining room contained a table about the size of our Sports Centre and an atmosphere so reserved it even tempered Mr Klerck's enthusiasm for attacking food.

Our first match was played in fine condi-

Bully for you, Dalians – a great tour!



AT CLEOPATRA'S STATUE, London: Garth Friedenstein

tions against mediocre opposition, but we put on a poor display and lost 1-0. The inadequacies of our wardrobe came to the fore at the very formal post-match dinner. Jeans or khaki trousers are not formal enough for that sort of affair.

We travelled to Trent College near Nottingham via the town of Rugby, where we saw the famous school, the Rugby Museum

and the Gilbert factory. Our match was a tough, physical affair and we lost by three goals to one (by Steven Poortman.)

What makes a tour like this socially exciting is that the party is hosted by the parents and teachers of the school. This is a first-class way to experience how people from many backgrounds live. The hospitality was exceptional. At Trent Mr Klerck's aversion to tasty food was put to the test when we visited a curry house.

At Uppingham – another grand and ancient school steeped in tradition – I realised we had reached another plane of civilisation when we were offered a dry sherry before lunch. Our match was a lacklustre affair and we lost 5-2 (Poortman and Kofi Ambarabeng).

In the evening we were guests at their end-of-season hockey dinner. Thanks to a special at the Nottingham Forest Supporters' shop we were able to look not formal but at least the same.

Cambridge (our next stop) has a special atmosphere. The best option is just to stroll around and take in the hustle-bustle and the glorious architecture. Cambridge offers excellent shopping and our shopaholics were able to join in the English national pastime, continually plaguing Mr (Mike) Eddy for cheques. Against the Leys School we played some attractive hockey but lost 4-0.

On route to Amersham to play Dr Challoner's Grammar School we stopped at Windsor to visit the Queen and consume the now traditional lunch – a Big Mac. Unfortunately, the Queen was busy but she did allow us to pay £9 and to walk around Her Castle.

Our game against Dr Challoner's was the worst of the tour. We played abysmally and lost 2-1 (Poortman).

Bath is a wonderful city to visit and as it was such a fine day, we took an open-top bus tour.

Our next two-night stop was Penarth, in Wales. Reminiscent of Mossel Bay but with Cardiff and the colossal 1999 Rugby World Cup stadium in the background this was the scene of our first win of the tour. Playing Standwell Comprehensive in a very tense affair we won 3-2 (Poortman and Shane Friedrichs).

The hockey part of the tour ended where the 1996 tour began in Croydon. It was good to revisit what must be two of the most affluent

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THE MYSTERY DRIP THAT GAVE COACH GRAEME KLERCK CHINESE TORTURE

THE DAY HARRODS SAID NO TO 'KORT-BROEK' HILTON JARMAN

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schools in the world. Both Trinity and Whitgift belong to the same foundation and have almost equal facilities but are bitter rivals.

Trinity has a £10-million indoor sports complex including a Health and Racquet-style gym. Both schools have brand-new artificial turfs.

In 1996 we beat Trinity but this time they turned on the power and won 9-4 (Friedrichs 3 and Poortman 1). Despite the score this was an entertaining game.

Against Whitgift, spurred on by the shrieking of Jenny Freen and the surprise appearance of John Huggett (another ex-Dale teacher) we won 2-1 (Mgebisa and Garth Friedenstien). Whitgift will tour South Africa in 2000 and we can hopefully play them for the third time.

For many of the boys the four days in London were the highlight. On our first night we all went to "Phantom of the Opera." Days



AIRPORT WAIT. Back (left to right): Shane Friedrichs, Craig Carter, Warren Kopke and Michael du Plessis, Front: Garth Friedenstien and Morne Cloete

were spent shopping – not at Harrods where I was refused entry on account of my appalling dress sense (shorts) – visiting markets, Greenwich, the major tourist attractions and wandering around.

We went to the Hard Rock Café for our traditional team night out. Some boys and staff went on a Jack the Ripper tour and this was a fairly chilling experience.

On some occasions the boys were given time to do their own thing. I like to think they took advantage of these times to complete their education by walking through places like Chinatown and Soho. Morne Cloete and Shane Friedrichs spent most of their time trying to get back to our residence on the Underground – most of us thought it was a simple system.

There is always far more luggage for the return trip, but the runways at Heathrow are very long and the Spirit of Madiba finally got off the ground for a dripless and pleasant flight home.

• The nice thing about the tour was that each individual wasn't on his own mission. We went as a team and did things together as a team. If somebody was in trouble everybody would stand by him.

The tour ended up being a great social experience and many hearts were broken (sorry Lamla and Shanel). One of our coaches told me it would be good to escape from my South African girlfriend and try some of the English talent (but I didn't).

The standard of English hockey was amazing. We could have won more games but I guess we didn't have our minds in the right place. Our last two games were our best. We started to pull ourselves together and do the right thing.

We found the people there very friendly – there were no grudges, no fights on or off the field.

– Garth Friedenstien, of Eastleigh, Edenvale.

QUOTES – by our boys on the tour

• What I enjoyed most, apart from the McDonalds Happy Meals, was staying with our hosts. I was able to learn more about them and see how their lifestyles compared with ours.

Going to England was a great experience and the first hockey squad was a great ambassador for Dale College. Although we did not do so well everyone played well. We beat our toughest opposition that proves we are a very good side. The teams we played against were very good and we gained a lot of experience.

It was great to have some ex-Dale teachers supporting us and showing us around.

– Michael du Plessis, formerly of Johannesburg, whose parents now live in Uganda.

• Food over there was very expensive but thanks to the money we were given for lunch every day I must have had about 14 Big Mac meals!

Throughout the tour I remained cold but I really enjoyed the walking and sightseeing. It was unbelievable how much there was to see and do.

I was amazed at how organised England was. There were hardly ever any long lines and the people were so friendly, especially in Wales.

We did not do too well on the hockey field and we realised how naturally brilliant those boys were and how organised their hockey set-ups were.

I hope Dale will get to that level before I leave. I gained an immense amount of experience from playing there which has helped me and will continue to do so.

– Morgan Tinline, of Petit, Gauteng, since chosen for the SA Under 16 hockey team.

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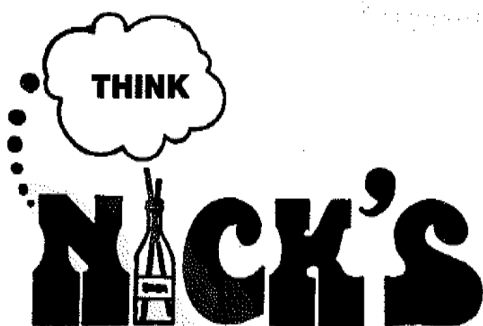
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Dalians shine with bat and ball

THE 1998-99 cricket season was one of the most successful by a Dale College First XI in recent years. "It produced some tremendously exciting games and outstanding performances," commented Marco van Zyl after his first season at Dale as cricket coach.

The team played 24 matches, winning ten and losing four, with ten draws or no results. They took 214 wickets during the season and conceded 150. Top of the averages were:

BOWLING:

- Monde Zondeki ("the fastest schoolboy bowler I have ever seen," says Marco): 18 wickets for 214 runs in 72 overs in nine matches, an average of 11.8 runs per wicket and 2.9 runs an over. His best performance of four wickets for 24 runs was achieved playing for a Combined King William's Town team against Border Academy.

BATTING:

- Francois Vermaak: 512 runs (including four 50s and a highest score of 64 not out), with an average of 34.1.
- Abongile Sodumo: 596 runs (three 50s and a top score of 81), averaging 29.8.
- Shane Friedrichs: 505 runs (three 50s and a top score of 58), averaging 28.

AFTER a drawn game against Pinetown Boys' High (Abongile Sodumo 41) and an 11-run defeat by Union High (Themba Mbada 39), Dale performed well in the Cape Schools tournament at the start of the season. They won one match, lost one and drew two.

The first match against Kimberley Boys' High was drawn after Dale scored 242 for six. (Donovan Lentz 60 not out, Francois Vermaak 51 not out and Dumisa Makalima 50). Kimberley replied with 163 for eight (Makalima 3 for 20).

The draw against Rondebosch was one of the tensest matches I have ever watched. Dale scored 212 very slow runs (Makalima 86 and Mbada 82 not out), leaving Rondebosch to get them in 45 overs.

Rondebosch ended up needing one run off the last ball. Malibongwe Maketa bowled, the batsman missed, wicket-keeper Abongile Sodumo hit the stumps with his throw. The batsman was run out the scores were tied.

Dale had a comfortable victory over Wynberg, passing their score of 184 with seven wickets in hand (Steven Poortman 50 and Sodumo 45 not out).

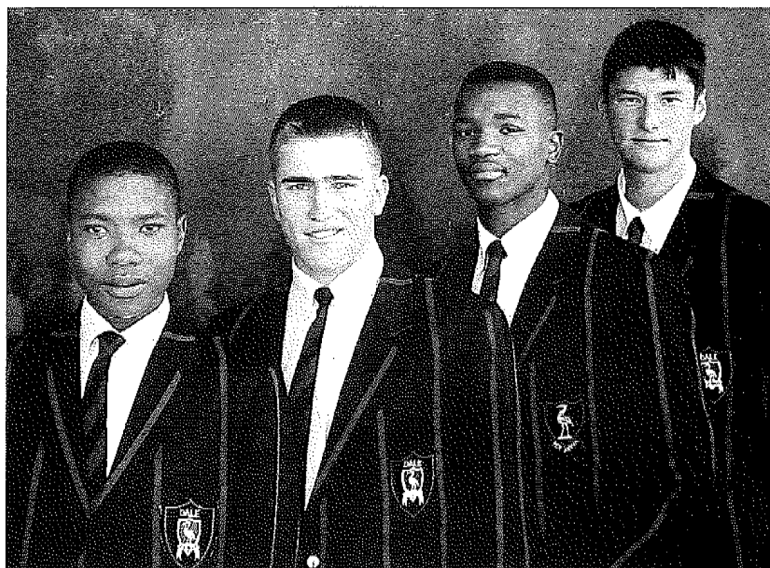
Against Bishops Dale were soon in trouble at one run for three wickets. Then followed a brilliant 125-run partnership by Sodumo (who finished with 81) and Maketa (50) for Dale to end on 177 all out. Good bowling kept us in the game but two dropped catches eventually cost us the match. Bishops scored the winning runs off the second last ball of the last over (Maketa four for 32).

We went on to beat Port Rex (by eight wickets), Cambridge (seven wickets), Stirling (45 runs), Hudson Park (six wickets) and a King William's Town Invitation side (six wickets).

Dale drew with Queen's (Shane Friedrichs 53 in Dale's 133 for nine in reply to 201 for seven by Queen's). The game against Selborne produced no result.

In the last game of the 1998 fourth term, played in Grahamstown, St Andrew's batted first on a wet pitch and were out for 157. This seemed an easy target but ill-disciplined batting and good bowling had us in trouble at 44 for five.

Eventually we needed five runs off three



TOP OF POPS (from left): Abongile Sodumo, Francois Vermaak, Monde Zondeki and Shane Friedrichs

Outstanding performances in exciting cricket

BY MARCO VAN ZYL

Besides being the first team cricket coach, Marco is sports administrator at Dale College. A product of Union High School, Graaff-Reinet, he joined the Dale staff in September last year and also coaches rugby. He is responsible for sports discipline and is part of Dale's promotional team.



balls with one wicket in hand. The winning run was hit off the last ball and we could breathe again (Sodumo 45).

During the last week of the December holidays Dale played in the Alexandra High School cricket festival in Maritzburg. On the way we had a two-night stopover in Elliott, where we were very well looked after by Old Dalians, especially by Robin and Antoinette Cloete, at whose home we stayed.

We won two games against Northwood High School (Sodumo 50 in Dale's 184 for nine) and a Maritzburg Invitation team (Vermaak 64 not out in Dale's 132 for six) and lost to Maritzburg College.

In a disappointing game against Maritzburg, we fielded badly and allowed them to

score 255 runs in 50 overs (Zondeki three for 24). After being 75 without loss we collapsed to be all out for 127.

Back on the Border, Dale had a comfortable 91-run win over Cambridge where we were entertained by one of the best schoolboy knocks I have ever seen.

Donovan Lentz scored 107 not out off 122 balls. When he came to the crease at No 6 Dale were in trouble at 59 for four. He applied himself very well and worked hard for ones and twos. His first 50 came off 78 balls, but his next 57 runs came off 44. Dale hit 227 for five. Zondeki took three wickets for 17 in Cambridge's reply of 136.

We lost by 110 runs to Grey, Port Elizabeth, where our batsmen failed to apply themselves. Zondeki's three for 55 were the best bowling figures. Matches against Queen's, Muir and Hudson Park were interrupted by rain and could not be completed.

Our talented top order eventually put it together against Selborne. We scored 265 for five (Sodumo 79, Vermaak 54), but did not leave ourselves enough time to bowl them out.

In the season's last game against Kingswood, Dale's batting failed again, but we hung on for a draw (139 for nine against 168 all out, with Lentz taking three wickets for 17).

With only one first team player leaving at the end of 1999 we can look forward to an even better season.

On the way up...

- Malibongwe Maketa, captain of Dale in 1998, was chosen to captain the Border Schools Under 18A team. Donovan Lentz, captain in 1999, Steven Poortman and Shane Friedrichs played for Border Under 18B, while Abongile Sodumo, Themba Mbada and Luzuko Mbinda represented Border Schools Under 17.

- Maketa has joined the Border Cricket Academy and Dumisa Makalima the SA Cricket Academy under ex-Springbok captain and all-rounder Clive Rice.

The Heron, the Fish and the Kudu

OLD DALIANS of all eras turned out in strength to welcome VIP visitors from the Border at a lunch at the St Stithians Old Boys' Club in Randburg last October.

The visitors included ODU National President Paul Smit, Headmasters James Haupt (Dale College) and Mike Hosty (Dale Junior), Jack Rosenberg, newly-appointed Old Dalian PRO and Lyle Mundell, a member of the ODU executive, of Stutterheim.

It was a day of camaraderie

between Old Daliens, but also between the Heron, the Fish and the Kudu. Old Queenian local chairman Eldred Braun and Old Selbornian president Dave McLeod were guests.

The tables were decorated appropriately in black-and-white linen with red serviettes by the St Stithians caterer, Mandy Langman, who has divided Border loyalties: her father and brother are Old Selbornians and her uncles, Keith and Basil Kieck, are Old Daliens.

In his talk Mr Haupt spoke of the 'incredible bond' between Dale and its sporting rivals. "The people coaching at Dale are very often Queenians or Selbornians and vice versa," he said. It was a bond to be maintained.

After referring to the success of the Dale Under 14 and Under 13 teams, Mr Haupt said:

"We have a wonderful future in rugby. We are terribly proud of our achievements." Other comments included:

On cricket: "We have at least four players who I believe are going to play for South Africa." On athletics: "We have four of the fastest sprinters on the Border." On academics: "The achievement of our pupils is incredible."

Mr Hosty said Dale Junior had never been as strong before and was going from strength to strength. Every year only 50 new boys were selected to enter Grade 1. The (cultural) ratio was 50-50.

"We spend more time screening and interviewing parents than boys," he said. What was apparent now was the commitment of parents and the high quality of boys of colour coming through.

Pastor Paul Smit said Old Dalian funding was a headache. "We are not in the strong position we were once in. Only a third of the matrices applied for Old Dalian colours and the overwhelming majority of those who did were blacks."



AH-HA, AH-HA, AH-HA ...
Veteran Old Dalian Harold Miller (1935) leads the War Cry



TONY CRASSIS ... Sorry, I'm
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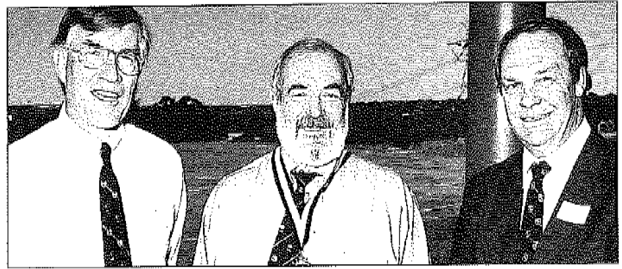


'70s OLD DALIANS: Kim Copland, Peter Wales, Grant Turnbull,
Dave Ellwood and Neil Turnbull



'60s DALIANS: Jace Tennier, Copper Tressider, Don van der Merwe
and Chris Bull

'Cherish this incredible bond'



FRIENDS (off the field): Dave Sephton-Poultney (Dale), Dave
McLeod (Selborne) and Eldred Braun (Queen's)



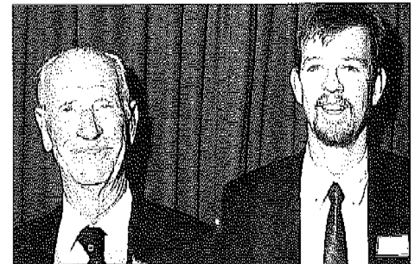
39 YEARS ON: Alec Wainwright and Dave Giese (right) recall how
Alec's elbow was broken in 1960 after Dave (allegedly) tripped Alec
in a rugby practice. With them (from left): Keith Willows and Peter
von Hoesslin



'50s OLD DALIANS: George Drakatos, Phil Erasmus, Henry
Serfontein and Eddie Coetzer

I PLAYED FOR DALE WITH YOUR OUPA

Wynand Serfontein
with Des Webber,
who played in the
unbeaten '38 Dale
rugby team with
Serf's grand-dad
Barry Wiggett



• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

HOW will business management change in the new millenium? With a breezy blend of blarney and serious thoughts, an amiable Irishman entertained Old Daliens with his assessment and some predictions on leadership style and strategy when he addressed their mid-year Johannesburg lunch.

Mark Peters (no kin of business guru Tom but quite a fundi himself) stood in for Old Dalian Andy Andrews, dean of the Graduate Institute of Management and Technology, who sent his regrets.

Mark, who is CIMT's managing director, suggested that to improve their services companies would

move closer to clients. Suppliers would become more involved in their customers' businesses and more in tune with their needs.

About 60 Old Daliens enjoyed a good lunch at the Wanderers' Golf Club and a stimulating talk garnished liberally with Irish humour. Mark left with a gift of a bottle of Jameson.

NEXT FUNCTION:

• The branch will hold its year-end lunch at the same venue on Friday, November 5. The headmasters of Dale College and Dale Junior, as well as ODU National President Kelvin Bahlmann, have been invited to attend.



WINNERS: Dale supporters: Tony Watson (left) and Bryan van der Schyff with the SA Oil Mills Trophy



NEAREST THE PIN: Old Dalian Bobby Hains



THIRD PRIZE: Les Liebenberg (left) and Andrew Moorcroft

Friends of Dale claim golf honours

FRIENDS of Dale scooped the prizes at the 1998 TransDale parents' golf tournament, held at Leeuwkop Club last October. The tournament, which drew a field of nearly 100 players, raised nearly R9 000 for the association, Dale College and Dale Junior.

Regular supporters Bryan van der Schyff and Tony Watson romped home with 46 points to win the SA Oil Mills Trophy for College House and cell phones donated by Siemens.

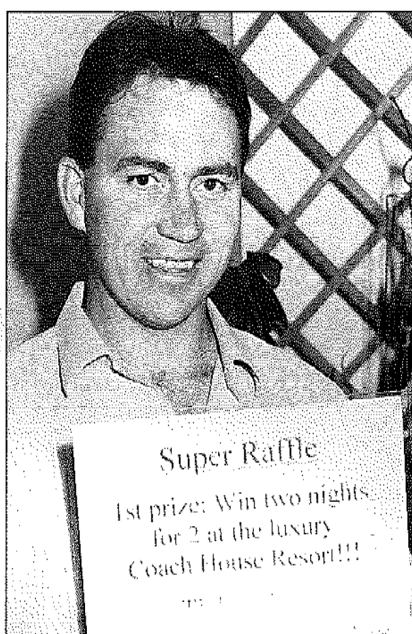
Main sponsors again were the Tiger Oats group, which donated R3 400. They have supported the golf day every year since they presented the trophy in 1986.

The winners were followed by Robert Vogel and Rodney Haiden, on a count-out with 42 points. Each won a Kenwood Gourmet mixer, from an anonymous donor.

Third prizes, also on 42, went to Les Liebenberg, an Old Parktonian stalwart and the father-in-law of an Old Dalian, and Andy Moorcroft, an Old Kingswoodian and long-time friend and supporter. They each won a R250 shopping mall voucher, donated by Old Dalian Don Searle of Sagercy, and a bottle of champagne.

The parents' association switched the venue to Leeuwkop because their traditional "home", Benoni Country Club, was under reconstruction.

A former Dale parent and regular supporter, Denis Lariviere and his partner, Andy



LUCKY AGAIN: Old Dalian Kim Copland ... for the second year
• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

Laventus, were fourth with 41 points, winning irrigation systems donated by Aquapro.

Bobby Hains, an Old Dalian, was nearest the pin for three on the five-par ninth hole. Gary van Byk won the other nearest-the-pin prize and Athol Carter hit the longest drive. Prizes for the most golf were won by Old Dalian Bruce Stride and his partner. They received books giving tips on how to play the game.

Ladies' prizes went to Yvonne van Rensburg (longest drive and nearest the pin) and to former Dale parent Vicky D'Agneel and Michele Gillespie.

The main raffle for a weekend for two at the luxury Coach House resort near Tzaneen was won by Old Dalian Kim Copland, a nine handicap golfer who plays regularly in parents' tournaments and last year won a trip to the Victoria Falls.

The Tiger Oats group's sponsorship included donations by these associate companies: Tiger Oats Ltd, Albany Bakeries, Tastic Rice, Fattis and Monis, Ace and Induna, Jungle Oats, Langeberg, SA Margarine and Colman Foods.

Other sponsors included: First National Bank, DNS, Dipcivils, Thomas Booth, SA Breweries and Maxipress.

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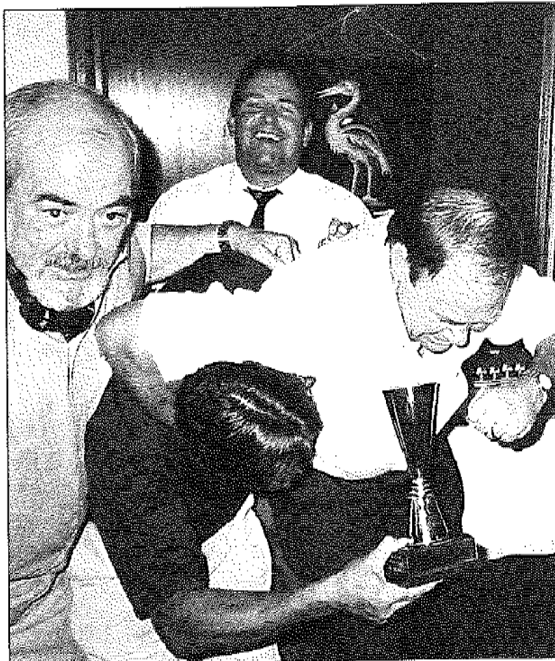
FOR the fifth successive time, Gauteng Old Dalians won the triangular golf trophy against Queen's and Selborne old boys this year. But it was closer this time, Dale winning by just three points.

Queen's were second and Selborne third. The Old Dalians claimed that the margin would have been larger but for a phenomenal 42 points scored by an Old Queenian playing off the maximum 24 handicap!

Old Dalian golfers included Sean and Rowan Hemphill, Ivan Venter, Dave Harris, Neil Crossey, Jimmy Johnston, Hylton Turnbull, Russell Spring, Bruce Patience, Grant Turnbull, Quentin Coaker, Richard Beresford, brothers Terence and Dale Ladner, Colin Lawlor, Alan and Joe Sutton and Del Terwin.

They were joined by honorary Old Dalian Neville Patience, father of Bruce, and Grant Turnbull's father Dave, both ex-chairmen of the TransDale Parents' Association.

The match, held at Parkview Golf Club, Johannesburg, in February, was organised as usual by the local Old Selbornian Association, led this year by Eugene (Bushie) Bester, who has succeeded Dave Macleod as chairman. Many thanks to The Fish!



HIGH TACKLE! Old Dalian golf captain Ivan Venter is scragged (good-naturedly) by Old Selbornian ex-chairman Dave Macleod and Old Queenian chairman Eldred Braun after Dale's win. In the background, Bushie Bester



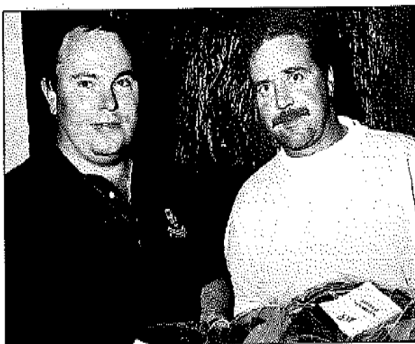
THE CUP STAYS AT DALE

Ivan Venter (with cup) and Old Selbornian chairman Bushie Bester

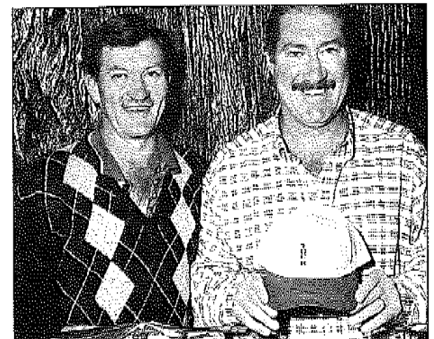


PRIZE-WINNER
Neil Crossey

Garvin and Dave are Old Dalian golf winners



PRIZE-WINNERS (from left) Garvin Ogden and Dave Nagle (first), Terence and Dale Ladner and Neil and Hylton Turnbull



GARVIN OGDEN, an Old Dalian playing off a three handicap, and his partner Dave Nagle, off 13, won this year's Gauteng OD golf tournament by one point.

They scored 42 points in a betterball stableford competition to edge out Mike Hobson and Mark Biassoni, two regular supporters of Dale tournaments.

The competition, held on June 4 and for the second successive year at Leeuwkop Golf Club, drew a field of about 70 Old Dalians and friends. Despite the mid-winter conditions the course was in fine shape. The tournament raised more than R3 000 for Old Dalian funds.

Not far behind the leaders were a crop of pairs on 39 points, whose places in the prize list were decided by count-outs. They included Old Dalian brothers, Terence and Dale Ladner, and Malcolm Gordon and his partner, M Sutton.

Partners bracketed on 37 points included Old Dalians Neil and Hylton Turnbull, Greg Mackay and his father John and Patrick Klebb and Russell Spring. On 36 were Old Dalians Kim Copland and Grant Turnbull (who organised the tournament).

Two-club winners were: Kim Copland, Peter



PRIZE-WINNERS (from left) Patrick Klebb and Russell Spring, Malcolm Gordon and John and Greg Mackay



Carey, Thomas Alot (a three-handicap golfer), Quentin Coaker and Mark Biassoni.

• Leeuwkop local rule No 3 states: Power lines – a compulsory replay without exception if a pylon or overhead power line is struck, without

penalty. Jack Noble, playing with his Old Dalian father-in-law, hit the same power line twice. Teeing off a third time, without penalty, he hit his ball into the water!

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COURT WILL ADJOURN!

Old Dalian Justice Waddington leaves the law after 46 years

By JOE SUTTON

WHEN Charles Waddington was at Dale College in the 1940s he wanted to be a doctor. There was not enough money for him to study medicine so he took up law instead. It turned out to be an excellent second choice.

Next month he will retire after a distinguished legal career, which has spanned 46 years, the last 21 as a judge in Rhodesia/Zimbabwe and South Africa.

"It's time to relax a little with my novels, cameras, bowls, grandchildren, bicycle and, last but not least, my wife Shirley," he told me.

The highlights of his career, he considers, were:

- Taking part, as legal adviser to the Rhodesian Government, in the constitutional talks with Britain at Geneva in 1978.

- Being appointed the first Senior Counsel in Rhodesia and later a judge.

One of his more amusing moments on the bench was when a cattle farmer, trying to impress the judge by speaking in English, called him "Your Majesty!"

At Dale College from 1940 to 1947, Charles won his tennis colours and was a prefect in his matric year.

Abandoning his ambition to study medicine, he went to Rhodes University where he graduated BA, LLB and met Shirley Wild, daughter of the professor of psychology. They were married in 1954 a year after Charles had emigrated to Southern Rhodesia.

After joining the public service he climbed steadily up the legal ladder. He was admitted to the Rhodesian Bar in 1955 and rose to become Director of Public Prosecutions and, in 1968, Solicitor-General.

He was appointed Senior



FLASHBACK: Fifty years after he matriculated, Charles Waddington returned to Dale for the 1997 Reunion and a mini-reunion with some of his old classmates. From left: John Gouverneur, Martin Robinson (also a lawyer), Charles, Grant Davis and Peter (Tiny) Dixon. Charles, Peter and Grant were in the same class from Std 4 in 1941 till Std 10,

The day a witness called the learned judge 'Your Majesty'

Where are they now?

Counsel in the same year, a judge of the High Court of Rhodesia in 1979 and judge of appeal in Zimbabwe in 1984.

At the end of 1984 Charles was invited to join the High Court bench in Bophuthatswana. "We decided to return to the land of our births and moved to Mafikeng," he said.

"In 1994 when Bophuthatswana was re-incorporated into South Africa I found myself on the High Court bench of South Africa in Mafikeng."

As a judge he has tried hundreds of criminal and civil cases and conducted judicial commissions of inquiry. During the past ten years he has been chairman of the Legal Aid Board in Mafikeng.

He has held circuit courts in

Masvingo (formerly Fort Victoria), Gweru (Gwelo), Mutare (Umtali) in Zimbabwe, and Temba, Ga-Rankuwa and Sun City in South Africa.

While he was on circuit in South Africa the Waddingtons' "second home" was frequently the Holiday Inn in Pretoria from which he commuted daily to distant rural courts.

We suggested to Charles that, in his long career, his cases may have included "anything from assault and theft to armed robbery, hijacking, cash-in-transit heists, murder, poisoning, multi murder, witchcraft, corruption, fraud and white-collar crime."

"Yes," said the judge, "I have prosecuted and tried all the crimes you mention." One of his last trials was a hijack-murder case which lasted several months.

In Zimbabwe, he was once up against "the late great (advocate) Issy Maisels in a political trial which endured for three months."

"It was held 30 miles outside Harare so that the great crowds would not disrupt the proceedings," he said.

Charles well remembers three other trials:

- The Queen vs Leopold Geof-

frey Smith who shot and killed several people and wounded many others in 1965 "in an orgy of killing/shooting" in the Eastern Districts of Zimbabwe. "I prosecuted. Smith was hanged."

- The trial of six military and police officers who in 1988 were accused of trying to overthrow the Bophuthatswana Government. "After a two-month trial I acquitted all of them."

- The six-week trial of a cattle thief in Mafikeng in 1985. "He stole hundreds of cattle from well-known (mainly Afrikaans-speaking) farmers in the area."

"They all testified in Afrikaans except for one who thought he would impress the English-speaking judge by himself testifying in English. The trouble was he could not decide how to address me," said the judge.

"After trying 'Your Honour' (wrong), 'Your Worship' (wrong), 'My Lord' (correct), he finally decided to concentrate on 'Your Majesty', doubtless thinking that this honorific would please the bench!

"The most onerous task of a judge was to impose sentence of death. Having to divorce innumerable couples has sorely tested one's faith in human nature."

The distinguished judge has one comment on the new 1994 South African constitution: "One of its effects has been to make it more difficult for the State in some notable areas to obtain convictions in criminal cases. This gives many lawyers cause for some concern."

But the retired Mr Justice Waddington will have other things on his mind when he leaves Mafikeng after 15 years in November to settle in Meadowridge, Cape Town.

"After 46 years in the law it feels great to think that soon all I will have to decide each day is whether to bowl, cycle, read, plan the next trip or learn to cook."

"I hope to meet many Old Daliens of my vintage in the Cape. Music, ballet and theatre will also have two more enthusiastic supporters."

- Charles and Shirley Waddington have three daughters, Lynne, a research scientist, Wendy, a gynaecologist and obstetrician, and Jenny, a desktop publisher.

Nick Mallett slept here!

- Charles Waddington was delighted to learn that Dale had beaten Bishops in the Top 20 Schools rugby challenge at Loftus Versfeld. He recalls that in Rhodesia he used to play squash against Tony Mallett, father of Springbok coach Nick and later headmaster of Bishops.

"Tony played cricket for England in the Victory Tests immediately after the Second World War and was a fearsome squash player."

"He and his wife once came to dinner bringing their two baby sons, one of whom was Nick. The two boys we laid to sleep on our double bed. But Nick will not remember the occasion, I'm sure."

GREETINGS TO THE DALE FAMILY
From LLF (Lyle) WOOD

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A VETERAN Old Dalian who swam and played rugby for Dale in the 1930s has emerged as the "stroke guru" of South Africa's world-class swimming star Penny Heyns.

Gordon (Tubby) Lynn, 79 in October, was vice-captain of the unbeaten 1938 Dale First XV, won the 440 yards in athletics and swam for Dale's winning Athlone Shield relay team for a record five years.

Now Tubby, who has coached Penny since 1991, has been described as the "David Leadbetter of swimming." In 1996 she dedicated her first Olympic gold medal to him.

In six weeks this year she broke nine world breaststroke records – four of them in one week – over distances of 50 metres, 100 metres and 200 metres and then a week later a short-course record over 100 metres.

At school Tubby was anything but tubby and neither is he today. He keeps "reasonably fit" by swimming three times a week (in a heated pool during winter).

The nickname was more descriptive of his father Hubert (Tubby) Lynn, a King William's Town attorney.

"Tubby always said I could swim under one minute seven (seconds). I thought he was crazy but he was right," said Penny after breaking the world 100 m breaststroke record for the fourth time in July. This she did with a 1:06.95 performance in San Francisco.

"I now believe him when he says I can go even faster," the 24-year-old star told the Sunday Tribune's Gary Lemke after she produced what he described as "the second finest performance in swimming history, bettered only by Mark Spitz's seven gold medals at the 1972 Olympics."

"Heyns set four world records in as many swims in a week, lowering the 100 m to that 1:06.96 and the 200 m breaststroke to 2:24.51," he wrote.

Since then Penny has set four more world records and won three gold medals in the Pan Pacific championships in Sydney and broken another three in South Africa.

Lemke says Penny "speaks in glowing terms of him (Lynn) and feels that he should take a lot of credit for her unexpected performances in San Francisco."

Gary Lemke's report continues: "How much faster? 'At least a second,' according to Lynn. He is to Heyns what David Leadbetter is to the world's best golfers."

"While Leadbetter looks at the player's swing and makes adjustments where he deems necessary, Lynn analyses Heyns's stroke – she is one of a whole number of proteges under his eye – and corrects flaws."

"As delightful a man as you're ever fortunate enough to encounter, Lynn is well qualified to speak on swimmer's strokes and he is as

Where are they now?

Dale's Tubby Lynn is Penny's 'stroke guru'



ABOVE:
Tubby Lynn
in a tracksuit
today.

LEFT: Tubby
in a colours
blazer as
vice-captain
of Dale's
'38 unbeaten
rugby team

much a stroke guru as Leadbetter is with the golfer's swing.

"He has a lifetime of experience – he swam for Border in the then Currie Cup – and a mind that is still as sharp as a button."

"Armed with his word processor, books and video library, he meticulously studies the stroke itself."

Tubby Lynn told Lemke: "I communicate with Penny quite a lot, particularly by e-mail. I first met her at the 1991 nationals in Cape Town and we have had a lot of fun together. She really is a phenomenal athlete and I have no doubt that she can swim somewhere in the 1:05s."

"When Penny gets her stroke technique right she sets records. It's all subject to timing and rhythm. When she gets things 100 per cent and balances out her stroke she'll go 1:05."

Late in August Penny came closer to that magic time by clocking 1:06.52 to break her own world record in Sydney in the first of her four record-breaking swims there.

From his home in Waterfall, near Hillcrest, Natal, Tubby told Trans-Dale: "I was very pleased but did not expect it so soon. But in view of her record-breaking swims before Pan-Pacs I don't think these latest efforts were unexpected. I believe she'll still go down further."

"At the moment Penny is the greatest breaststroke swimmer of all time. No swimmer has ever held both 100 metre and 200 metre breast-

stroke world records."

Tubby has had a varied career since leaving Dale. He went to Rhodesia to learn tobacco farming but "hunted instead," he said.

When the Second World War broke out he returned to South Africa, served in the infantry in the Western Desert and fought in the historic Battle of El Alamein. At Castiglione, Italy, he was wounded in the knee and after that did not swim competitively or play serious rugby.

Despite this Tubby's interest in sport did not wane. After the war he took a course in sports technique and remedial exercise (mostly anatomy and physiology) run by the Department of Physical Medicine.

He was given a 60-acre irrigation "settlement farm" under an ex-servicemen's scheme near Loskop Dam in the Transvaal.

In the early 1950s the coloured people were taken off the voters' roll by the Nationalist Government by controversial means. Tubby joined the Torch Commando under war hero Sailor Malan which campaigned against the move.

"This caused the unwelcome attention of the Police Special (security) Branch and affected my future (at Loskop)."

"When I later managed a sugar cane estate in Zululand I was confined to the estate when (Dr Hendrik) Verwoerd visited the area.

They had long memories!"

Tubby helped to establish the Progressive Party in Zululand and supported his ex-army colleagues in an election.

Still pursuing his interest in sport he joined the Department of Recreation at Richard's Bay to further swimming in a new Olympic pool complex. "This was very rewarding," said Tubby, "producing many national gold medallists and coaching overseas swimmers to the world championships."

Tubby studies stroke mechanics and fluid mechanics as applied to swimming. Penny visits him on return visits to South Africa. "We have stroke technique sessions, usually before big events. We keep in touch by e-mail."

"I act as a consultant to a few coaches and work with a number of national swimmers, but do not coach a squad. This is a hobby."

In August Tubby flew to Johannesburg to help produce a teaching video on stroke technique for the Headstart Swimming School which operates at Health and Racquet Clubs in Gauteng. It may be shown at schools.

Tubby keeps in touch with sports scientist Tim Noakes and visits him occasionally in Cape Town. "Tim has been my mentor for many years," he says. "Our first correspondence in 1976 was written by hand. Now we talk by e-mail."

Tubby finds it hard to go back to his roots in King. "I went back to Dale many years ago. Even then everything had changed. The school had moved to where I used to go for walks with my .22 rifle and dog."

Living in retirement at Waterfall, Tubby has his son Bruce next door and his daughter Anne "fairly near" at Umdloti. He has five grandchildren. Mark has graduated in geology from Rhodes. Juli-Anne is in her last year in physiotherapy at Stellenbosch. Penny is at the Natal Technikon and the other two girls are in matric. Tubby lost his wife, Elsa (nee Brugmann), a former KHS girl, in 1993.

"I find what I'm doing rewarding. I enjoy the interaction with swimmers. I hear from Tim Noakes about new research in exercise physiology," he says.

What makes Tubby tick? "What has kept me ticking is probably genetically endowed," he says. "My mother lived to be 92 or 93."

• The only other known survivor of the unbeaten 1938 Dale rugby, flanker Des Webber, lives in retirement in Edenvale, east of Johannesburg. Tubby Lynn played centre.

• Punchline from Tubby: "This morning I worked with a 12-year-old girl who has the greatest potential I have seen. Freestyle to start with, then we'll work on the other strokes."

Cheers, TransDaliens!

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Hockey star Wayne sets new goals at Rhodes

TOP DALE hockey player WAYNE SEDICE (matric class 1996, post-matric 1997) is taking a B.Comm degree at Rhodes University after studying marketing last year in East London.

While at the EL Technikon, Wayne worked as a housemaster at Selborne College. He is playing for the Rhodes first hockey team which recently went on tour to Potchefstroom.

At Dale, Wayne had an outstanding sporting record. He won hockey colours in 1994 and 1995 and honours in 1996. He was chosen as Frank Joubert House's all-round sportsman of 1996 and 1997, his post-matric year in which he also won provincial hockey colours.

Wayne played first team tennis for two years and captained the Dale first hockey team in 1997. In the same year he was selected for the Border Under 21 hockey team and the East London Hamiltons premier first team.

Since leaving Dale Wayne has played hockey for Hams, the Border men's squad, the Border Under 21 team and the East London Technikon team that won the intervarsity C tournament in Cape Town. He was also chosen for the South African Universities squad.

Other Old Dalians in their first year at Rhodes this year include:

B.Comm: Pantelelies Kacnis, Francis Kingston, Zebion Vermaak, Sivuyile Mqungwana.

BA: Jurgen Kietzman, Robert Campbell.

BAcc (accounting): Merryck Downing.

BScs (business science): Yashin Raghavjee.

BPha (pharmacy): Simpson Kojko.



FAMILY REUNION: Old Dalian Pat Connellan, 87, pictured with his sons Trevor (left) and Lorrie at a family reunion in May. Lorrie (1956-61), a wool-broker in Perth, Australia, flew over for a get-together of 1959-61 Dale sporting stars at the 1999 Reunion. Pat (1927-29), of Kei Road, attended the Reunion. Trevor (1959-64) lives in Komga.

Where are they now?



FIVE BROTHERS AT A WEDDING

FOUR Old Dalian brothers from across the world attended the wedding of a fifth in Botha's Hill, Natal, on July 10. Michael Beckley (matric class 1990), who is a lawyer in London, was married at the Kearsney College Chapel to Georgie Stead of Kloof.

Brothers James (1979) and John (1989) flew in from the Canary Islands where they are in the time-share business. Peter (1984) came from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, where he is also in time-share, and David (1994), the youngest, from London. David is coaching sport at a private school and playing rugby for a London club. Michael and Georgie now also live in London.

Two of the brothers, James and Peter, are already married. James has two daughters and a son called Dale. The brothers are the sons of Old Dalian Bill (1946) and Diana Beckley of Durban. The bride is the daughter of Judy Stead of Umhlanga Rocks.

• Pictured at the wedding are (from left): James, Peter, Michael, John and David.

From typewriter salesman to computer network boss

ALLAN CAWOOD (1974-75), who began his working life selling typewriters, has climbed further up the business ladder to a top post in the computer world.

From being managing director of Digital Networking Systems (DNS), he has been appointed MD, Networking, for Dimension Data, a leading information technology group. This gives him overall responsibility for Didata's local networking operations.

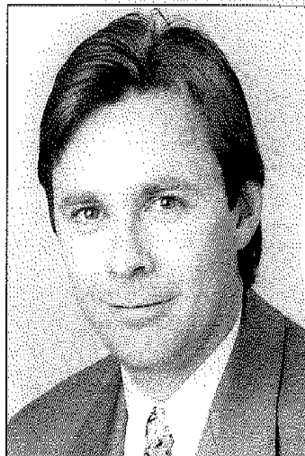
Allan founded DNS as a small, independent company in Johannesburg in 1989 and developed it into what is now described as "a serious player within the networking market in South Africa."

The company, in which Didata had a 25 per cent stake from 1993, was fully acquired by the group in January last year.

Allan has come a long way since he left Dale in 1975 to complete his education in Johannesburg. After starting as a typewriter salesman for Mercedes Office Machines, he moved to Olivetti, which he left to form DNS.

Early in his career both Allan and his wife Tersia studied part-time through UNISA to obtain BComm degrees, while living in a modest flat in Johannesburg's southern suburbs.

Now they live in Dainfern estate surrounding the Dainfern Country Club in Sandton. Allan is an enthusiastic golfer in between hard work and frequent business trips abroad and in South Africa.



ALLAN CAWOOD ... from Dale to Didata

• Alan Sutton (matric class 1978) is financial director of DNS, which he joined from Unidata.

Engineering masters degree for Craig

CRAIG WOOD (post-matric 1992) has obtained a masters degree in mechanical and manufacturing engineering (cum laude) from the Rand Afrikaans University. He has joined Savannah Engineering, Johannesburg-based air conditioning engineers and contractors, as a mechanical engineer.

After leaving Dale, Craig completed his B.Eng (Mechanical Engineering) at RAU in 1996 and then joined the university's Research Group for Cooling and Heating Technology. Several of his technical papers on thermo-dynamics have been published in international journals.

He has presented papers at five international conferences, including two in Nancy, France, and Los Angeles, California. He will shortly deliver another in Nashville, Tennessee.

While completing his MSc, Craig served as a junior lecturer in fluid mechanics and thermo-dynamics at RAU.

At Dale Craig was awarded hockey colours, netting ten goals in a season even though he did not go on tour. He has since played for the RAU First XI and Transvaal and SA Junior Board teams. He is also involved in the Scouting movement.

Craig, who lives in Randpark Ridge, has recently been working as a mechanical engineer on site in Menlyn Park, Pretoria.

Hands on, Jason

JASON FYFER (1998) is taking a six-year chiropractic course at Technikon Johannesburg. He won the geography prize last year, was chosen for the Border Schools team in the biathlon and was also a college and hostel prefect. Jason is the son of Joe and Pat Fyfer, of Kempton Park, former chairman and secretary of the TransDale Parents' Association.

Things go better ...

DANIEL DE OLIVEIRA (PM 1998) is working for Coca-Cola in Johannesburg and plays water polo for St Stithians Old Boys. Last year he won the top post-matric prize, was rewarded colours for water polo and played in the Border Under 19A team. Daniel is the son of Brenda de Oliveira of Randburg, former TransDale Parents' Association committee member.

On the road to becoming CAs

SEAN HEMPHILL and WARREN YOUNG, both 1994 Dale matriculants, are writing their final exams for the B.Compt (Hons) degree through Unisa. Both are articulated to chartered accountants Price Waterhouse Coopers and aim to become CAs.

Sean's younger brother ROWAN (1996) is in his third year of study at Allenby Campus, Johannesburg, for the same degree. They are the sons of Ronnie and Elizabeth Hemphill of Saxonwold, Johannesburg. Warren is the son of Anne and the late Alisdair Young of Johannesburg.

Where are they now?

From rock singer to worship leader, Wayne strikes the right chord

PASTOR-MUSICIAN, composer and singer, aircraft electrician and military illustrator . . . Old Dalian Wayne Carr is a man of many talents.

Before he settled down to a full-time career in the church, Wayne, now aged 38, played in a five-piece rock group and sang in pubs and restaurants as a one-man band.

Popular music plays a large role in worship at Cornerstone, a 800-strong congregation in Bedfordview, east of Johannesburg, where Wayne is both pastor and worship leader (musical director).

The church is part of the charismatic New Covenant Ministries International, which has congregations in 29 countries worldwide, including many in Western countries and in Africa.

As a day boy at Dale, Wayne was not a natural sportsman by inclination or talent but did his bit in conventional school sports. He dabbled in drama and took up karate and boxing in the town. Music and singing was not a major activity at Dale but in Std 9 Wayne began playing guitar at the Bethany Emmanuel Baptist Church and in local folk concerts.

After matriculating with a first-class pass in 1978 he moved to Johannesburg and joined Atlas as an apprentice aircraft electrician as part of his army service. Without formal training in art and design he developed a talent as an illustrator and joined the company's publications department. Four years later he left to start a one-man contracting business as an illustrator.

It was during this time that Wayne began playing "on the side" in a band and in the church, which was never far from his heart and way of life. Music and religion went hand in hand as Wayne joined Cornerstone when it started in 1983. He has been leading the worship there since 1989.

His gospel rock band, the "Dead Sea Scrolls," performed in coffee bars, Christian clubs and youth groups and open-air concerts.

Wayne is mainly a guitarist but also plays the keyboard and bass. It was during the early '90s that he played and sang for two years in pubs and restaurants as a one-man band. His repertoire included "anything from the Beatles

The Old Dalian musical Man of the Cloth

to my own music and songs," depending on the nature of the audience.

Full-time at Cornerstone since 1996, Wayne's duties involve pastoring and worship leading. Late in August, a CD he has made of gospel music won the Christian Booksellers' Association's "best new artist album" award for 1999. The CD can be summed up in one word, "joyous".

Earlier this year Wayne and his wife Heather, who is closely involved in Cornerstone, attended a week-long conference of about 200 New Covenant members at Battle, Sussex, not far from the scene of historic 1066 Battle of Hastings.

Delegates came from South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, the United States and mostly from Britain. As worship leader, Wayne directed the music at the conference which focused on leadership training. He composed many of the songs sung.

Wayne and Heather have three children, Tammy (11), who has musical ambitions, Ashley (8), a talented ballet dancer, and David (2). They have another musician in the house, Joshua (16) a whistling African Grey parrot. He



WAYNE CARR . . . singer with a mission
• Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

delights in imitating the sound of pouring water whenever a glass of (strictly soft) drink is served.

"I've had a few career changes in my life but have done the things I've enjoyed," says this versatile Old Dalian who appreciates the start Dale gave him in life. "It was a great school to go to. You don't get that standard of education up here today."

Dale 'Forties classmates in Cape reunion

FALKLANDS WAR hero Linley Middleton, DSO, hosted an Old Dalian mini-reunion of 1945 classmates on a visit to the Cape this year. Their lunch with their wives at Cape Town's new Holiday Inn lasted from 12.30 to 4.30 pm. "Incredible" stories of days at Dale were retold.

Those present were: Rear Admiral and Pam Middleton, Tommy and Mary Higgs, Wallace and Gerda van Zyl and John and Joan Marren. Where are they now?

Middleton, commander of the Royal Navy flagship *Hermes* in the South Atlantic conflict and later aide-de-camp to Queen Elizabeth, has retired to his home in Hazelmere, Surrey.

Higgs, former head of Dale Primary, first team rugby coach and later headmaster of Queen's College, lives in retirement in Somerset West.



55 YEARS ON (from left): Pam Middleton, John Marren, Gerda van Zyl, Tommy Higgs, Joan Marren, Linley Middleton and Mary Higgs.
• Picture: WALLACE VAN ZYL

Marren, retired after a lifetime in banking, watches the sunsets from Sea Point.

Van Zyl, former head of the Department, Urban and Regional Planning at the University of the Free State, now lectures part-time at Stellenbosch. He swims daily at Fish Hoek ("Call me Mr Baywatch," he says.)

An old 9a class photograph and another of Frank Joubert House was "the glue" which reunited these Old Dalian stalwarts in January, says Wallace. For space reasons, *TransDale* regrets that it cannot publish them in this issue.

Brynn buoyant at Exeter

BRYNN DIESEL (1997) is enjoying his term as Dale's 1998-99 Scholar at Exeter Cathedral School, Devon, England. "My year is going well," he wrote in a letter to the Headmaster, staff "and friends of Dale College, Daliens past and present."

Wishing all a "great" Reunion and "the best of luck, whether it be in rugby, hockey, chess, squash . . ." he quoted "the familiar words of Mr Mike Eddy" (acting Deputy Headmaster): "Go hard."

Where are they now?

Old Dalian set to be All Black

TWO years ago Old Dalian rugby star Greg Somerville was hailed in the pages of TransDale as a potential All Black. Now the New Zealander who spent a year at Dale College as an exchange student seems to be on his way to fulfilling that prediction.

At 21, he was a member of the New Zealand A team which thrashed the French side 45-24 on their "Down Under" tour in June.

Earlier this year Greg was back in South Africa as a prop forward in the mighty Canterbury Crusaders, who retained their title as the Super 12 champions. Their colours, red and black, are the same as Dale's.

Greg, whose sturdy frame seems to have filled out considerably, was prominent in games televised to South Africa. Commentators praised his rugby skill and talent and also referred to his academic ability.

Said one commentator in the Super 12 final: "He's made giant strides this season." During the presentation ceremony Greg was described as "one of the outstanding players of the season."

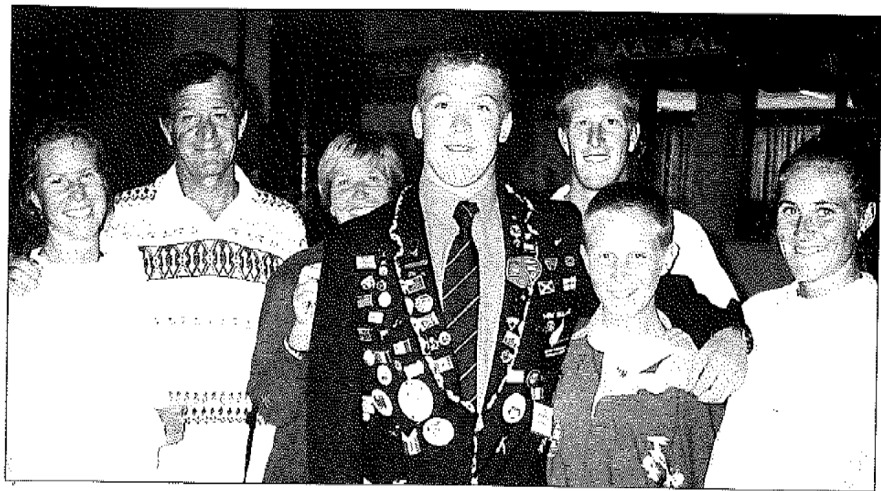
The man who tipped him in 1995 as a future All Black was Frank Oliver, a former All Black, then coaching the Wellington Hurricanes and the New Zealand Under 21 Colts which Greg represented.

Greg, who once wrote that he had learnt more about rugby at Dale than ever before, has donated his Colts jersey to the college, where it now hangs in the Old Dalian President's Room.

Greg's return to South Africa was featured in the East Cape Weekend in a report by its news editor, Traci Mackie, a former editor of the King William's Town newspaper, The Mercury. She wrote:

"As a schoolboy in South Africa on a Rotary Exchange programme, Somerville made an impression on and off the field.

"He played for Border Schools and was known as a player who led by example (he



SA FAMILY ... Greg Somerville (centre) as a Rotary Exchange Student with his hosts, the Jones family in King William's Town. From left: Sandra, Robbie, Marie, James, Gavin and Megan

was vice-captain of the Dale First XV).

"When Greg called for the forwards to lay their bodies on the line, he would be the first to do so," said his rugby coach Deon Boshoff.

"Marie Jones, his Rotary host, spoke fondly of the popular young rugby star - renowned for his healthy appetite. 'Greg's such a nice boy. He was awarded his colours for rugby while at Dale and his (academic) reports were always good.

"He had an incredible appetite ... I would have to cook two chickens for my two sons and him," said Mrs Jones, who managed to see Greg briefly when he played against the Western Stormers in Cape Town."

Looking back on his sojourn at Dale, Greg told Traci Mackie: "It was really good. I enjoyed my whole year in South Africa. The

people are really easy to get along with. They made me feel at home. It's really a hospitable country. I couldn't have been placed in a better school."

Through rugby he had made friends and travelled extensively in South Africa and as far as Zimbabwe, he said from Christchurch before taking on the Sharks in a Super 12 clash. "Never as a schoolboy at Dale did I imagine playing against Springboks."

Greg's time has been divided this season between his agricultural studies at university and training and playing with the Crusaders. His parents own an abattoir and he would like to farm sheep and cattle one day.

Since the age of four he has been passionate about rugby but when he has time he also enjoys hunting and scuba diving.

Trumpeter Alan answers Reunion call

PERHAPS for the first time Dale College called in an Old Dalian trumpeter to sound the Last Post and the Reveille at the Reunion Memorial Service this year.

"It was good to be back," said 30-year-old Alan Pitt, who last played the trumpet at this service in his matric year, 1986, when Dale celebrated its 125th anniversary.

He is now on the staff of the King William's Town Child and Youth Care Centre, where he runs a daily programme for teenagers. His father, the Rev Roger Pitt, is director of the centre, formerly known as the Children's Home.

Alan was a member of the Cadet Band for his last five years at Dale (1982-1986) and was leading trumpeter in his final year. He was awarded the J H Hilner Trophy as leader and twice won the individual Silver Bugle Award in inter-school contests. The bandmaster at that time was John Kerr, trumpeter and teacher in charge.

In 1986 Alan was a member of the band which led the Dale Cadets on their triumphal march through the streets of King after receiving the Freedom of the Town. "We felt proud



ALAN PITT at Reunion ... a nostalgic moment

• Picture: RICHARD DOMERIS, Photo King

and the centre of awe," said Alan. The band appeared in several parades to mark the anniversary.

He said he appreciated the opportunity to play at this year's Memorial Service. He felt a

sense of nostalgia when he saw the cadets march by in their different gear - grey trousers and white shirts.

Alan, who had been at Dale from Sub A to matric, graduated BA in linguistics and translation at Rhodes and then spent six years in the SA Navy. After basic national service training he joined the Navy's magazine department as a journalist and signed on for a further spell as a civilian.

Back home in King he joined his father at the Children's Home which broadened its programmes and changed its name in 1998. His dad has been associated with the institution for 22 years.

Alan also plays the trumpet at the King William's Town's Bethany Emmanuel Baptist Church where he is church secretary.

His elder brother Andrew was leading trumpeter in the Dale Cadet Band for three years and matriculated in 1985. After spending two years as youth pastor at the Gonubie Baptist Church, he has completed his fourth year of training at the Baptist Theological College in Cape Town. He is awaiting a call to join a congregation next year.

AFTER spending most of their lives in King William's Town Ian and Wendy Fleming have become Bolanders. They have moved to Malmesbury to live near their children.

Their final goodbye to the town came at the Dale Reunion in May. Ian gave his last financial report to the Old Dalian Union's AGM before stepping down as treasurer after six years. Wendy, an accomplished pianist, accompanied Ray Palframan for the last time when he sang the Memorial Song at the Sunday service in the Hallowed Courtyard.

The Flemings, who have been married for 41 years, have made a tremendous contribution to public life in King since they settled there in 1960. Their home in Queen's Road was once the clubhouse of the old King William's Town Golf Club.

Music has played a large role in their lives since they first met in East London. He was an artied clerk, she a music teacher at Selborne.

Over the years Wendy has played at countless Dale, Old Dalian and local functions and with her husband brought joy to many other audiences with dramatic and music society productions.

A chartered accountant, Ian was treasurer of both the KWT Amateur Music and Dramatic Society and the KWT Music Society for 48 years.

He is still after 33 years a director of that time-honoured King institution, the British Kaffrarian Savings Bank, one of the country's oldest, now incorporated into Unibank. He attends board meetings in Johannesburg.

A quintessential public-spirited committee man, Ian has rendered dedicated service to a wide-range of public organisations and charities.

As well as the Old Dalian Union they include the Chamber of Business, the Kaffrarian Museum, the Presbyterian Church, the Children's Home and Round Table. He was chairman of the KWT Boy Scout Group for 38 years.

In latter years he has been prominent as secretary of the local community Police Forum and chairman of the fund-raising committee of the

Where are they now?

Goodbye, King!



FAREWELL GIFTS: Ian and Wendy Fleming at the former Children's Home **Picture:** DENVER DONIAN, Kei Mercury

Public-spirited Flemings move on after 40 years

Children's Home, now known as the Child and Youth Centre.

In 1990 Rotary International made him a Paul Harris Fellow, their highest award, for his service to the community.

Born in King Williams Town, he remembers the days when there were no stop streets, let alone traffic lights. Many features of the town have disappeared or changed.

Like other Dalians in the 1930s Ian began his schooling in Sub A and

Sub B at KHS (the Kaffrarian High School for Girls). In those days there was no kindergarten at Dale Primary, then occupying a building higher up in Queens Road and now known as KHS Senior Primary.

Ian moved up there in 1936 and later to Dale College where he matriculated in 1945 from the red-brick building which is now Dale Junior.

After qualifying as a CA, Ian worked for the King Tanning

Company for 34 years, rising from costing clerk to company secretary and later financial director. He saw it grow from being five per cent of the tanning industry to be the country's largest tannery, supplying shoe factories in SA, Britain and Europe.

"We were constantly negotiating with our bankers because of a shortage of working capital," says Ian. The scene repeated itself when he was managing the Children's Home's overdraft.

Wendy was born in Butterworth, Transkei, and later moved with her family to East London, where she attended Cambridge Junior School and then Clarendon Girls' High.

She studied music at Rhodes University and then taught at St Cyprian's School for Girls in Cape Town. After three years she moved back to the Eastern Cape where she held the first music post at Selborne Primary and College.

Ian and Wendy met when Wendy was performing at the piano in a pantomime in East London. They were married two years later.

Wendy taught for two-and-a-half years at KHS and left when their son Ross was "on the way." Three daughters followed: Ceridwen (Ceri), Bianca and Samantha.

Wendy has maintained close contact with KHS, in the production of shows, accompanying the school choirs at prizegivings, the school birthday and for SABC and eisteddfod appearances.

Dale and other King schools have benefited from Wendy's musical gift, as has the Dramatic Society. Wendy took part in the SABC radio programme, "Piano Playtime," and co-ordinated the "Quaver Quins" team.

In her fifties Wendy returned to exams and achieved a fellowship (performing examination) from Trinity College of Music, London. She has latterly turned her talents to water-colour painting and pottery as well as fabric painting.

• At the 1999 Old Dalian AGM retiring National President Paul Smit thanked Ian for "steering the union's finances" in recent years and for his "years of labour" for the ODU.

An angler well cast as SA skipper

MALCOLM BOUCHER (1966), of King William's Town, has captained the South African Protea angling team in two international tournaments. He received his Protea angling colours when he led the national team in the 1998 world reef fishing tournament held in East London.

In June this year his team took part with 26 others in the 35th world bottom fishing championships in Marseilles, France.

Malcolm, 50, has been involved in angling since 1975. He is a member of the Christmas Vale Ski-Board Club at Kidd's Beach and has fished 23



ANITH CHACKO ... 12th in the Eastern Cape

times for Border and three times for the SA Deep Sea Angling Association (SADSAA).

Thirty-three international anglers took part in the five-day East London tournament.

Top Dalian Anith opts for medicine at Wits

TOP Dale matriculant ANITH CHACKO, who was placed 12th in the Eastern Cape last year, is studying medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Anith obtained an A aggregate with five distinctions - for English first language, higher-grade maths, physical science, accounting and biology. He obtained a C for Afrikaans second language.

He said achieving these results was hard work but he found time for other pursuits, including hockey and squash, so there was fun and relaxation, too. Before starting at Wits Anith worked at a King

William's Town supermarket to raise a few "pennies."

Other Old Dalians at Wits include:

• BONGI MPONDO (matric class 1993), an ex-headboy of Sutton House, is studying for a BSc. (Town Planning) degree.

• SIVUYILE BALUBA (1997), ex-Joubert House, is taking a BComm. (Accounting) course.

• SANDA MLALANDLE (matric 1997, post-matric 1998), ex-Sutton and Paterson Houses, is in his first year of study for an LL.B. degree. Sanda played wing for the Dale first rugby team last year.

ROBERT LOCKE:

'A true Comrade' killed in hijack

ROBERT LOCKE (1968-73) of Benoni, was shot and killed when his car was hijacked on the road between Mafikeng and Zeerust on March 4 this year. He was 43.

Bob (or Bobbie), as he was known to family and friends, was on a business trip as a salesman when the tragedy occurred. He was found dead after police intercepted his car and shot and killed his assailant, who had tried to escape.

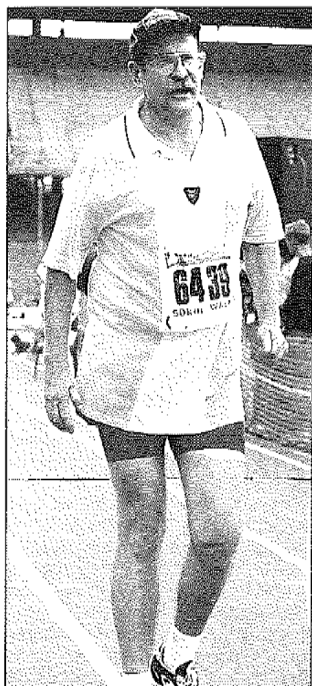
A prominent runner and walker, Bob won five Comrades Marathon bronze medals and was a member of the Benoni Northerns Sports Club for more than 20 years. He started the club's walking section and also played hockey and cricket.

At Dale Bob played for the first hockey team and the reserve (second) cricket team.

A close friend and Old Dalian, Colin Monto (1973), flew from New Zealand for the funeral in Benoni, where he had lived before emigrating ten years ago.

In a moving tribute, Bob's Old Dalian brother Tony (1970-74) described him as "a true Comrade," adding: "Be it training or racing Bob was always prepared to help others in trouble, even if he was battling himself."

"This comradeship spilt over into his personal and working life. Bob could always be counted on if you needed help. He was always willing to go that extra mile for you, sometimes at great cost to himself."



BOB LOCKE ... "always willing to go that extra mile"

Tony appealed to "influential people in the congregation to support initiatives like business against crime to help police stop 'senseless killings like this.' He also urged support for education to 'ensure a safe future for our children in this country.'"

Bob leaves his wife Judy and three step-children, Martin, Charmaine and Michelle, a sister Cherry and another brother Peter. His parents, Nigel and Kathleen Locke, formerly of Benoni, now live in Port Elizabeth.

Old Dalians Grant Turnbull, junior vice-chairman of the Trans-Dale Parents' Association, and Joe Sutton attended the funeral service.

PIP SUTTON: Linguist and sportsman, 'a man with a big heart'

PHILIP (Pip) SUTTON (1943), who died in East London on May 25, was described at his funeral as a much-loved character with a great sense of humour and a big heart. He was 75.

Pip was one of generations of sons of Transkei traders educated at Dale College. Former Dale head-boy Dr Peter Meyer (1976), paying tribute at the funeral, said Pip grew up loving the Transkei, its people and its Wild Coast.

He also loved Dale College, where he became headboy of Diocesan Hostel and won first team colours in cricket and rugby.

After matriculating he served in the SA Artillery in Italy during the Second World War. He joined the Umtata municipality after the war, then moved to East London as township manager and later became regional manager.

Said Dr Meyer: "He endeared himself to the people with whom he worked. A fluent linguist, he showed empathy and good humour."

"Despite the harshness of the laws in those days he was loved by the Xhosa-speaking people with whom he had a special rapport. To this day old residents of Punzani recount stories of how he helped them."

Peter Meyer, who had known Pip since he (Peter) was a school-boy and in recent years became his doctor, added: "Pip loved people. He was generous and sociable, always keeping open house and ... had a big heart. He was a character with a great sense of humour and had a wealth of real-

life stories to tell."

While in wartime Italy he learnt to love opera and to speak Italian. "I gather that Pip was not backward in requesting *un piccolo bacio* (one small kiss) from the *signorine con le gambe belle* (girls with lovely legs). They would answer: *Io sono Cattolica* to which Pip would reply: *Io sono vergine!*"

"In later years an evening with him at an Italian restaurant would be a hilarious experience."

Pip was a popular member of Round Table and worked for SANTA for more than 30 years, including many years as chairman. He was also chairman of the local branch of the Old Dalian Union.

A keen sportsman, he played cricket for Transkei and enjoyed golf, but his first love was fishing.

Pip didn't like night fishing but went out one evening with his son-in-law Mike to try their luck in the Fish River. He complained that there was "nothing biting - not a touch." At dawn he realised he had cast over a telephone wire and his bait was dangling 12ft. up!

Pip was married for 49 years to Sheila, an ex-KHS girl and former staff nurse, described as "a remarkable, dedicated lady who gave him love, care and (in latter months) Florence Nightingale nursing," said Dr Meyer. He also leaves a son Basil, a former headboy of Dale, and a daughter Bev.

Basil and another Old Dalian, Tom Rayment, were among the pallbearers at Pip's funeral. Other Old Dalians present included: Bill Rowles, Barry Turner, LLF Wood and Bill Beckley.



RAYMOND PLETSCHKE: Shot dead in ambush

RAYMOND PLETSCHKE (1990), of King William's Town, who spent his entire schooling at Dale, died after being shot during an armed robbery near Engcobo, Transkei, on March 12. He was 26.

A site agent for a construction firm, Raymond and a colleague were on their way to a building site to pay wages when their vehicle was ambushed by three armed men. The men opened fire on the

bakkie hitting Raymond in the head. The van then rolled, injuring the colleague.

The robbers ran up a ravine with bags containing more than R32 000 before escaping in a waiting vehicle. Raymond died in his colleague's arms shortly afterwards.

Raymond had been on contract in the Transkei for five months and died two weeks before he was

due to start a new job in East London. "He was so looking forward to his new venture," said his girlfriend, Donnae Swane-pool. A cremation service was held in the Bethany Emmanuel Baptist Church, King William's Town.

The Dale Magazine of 1990 pictures Raymond (top right) among a group of boys who attended Dale from Sub A to matric.

GUY WILLIAMS: Cricket, swimming and tennis star

GUY WILLIAMS (1949), an outstanding all-round Dale sportsman in the late 1940s, died in Benoni on August 27, aged 68.

Guy was the son of the late GC (Taffy) Williams, legendary Dale history and geography teacher, cricket master and coach, and Phyllis, a lifesaving and swimming instructor to hundreds of Dalians. He had retired two years ago and had been ill for six months.

In his last two years at Dale Guy won colours at cricket (as a batsman and bowler), tennis and swimming. In his final year he

was a college prefect.

He won the SE (Cocky) Farrer bat for the best cricket performance and in a Nuffield Schools match for Border he took seven Transvaal wickets for 12 runs.

Described in the Dale Magazine as "an outstanding exponent of the breaststroke," he also won the 100 yards backstroke and three-style.

In the Border junior tennis

championships he won the Under 21 singles while he and his partner, P Spiro, won the interschool doubles shield for Dale.

After leaving school Guy went to Rhodesia where he served for three years in the Permanent Force. He later worked for an oil company in Southern and Northern Rhodesia.

He returned to South Africa in

1967 and after a spell in business in East London he moved to the Witwatersrand, where he worked as a motor salesman and estate agent.

Guy leaves a daughter, Beveley Miles of Molteno, and a son Grant and a daughter Dale in New Zealand. Beverley and Guy's Old Dalian brothers, Roger (1955) of Bloemfontein and Clive (1961) of Maritzburg, attended the funeral service in Benoni.

Old Dalian Union senior vice-president Ivan Venter and Joe Sutton were also present.

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

NOEL ROBERTSON: A rugby hero and a gentleman

NOEL ROBERTSON, former Border rugby captain and the longest surviving member of the 1932 Junior Springboks, died in Johannesburg in July – just 16 months after he and his wife Molly celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. He was 88.

The son of 1926 Old Dalian National President JW (Billy) Robertson, Noel attended Dale Primary School in the 1920s when it was still part of the college.

Despite matriculating elsewhere (he was "sent away" to boarding school), Noel was regarded as an Old Dalian rugby hero. After leaving St Andrew's College, Grahamstown, he captained Alberts in King William's Town and toured Argentina with the Junior Springboks.

He was a member of the Border team that shared the Currie Cup with Western Province in 1932 and 1934 when Province boasted several Springboks, including the legendary Bennie Osler and Danie Craven. He captained Border and was known as "Gunboat" Robertson because of his devastating tackling.

Captured at Tobruk in the Second World War, he spent three years in prisoner-of-war camps. In later years he travelled throughout the Border as an auditor and accountant. He and Molly, daughter of Alice Twinch, a former matron at College (later Sutton) House, lived at Barkly East for 30 years before moving to a retirement village in Johannesburg.

In a funeral tribute, the Robertsons' younger son David said his father loved the Eastern Cape. He spent most of his life there except for a year in Johannesburg in the 1930s, four years of war and three in Rhodesia in the '60s. While in Johannesburg he played rugby for Transvaal.

"My dad loved the simple things of country life," said David. "He enjoyed travelling around the Border and Transkei. He worked hard and served his profession honorably. He was first and foremost a gentleman, extremely well-mannered and courteous."

Elder son Hugh, who taught at Dale in the early '60s, lives in retirement in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, where he was head of the history department of an independent school.



NOEL ROBERTSON ... devastating tackler

Molly, 86, who was awarded the Freedom of Barkly East for her services to the community, lives at Cosmos House, the Flower Foundation's frail care section in Kensington, Johannesburg, where Noel spent his last days.

MEL FIELD: Soft-hearted newspaper 'character'

MEL FIELD (matric class of 1956), known as one of the "characters" of the Durban newspaper, The Mercury, died on February 27. He was 61.

His long career in and out of journalism took him to Canada and Australia, where he became editor of Australia Oil and Gas magazine. In South Africa he worked on a number of magazines, including those from Republican Press.

A sub-editor of long standing, Mel was a stalwart of that "backroom" department. He refused to call himself a journalist – "I am a word mechanic," was his stock phrase.

"A person with a somewhat gruff exterior, he had a soft heart," said an obituary in The Mercury.

"His sharp replies halted people in their stride, only for laughter to erupt when they realised they had been had."

"Despite his protestations of knowing nothing about journalism, many a young sub-editor benefited from his 'training' methods – he was always ready to take newcomers under his wing."

His editor, David Wightman, said Mel was one of the "great characters" of The Mercury, a member of the old school of journalism. "He will be sadly missed."

Johannesburg-born Mel had a number of great loves, including parachuting and sailing. He sailed his 34-footer, Mafuta, to Australia and back and was a contributing editor to sailing magazines.

The Mercury's obituary concluded: "Mel will be remembered for many things – among them the beetroot sandwiches he brought to work; driving around in his 'Panzerwagen', an elderly Land Rover that had many miles on the clock; but especially for his marvellous sense of humour." He leaves a wife, Margie.

ALAN TAYLOR: Drama in mid-ocean – then a helping hand from the Dale Family

THE TRANS-DALE network rallied to help a former Dale parent stranded in Singapore while her husband spent 15 days in intensive care after a mid-ocean medical drama.

Alan Taylor (66), step-father of two Old Dalians and husband of well-known Dale parent Elisabeth Taylor, died in Singapore on February 21. He was deputy town engineer of King William's Town before moving to Fish Hoek to become its town engineer. He retired in 1996.

Alan and Liz were on their way to the Far East on the cruise liner Oriana when he became critically ill. He was treated in the ship's hospital as the vessel sped to Singapore.

When the ship docked there they were met by a doctor and paramedics and Alan was rushed to hospital.

Alerted by the family, the Trans-Dale Parents' Association e-mailed former Dale parents Theuns (Serf) and Michele Serfontein, now

living in Singapore, about the Taylors' plight.

Serf tried to have Alan flown home on a Singapore Airlines flight under medical care, but he died before this could be done. Michele visited Liz and offered support during her ordeal.

A former SAA captain now flying for Singapore Airlines, Serf was chairman of the parents' association in the early '80s when their sons, Wynand (matric class 1983) and Barry (1985), were at Dale College.

In a letter to the Sunday Times, Liz Taylor thanked the Serfonteins for their "help and comfort during my hour of need."

• Elisabeth Taylor's former husband, Old Dalian Andrew Meyer (matric class 1943), an Adelaide farmer, died in 1976, aged 48. Their elder son, Adrian (1979), now runs an investment bank in Barbados. Younger son Colin (1981) owns a brickfield in Grahamstown. Their daughter Jillian (ex-KHS 1984) lives in Cape Town.

• Liz, known to TransDale and King parents as the "hostess with the mostest," was secretary to two headmasters of Dale Junior, Ken Schaefer and Roy Taylor, before moving to Port Elizabeth in 1985. She and Alan settled in Fish Hoek after their marriage the following year.

• The Serfontein sons are both pilots flying on South African domestic routes.

VICTOR SAUNDERS: Oldest Old Dalian

THE oldest-known Old Dalian, Clementine Victor Saunders, died in Kwekwe, Zimbabwe, in April in the same month of his 96th birthday.

Known as "Kieviet" or "Doon", he attended Dale College from 1918 to 1921, was a prefect and played for the first rugby team. He farmed in the Vryburg district and served in the Second World War before emigrating to Zimbabwe.

EGGY VAN NIEKERK: A legend JAN DU TOIT: 'Honest to a fault'

HIS full name was Jacobus Frederick van Niekerk, but to Dale College he was Eggy or Kola, one of the school's longest-serving and best-loved teachers.

Eggy van Niekerk, who taught at Dale for 33 years under four headmasters, died in East London in August, aged 79. He retired in 1980 to a farm near Berlin and later moved to a home in Gonubie.

Eggy became a legend at Dale for his dedication, humanity and his sense of humour. His quaint,

homespun expressions endeared him to generations of Dalians. (eg. "I can hear footprints coming down the corridor ..." and "Fools will never cease to happen.")

He introduced metalwork at Dale and ran Sutton House for nine years. He coached the first rugby team in what he called "the best years of my life."

Eggy leaves his wife Assila and two sons. Dale Headmaster James Haupt, ODU past-president Paul Smit and PRO Jack Rosenberg attended his funeral.

JAN DU TOIT (1938-42), who died of cancer in Johannesburg on February 17, was described at his funeral as "honest to a fault." He was 72.

"He was the most principled man I've ever met," added Old Dalian businessman Dave Reynolds (1953) in a tribute to his friend and former partner.

Brought up in Stutterheim, Jan spent about 30 years in the tyre business in Port Elizabeth, Cape Town, Kimberley and Johannesburg.

Twenty years ago Dave Reynolds employed him in his plant hire firm. Later Jan joined him in a new venture, Dozer Parts, and became a partner. Their business association lasted until Jan retired in 1997.

Jan leaves his wife Jean of Kelvin, Sandton, and a son Peter, who lives in Singapore. Old Dalians who attended the funeral included Jan's elder brother Andre, Dave's brother Roger, Ivan Venter, ODU senior vice-president, and Joe Sutton.



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