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FROM TOKYO

Victory on and off the field

DALE COLLEGE and its rugby players have emerged with credit from a racist incident which marred their encounter against Framesby High School in Port Elizabeth this year.

Insults were hurled at black Dalians by some Framesby pupils and parents who waved the old South African flag and reportedly swore at the visitors.

Advised by their coaches not to react, the Dalians kept their cool and ignored it all. "To their great credit the Dale boys conducted themselves with aplomb," commented Port Elizabeth's daily newspaper, The Herald.

Framesby's headmaster deplored "this kind of behaviour" and undertook to discipline transgressors. Headmaster James Haupt of Dale College congratulated his players on their "impeccable" behaviour.

The headmasters agreed to continue nurturing contact through sport and to try to provide an atmosphere free of tension.

In a positive footnote, Dalians, black and white, emerged united in the face of this ugly flashback to the past. Bonds between boys of different cultures have been strengthened.

To crown it all, the Dale First XV beat Framesby 25-20. Well done, Amadoda! Racism should have no part in school sport.

- THE EDITOR

COVER PICTURES

CAPTAINS OF THE PAST: 2002 Dale captain Murray Ranger is hoisted after the team's 10-0 Reunion victory over Queen's. Back row (from left): Marc Petzer (1997), Gavin Busse (1958-59), Bruce Butler (1967), Andrew Bennet (1990) and Steven Hatley (1991). Middle: Tom Warren (1954), Bryan Hurn (1950), Peter Skinner (1961), Peter Minnie (1998) and Jason Hosty (1999), shouldering Murray Ranger (2002), Grant Griffith (1993, leaning forwards), Rodney Long (1987, with cap), Deon Linde (1980-82) and Ray Ranger (1975). Front: Viv Gehring (1956), Chow Bissell (1965), Adrian van Deventer (1996), Martin Sheard (1974) and John Mullins (1986).

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TOMORROW'S STARS? Scott Smith, then aged 14 months, and Bradley Breetzke, 19 months, sons of Old Dalians, grandsons of an ODU past president, Rodney Breetzke, caught in the sponsorship spotlight at the Reunion rugby. Scott is the son of Roxayne and Scotty Smith, who played centre for the unbeaten 1990 Dale First XV. Bradley is the son of Claire and Darryl Breetzke, prop forward in the 1985 Dale first team. Rodney Breetzke is Darryl and Roxayne's father. First National Bank sponsored the 150th game played between Dale and Queen's with a donation of R25 000.

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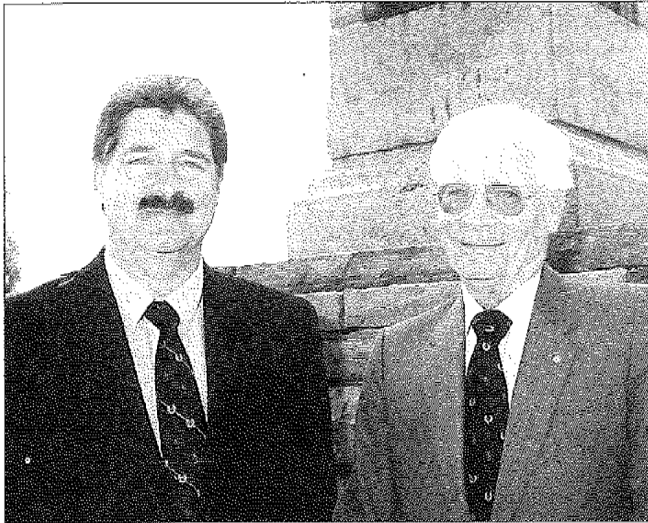


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Dale is alive and well!

— say two Old Dalians back after many years



NICK DE BLOCQ and his father HANS ... strong links with King
• Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

Far better now than when we were there

By **NICK DE BLOCQ** (matric class of 1977)

(Nick, who spent 12 years at Dale, writes about his first return visit since his tenth-year Reunion in 1987. He was joined by his father Hans, who lived in King William's Town for nearly 40 years.)

I LOVED being back in King which I had not seen for 15 years. I noted a lot of change, some good, some not so good, but overall I was impressed.

I believe Dale is doing far better than when we were at school. The teachers show great dedication and the pupils ALL still lift their caps and greet one politely. The boys sing the same songs in the stand and the rugby team is still winning its games!

The matrics are getting 100 per cent pass rates and the sports teams are still performing well on the fields. The spirit is as strong as ever. I spent three days in May with my chest puffed out, very proud to be an Old Dalian and associated with such a traditional school of exemplary young men.

My only disappointment was seeing the shooting range in disuse. That was where my brother Barry and I got our Eastern Cape provincial colours, so it was with regret that I found that the sport had been discontinued at Dale. That's too bad!

Apart from this, I was impressed with just about every facet of Dale. The staff are devoted, the buildings looked good, the grounds are fine, the pupils seem just as passionate as we were about Dale traditions.

It was great to see the few '77 boys who made it back and I must commend Kim Copland for his efforts at getting us together. Even though only about ten or twelve faces reappeared, it was a dozen more than I would have seen had I not bothered.

It was lovely to catch up on what people were doing and where they had been, although I found the grey hair scary! I am always interested to hear from old schoolmates, so this was a feast for me!

As for King, changes are very evident. But on the whole it is not looking bad at all. A lot of King was very clean and spruce and the buildings were looking fine and well maintained.

I drove around almost every street over the Reunion weekend and was not as horrified as I'd been warned I would be. But I've seen a lot of Africa and these days we need to compare apples with apples. We are looking at an African town here.

I have seen many African towns and King stands head and shoulders above anything I have come across north of the Cunene. There has been a lot of negative talk about King (especially the crime rate, along with some pot-holing in the streets, and disturbing unemployment statistics) but for the rest I saw a very spruce-looking town when I drove around.

The older buildings, which I expected to see in serious disrepair, were surprisingly shining examples of well-maintained structures. The idea of making the town centre a pedestrians-only street is a good one. Development has been clever and aesthetic.

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DAVE and ROSEMARY NUNNELEY ... weekend surpasses expectations

High standards have been maintained

By **DAVE NUNNELEY** (matric class of 1962)

(Edited extracts from letters to the Old Dalian Union and TransDale on his first return visit since he left Dale. He was joined by his wife Rosemary.)

IT WAS a most memorable occasion which both my wife Rosemary and I thoroughly enjoyed. So much has changed in our country over the past 40 years — and not always for the best — that I was prepared for some disappointments.

But as the weekend progressed everything just got better and better, especially renewing friendships I had forgotten.

Friday's Assembly was most meaningful and brought back many good memories of moving into the new school on the hill and starting to build the old Dale spirit into it.

That evening at the Old Dalian dinner-dance was a special mix of reminiscing with old friends about times such as assemblies, our matric dance and the rest.

Saturday afternoon's rugby was the second best part of the weekend. It was rewarding to share lunch, drinks and stories with the old buddies, wander round the field and just soak up the same old atmosphere.

To crown it all was watching Dale beat Queen's (I seem to remember they always did!), with the whole school doing the War Cry and singing the team to victory, cheerleaders and all.

The only changes were the move from the old Vic (Victoria) Grounds to Dale's own fields (a very good move), and the lack of those straw boaters or bashers.

Saturday evening was a great opportunity to share some wonderful memories with the Class of '62, plus a few welcome others, when most of us got together for a somewhat more intimate dinner. What an evening of great hilarity and fun!

The pride of place in a fantastic weekend must go to the Sunday morning Memorial Service. It was without doubt one of the most moving and meaningful two hours of our lives, and even better than I remembered it to be.

We both struggled throughout the service to maintain our composure, and found every element of the service especially meaningful. Please don't ever let it change.

Nowhere in any other organisation, let alone a school, have we experienced such a loving tribute to anyone, such as that given to all the Old Dalians (so special that they were named!) who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Rosemary and I came home filled with a great sense of satisfaction and happiness. This was especially so because the whole weekend far surpassed our expectations. It was so special that the school has maintained its high standards in every respect, despite the hard times it has been through and the adverse pressures of our modern life in South Africa.

This was no more evident than the fact that every Dalian wasn't only neatly dressed in his uniform, but was always the epitome of politeness wherever we

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Dad and Mum are old friends of Dale

DUTCH-BORN Hans de Blocq (full name de Blocq van Scheltinga) lost his father during the Second World War and survived years of captivity as a teenager in Japanese jails and labour camps in Indonesia.

He came to King William's Town with his English wife Pat in 1956 to join Good Hope Textiles, where he spent his entire professional life. Their sons Nick and Barry were born in King and spent their entire schooling at Dale.

Hans served on the Dale Junior PTA commit-

tee from 1966 till 1973, mostly as chairman, working with Headmaster Dummy Taylor. From 1974 to 1980 (when Barry matriculated) he was chairman of the Dale College PTA, working with Headmasters Billy Rowles and Colin Thomson. Pat was his PTA secretary for 15 years.

Now aged 72, he recalls with pride his part in the opening of the new swimming pool in about 1974 – the only Olympic-size pool in the region. Hans and Pat retired to Simonstown in

the mid-1990s.

"Dad enjoyed the 2002 Reunion as much as I did," says Nick. "He knew many people there and probably had a more social time than I did, visiting old friends."

• Pat is on the Simonstown Museum Committee, the OAP group, the church council and is the invigilator for the local high school matrics.

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King far better than most African towns

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The parts of King that could be termed "less-salubrious" are, in fact, way better than most places I have visited on this continent. So I was very happy with what I saw and my Dad agreed.

The Reunion worked very well. Compliments must go to people like (past-president) Andre Petzer and (new president) Grant Turnbull and

everyone who played a role in making it so.

From the AGM on Friday to the Memorial Service on Sunday it went like clockwork. The first team came to the party, beating a supposedly better team and leaving the score after 150 games at 67 each and 16 drawn. It could not have been more perfect.

(I believe that if either Dale, Queen's or Selborne ends up winning by large margins year

after year, then we have lost something. The above statistic is as fine as it could possibly be.)

I appreciated the efforts of Mike Hosty, Headmaster of Dale Junior, who opened up the building for me when told I'd like to have a quick roam around the old place. Dale Junior also seems to be on a crest right now as a school and long may that last.

Mike has been blessed with a motivated and dedicated staff. (They were sorry to lose Chris Groom last year, who co-incidentally is now my son's class teacher at Rondebosch Primary in Cape Town).

When I spoke to (ex-Headmaster) Billy Rowles he remembered me by name immediately. The last time I had seen him was at a Buffalo Rally in Port Elizabeth in the late 70s. He was there (I think) on an old motor-cycle, accompanied by (Old Dalian) Barry Woolgar (I think).

He remains a perfect gentleman. I think he was one of the all-time greats as a principal. I met the present Headmaster, James Haupt, and told him I was very happy with what I saw and urged him to keep the beautiful spirit alive.

He accepted the challenge and said he had never come across such passion for a school until he came to Dale. Wonderful words indeed!

Dalians so neat and polite

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had any contact with them.

Long may this continue so that future Old Dalians can be proud of their school and help build a South Africa we can all be proud of. Well done, the whole Dale Family!

• Thank you again for a most memorable weekend. We shall not wait for another 40 years before returning to visit my Alma Mater.

■ Dave Nunneley's father and uncle were Dalians:

• His father, JOHN EDWARD (Jack) NUNNELEY (Diocesan Hostel 1923-28), who obtained a first-

class matric, practised as an attorney in Tabankulu and Engcobo, Transkei, and Queenstown until his final retirement in 1980 to Port Elizabeth.

He died in March 1998, just eight weeks before his 90th birthday. His widow Aileen lives in Port Elizabeth. Says his son Dave: "Most of his virtues were learned or developed at Dale and he did Dale proud in his lifetime."

• Dave's uncle, CHARLES NUNNELEY, about 12-15 years younger than Jack, was at Dale in the 1940s. Later he taught for some years at Dale Junior and woodwork at the college. He taught Dave in 1958 before moving back to East London.

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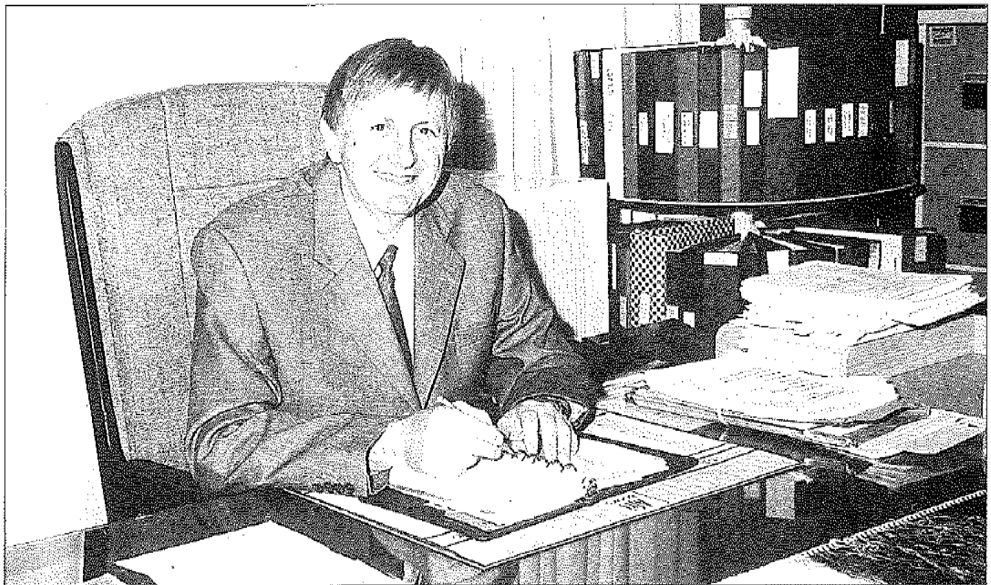
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WORLD CLASS! Only this is good enough

WE'RE ON OUR WAY, SAYS HEADMASTER HAUPT

• We are much better than we are given credit for ... Our strength lies in our boys and our staff ... Nothing of real value is achieved without hard work in the face of great challenges. •

• These words by the Headmaster of Dale College, JAMES HAUPT, set the tone of the school's quest for World Class, spearheaded by a Development Plan for the future. TransDale spotlights these crucial efforts to ensure the school's progress.



FROM HIS STUDY ... Headmaster James Haupt looks at the future of his school
• Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

DALE COLLEGE is aiming to be World Class in all areas of school life – academic, sporting, cultural and in discipline. The slogan is "Only World Class is Good Enough."

Headmaster James Haupt is determined to achieve this goal, echoing the school's traditional motto, "Per Ardua - Ad Astra" – "Through Difficulties (or effort) to the Stars."

The Headmaster's thoughts have been reflected in addresses and messages to parents in King William's Town and Gauteng and in the new Dale College Development Plan.

"There are many areas of school life where Dale College is already World Class," he said. "Of the eight schools I have taught at, including two private schools, I believe only two have come close to this, Hilton College (where I spent five years) and Dale!"

Mr Haupt regards the academic, sporting and cultural areas as the "the three pillars of education" which are given equal weight. Discipline remains another key factor.

To achieve World Class standards, he said, Dale faced a number of hurdles, the most important being able to finance education "in difficult times both socially and financially." With essential services crumbling through a shortage of government funding the college faced serious problems in providing quality service if it depended merely on state aid.

Appealing to parents for 100 per cent payment of fees, he said: "Your son need not be exposed to a second-rate education – it is within your financial means to ensure this. This is our aim, ensuring that everyone meets their commitments, ensuring that standards do not sink to the level of mediocrity we see around us."

"The college needs to set the standard for King William's Town by insisting on top teaching and coaching, facilities which are impeccably neat, tidy, crime free, pupils who stand out as leaders, young, quality gentlemen of all races of whom we can be proud, parents who are loyal to the college."

QUOTE

AS I drove in one morning through the school gates I passed a young Dalian who greeted me politely and smiled. He did not cower away or flatten himself against a wall. He was bright-eyed, a young Dalian of fine bearing, neat and assured of himself.

I remarked to my wife: That's what World Class is all about!

– Headmaster James Haupt

Finance is Dale's main hurdle in path of growth

• Here are edited extracts from some of the Headmaster's statements this year.

ON THE ACADEMIC FRONT:

"We rank as one of the top schools in the country. If you look at Dale's academic staff, their core qualifications and their ability to teach the more critical subjects, there are few schools to compete."

"In the past four years Dale has produced 100 per cent pass rates in the matric exams. A high number of A aggregates and A and B symbols in maths, science, biology and this year also history are proof of this."

Mr Haupt said the seven A aggregates were a record and represented ten per cent of matric entrants. Dale and Kaffrarian High School were the only two King William's Town schools to achieve a 100 per cent pass rate matched by only 34 of the over 900 high schools in the Eastern Cape.

Dale's success was also shown in the number of boys who went on to university or got meaningful employment.

IN SPORT:

"We have World Class coaching at Dale, particularly in depth in all sports – quality you would not easily find elsewhere."

"We have learnt to work closely with provincial bodies to achieve this, not only selfishly while the boys are at Dale, but also in providing opportunities when they leave school."

ON THE CULTURAL SIDE:

"We have made great strides of late." A Dale pupil, Samkelo Tsipa, was flown to Johannesburg in July to receive a national poetry-writing award.

DISCIPLINE

"Drugs, bullying, sex, alcohol, stealing, bad language, petty crime are not acceptable. We have our own disciplinary systems for dealing with offences from petty to the worst. The Governing Body does great work in this regard. We do not hesitate to recommend expulsion for serious crimes."

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WORLD CLASS! The way ahead

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Disciplinary areas now being targeted include punctuality, completion of homework, gentlemanly behaviour, classroom and corridor behaviour and dress codes, to and from school and at sports practices and events.

Reporting a "high level of discipline in the college," the Headmaster told parents: "In our striving for excellence and achieving World Class, both the staff and the boys have upped standards of classroom control and corridor movement. I believe we have gone a long way in working towards this goal."

Staff, boys, the Governing Body, the PTA and the Old Dalian Union had bought into the World Class principle.

THE TEACHERS:

"Dale is the envy of most schools, including private schools. Staff are well-qualified and no under-qualified staff member teaches a senior pupil."

"There is no part-time teaching at the college. We do, however, have our own learnership programme of developing student teachers contracted to us and studying through UNISA." Emphasis was placed on employing Old Dalians who understood the college and its goals, said Mr Haupt.

"We do not have a great turnover of staff and when this takes place we attempt to improve on what we already have."

TEAM-TEACHING IN ENGLISH:

"This experiment is reaping dividends. The top staff in English are

FACT FILE

- DALE COLLEGE has 420 pupils, about 85 in each grade. Each grade is divided into three base classes, except for Grade 12 (matric) which has two, making class sizes around 26/27. There are very few subject classes with more than 30 pupils – perhaps two or three.

- Only in English, where there is team-teaching, are there some lecture situations. Pupils are split up into tutorial groups for more intensive classroom work.

- In critical subjects like maths in the senior grades three staff members are teaching less than 60 boys, specifically time-tabled to allow individual attention.

- If pupil numbers increase Dale will try to retain this favourable ratio.

managing to prepare top-quality lessons and notes in the additional time the system brings.

"They are also finding that with the help of our learner teachers they can mark and control pupils' progress extremely well. It is thrilling to see that one of our latest innovations is paying off."

• Reporting on other aspects of college life, the Headmaster made these points:

HOW ARE PUPILS SELECTED?

"NOT on racial grounds but definitely on the following:

- "More than fair academic ability.
- "Non-participative and non-committed pupils do not make it at the college. Low-quality pupils do not easily survive.
- "Pupils are not allowed to hold up classes so that things grind to a halt. Our experience has taught us the hard way – the pupil must be fluent in English."

RELIGIOUS TEACHING:

"Dale is traditionally a Christian school and must remain so. Christian messages are delivered at regular assemblies. We have a very strong Students' Christian Association (SCA) club at the college which recently held a combined schools' get-together."

SHADOWING of new pupils (the traditional newboy/oldboy system):

"This is operating well. Newboys perform certain basic duties for their oldboys in exchange for help in settling down quickly in the college.

"Abuse of this system leads to the loss of this right by the oldboy or in many cases suspension or expulsion.

"No bullying is tolerated and all cases that can be proved are dealt with severely."

SPECIAL HELP for pupils with learning problems:

"Because 90 per cent of the college staff are on campus pupils can get assistance at any time by arrangement."

Special classes could be arranged at minimal costs in critical subjects. Boys could also get help from seniors in the hostels.

Revamp for two hostels after Presby closes

DALE COLLEGE'S two remaining hostels are being revamped to make them "World Class." Two chief matrons have been appointed to take charge of the catering and housekeeping services.

This change follows the temporary closing of Paterson House as a college hostel and the moving of Presby's 20 boys to Frank Joubert House and College House in the third term this year. (See Page 6.)

Mrs Sonja Birkholtz, who has spent 25 years at Presby, has taken over the joint kitchen serving the two hostels on the college campus. Mrs Annette Buss, who has been on the staff at Joubert for 14 years, is in charge of housekeeping, including laundry and cleaning. Deputy Headmaster Mike Eddy is in overall charge of the hostels.

Complaints about both the food and laundry were made at the TransDale Parents'

Association's annual general meeting in July. Soon after the start of the third term the new system was apparently shaping well and already substantial improvements were noted.

Headmaster James Haupt told parents that the hostel situation had been "the frustration of my life."

The dining room at Joubert was now being transformed. Mrs Birkholtz would "ring the changes – her brief is to make it World Class. I want a 100 per cent performance in all fields."

Mr Haupt said he would lunch regularly at Joubert and "stand in the queue." Duty staff would be there on their duty days and get the same food. He wished to feel confident to be able take a guest to lunch there and feel proud of the service.

Grant Turnbull, a Gauteng parent and this year's national president of the Old Dalian

Union, told the parents' meeting that a strong hostels' committee had "got to grips" with problems at the hostels.

(The committee is led by Ray Ranger, Old Dalian father of this year's Dale headboy and rugby captain, Murray Ranger.)

Grant said it would make recruiting easier "if we can be proud of our hostels. If the boys could be happy we will be able to attract more boarders."

Asked about the financing of the hostels, Mr Haupt said better control would come under the new system. The hostels should try to run at a profit but not cut costs to the detriment of the boys.

The Headmaster appealed to parents to "be positive about King William's Town and to sell Dale to your friends. One of the few reasons why I am still in education is because I am at Dale."

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WORLD CLASS! A business blueprint for the future

A DEVELOPMENT PLAN to help Dale College achieve World Class status has been drawn up after year-long discussions between the Headmaster, staff task groups and the Governing Body, led by businessman Ian Howell.

The plan is based on business principles. "You can only join the club if you consistently offer value for money over a long period – it takes years to earn the World Class reputation," says its preamble.

As with top companies, this underlying theme is based on the need to be globally unique and to sell the African educational experience. "We must find something that sets our product or service apart."

Principles which can also be applied to a school include:

- Retaining core strengths while adapting to changing times, innovation to cope with technological change and the ability to detect future developments.
- An ability to attract talented young people (staff and pupils) and to be sensitive to social and environmental responsibilities.

Some of the plan's ideas are already taking shape. Committees have been set up to address "areas of shortcoming" – academic, sport, culture, discipline, recruiting and hostels. The questions of awards in academic, sporting and cultural spheres and dress codes for pupils are being investigated.

Attempts are being made to marry traditional ethnic initiation with the college ethos. New ways are being sought to attract talented pupils to the college. The hostels' committee is aiming at providing a more effective, cost-effective service to parents.

The development plan was kick-started by the "Sharing of Excellence" seminar held at the college last October. A number of ideas emerged from the seminar, which was attended by Old Dalian Professor Grenville (Andy) Andrews, former dean of the Wits Business School and director of the Graduate Institute of Business Management.

Here are selected edited extracts from the Development Plan. Long, medium and short-term goals often overlap.

ACADEMIC GOALS include:

- A continued 100 per cent matric pass rate.
- At least 10 per cent of A aggregates by matriculants.
- Increased matric exemptions to secure university entrance.
- Subject packages including travel, tourism and CAD (Computer Assisted Drawing).
- World of Work vacation projects with pupils seeking their own employment.
- Teacher exchanges.
- Upgrading of vocational guidance.
- Re-evaluating and inventing new awards.
- Approaching top academics to become guest lecturers at the college.

SPORT GOALS include:

- Reassessing the role of the sports administrator.
- Ensuring that feeder primary schools prepare boys to fit into the Dale sports programme.
- Top-quality coaching, including professional coaching in areas of excellence.
- A dress code and etiquette for staff and pupils.



STUDENT TEACHERS at Dale (from left): Gavin Jones, Vincent Gelderbloom and Andrew Cawthorn. Not present here is the fourth, Peter Furstenburg. Post-matrics last year, they study through UNISA.

• Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

- Bridging the gaps with top sportsmen who leave school and disappear. Building up contacts and contracts for them.
- 100 per cent participation by all able-bodied Dalians.
- Cutting sporting costs by using facilities and funds more effectively.
- Re-evaluating the criteria for awards.

SHORT-TERM PLANNING includes:

- Appointment and retaining top-quality staff in key areas.
- Training staff in the learner teacher programme.
- Introducing a more relevant subject choice.
- Closer liaison with feeder primary schools to improve the transition to the senior school.
- Encouraging classroom management as opposed to classroom teaching.
- Using the CASS (Continued Assessment) and OBE (Outcomes Based Education) projects without dropping standards.
- Improving teaching methods and computer-aided instruction, starting with the Internet.
- Raising the standard of feedback to parents, including diagnostic reporting on academic, sporting and cultural, pastoral and hostel affairs. Introducing more regular and relevant information sessions to enhance parent involvement and understanding.
- Introducing top standards of building and ground management.
- Hostel expansion and improved service.
- Security fencing of the college, lighting and cameras.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND FEEDBACK:

- The weekly "From the Headmaster's Desk" newsletter.
- Invitations to special award ceremonies.
- High-quality presentations to parents.
- Grade heads meetings with parents and pupils and special meetings to explain school policy.

LONG-TERM PLANNING includes:

- Sponsorships and financial aid. Building up the Old Dalian Union as a force for financial aid and ethos. Persuading Old Dalians to send their sons to the college.
 - Getting Dale's different cultures equally involved in college and ODU activities.
 - Twinning with quality overseas schools and sharing ideas.
 - Adopting disadvantaged schools and assisting with teacher training. Proposals at the "Sharing for Excellence" seminar covered these aspects: Finance, public relations and marketing, governance, safety and security, academic and research and development.
- "I believe we as a staff have gone a long way in addressing these issues," concluded Headmaster Haupt.

GREETINGS TO THE DALE FAMILY From LLF (Lyle) WOOD

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Closed as a hostel, it could emerge as a sports and cultural centre

THE FUTURE OF PRESBY

Gauteng Old Dalians press for a golf academy teeing off in 2004

PATERSON HOUSE, fondly known as Presby to thousands of Dalians since it was opened in 1925 by the Presbyterian Church, has been closed as a school hostel. It is no longer viable because of the shortage of boarders at Dale.

Exciting plans to replace the hostel are in the pipeline. The school sees this as a golden opportunity to play a role in the King William's Town community by establishing a centre which will serve both Dale and the town.

"Paterson House is an asset which can become the flagship of Dale," said James Haupt, Headmaster of Dale College. "Our aim is for a cultural and sports academy to emerge from Presby," he told TransDale. The cultural side could include music and the arts.

The sports academy could include a golf academy – a project being pursued vigorously and enthusiastically by Gauteng Old Dalians, led by national president Grant Turnbull.

A number of short-term plans are proposed to use the property and keep it viable.

All projects to replace Presby are subject to approval by the Dale College Governing Body and by the Hostels Trust, which owns the Paterson House property.

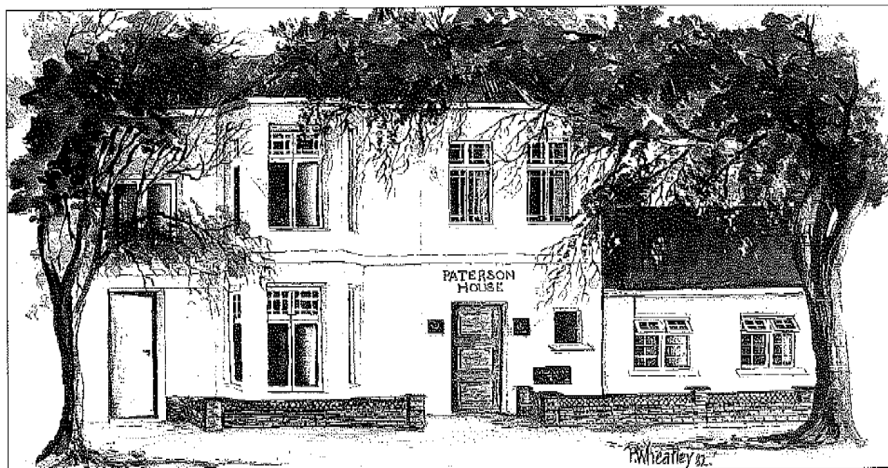
The cultural and sports academy is one of several Dale projects, which include upgrading its two college hostels and Dale Junior's DV Taylor House, to pursue its quest for World Class in all aspects of school life. (See Pages 3-5.) A major sponsor is being sought to promote these developments.

Said the Headmaster: "Our aim is to develop lecture and conference facilities and theatres for productions within the sound structure of Paterson House. These could be used for the teaching of music, the arts and other cultural activities and as a support centre for a sporting academy for golf, rugby and cricket.

"We should be an institution reaching out to the community, hence the need to operate in the evenings too.

"Golf will have its place as part of the bigger picture which is very relevant for King William's Town and its future."

Gauteng Old Dalians, who are spearheading



PATERSON HOUSE ... as seen by artist Paulette Wheatley

a drive to attract more boarders to Dale College, including the sons of Old Dalians, have targeted 2004 for the opening of the proposed golf academy.

They are pressing ahead with a cost study and seeking support from a leading South African golf professional.

The project was flighted at a Gauteng Dale parents' stand at an educational exhibition held in Bedfordview in July. Further plans have since been discussed at meetings of Gauteng Old Dalians, mainly old Presbites.

Gauteng-based Grant Turnbull said the golf academy would be the first of its kind in the Eastern Cape for boys aged between 12 and 15. Entrance would be aimed from 25 to 40 boys in its first year – 2004.

"We would be able to offer the best of both worlds – private boarding at a state-subsidised school. Affordable quality education would be coupled with professional tutoring of a highly-lucrative sport."

Individual coaching by a registered South

African PGA professional would form part of the boys' weekly programme. Golf would be played at the King William's Town Golf Club.

Paterson House is the only Dale hostel not owned by the Education Department. It was bought for R50 000 by the Hostels Trust, a group of Old Dalians, in 1974 when the Presbyterian Church could no longer afford to run it at a loss.

Other plans for the property include its use as a bed-and-breakfast lodge where parents could stay on visits to King William's Town.

The wings at Presby could be used for other lucrative purposes. One idea suggested is to use part of the property for temporary seminars by business organisations.

The Headmaster said: "We do not want Presby to disappear. It must be part of Dale College for ever. We want it to be upgraded, but it must be viable."

If the numbers of boarders could be increased some could return to Presby, which is still being used to house staff.

The friendly hostel with the fighting spirit

THE CLOSURE of Presby as a hostel was received with dismay among Dalians, particularly old "Presbites." Thousands of boys have passed through its doors and for years it boasted the liveliest hostel spirit and tradition at the college.

This "friendly, fighting" spirit goes back to its foundation 77 years ago largely through the efforts of the Rev John Paterson, a Scot of deep humanity who came to King William's Town as minister of St Andrew's Church and saw the need for a hostel for Presbyterian Dalians.

His brother Neil (later the Rev) Paterson, Latin master at Dale, became the hostel's first warden with 25 boys in his charge in a converted double-storey home. Since then extensive extensions and renovations have been made.

Apart from the Depression years and when its future was threatened in the early '70s, Presby never looked back until recent years when the number of boarders at Dale dwindled.

Presby's early wardens served for long terms.

Neil Paterson (known with a mixture of awe and affection as "Bull") retired in 1940 after 16 years. His successor, Evan (Shops) Workman, science teacher and later vice-principal of Dale, served for 17 years. Now 96, he lives in Port Elizabeth.

The first warden's son, also Neil Paterson, took over in 1959 and launched an ambitious building scheme which was carried on by his successor, Greig Russell (1963-66), which enabled the hostel to accommodate more than 100 boys.

Since then the reins of Presby have been held by a number of wardens, including William Staude (1967), Dudley Schroeder (1968-71), vice-principal of Dale and later headmaster of Queen's College, Adri Leurs (1972-73), now teaching at Selborne College, Bernard Simpson (1974-76), vice-principal, Anthony Selby (1976-77), Dennis Scott (1977), Christo Crous (1978-79), Mike Wicks (1980-82), Peter Reed (1983-84), later headmaster of Graeme College, Gareth Crossman (1985-90), Dave Knowles (1990-92),

now a vice-principal at St Stithians College, Randburg, Mick Paterson (1993-95), deputy principal, now teaching at St Andrew's, Grahamstown, and Neil (Butch) Wiggett (1996-97), still at Dale College.

The last superintendent of what had become an undenominational hostel was Zane Hagemann (1998-2002).

Chief matron Sonja Bircholtz, an institution at Presby, has moved to become chief matron in charge of catering at Joubert House. (See Page 4.) She served Presby for 26 years, 22 of them as chief matron.

Presby was for years the home of the legendary cricket coach, Percy Davis, who spent 28 South African summers coaching Dalians and each winter coaching boys at Harrow School, England.

The closure of Paterson House has prompted the Old Dalian Union to step up its recruiting campaign, targeting in particular Old Dalians to send their sons and grandsons to Dale.

From Oppermansgronde to Kitakyushu,
Richard Newton brings you the news

OUR MAN IN JAPAN

OLD DALIAN TV and radio journalist RICHARD NEWTON (matric class 1981) has returned to his base in Bloemfontein after his latest overseas assignment – to Japan. It was, he says, a reward for his hard work covering the prisons corruption inquiry.

Here he tells of his “wonderful experience” – a far cry from covering Platteland boerevors contests, bikers’ and veteran car rallies, church synods and political events. His “beat” stretches from “Bloem” to dorps like Oppermansgronde, Jacobsdal and Noupoot.

IN my work for the SABC I have covered stories in America, Singapore, Germany, Malaysia and of course Lesotho, but Japan was a country I always wanted to visit.

From late May until the end of July I was working on the Jali Commission investigating corruption in the Department of Correctional Services. This entailed months of long days and late nights and by the middle of July I had been working an average of 14 hours a day for nearly two months.

The SABC saw fit to reward me for my hard work by sending me to Japan in early August to find stories on sustainable development in the land of the rising sun.

Cameraman Jan Singleton and I spent two weeks in Japan and what an experience it was. The Japanese culture is so different from our own and I discovered why Tokyo is called the most expensive city in the world!

We covered some lovely stories on sustainable development, including a group of rural housewives who collect used cooking oil and turn it into soap. We visited a factory where used cooking oil is turned into diesel and a town where every factory recycles materials from neon light bulbs to photostat machines and faxes.

We met and interviewed the Japanese Prime Minister and visited Hiroshima. We travelled on the Bullet Train (four times!) and toured the Toyota factory.

We marvelled at the clean streets, spotless public transport and the Japanese commitment to recycling and using alternative energy sources.

We learned that the Japanese, who have no natural resources in their country, rely on their work ethic to build a strong country. The work day is over when the job is complete and the Japanese do not mind working – sometimes up to 17 hours a day.

We also paid a visit to film studios in Kyoto where traditional films and soap operas are made. Our hosts asked me whether I would

SABC senior journalist Richard Newton, in Shogun garb, with cameraman Jan Singleton during their assignment in Japan



BACK HOME: Richard's wife Gillian and their baby son Bailey

like to dress up as a Shogun and I agreed. I had no idea that it meant nearly two hours in make-up with real make-up artists and another half hour getting dressed!

We also visited Kitakyushu. This city was the world's most polluted city in the '60s. After a major clean-up they won several international awards in the '90s for their environmental work.

RICHARD NEWTON has won the Vodacom Central Region award for television reporting. He won this for his coverage of the Jali Commission on corruption at the Grootvlei Prison, outside Bloemfontein.

With other regional winners of awards for print, radio and TV reporting, he will go through to the national leg of the competition in Johannesburg in November.

We ate lots of seafood (although sushi is a bit tough for a Free Stater used to meat, meat and more meat) and went to a Karaoke bar. In Japan this is a collection of private rooms with a Karaoke machine in each. The rooms cost R600 an hour and you can buy snacks and drinks. Beers cost R50 each.

It was a wonderful experience and we came back to South Africa with some really nice stories to broadcast. Luckily our hosts put us in Business Class so the 21-hour flight (including a four-hour stopover in Hong Kong) was very pleasant.

I am not sure when the next trip will be, but I am enjoying spending some time at home with my wife Gillian and Bailey, my four-month-old baby boy.

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CHAIRMAN JOE CHALLENGES GAUTENG DALE PARENTS:

JOE FYFER, who has done yeoman service for Gauteng Daliens and their mums and dads, had a challenging message for parents at their annual general meeting this year:

"We desperately need new blood and ideas to continue with the association. I am deeply concerned that without everyone pulling together and all parents being actively involved this association will cease to exist."

Re-elected chairman, he has a new team heading the TransDale Parents' Association this year. Joe, who was recalled to the committee and the chair last year, now has Wendy Eglinton of Alberton as his deputy. She is also treasurer and responsible for bus transport.

Wendy, a stalwart worker for five years, has in turn been treasurer, secretary and secretary/treasurer. She represents the association on the Dale College Governing Body as a non-voting, co-opted member. Wendy has two sons at the college, Matthew in Grade 11 and Graeme in Grade 9. Matthew toured Britain

Get involved or we won't exist

with the Dale first hockey team earlier this year. (See Pages 30-31.)

New members of the committee are Mark and Denise Pretorius of Benoni. Denise is secretary and Mark junior vice-chairman. Their son Calvin entered Grade 8 at Dale this year. Other committee members include:

- Lesley MacKay of Alberton, who represents Dale Junior parents on the committee. Her son Senna is in Grade 5.
- Tebogo Moromane of Centurion, whose son Modise is in Grade 9 at the college.
- Judy Duncan of Windsor West, Randburg, whose son Christopher, in Grade 10, was a member of the

Under 16 squash team that toured Britain.

Joe Fyfer was chairman and his wife Pat secretary for two years, but stepped down when their eldest son Jason (matric class 1998) left school.

The Fyfers, who live in Kempton Park, returned to the committee when their younger son Brett entered Dale in 2000. Now in Grade 10, Brett also toured Britain with the Under 16 Dale squash team this year.

In his report for 2001-2002 Joe said the year had been one of association's most difficult years. Fund-raising had not been as successful as in the past. The 2001 golf day had

made a profit of more than R5 000 despite the loss of its main sponsor, which had supported the association for 15 years. (See Page 27.)

Subsidisation of the Gauteng bus had hit the association hard but safe transportation of boys remained a top priority.

At the end of 2001 the association donated R9 500 in gifts to the four hostels. These included table tennis tables and accessories, TV sets and video recorders.

Joe congratulated Wendy Eglinton on receiving the prestigious Per Ardua Award at the Reunion for her services to the college. (See Page 12.)

The Reunion had been a resounding success, he said, proving again to be an event parents should not miss. Next year's Reunion is scheduled for May 2 to 4. • Since the AGM, catering at the Dog of the Year Show at Gillooly's Farm raised R6,000 and the 2002 golf day at Reading Country Club brought in more than R9 000 for association funds.

TELLING THE DALE STORY

GAUTENG recruiting of boys for Dale College and Dale Junior focused this year on an educational exhibition at Eastgate, Bedfordview, and two other displays - at Bryandale Primary, Bryanston, and Rynfield Primary, Benoni.

These attracted interest from visiting parents and boys, as well as passing Old Daliens, Queenians and Selbornians. With recruiting visits now discouraged at primary schools, exposure at expos is essential, says

Joe Fyfer, chairman of the TransDale parents' association.

- In this picture Joe talks to an interested parent and son at the Learning Point Exhibition at Eastgate.

Newboys due to start at Dale next year will be welcomed with their parents at a braai at the home of Joe and Pat Fyfer in Glen Marais, Kempton Park, on December 8.

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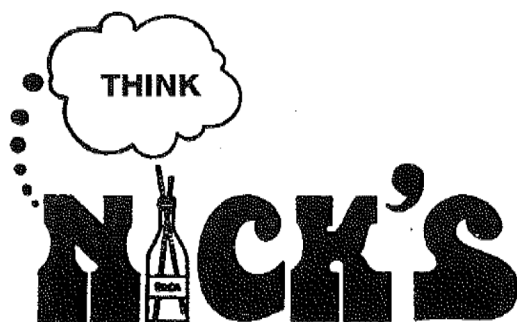
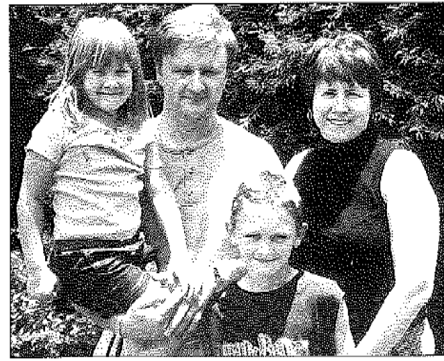


Welcome, newboys!

NEW Gauteng Daliens and parents were welcomed at a braai held last December at the Alberton home of Steve and Wendy Eglinton. The Headmasters of Dale College (James Haupt) and Dale Junior (Mike Hosty) addressed the gathering, which included present Daliens and their parents.

LEFT: Mark and Denise Pretorius, with their son Calvin, in Grade 8 at Dale College. Denise is now secretary of the parents' association.

RIGHT: Peter and Katina Lipinski with Peter's son Tomas, who is in Grade 6 at Dale Junior, and his half-sister Tatiana. Tomas's mother Gwen Crossan has moved from Edenvale to Mossel Bay and the Lipinskis to Britain.



Top of the tree Down Under

Tycoon Mike says 'lessons of life' at Dale helped bring him success

SUCCESS did not come easily for Michael Little, one of the most distinguished business leaders educated at Dale College. He spent half of his Std 9 year recovering from a tonsils operation that went wrong and then catching up on his studies. Yet in the 1944 matric exam he topped the class.

Thirty-three years later, after starting as a laboratory assistant in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, he became chairman of the Australian operation of Unilever, the multinational food and household goods giant.

Mike and his wife Margaret now live on Queensland's Sunshine Coast after he survived a serious illness, including a brain tumour, while running a winery in his retirement.

His career has spanned six countries - Rhodesia, South Africa, Australia, Argentina, the Philippines and Brazil. Before settling finally in Australia he lived in more than 40 houses.

And he says he owes much of his success in life to the lessons he learnt from his experiences - negative and positive - as boarder at Dale.

At Diocesan Hostel Mike Little was a lean slip of a lad who did not excel on the sports field, though he made a great "clown" from the three-metre board at swimming galas. He never got higher than the fourth rugby team, he told TransDale, and did not shine at athletics.

"I did not seem to grow until I was 16 or 17," said Mike, but he won five scholarships (one at £20 and four at £25) to Rhodes, where he made a sporting comeback. (He went to the university after a six-month spell in the SA Signals before the Second World War ended.)

Mike won his colours on the athletics track, was vice-captain and ran second to the famous quarter-miler Denis Shore at the 1948 SA Athletics Championships. He learnt to play golf in Grahamstown and attained a six handicap.

"While I have many happy memories of my days at Dale I also have some unpleasant ones. Each in its way proved valuable experience in later life where one is given little sympathy or consideration by the outside world.

"My three years at Dale were broken by an absence of nearly six months and a struggle to catch up. It was a great mix of good and bad and we all went through it one way or another.

"All in all I had lots of good times and made many friends, including Quentin Coaker and Bill Beckley (who died last year).

"Strangely though, in later life much of the success I have enjoyed has come from the lessons I learned from negative experiences while at Dale, not only from the positive examples one would expect."

Mike told of a "run in" with history teacher GC ("Taffy") Williams, who decided after one essay he wrote that "my English was appalling."

"From that day on in Std 8 he never gave me a decent mark! My English marks were, in fact, very good. He prompted me to try harder but it never seemed to make any difference (to his assessment!).

"My happiest time was when we reached Std 10. We were on top of the pile and enjoyed a more comfortable dormitory."

Once housemaster EW (Drollie) Rowles asked him to take an oath never to touch alco-

LEISURE-TIME ARTIST
Mike Little with one of his paintings



SCHOOLDAYS
... Mike Little in Std 9a at Dale in 1943. He missed half this year through illness but caught up and topped the class in matric.

hol because Mike's uncle (by marriage), a lawyer and former mayor of King William's Town, was believed to have died from alcoholic poisoning or liver failure. (Mike's aunt, not surprisingly, became president of the SA Women's Christian Temperance Union.)

"Needless to say, I declined to take any oaths and to this day enjoy a good Scotch every evening," recalled Mike, now aged 75.

After graduating at Rhodes in physics and chemistry, he moved to Southern Rhodesia where he worked as a meteorologist before joining Lever Brothers as a laboratory assistant. As a junior production manager he made margarine and found life "good, as a single man."

He played cricket as a bowler for the Lever Brothers Winter League side and golf and enjoyed the hectic social life.

In 1952 he married Margaret Harrison from Johannesburg in Salisbury and this August they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary - a "long and happy marriage which has produced three children and 11 grandchildren - so far!"

Then began his long climb to the top in Unilever. From Salisbury he moved to Durban as a chemist and later chemical engineer on

capital construction. Then to Boksburg to help build and then run Unilever's first overseas non-soapy detergent sulphonation and spray-drying plant.

In 1960 Mike and Margaret left South Africa "believing it to have a doubtful, even dangerous future for their children." Still with Unilever, they spent two years in Sydney and one year in Melbourne before Mike was recalled to South Africa as production manager of the now much larger factory in Boksburg.

Their return was a "journey of a lifetime" by air from Melbourne to the Philippines and Hong Kong before boarding a luxury liner to Singapore, Mauritius and Durban.

A year later Mike was sent to Argentina to "sort out" the technical side of a plant located in wetland adjoining the harbour in Buenos Aires.

Here is a globe-trotting view of Mike's journey to the supreme position of head of Unilever in Australia.

ARGENTINA 1963:

"It was an interesting time," said Mike. "The economic situation was no better than it is now. Only one 'revolution' was experienced when the army sent a tank down to the palace where the president resided."

"Aiming its mean-looking gun barrel at the front entrance a message was sent in requesting the president to pack his things and leave. He did! No bloodshed, no rioting, just a new president overnight. A general, not an elected politician."

"Things became difficult after five years as kidnapping of businessmen became a popular 'sport' among the rebels who fought in Cuba or elsewhere but financed their activities from bank hold-ups and kidnapping in Argentina and elsewhere."

"One company executive had six bodyguards killed in an ambush but he escaped!"

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40 homes in 6 countries on the way up

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AUSTRALIA 1969:

Back in Sydney, Mike became technical director of a detergent company but it was not for long. A year later he was sent to the Philippines as chairman (president) and CEO of the Unilever company in Manila.

THE PHILIPPINES, 1971:

"This challenging position brought a big change to my business responsibility and lifestyle," said Mike. He travelled frequently to Sydney, London, Hong Kong and Tokyo.

As head of the British Chamber of Business in Manila he was invited to palace functions by President Marcos and Emelda. "The trick was to melt into the background behind the potted palms to avoid being pressed into making large contributions to the First Lady's favourite charities."

Mike enjoyed membership of the Polo Club and Manila Golf Club and weekend trips to the mountains of Luzon. Suddenly, two-and-a-half years later, the family was on the move again ...

BRAZIL, 1974:

Here Mike was vice-chairman and chief executive officer of a large Unilever company, based in Sao Paulo.

"The Brazilian way of life has three parts," he said, "The Beach, the Samba and Futbol. No wonder they have a 150 000-seat stadium in Rio and have won the World Cup."

"Brazil is a huge country with much to see and experience. The cultures change, the food changes but they insist on one language for all: Brazilian Portuguese. This brings people together and maintains a national unity in a Spanish-speaking continent."

Three years later the Littles were summoned to London where Mike accepted the job of chairman and CEO of the company in Australia.

But it was "a wrench" to say goodbye to the life they had built up in Brazil. As well as their home in Sao Paulo they had a penthouse flat on the Thames in London.

The children who had shuttled between foreign lands were then all in England and "life had become better organised." Still the Littles were happy to return to ...

AUSTRALIA, 1977

Unilever House overlooked Sydney harbour



RISING STAR: A young Mike Little early in his business career

and the Opera House. To the East right were the Botanical Gardens and Government House. To the West left was the Sydney Harbour Bridge. "A magnificent location by any standards."

MIKE LITTLE'S younger brother, William Arthur (Bill) Little, known at Dale as "Pop", was also at Diocesan Hostel in the 1940s. He took a PhD in physics at Rhodes, another PhD at Glasgow University and went on to the University of British Columbia, Canada, from where he was "head-hunted" by Stanford University, California, in 1954.

Now retired, he remains at the university as an emeritus professor of physics, still engaged in "high-tech corporate production of specialised equipment for research and medical uses," says his brother. Mike is also involved in this field as chairman of an Australian biotech company.

Life was comfortable, but filled with functions at home and abroad – and office pressures. Mike joined several external boards and headed World Wildlife Fund Australia while Prince Philip was the world chairman. They met aboard the royal yacht Britannia in Brisbane harbour.

LIFE AFTER UNILEVER

After seven years as chairman of Unilever, Australia, Mike Little retired in 1984 to "do my own thing – to see more of his family and start a life after Unilever."

This included setting up a vineyard and winery, "Little's Winery", in Australia's Hunter Valley, which expanded until hit by a series of "indifferent unprofitable seasons". After suffering a brain tumour and a period of serious illness, Mike withdrew from active management.

He has since recovered but, although remaining as a substantial shareholder, he is no longer involved. His elder son Ian is a consultant winemaker to the business and manages the marketing and export of the wine.

Mike and Margaret live in Noosa, which he describes as an idyllic resort on the Sunshine Coast, north of Brisbane. Their daughter, two sons and grandchildren all live in Australia.

FOOTNOTE: "After 40 years absence from South Africa, I still support the Springbok rugby side over the All Blacks," said Mike.

"But I found myself finally, though marginally, backing the Aussies when they played the 'Boks at Ellis Park this year! Until now I have wavered, especially on the cricket field, so national loyalty dies hard and slowly, but it does in the end!"

"We both take a South African attitude or view on most things when a clash arises! We warm quickly to people who have come from SA in recent years. Our florist, my physiotherapist (MSc, Wits), several people in our retirement village, several artists I bump into at the 'cultural centre'. There is said to be a 'ghetto' of South Africans here!"

"There is a ground swell of opinion, not so visible at diplomatic levels, that Australia should do as much as possible to help the farmers deprived of their farms in Zimbabwe by Robert Mugabe. It is sad (but not surprising) to see how reluctant neighbouring African countries are to condemn his policy. No doubt there is worse to come."



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WHY I'M GLAD I CAME BACK

Dale's first black prefect finds welcome changes after ten years

- HIS surname rhymes with banana, so a teacher at Dale nicknamed him Piesang. He had to drop from higher-grade maths to standard grade because he kept failing tests. He matriculated at 16.
- At university he was told after graduating that he was not mature enough to do a master's course. Yet he persisted and eventually obtained a master's degree (technical maths) in town planning.
- Now he's doing strategic planning for the City of Johannesburg's Development Planning Department
- That's the success story of TSHIWO YENANA, the first black pupil to become a school prefect at Dale College. He was also deputy headboy of Diocesan Hostel and the first black Old Dalian to return with his classmates ten years after leaving.
- At Reunion 2002, Tshiwo found many changes for the better. He played in the Sevens rugby tournament with some of the heroes of the past. "I was so glad I came," he says. "I felt proud to be where I am." Here is his remarkable story:

TSHIWO YENANA was one of the first Africans to enter Dale College in 1991 after it became a Model B school and could admit pupils of colour. He came from a township school in Zwelitsha, outside King William's Town.

His father, Bowen Yenana, was public relations office of the Ciskei Foreign Affairs and Information Department. His mother Beatrice was a schoolteacher. They have since retired and live in Bisho.

When Tshiwo was chosen as a college prefect and deputy headboy of "Hostel" he was playing wing for the Under 15A rugby team. He was a spin bowler for the Under 15A cricket team, but he did not achieve the heights in senior sport. At rugby he played for the fifth team, at cricket he played "on and off" for the thirds and fourths.

It was Adri Leurs, the art and Afrikaans teacher, who first called him Piesang.

Describing his initial difficulties with maths, Tshiwo said: "I was virtually forced to drop grades from maths HG to SG since I was failing my first few maths HG tests. This was the first time I had failed a subject in my life - in Standard 9.

"I persisted for three terms until I wasn't passing any of the tests. Perhaps the level/standard was difficult to adjust to, coming from Hector Peterson High, the Department of Training (DET) school in Zwelitsha."

At age 16, Tshiwo passed his matric with a C aggregate and a university entrance qualification. Helped by a R1000 bursary from the Old Dalian Union, he went to the University of Cape Town to do a BA (Law) course, but gave up law in his second year.

He graduated BA (Social Science) in public administration, but was told he was not mature enough to take a master's degree in city and regional planning - an intensive two-year course.

He worked in 1996 as a trainee town planner for the City of Cape Town, which sponsored him the following year to do the planning course for his master's back at UCT.

After graduating in 1998 Tshiwo worked for a few months in Cape Town but left to do housing project management with the Gauteng Housing Department.

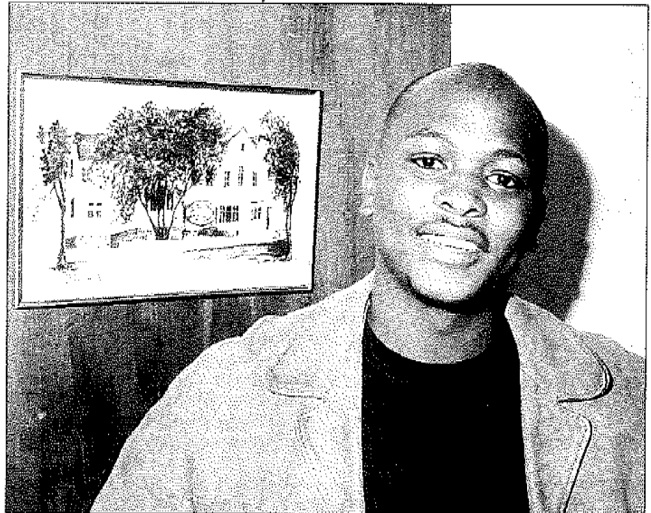
Since January 2001 he's been with the City of Johannesburg doing strategic planning. "It's quite interesting and I'm constantly learning a lot working under pressure and having to satisfy different stakeholder groups," he said.

"My work also involves managing projects such as the Cosmo City development with 12 500 housing units."

Tshiwo lives in Northwold near the Dome in Northgate, Sandton, with his younger Old Dalian brother Luzuko, who matriculated in 1994 and works as a quantity surveyor for Eskom.

He did not choose to come back for a Dale Reunion until this year because, apart from the

TSHIWO YENANA
... 'I enjoyed Hostel life.' (in the background, Diocesan)



• Report: Joe Sutton

• Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

THE SCHOOL WITH UBUNTU

"I WAS lucky to go to Dale which was a great opportunity for me," says Tshiwo. "I benefited academically and made many friends and connections there.

"Having gone to a good school opens doors. When people know you have come from Dale they recognise you.

"Some of the teachers, including my biology teacher, Judy Sheard, were exceptional.

"I enjoyed the rugby, which is part of my community - my father played the game. The sport was exceptional, the facilities, the togeth-

erness, the Dale spirit. I enjoyed Hostel life.

"I believe Dale has ubuntu - with its camaraderie and spirit. Headboy Derryk Jordan introduced a project to help other communities.

"Even though I did not share in the school's history and traditions I grew to respect them and believe they should be preserved.

"At Reunion I felt honoured to be at the same dinner as Mr LLF Wood. He used to give us R1 at the rugby to buy something. I offered him a drink at the dinner."

1991 matric class, he would not have known any of the old boys being honoured.

While at UCT, he said, he developed resentment towards Dale. "Now that I was at a 'liberal' university I got to understand the significance of things that were said or done to me while at Dale," he said.

"I took note of some of the racist aspects of the school (the school and the country were in transition and both blacks and whites had to cope with the drastic changes).

"However I went to Reunion this year having re-instilled a sense of confidence and pride in myself. I got to understand why things were the way they were, the valuable lessons and foundations Dale had laid in my life etc.

"I felt it a duty to go back, to show younger kids who might have gone through similar experiences as mine that there is a brighter, successful life after any kind of adversity one comes along in life.

"So 2002 was my first time back for a Reunion and I am so glad I came. I felt so proud to be where I am.

"I found the school to have changed a lot - reflecting the real demographics of the region (though not so much in the staffing). The rugby bias is still rooted there - some things you just can't change - not that I have a big problem with it.

"It felt better to go back and reflect on your time when only 41 of your kind were permitted into the school, when you were not selected for teams because the coach had his 'batsmen/bowlers/wings/flanks' etc from the previous

year, let alone who was better.

"The school seemed to have changed in terms of music - the combined choir with KHS, very much entrenched in the black culture, the new rugby songs (some modelled on toyi-toyi, folk songs) and other things one identifies with.

"Going back to that school and showing that through all the adversity I still made it and made it to the top was one of the highlights for me. I am not bitter any more. I have grown up.

"Another highlight was playing rugby with some of the guys who had been the heroes ten years ago and actually competing well and playing a good game of Sevens rugby." (The 1992 Matrics entered a team.)

Had his classmates changed much?

"The guys have certainly grown up since the time when some used to laugh at mothers and fathers being chased by young police boys (and dogs) as old as their sons because they wanted a living wage.

"It was exceptionally pleasing to find out what some of those were doing. Most of the guys one expected to do well had actually done so. Like Kevin Efume, Derryk Jordan (not that I thought he'd go as far as teaching), Mark Pienaar and Andrew Hall (where did you get all that fat? Must be all that beer!). Jimmy Jones still is a gentleman."

• Friends who may wish to keep in touch with Tshiwo may e-mail him at: tshiwoy@joburg.org.za

• Glad to be back! The Matric Class of '92 - Pages 20 and 21.

MOTHERS' DAY! Five receive Dale's top award



DAISY KINGSTON of King William's Town, described as a "wonderful worker" for Dale, is a member of the college PTA and the wife of Governing Body and school treasurer Terry Kingston. She works tirelessly in the tuckshop. The Kingstons have two sons, Old Dalian Francis and Paul in Grade 8.



WENDY EGLINTON of Alberton, a stalwart worker for the TransDale Parents' association of which she is vice-chair and treasurer and a former secretary. She sits on the Governing Body as a co-opted, non-voting member. Wendy is the mother of Dalians Matthew (Grade 11) and Graeme (Grade 9).



CECILY POORTMAN of King William's Town, another PTA member who has done much for the school. She is the mother of Old Dalians Deon, Steven, Dale Exeter Scholar for 2000, and Gordon, who is in matric this year and has been chosen as next year's Dale's Exeter Scholar.



NOLEEN BAHLMANN of Kel Road, another tireless worker for the school. She is the wife of 1999-2000 Old Dalian national president Kelvin Bahlmann and the mother of Old Dalians Wesley and Ryan Bahlmann. Ryan was last year's deputy headboy and now a student teacher at Dale Junior.

That's better Dale, what a change!

*The tumult and the shouting dies;
The Captains and the Kings depart:
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget – lest we forget!*

– Kipling's Recessional, 1897

By **JOE SUTTON**

SO it may have seemed at Dale College on Monday, May 13, 2002, after one of the most successful Dale Reunions in recent years – even better attended and equal in spirit to the Millennium year Reunion of 2000.

On Friday we had seen past Dale rugby captains honoured at the Assembly, along with the Matric Class of 1992 and five ladies and three men for their dedicated services to Dale.

On Saturday we had watched the Dale First XV defeat their oldest rivals, Queen's, 10-nil in a thrilling 150th encounter between these two great schools, squaring the honours with 67 victories apiece.

It was a heartening change from Reunion 2001, marked then by a Saturday of shattering rugby defeats.

It was different this year ... the tide of defeat had turned.

In a fitting finale on Sunday, led by local Pastor Brian Jardine, we had paid tribute to the Old Dalian fallen in two world wars and later conflicts. *Lest we forget – lest we forget!*

During the weekend, Old Dalians from four eras returned to renew old friendships and links with their alma mater. Apart from the "92s" there were the matric classes of 1962, 1972 and 1977 – 40, 30, and 25 years since they left Dale. Peter Allan (1962) flew in from New Zealand, Craig Wood and Andre Muller (1992) from Britain. Parents travelled far to be with their boarder sons.

On Thursday evening visitors were entertained at a reception by Dale Junior, a curtain-raiser to a memorable Reunion weekend. Meanwhile, back at the King Golf Club, Old

*** Take heart, the tide will turn again!**

– Last year's prophetic TransDale headline



AT THE HEADMASTER'S HOME: Senior staff members of First National Bank were entertained after the Reunion rugby by Headmaster James Haupt and his wife Selma. From left: Brian Stanley, manager of FNB, King William's Town, Old Dalian Mike Dennis (matric class 1977), regional performance consultant, FNB Rural, based in Port Elizabeth, Dale rugby coach Carl Spilhaus and Kevin Gelderbloem, manager, resources, FNB, King William's Town. FNB sponsored the 150th rugby game between Dale and Queen's.

Dalians of 1972 vintage were already celebrating at the 19th hole after a fun game.

First up on Friday morning was the Old Dalian Union's annual general meeting where a new committee was elected, headed by Grant Turnbull (matric class 1975) and his vice-president, Pastor Paul Smit (1980) of King William's Town, who was national president in 1998. Younger men were at the helm.

Adrian van Deventer, 1996 first team rugby captain, was elected treasurer and 1994 headboy, Daryl Edwards, secretary.

At the Assembly that followed, Headmaster James Haupt presented Per Ardua Awards to staunch Dale supporters Daisy Kingston, Cecily Poortman, Noleen Bahlmann, Wendy Eglinton, Glenda Turner, Ted Warren, Russell Volker and Eugene Moss. (See above.)

Ex-Headmaster Malcom Andrew renewed acquaintance with his returning Class of '92 and retiring Old Dalian national president Andre Petzer welcomed back the rugby captains of the past.

The first Reunion Old Boys' Sevens rugby tournament on Friday afternoon was a small but promising start to something potentially big. The LLF Wood Trophy was won by Old Selbornians, coached by a Springbok Sevens player, the son of an Old Dalian.

The 150th rugby match between Dale and Queen's was sponsored by First National Bank, and the Didata Sevens tournament by two Old Dalians, Allan Cawood and Alan Sutton. A spectacular skydiving display was sponsored by Old Dalian Malcolm (Cruncher) Wilmot.

Friday evening saw the induction of the new Old Dalian national president, Grant Turnbull, son of the founding chairman of the (then) Transvaal Parents' Association. He is the second Gautenger to be president in three years.

Meanwhile, back at the King Golf Club's 19th hole, the Class of '72 were spending another nostalgic evening, this time with their esteemed former Headmaster, Billy Rowles. He came for two hours and stayed four. For all, including Billy, it was the highlight of their weekend.

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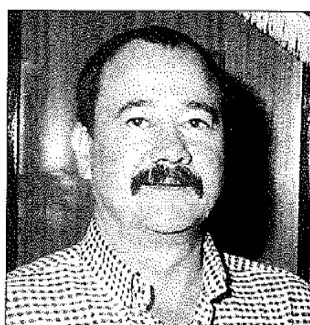
... and with them are three staunch fathers



GLENDIA TURNER of Beacon Bay, East London, is the wife of Old Dalian Union 1993-94 national president Barry Turner. She has been a loyal supporter of the school for many years – when their son Gregg was at Dale, before and during Barry's term of office and since. She attends many Dale functions.



TED WARREN (matric class 1973) of Stutterheim, is a member of the Old Dalian Union executive and chairman of its "Stutt" branch. He "works like a trooper" for the school. A farmer, he comes into town "whenever there is work to be done for Dale." He and his wife Anita have a son Darryl in Grade 6.



RUSSELL VOLKER (matric class 1976), chairman of the college PTA for three years, represents the PTA on the Governing Body as a co-opted, non-voting member. He was chairman of the Dale Junior PTA for two years. His wife Pat is the ODU's office secretary, and their son Stephen, is in Grade 10.



EUGENE MOSS, a member of the college PTA for five years, described as a "very unselfish worker" for the school. As electrical expert, he has spent many hours at the school and the sports centre where he was responsible for the panelling. His wife Mandy has assisted the First Aiders as an instructor.

At Dale, the small stuff really counts, everything matters

TWO of the most passionate speeches heard over the Reunion weekend came from men who were not educated at Dale. But, as members of staff, they wear the Old Dalian blazer with pride. They are devoted to the school they serve.

MIKE HOSTY, Headmaster of Dale Junior, proposed the toast to Dale College and Dale Junior – "the best (schools) in the country."

Quoting a business buzz slogan, "Don't sweat the small stuff – it's all small stuff," he told the Reunion dinner: "That is precisely the opposite of what applies at Dale. The small stuff really counts. Many institutions are letting the small stuff slip by."

"At Dale everything matters, every boy matters, every moment matters, every day matters. We believe that what we are doing does count. What we are doing is not a job but a way of life. We are here for you. We are here for the future of Dale."

CARL SPILHAUS, first team rugby and cricket coach, told the gathering: "We need to restore Dale rugby to its rightful place. We need you, every one in this room and those in the beer tent."

"We need your help. Criticise us – but support us. Give us a chance. Let us all build a future for Dale in this town. Dale is a marketable product in South Africa. There is no other school in the country that has what we have."

"The red and black is in your veins. Let's go out and show the world we've got nothing to be shy of. Let's get our heads out of the sand."

Looking ahead at the clash against Queen's, Carl concluded: "At 4 o'clock we'll be fired up. Tomorrow we will never give up."

Stirring stuff! And the audience loved it. Equally passionate were the remarks by the new Old Dalian national president. Grant Turnbull told dinner guests: "The school offers something better than when I was at Dale. The attitude today is as good as in the past because the staff have done



WE LUV YA, JOHN! After every Reunion Old Dalian John Gouverneur, one of Dale's most generous benefactors, entertains prominent Old Boys and their partners to lunch. This year the informal function was held at the Grosvenor Lodge. Here wives of ODU past presidents show their affection for bachelor John. From left: Irene Bennet, Jean Petzer, John, Noleen Bahlmann, Glenda Turner, Yvonne Bissell and Rose Smit.



John Gouverneur (centre) flanked by (from left) Old Dalian past-presidents Jack Rosenberg (1959 and 1982), Rodney Breetzke (1992) Andre Petzer (2001), Lyle (LLF) Wood (1943), Chow Bissell (1997), Kelvin Bahlmann (1999), Paul Smit (1998), Trevor Bennet (1995) and Barry Turner (1993)

a wonderful job.

"If we can build each year by talking positively about our environment and turn around those negative people, Dale can survive long into the future."

"My dream is to see a hostel filled with sons of Old Daliens. If you have a son, send him to Dale. If you don't have one, make one. If you can't, adopt one."

QUOTES

• Mr Wood (LLF), you are very special to us all. I wish I had 10 per cent of your dedication. You have been a tremendous inspiration to us.

• From time to time we have a negative attitude in King William's Town. I ask you to look out of King and see what else is going on."

– Old Dalian national president Grant Turnbull

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The rebel Old Dalian who came back

Grant Turnbull

Now he's the national president

• In a brief, dignified ceremony a new Old Dalian leader was inducted at the Reunion dinner-dance this year. It was a far cry to an incident that caused a stir at the 1985 Reunion. Controversial Grant Turnbull had finally "come home." JOE SUTTON writes:

SEVENTEEN years ago, after a Reunion rugby match, an angry young man tore off his Old Dalian badge, saying he was no longer proud to be an Old Dalian.

Ten years later he was persuaded to return to the fold. Encouraged to "rethink his prejudice," he moved his young son from Selborne to Dale Junior and later became involved with the Old Dalian Union again.

This year Grant Turnbull, 44, the "rebel Old Dalian who came back," was inducted at the Reunion as the new national president of the ODU.

Grant has matured. He may have mellowed a little since that day in 1985 but he remains forthright, regarded by some as a "stormy petrel, a "stirrer."

He is passionate about his old school and the union he serves and has firm goals he wishes to achieve. One can expect things to happen during his term of office.

In 1985 Grant was barely ten years out of school and attending the Reunion with his parents, wife and young daughters. What upset him was the way he felt (young) Old Dalians had been treated at the rugby ...

"The removal of Harry Voerman by the police was the trigger - the confinement of the

Old Dalians to the stand behind the posts (the winos' stand) – the strong police presence to control Old Dalians ..."

Grant believed that "if the school thought of us in that light" he no longer wished to be part of it. He handed his badge back to Headmaster Malcom Andrew at an after-match function.

(A year before at a dinner-dance in Johannesburg he had been told that young Old Dalians were "an embarrassment to the school" and that they hindered recruiting.)

After the Reunion incident Grant was "accused of being inebriated." He insists that "this was not the case - I had been with my family for the best part of the day."

Ten years later he had moved to East London. "I attended the Dale rugby games regularly although my son went to Selborne," he told TransDale. "Ray Ranger (Grant's 1975 first team rugby captain) encouraged me to rethink my prejudice and I sent my son to Dale."

Later Ted Phillips, senior vice-president of the ODU, asked Grant to get involved on the ODU executive. A year later he felt "it would be a good time to resume my involvement. The rest is history."



GRANT TURNBULL ... persuaded to bury the hatchet
• Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

THE SCHOOL'S VIEWPOINT

MALCOM ANDREW, who was Headmaster of Dale College at the time, recalls the incident and comments:

6 I AM delighted that Grant has returned to the Old Dalian Union fold and is presently the president of that very important organisation.

Pam and I can confirm that a badge was handed to me that evening which we both found upsetting and embarrassing.

However, I wonder whether it is appropriate that the college should take all responsibility for the incidents that upset Grant because:

- In 1985 the main rugby matches were played on the Victoria Grounds, then under the control of

the Borough of King William's Town. Requests by their officials re security and other matters had to be respected.

• The Old Dalian Executive were fully involved in the planning of their Reunion and discussed and approved all important decisions, including security and seating arrangements etc.

One of the best decisions taken a few years later was to ensure that all the Reunion rugby and hockey matches were played on our fields. One of the advantages was that the Dale Family was able to stay together for the Saturday. Another was that the Old Dalians and the schools had more control over all aspects of the Reunion. 🏉

The Turnbull family – loyal supporters of Dale

• At the Reunion in 2000 Grant Turnbull was elected ODU junior vice-president and in 2001 senior vice-president. Now national president, he tells of his formative years at Dale, which he says had a most profound impact on his life. On Page 15 he spells out his goals for his year of office.

GRANT TURNBULL'S family has been closely involved in Dale ever since his parents David and Tessa sent their elder son Ewen to the college in the early '70s. The Turnbulls were foundation members of what is now the TransDale Parents' Association and Dave was its first chairman.

Grant's wife Lesley was his childhood sweetheart whom he met at age ten and married at 20. Their family includes Cheree (a 5th year medical student), Claudette (a provincial athlete and gymnast), Deanne (a graphic arts student at Parktown Art College) and David (in Grade 9 at Dale College).

David, who has been at Dale since Grade 4,

played for the unbeaten Dale Junior first team of 2000 and for Border at Craven Week that year. This year he was in the college Under 15 team.

Grant's parents sent three sons to Dale, from Ewen the eldest to Graeme, the youngest. (All three Turnbull boys were affectionately nicknamed "Chorb," for reasons Old Dalians will understand. They were "Big Chorb," "Middle Chorb" and "Little Chorb").

"I started in Std 6 in 1971 - in a dorm with plenty of life - Neil Crossey, Malcolm Gordon, Lance Cherry, John Thompson and co," says Grant.

"We were probably one of the most successful combinations to arrive at Diocesan Hostel – successful in sport, academics, girlfriends and trouble. We stuck together through high school – and still do."

Highlights at Dale included playing prop in the 1975 First XV – which broke many records – touring Rhodesia, Natal and the Transvaal and being hostel headboy as well as a college prefect.

"My funniest memory was when Mr Anthony Burrell, our housemaster, was handed my old metal tuck box by Jackson - a hostel gardener -

the night before we were due to get on the train.

"Jackson had found it in the long grass outside the tuck room – just where I had placed it – because Neil Zasman had been engaged to fill it up with beers for the train journey. Mr Burrell never opened it but simply sent a messenger to call me and then handed it back to me – weighing a ton.

"Train journeys will always be remembered with some stories that I could never mention. Jack Trevena, headboy in 1972, always warned me to behave, how effective that was I have my doubts. The GHS girls were amazing - we'll leave it at that. I have no bad memories.

"I made some really good friends at Dale. Fido Crosse, Malcolm Gordon, Kim Copland, Dave Ellwood, Hyton and Neil Turnbull, Harry and Robbie Voerman and many others of that era have remained friends who I could rely on to support my passion for Dale.

"Many have supported me in business as well and I will always try to support them where possible.

"Dale College had the most profound impact on

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Dale: The top truly SA school

BY GRANT TURNBULL

Old Dalian national president 2002-2003

THE Old Dalian Union has a huge role to play in supporting the Headmasters, the Governing Bodies and PTAs (Johannesburg and King William's Town). In the past we have concentrated on Old Boys' affairs and assisting the college by providing facilities.

Today the demographics of the area demand that we play a new role, involving recruitment of boarders from Old Dalian parents and others.

I get a lot of pleasure in seeing my son doing things to which I can relate. His life now is very similar to what mine was at school – despite what some negative elements might wish us to believe, Dale College is in better shape now than it has ever been. We are the leading truly South African school in this country.

The boys are probably better behaved, better educated and supported than we were. The problems other schools experience – such as drugs, teacher and parent apathy, racial intolerance and government interference – hardly exist at Dale.

We face the real problem of Old Boy apathy. Our support base from local farmers has been severely reduced by negative racial sentiment. The most disturbing concern is that some Old Dalians are recruiting the cream of the Dale Junior crop for schools like St Andrew's and Kingswood. I consider this treason. Some boys are even going on to Selborne.

I believe we can reverse this trend by running regular events such as successful Reunions, dinner-dances, lunches and golf days which will involve Old Boys and their wives. These functions should be used to spread the word that Dale is what it is – the top truly South African school.

Our racial mix is an asset and we will prove this with time. We will develop more black and white top achievers in the fields of sport, education and politics than our rivals who have tried to keep their classes white despite the reality in this country.

The racial harmony and interaction at Dale is a pleasure to behold. We are already achieving great pride from our black Dalians and proof of this was evident at Reunion 2002.

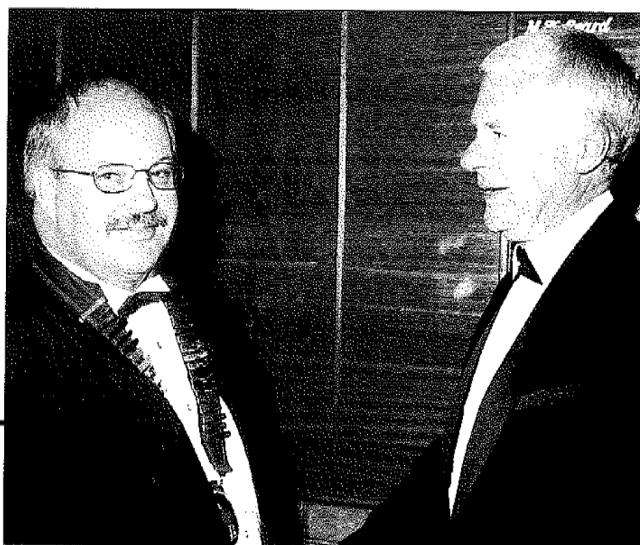
Old Dalians Makhaya Ntini, Monde Zondeki, Malibongwe Maketa and Lonwabo Mtimka played for their alma mater in the Didata Dale Sevens tournament at Reunion despite being contracted and disallowed from playing. Ntini did not need to risk his career to earn R500. That was pure loyalty. I am so proud of them.

I would like to see Dale provide education on the Cambridge system and that A levels and O levels become a reality.

I am working on a project to establish a

OVER TO YOU ...
2001 Old Dalian national president Andre Petzer congratulates his successor, Grant Turnbull, after inducting him at the 2002 Reunion dinner-dance

• Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD



ODU's Grant

spells out his goals as president

- Foundation of a Paterson Golf Academy.
- A programme to encourage Old Boys to send their sons to Dale – at least ten for 2003.
- Improved ODU electronic communication, hopefully including a regular newsletter and developing a business directory.
- The Legends dinner (at Reunion 2002). Nominations were to be completed by this October and invitations sent out by

- November 30.
- The Sevens rugby tournament as an annual event and the formation of the Old Dalian club by the 2003 season.
- A change in attitude to Dale from negative to neutral or even positive – this can't happen overnight but hopefully it will be ongoing.
- Ways to boost Old Dalian Union income.
- Improved branch activity.

Paterson Golf Academy to replace the temporary closure of Presby and bring more boarders to Dale. (See Page 6.)

Many Old Dalians send their sons to private schools because these are perceived as superior, or possibly offering some sort of snob value. I prefer to have my son educated in an environment which will allow him to face life's realities – this is Africa and we need to understand Africans.

If we intend our sons to live in other areas of the world then perhaps the environment of private schools is acceptable. Dale is the perfect environment for people like myself who intend working toward a positive new South Africa.

I believe my son will have friends in high places in the new South Africa – provided by his many years at Dale College.

The ODU must begin mobilising sentiment towards Dale. I would like the word spread that every Old Dalian is a recruitment officer for us. If they don't have sons – what about

grandsons, sons of neighbours, friends, work colleagues and others?

The word should be spread far and wide that boarding school is a good training ground for life skills, that Dalian sons appreciate their parents, don't get involved in the world of drugs and will be prepared to face the rigours of African life.

Education involves self-discipline, motivation and academic factors. Dale has always been a great life-skills developer. The products of Dale often become major achievers and some feel that Dale is not good enough for their sons. I believe it is not too much to expect affluent Old Dalians to remember what school helped them to get where they now.

Have we a programme in place after school motivating Old Boys to want to send their sons to Dale? We should research the programmes at schools like Michaelhouse and Hilton. Should the school not have an automatic bursary for sons of Old Dalians?

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my life – it gave me unbelievable life skills. It was a tough school and everything you got you deserved because you fought for it. Life is like that and Dale prepares you for exactly that. Independence is learned very quickly there.

"I chose not to go to university and did a C.I.S. (Chartered Institute of Secretaries) instead – so I never had the chance to make varsity friends – my Dale mates were the last group I had the opportunity to really get to know well."

After qualifying, "marriage and children isolated me – by choice". Since starting out as an accounts clerk Grant has sold printing machines with his father, owned and sold his own busi-

A tough school, Dale prepared me for life

ness in the same field and moved in and out of life insurance.

He is now back in finance with a Liberty Group franchise, partnered by his brother Graeme, who runs the Cape Town operation. Their father runs the East London branch and Grant the Johannesburg side. He travels regularly to East London for both business and Dale.

"We are currently the seventh largest franchise

out of 105 in the group and this has been achieved in two years."

Grant's social life revolves around his family, Dale College and golf. "My children have been successful at sport and I have spent a lot of time supporting them."

He has a "passionate dislike for gardening" but is an "amateur breakfast chef" and enjoys this form of cooking.

• This story is told about "Middle Chorb" Turnbull. At the St Stithians Rugby Festival some years ago, he was watching from behind the posts when one of the opposing team was about to score. Grant shouted "Dale" and the player dropped the ball.

REUNION 2002 SPECIAL

GREAT TO BE BACK!

Billy Rowles and his boys



REUNION ASSEMBLY: Back row from left: Ken Jack, Michael Randall, Colin MacIachlan, Mick Schuddinh, Keith (Puppy) Cawthorn, Phillip Scheel, Craig Heeger and Michael Snyman. Front: Garth Harris, Colin (Fred) Lawlor, Michael Hughes, Billy Rowles (Headmaster), Jack Trevena (headboy), Russell (Rusty) Muller and John Allen.

• Pictures on these pages: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

FORMER Headmaster Billy Rowles joined "his boys" at the King Golf Club on the Friday night of the 2002 Reunion. For the Class of 1972 this was the highlight of their weekend, says Michael Hughes, who with Ken Jack organised the get-together of old classmates.

The celebration at the golf club followed a lively party held the previous evening after a game of golf won by Bruce Smith and Craig Heeger. They beat Hughes and Michael Snyman at the last hole.

Mike Hughes, who lives in Cape Town, told TransDale: "Mr Rowles was to spend one hour

with us and ended up spending almost four hours.

"What really gave me back my faith in mankind was the manner in which some of those present forgave Mr Rowles for throwing them out of school at the end of the third term after they were caught drinking on the train home.

"Mr Rowles mentioned that he would be preaching forgiveness at church the following weekend.

"The most amusing incident for me was Chappie Wales calling Mr Rowles "Billy-Bob" as though he was his long-lost mate."

The class get-together was planned in January. "We traced guys in Canada, America and even in Bermuda," said Mike. "Every traceable chap received a telephone call. Unfortunately none of the overseas guys could make it but we e-mailed photos to them and we keep in regular contact.

"We agreed to get together for friendship's sake. The Reunion was the common denominator and the best location.

"What I enjoyed most was the camaraderie and friendships renewed. I just hope we will remain in contact in the future.

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Wanted: A new fund-raising strategy

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HERE are some specific areas where action is required:

FINANCE:

The Old Dalian Union needs change – we need to review our role and our fund-raising methods. King William's Town Old Daliens need to be positive about the school and town.

All towns are going through major change and all societies are in turmoil. Running away won't always solve their problems as the grass is not always greener on the other side.

Business relies on a growing population and King is growing. We should keep looking for opportunities. Local Old Boys should band together and support the school and each other.

I would like to see a strong local Old Dalian Club housed at the school grounds. We proved after this Reunion that the venue has many possibilities.

Fund-raising should not be based on loyalty alone. The modern man faces many challenges to his pocket – everyone seems to want his share. We need to base our fund-raising efforts on the modern view of "what's in it for me?"

The electronic media should be used to establish a regular newsletter paid for by Old Daliens advertising their businesses and reaping rewards for their cost. Our web page should be the medium and the basis of the e-mail newsletter.

I have long proposed a directory of business services and am seeking an e-mail program to send colour e-mails with pictures and a profes-

JOHANNESBURG-born and East Rand-raised, Grant attended Tom Newby Primary School, Benoni and Dalview Primary, Brakpan, where he was a prefect. He tells this story of his first encounter with the game of rugby:

"Dalview was a dual-medium school and they played rugby. At my first practice in Std 5 they identified me as a prop forward.

"Having played soccer at Tom Newby, I was instructed verbally how to play rugby – but in the first scrum I didn't know how to bind. The coach removed me and left me on the side for the entire practice – 'rooinekke' were obviously not good at this game. I never went back for another practice."

• At Dale Grant rose to become a member of the successful 1975 First XV – as a prop.

sional layout.

Young Old Daliens see no value in joining the ODU or paying subscriptions. We need a jobs directory helping Old Boys to get employment. That will ensure their support. Blind loyalty is long gone.

The problem of subs can be solved in the way used in Johannesburg – a monthly or quarterly debit order system. Instead of expecting our members to send cheques – which they forget to do – the debit order system can more easily be "sold" to boost membership. The paid-up membership is now being determined by raffle ticket sales.

Statements have proved successful if based on a current address list – but we seem unable to keep up with the movement of our members. When efforts are made to trace Old Daliens they are extremely loyal and keen to assist.

We need to harness this enthusiasm like a business would do to a loyal client base. I would encourage the sending of statements by e-mail, which should bring a better response than if nothing is sent. But I would like to see a consolidated approach to fund-raising, spreading the net wider than at present.

We should be convincing more Old Daliens to contribute financially to the school, either while alive or through legacies. We have enough lawyer Old Daliens to draft the documents for them. Now, more than ever, we need that income.

BRANCH ACTIVITY

This situation is looking more positive – Johannesburg is the strongest and best-run branch in the country. East London is active and strong but could hold more functions – a golf day would be easy to arrange.

Port Elizabeth seems to be getting its members active again – they hold a cocktail party after the first team rugby game against Grey High School. An annual golf day could help.

Cape Town is on the brink of getting going. Some 1977 matrices have undertaken to help and we will build from here.

We need to light a spark in Natal. It is strange that two of our major benefactors come from this area.

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GREAT TO BE BACK!

30 years on,
the Class of
1972
turn back
the clock



KING GOLF CLUB: Back row, from left: Michael Snyman, Colin MacLachlan, John Allen, Michael Randall, Colln (Fred) Lawlor and Michael Greyvensteyn. Middle row: Elwyn Lentz*, Michael Hughes, Mark Manthe, Russell (Rusty) Muller. Front row: Mick Schuddinh, Ken Jack, Craig Heeger and Gary Turner. *Elwyn Lentz matriculated in 1971.

CHEERS! AT THE 19TH HOLE

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"It was quite amazing to see some chaps after 30 years and all but one were instantly recognised, as Alan Muller was the only one to have lost weight!

"It is said that behaviour can be changed, but that personality cannot. How right! Everyone was basically the same person as 30 years ago. We have all mellowed, except one or two of the Presby and Diocesan boys, such as Chappie Wales and Michael Greyvensteyn, who have got worse with age!

"The guys came from Durban, Maritzburg, Cape Town, Pretoria, Johannesburg, East London and Knysna and I counted 25 who were there."

"The golf on the Thursday was a great success. It was the first time that I had played in a nine-ball and only four of us managed to play the full 18 holes on the Friday.

"The rest of the class decided after the first nine that the hair of the dog was the better cure for Thursday's over-indulgence.

"The school? I think that it really remains the same as all those years ago, except for the numbers. I would like to think that they are making some effort to attract more pupils, or the school will surely die.

"A number of us revisited Joubert and we will forever regret it – it was not the same as we remember it."

• The 25 "Seventy-tuos" who attended the Reunion included: John Allen, Lawrence Ausmeier, Patrick Bailey, Richard Boote, Keith (Puppy) Cawthorn, John Crawford, Michael Greyvensteyn, Garth Harris, Craig Heeger, Michael Hughes, Ken Jack, Alistair Johnson, Colin (Fred) Lawlor, Colin MacLachlan, Mark Manthe, Russell (Rusty) Muller, Alan Muller, Phillip Scheel, Mick Schuddinh, Bruce Smith, Michael Snyman, Jack Trevena, Gary Turner, Cosmo (Chappie) Wales and Michael Willis.

• Mike Hughes's postal address is 7 Monmouth Avenue, Upper Claremont, Cape Town 7708. His e-mail address is mozmark.co.za

• Ken Jack lives in Port Elizabeth. His e-mail address is Ken@natstan.co.za

Billy: The highlight of my weekend

"I WAS SO TOUCHED ... it was the highlight of my Reunion weekend and one of the highlights of my retirement ..."

That was Billy Rowles's comment on the 19th-hole reception given him at the King Golf Club.

The former headmaster told TransDale he did expect to see so many of the Class of '72, who had invited him to join them at the club. He recognised most of them and they were surprised.

His daughter, Anne and her husband, Old Dalian Sandy Davies (1966), brought him up from Kidd's Beach. During the evening Sandy came to fetch him and was told to come back in two hours.

Bill said one of the "72s" told him he and his family had been devastated by his expulsion (for drinking), but he now regarded this as a "wonderful lesson."

Oh to be like an 18-year-old again ...

IT WAS wonderful to see old friends again, have 30 years disappear and behave like an 18 year old.

Mike Hughes summed it up after our reunion: "Without doubt it was the finest weekend I have experienced in many, many years – and I have experienced some!" My feelings exactly.

The game at the King Golf Club on the Thursday was the most fun I've ever had on the golf course. The first nine holes took about two hours and the second nearly four.

Perhaps this had something to do with the distance the caddies had to cover back and forward with refreshments. It was a very hot day!

Those who could find their golf balls in the dark played the 18th hole. We had a very sociable evening at the club, with the last chaps leaving early in the morning.

The format of the Friday Assembly has

By KEN JACK

• Ken obtained a first-class pass in the 1972 matric exams. He won prizes for dramatic art, for the best senior speaker in English, for the most efficient cadet NCO, and the Lions Club prize for "the boy who best exemplifies the motto 'We Serve'". He also won a trophy for dramatics, oratory and debating.

changed, but the sentiments expressed and the approach is as Dalian as I remember. It was great to see Mr and Mrs. Billy Rowles there, looking fit and well.

Surprisingly, Mr Rowles could still recognise some of our class, although a few who have changed shape over 30 years had him guessing.

At our official get-together that evening at the golf club we were joined by our wives, Billy Rowles and Tony Burrell, who was our maths teacher and in charge of Diocesan Hostel. What an evening!

On the Saturday evening, after watching rugby, catching up on old times and enjoying the company of old friends, we finished in the beer tent on the Athlone tennis courts.

The Memorial Service on the Sunday was still an impressive occasion, just a pity the attendance was not as good as I expected.

It is a long time since I last attended a Reunion. I came away very impressed by what I saw. Dale is still Dale, the boys are enthusiastic as ever and the campus is well maintained.

Our reunion was a great success. Every class should try it some time. I'm looking forward to our next one.

Great to be back!

THE MATRIC OF CLASS OF 1962

"AFTER 40 years no one had really changed ... It could have been yesterday that we were still at school." That's how Johannesburg Old Dalian Alan Davis summed up the feelings of his 1962 matric classmates who returned to Dale College for this year's Reunion.

It was the first time since leaving Dale that the 24 old friends had met together at the school as a group, said Alan, who helped to organise the get-together with fellow Gautengers Peter Ibbotson and Vincent Turner. "It was great to see each other after all these years."

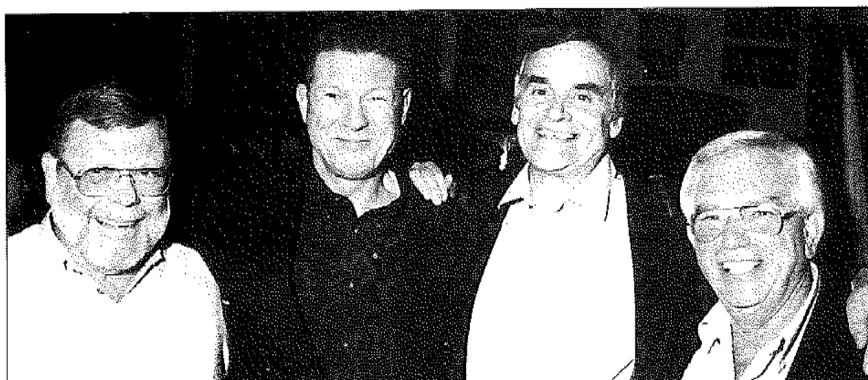
Advocate Peter Allan flew in from New Zealand where he settled with his family 21 years ago (see story below). The others came from many corners of South Africa, notably from Gauteng and the Border. Capetorian David Nunneley's impressions are reported on Page 1.

From the Thursday night cocktail party to the morning Assembly, the dinner-dance and the rugby, most of the "Sixty-tuos" attended all the regular Reunion events. But the cherry on the top was a private dinner attended by 20 on the Saturday night.

"It was fantastic," said Alan, describing how



AT THE DINNER: Back row (from left) Malcolm Kietzmann, Keith Kieck, Jimmy Earl, Peter Ibbotson, Trevor Jennings, Jace Tennier, Justin Charard and Charles Castle. Next row: Chris Kirk, Phillip Schroeder, Peter Allan, John Pote, Adrian Kurland, Alan Davis and Vincent Turner, with David Nunneley in front.



GAUTENGERS Vincent Turner, Jace Tennier, Peter Ibbotson and Alan Davis
• Pictures on these pages: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

old friends rolled back the years with 40-year-old stories, memories of "naughty things," and some good-natured teasing and fun. There was much laughter and the odd tear in the eye.

Alan said his classmates had been impressed to find the old Dale ethos was still there amid

the obvious changes. But the decline in the numbers of boarders – once regarded as the backbone of the school – was disturbing.

The survivors of the "Class of 1962" resolved not to risk waiting until their 50th anniversary in 2012, but to meet again in 2007.

Amazing, says Peter from New Zealand

AFTER 21 years in New Zealand, Peter Allan came back to Dale College this year for a Reunion get-together with his 1962 matric classmates. "It's been an amazing experience," he told TransDale.

"It was as though we had all got back together again after a school holiday. I wouldn't have missed it for anything. If Peter Ibbotson can arrange another one in five years I will be back like a shot."

Remarkably, Peter is an Old Boy of the Border's three top schools – Dale, Queen's and Selborne. "I was first at Selborne, then at Queen's for its centenary (in 1958) and at Dale for its centenary (in 1962)."

In only his second year at Dale he was deputy headboy of the college, headboy of Frank Joubert House and an all-round sportsman. He was captain of the first athletics team and wing and vice-captain of the first rugby team. In both of these sports he was awarded honours.

As a sprinter and hurdler Peter led the athletics team that won the inter-school Hirsch Shield for Dale for the first time in 28 years. He also played first team cricket and was a member of the first musketry team. He was a member of the college debating team and matriculated with a first-class pass.

Peter left Queen's after a "slight altercation with the authorities" over a free ticket to a Springbok-All Black rugby Test in Port Elizabeth in 1960.

On his return from the unauthorised weekend, his housemaster made life somewhat unpleasant so Peter was encouraged by Harry van Heerden (George's father) to move to Dale. A move he never regrets.

After leaving Dale Peter took his BA, LLB at Natal University (Maritzburg) where he played rugby for Combined Natal Universities and represented Natal in the hurdles.

He served his legal articles and qualified as an advocate at the Maritzburg Bar, where he practised for 12 years. During this time he met a New Zealand girl who was touring Africa. They were married in 1970, had four children while still in South Africa and then in 1981 moved to the "Land of the Silver Fern".

RUGBY HONOURS
... Kiwi Peter Allan
at the fields he
knew well

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GREAT TO BE BACK

25 years on, 'The Few' from '77

A SMALL band of 1977 matrices returned to Dale for the 2002 Reunion – 25 years after they left school. Five who attended the Friday Assembly were joined at other functions by others to relive their days at Dale. They included:

FROM GAUTENG:

Stalwart Old Dalian Kim Copland, back again two years after he brought a rollicking crop of 1970s "Vaalies" to liven up the millennium Reunion.

Kim, who runs an office furniture business in Maraisburg, was less successful in rounding up single-year contemporaries but "The Few" still had a good time.

"A special moment for me was a brief hello and hug from Carol Farrer, my Standard 2 teacher, as well as speaking to Mr and Mrs Billy Rowles at the Friday and Sunday assemblies.

"One can sense the deep affection Mr Rowles has for Dale. To be in the company for even a short period with prominent Old Dalians makes Reunion special for me and worth the effort to attend."

Kim spent ten years at Dale from Std 1 to matric, travelling by train from Pretoria, Cape Town and Vereeniging.

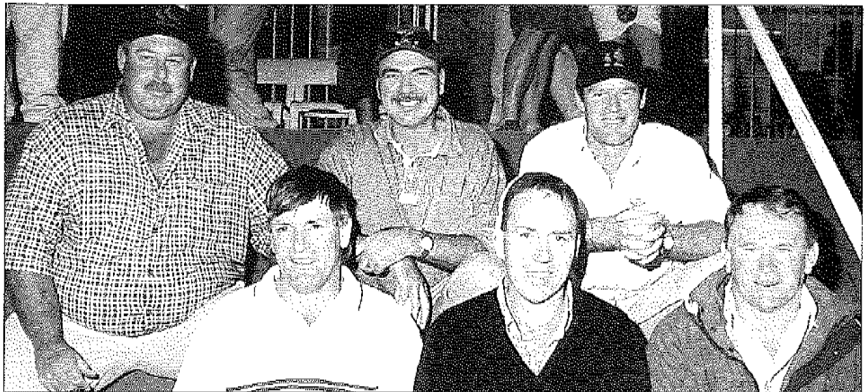
Edwin Jay, senior partner in his law practice in Parktown, Johannesburg, was paying his second Reunion visit in two years. He says his achievements at Dale were undistinguished – he captained the third rugby team and won a prize for diligence.

FROM CAPE TOWN:

Marine engineer Nick de Blocq, who brought his father Hans who with his wife Pat spent 49 years in King William's Town. Hans chaired the PTAs of both Dale Junior and Dale College and Pat was his secretary. (See Pages 1 and 2)



1977 MATRICES at the Assembly (from left): Rob Edwards, Edwin Jay, Kim Copland, Nick de Blocq and Ross Gerber
• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD



1977 MATRICES in less-formal pose. Back row (from left): Julian (Pawpaw) Cloete, Bruce Mitchell and Rob Edwards. Front: Mike Dennis, Kim Copland, Edward Jay.

FROM PORT ELIZABETH:

Banker Mike Dennis, regional performance manager of First National Bank Rural. (FNB sponsored the 150th rugby game between Dale and Queen's at the Reunion and its King William's Town branch has sponsored a page in this issue of TransDale.)

Mike parents were killed in a tragic farm attack near King William's Town last year.

FROM EAST LONDON:

1977 rugby captain Ross Gerber, whose son Grant played fullback for the Dale Under 15s this year.

An outstanding flyhalf, Ross won honours at Dale and was vice-captain of Border Schools. He is an inspector in the SA Police Service in East London. (For more about Ross see the

feature on the returning Dale rugby captains on Pages 22 and 23.)

FROM INDWE, in the North-Eastern Cape:

Sheep and cattle farmer Julian (Pawpaw) Cloete, First XV lock in 1977. His late father, Quintin Cloete, was also an Old Dalian.

FROM STUTTERHEIM:

Motor dealer Bruce (Biros) Mitchell, who also markets Hogsback Montaine mineral water, is a regular Reunion visitor.

FROM STUTTERHEIM:

Sheep and cattle farmer Rob Edwards, head-boy of Dale Junior in 1972 and a college prefect and headboy of Sutton House in his matric year.

He captained the second rugby team. His father Charles was headboy of Dale in 1946.

Peter and his sons still back the 'Boks

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Last year he heard that his old classmates of 1962 were planning a mini-reunion. But in a chain of messages passed on in SA and then to New Zealand confusion reigned over the date.

Finally, Barry Turner ensured that Peter arrived this year by arranging for his daughter Sharmyn (who lives in New Zealand) to deliver a copy of TransDale to him. The deal was that he would personally return it to Barry at the 2002 Reunion – a promise Peter kept when he handed over the magazine to Barry at the Friday lunch.

When Peter settled in New Zealand he had to re-qualify as a barrister as New Zealand law is based on English law. He began as a partner in a law firm in Hamilton, North Island, for ten years and then took a senior legal position in the state health system for five.

Three years ago he went back to the profession as a barrister (advocate) and he now deals mainly with civil litigation involving commer-

cial and contractual disputes and medico-legal matters.

He chairs all the regional medical ethics committees in New Zealand. They review all medical research involving humans, including new drugs and innovative medical treatments. Their work also covers issues such as genetics and stem-cell research.

Peter is also a member of the public health and community advisory committee of the Waikato district health board.

He has two sons, David, 32, also a barrister, and Tim, 29, an industrial designer, and two daughters. Kirsten, 30, is a literary scholar and Brigid, 27, a geologist cum serious mountain climber – she spent four months climbing in Kyrgistan last year. His wife Mary is head of music at a girls' school in Hamilton (1 300 girls).

Despite being away for more than 20 years Peter still feels the pull of South African sports teams and supports them in New Zealand. He

has also convinced his sons to back the 'Boks. He just wishes the results were a little better as he has to take a lot of flak (especially since the Pieter van Zyl incident).

This was Peter's third trip back to SA but his first return visit to Dale since he left the country. "I still miss South Africa even though I love New Zealand," he says.

"It's been great catching up with old mates like Charles Castle, George van Heerden, Vince Turner, Chris Kirk and the rest of the '62 class.

He says he was highly impressed with the Dale boys he met and was even more impressed by the rugby he watched on the Saturday.

"The first team were sensational and played with great courage and skill. Well done to the boys and their coaches! I was extremely proud to have been an old boy of such a great school. Keep it up and the best of luck for the future!"

• At 58, Peter is not considering retirement. "Lawyers usually die at their desks," he laughed.

Great to be back

THE MATRIC CLASS OF '92



AFTER TEN YEARS ... The Matric class of 1992 at the Reunion Assembly. Back row (from left): Tshiwo Yenana, Michael Gemmell, Dallas Clifford, Ulrich Hagens, Johan Pretorius, Andre Muller, Justin Olivier, Arthur Herbert and Mark Pienaar. Middle: Andrew Hall, Ian Olivier, John Camacho, Kevin Efune, David Switala, Byron Gray, Greg Boucher, Dave Collins, Andre du Plessis and Phillip Switala. Front: Shaun Phillips, Andrew Canny, James Jones, Mark Bahlmann, Derryk Jordan, Courtenay Woodin and Richard Bennet.

IT SEEMED like old times as Malcom (Andy) Andrew rose to welcome the Matric Class of 1992 when he was Headmaster of Dale College. After greeting present Daliens ("Good morning boys!") he immediately called them to order when they did not respond.

Looking back ten years, he said 1992 was a very special year. It was decided then to sell Diocesan Hostel and Sutton House and build a new College House. "Had we kept them the school would be bankrupt today."

It was also the year when, after voting for a Model B school, welcoming pupils of all colours, parents backed the move to semi-private Model C status.

The speaker at the year-end prizegiving was Ali Bacher, then managing director of the United Cricket Board. In 1992 Dale had 40 provincial representatives in various sports. Michael Marais scored 41 of the first hockey team's 86 goals.

It was a memorable year. The 1992 matrics led from the front, said Andy.

Dominic Gibb, whose younger brother Oliver (matric class of 1994) streaked during the Springbok rugby Test against Wales at Wembley Stadium in 1998, sent apologies from London where he is working as a plumber.

Mr Andrew recalled how angry Welshmen, whose side was leading before the streak, blamed the distraction for their defeat. Other apologies came from:

Anton Petzer, who sent a "good luck" message to all Daliens playing against Queen's over the weekend and to his father Andre to "enjoy your last function as (Old Dalian) president." Anton is working and playing rugby in Britain (e-mail: antonpetzer@hotmail.com).

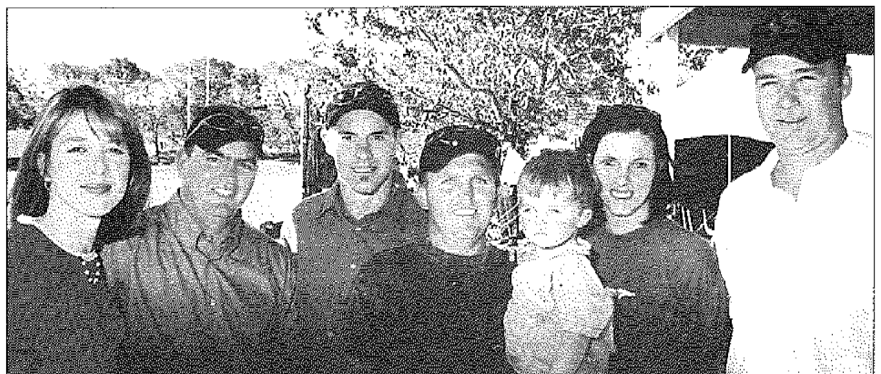
Andrew (Klip) Stone, working in London: "Howzit to all you guys. I hope you all have a blast." (e-mail: andrewklip@yahoo.com).

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ROUNDED UP by 1992 headboy Derryk Jordan of Port Elizabeth and James Jones of King William's Town, at least 26 members of the Matric Class of '92 returned to the college for the 2002 Reunion.

Andre Muller flew in from Britain, six came from Gauteng, five from Port Elizabeth, one each from Cape Town, Knysna and Richards Bay and ten from the Border.

Ten years on, the 1992 matrics are "doing nicely" in many occupations. They include a casino tables supervisor, an environmental consultant, a hotel restaurant/banqueting manager, a senior hotel chef, a quantity surveyor, a property broker and fund analyst, a software



EX-KHS GIRL Tracy Gray (left) with her '92 matric husband Byron, and fellow matrics Greg Boucher and Dave Collins, his son Bryce and wife Dawnleah, with Dallas Clifford

engineer and a software developer, a farmer, a high school teacher and lay preacher, a plumber, a photographer, an automotive technician and several levels of business managers and sales representatives.

Some had qualified in their fields at universities, technikons and technical colleges. Seven are married – and three have children. Five married ex-KHS girls.

Among the 1992s at Reunion was Dale's first black prefect, Tshiwo Yenana, who was deputy headboy at Diocesan Hostel. He now holds a master's degree and is a town planner in Johannesburg. (See Page 11.)

FROM BRITAIN:

Andre Muller, who showed remarkable computer skills while still at Dale, is a software engineer after obtaining a B.Comm (Hons) degree in computer science at Stellenbosch University.

At Dale he won a trophy for promoting the use of computers and a prize for achievement in computer projects at an expo. Fifth in the matric class, Andre was also awarded a geography prize and a trophy for the best society chairman. He chaired the Microchip Challenge Club (MCC) aimed at producing computer-literate Daliens and also the Science and Library Clubs. (E-mail: andremuller@netscape.net)

FROM PORT ELIZABETH:

Derryk (Tubby) Jordan, who took BSc, B.Juris and LLB degrees at UPE, qualified as an attorney but turned to teaching at Grey High School, Port Elizabeth. He is also a lay preacher and took the Memorial Service at last year's Reunion.

• **Pictures on these pages:**
KEVIN WHITEHEAD

At Dale he was awarded colours in academics, drama and debating, was drum-major of the Cadet Band and captained the second rugby and cricket teams. As headboy he won prizes for his contribution to college life. He chaired the drama society and the historical and current affairs society. (E-mail: dj-jabba@webmail.co.za)

Michael (Launchpad) Gemmell, is a professional photographer and is studying for B-Tech degree in photography at the P.E. Technikon. At Dale he was in the first cross-country and swimming teams and represented Southern Border at athletics. He has since completed the Two Oceans Marathon and played for Border at action cricket. Formerly of Boksburg, he holds a diploma in marketing and business management.

Dave (Mole) Collins is a plumber. ("They are richer than doctors," quipped ex-Headmaster Andrew.) A first team hockey player at Dale, he still plays the game. Dave was a hostel prefect at Frank Joubert House. He and his wife Dawnleah have a son, Bryce.

Justin (Ollie) Olivier, who holds a degree in photography and an engineering diploma from the P.E. Technikon and Damelin College, is a network administrator for a computer company. (E-mail: justin@excite.com)

Andrew (Doob) Hall, who holds a BSc (Hons) degree in botany and terrestrial ecology and an MSc in restoration ecology from UPE, is an environmental consultant. At Dale he was a member of the first cross-country team and won an all-rounder award for academics and sport.

He played for "Boetie Gendall's" mighty ninth rugby team." (E-mail: btbarh@upe.ac.za)

FROM KNYSNA:

Andrew (Ox) Canny, described by Mr Andrew as "one of the finest fullbacks Dale has produced," owns a timber construction firm. Since Reunion he has married Derrin-Lyn Turner. At Dale he also played first team golf.

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LUNCH GUESTS (from left): Mark Pienaar, Nikki Olivier, Derry Jordan and Ian Olivier



YESTERDAY'S STARS (from left): Sevens players Andrew Canny, James Jones, Mark Bahlmann and Courtenay Woodin

A 'new' Dale, but on the right track

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FROM CAPE TOWN:

Mark (Zone) Pienaar, who holds an honours degree in economics from Stellenbosch University, is a commercial property broker and fund analyst for a financial company. He was awarded academic colours at Dale and won a prize for the most improved hockey player. (E-mail: mark@bakerstreet.co.za)

FROM RICHARDS BAY:

Ian (Ollie) Olivier was vice-captain of the Dale first swimming team, captain of the second rugby team and played first team waterpolo. He was a college prefect and deputy headboy of Frank Joubert House.

Qualified as an electrician and a commercial diver, Ian has worked in Angola, Zimbabwe and Scotland. He is now a shift co-ordinator for an industrial firm and is married to Nikki (formerly Torr) an ex-KHS girl.

FROM GAUTENG:

The Switala twins, Phillip and David (both nicknamed Swiggy or Swiggs), of Libradene, Boksburg, are in the hotel trade having obtained diplomas in hotel management at Intec College in Johannesburg.

Phillip is a senior chef and David a restaurant and banqueting manager at Birchwood Executive Hotel in Boksburg. Both were Sutton House prefects, sergeants in the Cadets and the First Aid. Both enjoy canoeing and completed the Duzi Marathon in 2000.

David plays baseball and manages the Eastern Gauteng Under 10 side. (E-mail: Davids@birchwoodhotel.co.za)

The twins are the sons of Fred and Margaret Switala, long-time stalwarts of the TransDale Parents' Association.

Kevin Efune of Greenside, Johannesburg, who obtained academic colours at Dale, is a software developer after studying electrical engineering at the Wits Technikon. At Dale he was headboy of Diocesan Hostel and a school prefect and won a prize for mathematics. In his spare time he is a scuba-diving instructor.

Kevin's parents, Allan and Marilyn, were committee members of the TransDale Parents' Association in 1991-92. (E-mail: kevin@clsys.co.za)

John Camacho, then of Bromhof, Randburg, who studied at UPE for a BComm degree in industrial psychology, was a regional manager in Pretoria for a firm of value retailers buying and selling second-hand goods. He has since moved to the firm's Cape Town branch. At Dale he was a house prefect and won an all-rounder award. (E-mail: john@cashcrusaders.co.za)

Andre (Duppie) du Plessis of Dunvegan, Edenvalle, is a tables supervisor at Montecasino in Sandton. Andre, who captained the Dale cross-country team, won half-colours and a prize for the

most improved runner, still enjoys his running. Let's face it, Dale has changed, says Courtenay Woodin, 1992 matric and 1993 post-matric, who returned to Dale for the Reunion this year.

"But as long as the school continues to turn out well-educated, disciplined and well-mannered young men, we are on the right track," he adds. "I was pleased with the general discipline and manners displayed by the boys at Reunion. Surely this is due to a fantastic Dale staff. Reunion was an outstanding success. Mr LLF Wood said it was one of the biggest ten-year (matric) turnouts he had seen in many years. It was wonderful to see friends, team-

mates, coaches and teachers.

"All seemed to be the same, except Deon Boshoff (a bit greyer, probably due to coaching those wimps in Grahamstown?). Fellow students have not changed too much. Among us was Tshiwo Yenana, the first black prefect at Dale College and a great chap.

"I missed the cadets on the Friday afternoon. But the Assembly and other events were fantastic. The seven-a-side rugby on the Friday was great. Perhaps we could make it touch rugby and maybe on half the field."

Courtenay was scrum-half in the unbeaten 1993 Dale First XV that toured Britain.

he works for is owned by an Old Dalian, Andre Wood, who played hooker for the unbeaten 1990 Dale First XV.

Shaun (Bekkies) Phillips of Alberton, who studied to be a personal trainer and aerobics instructor at a health and fitness education college in Midrand, still works out at the gym and plays golf. He is a foreman at a plant processing acid liquor through electrolysis. He and his wife Sue have a daughter Christen.

FROM THE BORDER:

Courtenay (Horse) Woodin was one of four Dalian rugby players taken to hospital with hypothermia after a tour game in Wales. That was in 1993 when, as a post-matric, he was a member of the First XV that won 22 out of 22 games.

In his matric year Courtenay was deputy headboy of Presby and was rated the best school prefect. He also won a new award as the "best Presbrite who epitomises the hostel's motto." This included sports, academics, manners etc and he rates it his best award. In his post-matric year he won a rugby award for perseverance and consistency.

Courtenay, who holds a national diploma in sports administration and marketing, has a screen-printing business in East London. He and his wife Sheree live in Beacon Bay, East London.

Mark Bahlmann is a farmer, like his father Owen, who played rugby for Dale firsts in 1959. Known at Dale as Sac, Mark captained the first rugby team in 1992 and played first team cricket for three years. In 1991 he was vice-captain of the second rugby team and played in nine games for the firsts.

He was a school prefect and headboy of Frank Joubert House and won two trophies for sportsmanship, a prize for fellowship and another for the most improved senior cricketer. He and his wife Heather farm near Berlin. (E-mail: bloomfield@freemail.absa.co.za)

Richard (Duppie) Bennet, son of another ODU past-president, Trevor Bennet, is a marketing and sales manager for a security firm and has retired from provincial rugby after playing for the Border Bulldogs.

He holds a diploma in marketing and sales from the Durban, Natal, Technikon. The company

he works for is owned by an Old Dalian, Andre Wood, who played hooker for the unbeaten 1990 Dale First XV.

At Dale Richard captained the first cricket XI, played first team rugby and was Victor Ludorum in athletics. He won prizes for the best performance in inter-school cricket matches, outstanding performance at rugby, outstanding achievement in sport and all-round proficiency in games. He played rugby for SA Schools and cricket for Border Under 23s.

Richard and his wife Bronwen, who live at Beacon Bay, were expecting their first child in late October.

Dallas (Coco) Clifford is a quantity surveyor in a construction company after qualifying at the Port Elizabeth Technikon. At Dale he played for the first waterpolo team, swam for the Athlone A team, was awarded half colours and represented Border Country Districts.

Byron (Worm) Gray, who surfed for Border while still at Dale in 1991-92, is a sales representative in East London. He and his wife Tracy, an ex-KHS girl, have two children.

James (Jimmy) Jones, who qualified in marketing management at the East London Technikon College, is a self-employed businessman in King William's Town. (E-mail: jamesjones@hotmail.com)

Johan (Big P) Pretorius is branch manager of a furniture store in King William's Town. He joined the company after army service and working in a family business.

Ulrich (Ulli) Hagens works for a King William's Town motor firm after qualifying as an automotive technician at the King Technical College. He won a prize at Dale for perseverance in academics. (E-mail: uhagens@border.co.za)

Gregory (Bouch) Boucher of Christmas Rock is a sales manager for a King William's Town motor spares and vehicle repairing firm. (E-mail: kingent@isat.co.za)

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REUNION 2002 SPECIAL

**GREAT TO
BE BACK:**

The captains courageous



PAST RUGBY CAPTAINS at the Reunion Assembly. Back row (from left): Jason Hosty (1999), Peter Minnie (1998), Martin Sheard (1974), Grant Griffith (1993), Ross Gerber (1977) and Ray Ranger (1975). Middle: Roy Seeney (1971), Gary Boucher (1972), Marc Petzer (1997), Mark Bahlmann (1992), Rodney Long (1987), John Mullins (1986), Bevan Karshagen (1985), Deon Linde (1980-82), and Andrew Bennet (1990). Front: Peter Skinner (1961), Charles Pope (1964), Viv Gehring (1956), Bryan Hurn (1950), Gavin Busse (1958-59), Tom Warren (1954), Len Gerber (1968) and Kelvin Kietzmann (1969). Absent: Chow Bissell (1965).

ABOUT 30 Dale College rugby captains returned to the college this year as honoured guests at the Reunion. They included legendary figures like Len Gerber, Gavin Busse and Chow Bissell and top younger sportsmen like Steven Hatley and Dion Linde.

Some of the more prominent at school and in provincial rugby included:

CAVIN BUSSE, who captained the Dale First XV in 1958-59, is the most-capped Dale rugby player of all time.

Described as an outstanding captain, an excellent lock forward and line-out specialist, he

played for the first team from mid-1955 to his matric year.

He won an honours cap in the last three years and captained Border Schools at both rugby and cricket in the same year. He is one of only three Dalians who were headboy and captain of cricket and rugby in the same year – a feat never equalled since.

Gavin, who went on to play for Border, is regional manager of a medical supplies firm in East London.

CLIFTON (Chow) BISSELL (1965), played 69 first team rugby games for Dale in four years. He was awarded honours in 1964 and again in 1965.

He played for Border Schools for three years.

Chow, a prop forward, was described by his coach as “easily the best player in his position on the Border.” He also rowed for Dale firsts for four years, winning colours and captaining the team in his final year.

After leaving school he played for Border for ten years. In 67 games for Border he played against the British Lions, the French, the All Blacks and the Wallabies. He was national president of the Old Dalian Union in 1997-98 and is in the transport business in East London.

LEN (Tollie) GERBER (1968), the outstanding

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A REUNION FOR PARENTS AND SONS, TOO



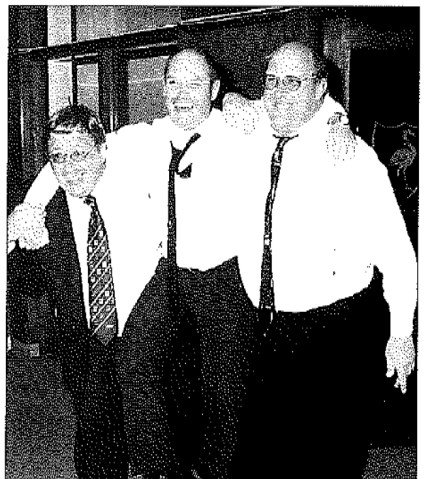
AT THE DINNER: Gauteng parents are joined by the Switalas, a family which has produced three Dalian sons. Standing (from left): Phillip (matric class 1992), his sister Heidi Edwards, Steve Eglinton, Grant Turnbull, newly-inducted Old Dalian president, Margaret and Fred Switala, Tebogo Moromane, David Switala (1992) and Nadine Huntley. Next row: (from left): Denise Pretorius, Lesley Turnbull and Joe Fyfer. In front (clockwise) Eric Huntley, Mark Pretorius, Wendy Eglinton, Pat Fyfer, Helen Linkerman, Mmathoto Lephadi and Lesley MacKay.

IT was a weekend not to be missed; a chance for sons to see their mums on Mother's Day; a chance for parents to see their sons in their - second home, to join in the fun and watch the rugby. A happy band of Gauteng parents were there this year.

PROP forwards Steve Eglinton (left) and Eric Huntley, scrum down with Happy Hooker Joe Fyfer in an impromptu dinner act.

PROUD father Ray Krause and his son Benjamin

• Pictures:
**KEVIN
WHITEHEAD**



The rugby heroes of the past

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Dale flyhalf in the late '60s, was awarded honours and represented Border Schools and Border Under 20s in 1967 and 1968.

He eclipsed HO de Villiers's record of 97 points in a season by scoring 131 points in 1967. This included 43 of his side's 70 points in a three-game tour of Johannesburg that year. As captain of the 1968 team touring Johannesburg he scored 17 out of the team's 40 points.

A great future was predicted for Gerber, who later played for Border and then for four years for Northern Transvaal. This included playing in two Currie Cup finals in the '70s against Free State and Transvaal. The Bulls won both.

Len was rated a future Springbok. He played in Springbok trials and for the Gazelles and SA Country Districts, but serious injuries in a motor accident cut short his promising career.

He made a comeback at fullback for North Eastern Cape but his knee never recovered and he retired. He is now self-employed in the clothing business in East London.

Len's younger brother ROSS (1977) followed in his footsteps at Dale as a flyhalf a decade later. He played for the First XV regularly for two years, was awarded honours and was vice-captain of the Border Schools team in Craven Week.

After leaving school he played for Border Under 20s and won 28 caps for the Border senior side.

He has been in the police for 24 years since leaving school and is an inspector involved in crime intelligence gathering.

VIV GEHRING won colours in 1955 and honours as captain in 1956. Described by coach Tommy Higgs as "a born rugby player," he played for two years for Border Schools. As a centre he was "unorthodox and dangerous" on attack and a "prolific kicker," scoring more than 100 points in the 1955 season.

After leaving school he played won 11 caps for Border. A retired police officer, he lives in East London.

DEON LINDE played hooker for the Dale first team for four years and captained the side for three (1980-82). This had been matched only once before by Leslie Wylie in 1911, 1912 and 1913.

In 1979, as a "the baby of the side" he received half colours. He was awarded full colours in 1980 and honours in 1981-82 and played for Border Schools.

Len du Pisani described Linde as "one of the finest hookers I've coached." Deon gave up rugby after leaving school but played senior waterpolo for Border. He is a King William's Town businessman.

STEVEN HATLEY captained Dale firsts and Border Schools in 1991 when he scored 185 points in the season (12 tries, 37 conversions and 21 penalties).

Scrumhalf Steven was awarded honours in rugby and waterpolo in 1991 and described as "one of the greatest sportsmen to have been produced by Dale in recent decades." He was the Amatola Sports Star for two years.

Later he played for Natal Under 21s, and once as a substitute for Natal against Western Province. He also played for Western Province, including one game against the touring British Lions. In England he played for Bath, London Irish and Sale, Cheshire. He retired due to an ankle injury.

Steven, who lives in East London, is setting up a business with his brother Neil.

CHARLES POPE, captain in 1964, was described by his coach as "an admiral leader... a first-class player in this position (fly-half)." He was awarded colours in 1963 and honours in his final year.

Replying to past-president Andre Petzer, who welcomed the rugby captains, he thanked the Old Dalian Union and told the Assembly he had been a boarder at Dale for eight years.

Charles was vice-captain of the first cricket



THE OLDEST Dale rugby captain at the Reunion was 70-year-old BRYAN HURN (1950), now retired to Somerset West, Cape, after a career of flying and farming. It was his first Reunion since leaving school although he has been back to Dale on other occasions.

Bryan, who played left wing, recalls that in 1950 Dale had "a very good team", which lost only one match - against Queen's. The team played 13 matches, won nine, drew three and lost one, scoring 131 points against 49 and beating Monument, Helpmekaar and Jeppe high schools in a Transvaal tour.

Bryan and flyhalf Peewee Howe, who became a Springbok in 1956, were awarded honours caps and played for Border Schools. Bryan also captained the first tennis team and was headboy of

Paterson House and deputy headboy of the school.

After leaving Dale Bryan joined the SAAF as a cadet and trained as a navigator. He was in the guard of honour when Old Dalian Linley Middleton (1947) later a Royal Navy Rear Admiral, got his wings.

Bryan joined the Royal Air Force in 1953, qualified as a fighter pilot and spent nine years in overseas RAF bases, including Iraq, Cyprus and Singapore, as well as in Britain.

He came home to farm sheep and cattle near Dordrecht, then rejoined the SAAF and after five years finally went back to farming.

HURN, the captain, on the left wing, was outstanding and showed excellent bursts of speed, which very often resulted in spectacular tries.

- Dale College Magazine, November 1950



PAST CAPTAINS in relaxed mood at the Reunion rugby. Back row (from left): Ray Ranger, Bryan Gibson, Roy Seeney, Paul Minnie, Peter Skinner, Chow Bissell, Martin Sheard, Ross Gerber, Bryan Hurn, Jason Hosty and Tom Warren.

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team and played for Border.

RODNEY LONG (1987), a scrumhalf, later played first division rugby in Chile for about five years while working for a sports goods firm. He also played second division rugby for a season in France and for Western Province B. He is a sales and marketing agent in Cape Town.

RAY RANGER, as eighth man, led the 1975 team which won 19 of its 24 matches and scored which was then a record total of 484 points. He farms near Kei Road and chairs the Dale College Hostels Committee. His son Murray captained the Dale First XV this year. Ray played cricket for Border and for Western Transvaal.

BRYAN GIBSON (1976), a "strong, agile, thinking" wing who "mesmerised his opponents," played 75 games in his four seasons for the first team, scoring 44 tries (176 points) in his first team career. He was awarded honours and

played for Border Schools, but gave up serious rugby after representing Eastern Province Under 20s. He is the construction industry in Komga.

ANDREW BENNET was awarded honours after captaining the unbeaten 1990 side. He played for Border Schools in Craven Week. He farms near Stutterheim with his dad, Old Dalian past-president Trevor Bennet.

GRANT GRIFFITH, a centre, captained the unbeaten 1993 side and Border Schools.

JASON HOSTY (1999), son of Dale Junior Headmaster Mike Hosty, was the youngest ex-captain present.

Hillary Herbert, widow of 1955 captain ENSOR HERBERT, came to honour her husband's memory at the Reunion.

Former Springbok fullback HO DE VILLIERS, of Cape Town, who captained the Dale First XV in 1964, sent his apologies.



YOUNG Dalian faces in the crowd at the Reunion rugby. There was much more to applaud this year as Dale beat Queens in the 150th game between the rival schools.



CHEERLEADERS Mangaliso Badi and Adam McKay, both aged seven and in Grade 1 at Dale Junior. Adam is the grandson of Melanie McKay, secretary to Dale Junior headmasters for 18 years.



FAMILY REUNION: Dale parent and grandparent Bill Daniel, 79, and his Dalian family. From left: Grandson Murray (Grade 9 and a member of the Dale Under 15A rugby team), son Mike (matric class 1975, first team cricketer and rugby player) and grandson Keegan (Grade 11, first team rugby flanker and cricketer and incoming student cadet commander). Bill, who lives at Gonubie, was general foreman in charge of the building of the New Dale, which was opened in 1960. Mike is the father of Keegan and Murray. Bill's two other sons, Gordon and Brian, are also Old Dalians.

President big day



FAMILY REUNION: Old Dalian national president proud family. Back row (from left) daughter Middle: Grant's dad, David (founder chairman of Tessa, Grant and Old Dalian brother Ewen. From Lesley and Grant's 14-year-old Dalian son David (15A rugby side). Two Turnbull daughters,



FAMILY REUNION: Richard Bennet (1992 matric), Andrew, 1990 rugby captain, and daughter

• Pictures on these pages

Grant's

A REUNION 2002 PICTURE SPECIAL



Grant Turnbull (in black tie) surrounded by his wife Lesley, sister-in-law Jacqui, and other family members at the reunion. Sister-in-law Jenny and brother Graeme, with David (in Grade 9 and a member of the Under 19s), Claudette and Deanne, were not present.



Grant Turnbull, his wife Bronwyn, mum Irene, brother Trevor, an ODU past president

Photos by: KEVIN WHITEHEAD



FAMILY REUNION: Stalwart Gauteng Dale parents Fred and Margaret Switala with their twin sons David and Phillip and their daughter Heidi Edwards. The twins were back as 1992 matrics.

A blast from the past ...

THE strains of the National Anthem, the Last Post and the Reveille had hardly died down ... Guests at the Reunion Memorial Service in Dale's Hallowed Courtyard were having tea ... Suddenly a bugle sounded the Last Post at the War Memorial.

Charles Castle, a bugler at Dale 40 years ago, was playing a century-old British regimental bugle he had bought from an antique shop.

His uncle, also Charles Castle, was killed in the Second World War and his name appears among the fallen on the memorial. "I did it in memory of him," Charles told TransDale. His uncle played first team rugby and cricket for Dale in the mid-1930s.

Charles was one of about 25 of the matric class of 1962 to attend the Reunion. He said he practised playing his bugle in his basement or in the veld to avoid disturbing neighbours in his hometown of Benoni.

"Whenever I get a chance on a trip I play in the country, sometimes on a mountain top," he said.

Charles said his purchase of the 1902 bugle a year ago had rekindled his interest in bugles. "I hadn't touched one since I left Dale in 1962," he said. Now he has a collection of about 20, including two dated 1921 and 1937. Another is described as a Boy Scout bugle, Official Bugle of America.

His oldest bugle, which he played at Reunion, is engraved "Made in Manchester, 1902," and also the name of a later owner, Corporal Adams, East Lancashire Infantry, 1907.

Charles, who lives in the Benoni suburb of Alphen Park, is an open-cast mining contractor.

ENCORE! IT'S PIPER COWLEY AGAIN

GRAHAM COWLEY of the East London Caledonian Pipe Band pipes the National Anthem at his second Memorial Service. He also played a lament while wreathes were being laid. Trumpeter Mike Forbes of Hudson Park High School, East London, sounded the Last Post and the Reveille.



New team in Dale Junior reshuffle

DALE JUNIOR Headmaster Mike Hosty is back home at Marydale, his official residence, after a stimulating spell in charge of DV Taylor House 15 years after he was its first superintendent.

"Although the job is very time-consuming, particularly on top of headmastering responsibilities, I absolutely loved and thrived on the closer contact with the boys and staff," he told TransDale.

Mr Hosty's return to the hostel followed the move to Dale College of Carl Spilhaus, rugby and cricket coach and superintendent of the DV Taylor House, and the promotion of deputy headmaster Robbie Noble to be head of Komga Primary School.

Now Dale Junior has a new deputy headmaster and will soon have a new superintendent of DV Taylor House.

• Grant Williams, head of department at Cambridge Junior School for four years and a teacher at St Andrew's Prep, Grahamstown, for eight, has joined the team as Mr Hosty's deputy.

- **Mike Hosty tells of return to DV Taylor**
- **Now an Old Boy will run the hostel**
- **A new deputy head joins the staff**

Both Grant and his wife Cheryl are Rhodes University graduates. Mrs Williams, who has taught at St Martin's Primary School, Durban North, and Cambridge Junior School, has joined the Dale Junior staff temporarily to help run the library.

• Wayne Grätz is the first Old Boy of DV Taylor House to be appointed head of the hostel. After attending Dale Junior and spending two years at the college, he matriculated at Selborne. He taught for a year at Queen's.

Wayne and his wife Megan moved from Stirling Primary, East London, earlier this year when he

took over Mr Noble's teaching position.

Explaining the reshuffle, Mr Hosty said the long-overdue Government bulletins advertising teaching vacancies had been greeted with great excitement in Eastern Cape schools. The downside was that many schools would lose teachers waiting impatiently for promotion.

Mr Noble, who had taken over from Mr Spilhaus as hostel superintendent in January, was one such teacher. When he and his wife Linda left for Komga at the end of the first term, Mr Hosty moved back to the superintendent's flat in DV Taylor.

Although back at Marydale, he remains superintendent of the hostel while Mr Grätz settles in and until he takes over in January. "We look forward with great anticipation to the influence that he and Megan will have on the welfare of our merry band of boarders as well as the homely atmosphere of Taylor House," said Mr Hosty.



BACK TO HIS ROOTS ...
Wayne Grätz with his wife Megan

DALE JUNIOR Under 13A players took two of the six prizes awarded at the recent Grey (Bloemfontein) Top 12 schools cricket festival. Lunga Mateza was named as the best bowler and Ayabulela Gqamane the second best batsman.

Headmaster Mike Hosty described the boys' performance as a "tremendous achievement." They achieved their success although the Dale team won only one of their three games.

2 Dalians are tops in Top 12 festival

After losing to Rondebosch and to SACS each by two wickets, Dale played to their full potential when they beat Wynberg by 103 runs. Gqamane scored 95 runs and Lwando Makongolo 59 in Dale's innings of 206 for three wickets. Mateza took four wickets for nine runs when Wynberg were dismissed for 93.

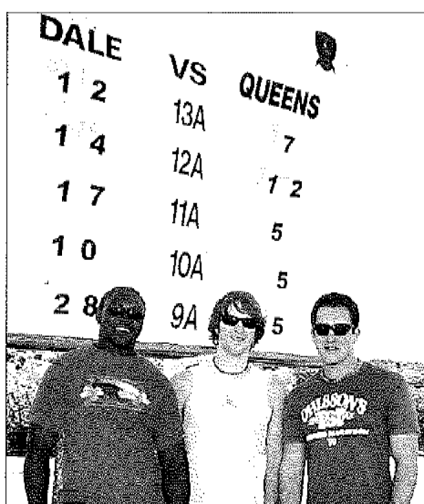
Against Rondebosch, Makongolo scored 52 runs and Avumile Ngetu 35 in Dale's innings of 200 for eight, but the Cape school passed this score with two wickets in hand. Mateza took three wickets for 23 runs.

In their second game Dale were dismissed for 64 runs, which SACS passed with eight wickets down.

Mateza took four wickets for 12 runs. • Eleven Under 11 and Under 13 Dalians attended the Border trials. Six Under 13s were selected for the A side: Ayabulela Gqamane, Lwando Makongolo, Lunga Mateza, Avumile Ngetu, Nazo Mlakalaka and Khanya Wellem.

Two Under 13s, Jonathan Avis and Sinovuyo Nyoka, were chosen for the B side and all three Under 11s for the A side: Wandile Mjekevu, Perez Mnkile and Jerry Noolo.

20 WINS (AND 754 POINTS) IN 23 GAMES!



THE SCORES that spotlight Dale Junior's Reunion rugby victories over Queen's. First XV front-rankers of 1999 Lonwabo Mtimka, Warren Brett and Bradley Rudy get together. (See Page 36.)

IN a superb season, the Dale Junior Under 13a rugby side won 20 out of 23 matches, lost two and drew one. Injuries caused disruptions but teamwork, commitment and dedication got the team through, reports their coach, Fambai Marara.

They scored a total of 754 points – an average winning margin of 33-4 per game – and conceded only 98. The team were unbeaten on a Cape Town tour and at rugby festivals at Queen's Junior and De Vos Malan Primary.

Fambai, a student teacher who coached the side last year as Under 12s, commended the players' Trojan work at practices and quality performances in matches.

The team had displayed structured and entertaining skills from early in the season at the Queen's Junior Festival to the end-of-season Cape Town tour.

As one of the smallest sides on the Border, they put on great displays against much bigger Selborne and Stirling opponents.

After losing an away game 5-26 against Selborne, the Dalians struck back with a 12-7 home win before a large crowd. On a wet Grey Junior field in Port Elizabeth, they were narrowly beaten 5-7. Other matches included a draw against Stirling at home, victory in the

return and two victories over Queen's (12-7 and 17-7). In the Wednesday league, the Dalians were unbeaten.

On the Cape tour the team beat three top schools, Bishops (34-5), SACS (20-0), despite contesting a much heavier pack, and Rondebosch (12-7), despite conceding a penalty try in a match played in pouring rain.

"This team enjoyed the game plan of defence being the best form of attack," said Fambai Marara. "Defensively they did not give much away."

Seven players were selected for Border Schools sides at Craven Week: Flank Geoffrey Wood (who captained the Dale team), hooker Bathebile Mtimka, eighthman Lunga Mateza, centre Avumile Ngetu and scrumhalf Ayabulela Gqamane were selected for the A team. Centre Lutho Zatu and prop Xola Mapapu played for Border B and the Eastern Coastal XV.

• On their Cape tour the Dalians went up Table Mountain and visited Robben Island, the Waterfront, Cape Point, Newlands rugby and cricket grounds, the SA Rugby Museum and the Sports and Science Institute, where they met Springbok rugby wing Breyten Paulse.

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It's that man (Ogden) again!

GARVIN OGDEN, a low-handicap Old Dalian golfer, took the honours at two Gauteng Dale golf tournaments in the past year. Partnered by **Terry Smallwood**, he won the TransDale Parents' Association 2001 tournament and with **Robbie Robertson** he top-scored in the 2002 Johannesburg Old Dalian tournament.

GARVIN and Terry led a field of 114 golfers in the TransDale parents' tournament at Benoni Country Club in October last year. They chose Frank Joubert House to hold the Colman Foods Floating Trophy awarded to a Dale hostel for the year 2001-2002.

The competition raised more than R5 000 for TransDale Parents' Association funds. Garvin, playing off a six handicap, and Terry, off 18, carded 50 points in a betterball stableford competition.

One point behind were neighbouring Benoni Lake golfers Brandon Pieters, off plus two, and Shane Dixon, 13, friends of Dale parent and sponsor George Eleftheriou.

Vicky D'Agnel, a former Dale parent and her son Neville Krauss, both regular supporters of the tournament, were third, with 47 points, followed by Old Dalian Grant Rau and Christian Needling with 46.

Pivoting with Tony Kakoliris, off 18, Garvin also shared the fifth prize with a betterball score of 45 points on a count-out.

Old Queenian Brad Manson, who was partnered by his Old Dalian father Brent, won prizes for being nearest the pin at the eighth hole and hitting the longest drive at the 18th for golfers with handicaps up to 11.

Ian Matthews, playing in a fourball with Old Dalian Kevin Dollery, hit the longest drive at the ninth for golfers with handicaps of up to 11, Terry Smallwood the longest at the 18th for those with handicaps up to 18, and

WINNERS: Terry Smallwood (left) and Garvin Ogden with the Colman Foods Floating Trophy and their prizes at the Dale parents' golf day



50pts! By Garvin and Terry

V Spice the longest at the ninth for handicaps of up to 18.

Karen Wales, who played with her Old Dalian husband Peter, was nearest the pin at the 12th and won both ladies' prizes for the longest drives at the ninth and 18th.

Old Dalian Les Labuschagne, former South African diplomat in China and the United States, won the main raffle prize for a two-day stay for two at the Coach House luxury resort

near Tzaneen. The liquor hamper was won by Les Liebenberg, an Old Parktonian and regular supporter of Dale golf tournaments.

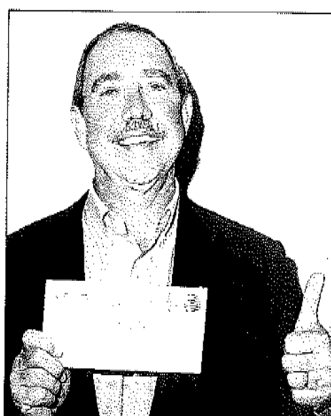
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PRIZE-WINNERS (from left): Vicky D'Agnel and her son Neville Krauss, Les Labuschagne and right: Karen Wales



Graham and Lyn pipped by a point

GARVIN OGDEN and Robbie Robertson scored 47 betterball stableford points to nudge out Graham Dunford and his wife Lyn on 46 in the Old Dalian golf tournament at Leeuwkop Golf Club on June 7 this year. Garvin was playing off his usual six handicap and Robbie off ten.

There was a smaller field than usual – proving that Old Daliens are either dedicated Friday workers or well-positioned enough to take a day off to head for Bloemfontein for the first Springbok Test against Wales. Despite this the competition raised more than R3 000 for Gauteng Old Dalian funds.

On a glorious winter afternoon Lyn Dunford, daughter of past OD president Ivan

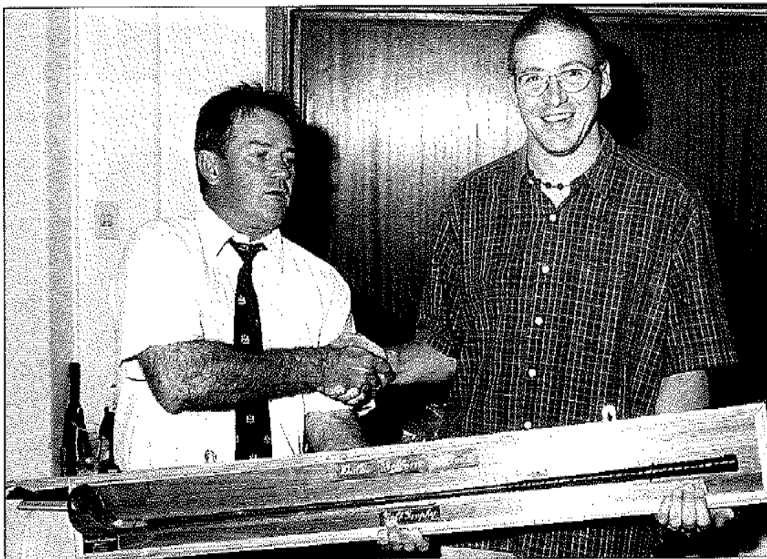
Venter, graced the field as the only lady golfer. For one who only started golf 18 months before and confessed to nervousness, she did brilliantly to card 22 points on the first nine for her and husband Graham to turn with a formidable 25 points.

Unfortunately, as happens in golf, Lyn's wheels came off in the back nine, but Graham, playing off a six handicap, came in with a creditable 16 points for the pair to finish second. At the end of the day Lyn finished with 34 points, one ahead of Graham's 33.

Father Ivan was less successful, just missing the prizes cut with his partner on 37 points. But, as they say in the classics, a family that plays together stays together. • **To Page 28**



SECOND: Graham and Lyn Dunford



FIRST PRIZE: Old Dalian Dale Ladner receives the Dave McLeod Floating Trophy from Old Selbornian president Eugene (Bushy) Bester



PRIZE-WINNERS (from left): Don Burton (third) and David Crossey (second)
• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

The winners – eight times!

OLD DALIANS retained the old boys' golf trophy for the eighth time when they beat Old Selbornians by 55 points at Parkview, Johannesburg, in March this year.

The competition was played as an individual stableford with the team event decided on the total of the best ten players of each school. Dale scored 309 points to Selborne's 254. Queen's were third.

Old Dalians took the first six prizes in the individual competition, led by Dale Ladner with 37 points, David Crossey 36, Don Burton 34, Grant Turnbull 33, Neville Padoa 32 and Craig Clarke 31.

For heading the field Dale Ladner became the second recipient of a floating trophy – a mounted old-fashioned real wood spoon (No 3) golf club – donated by former Old Selbornian president Dave McLeod.

The rest of the Dale best ten players were Justin Ladner and Vincent Turner (27), Bobby Hains and Kim Copland (26).

Johnny Steenkamp (30), Lindsay Clur (29), David Kidson (28), Richard Niblock-Stuart (27), Dennis Kayton (25), Francois Rautenbach, Richard Slavin, Bruce Page, and Peter Hutchinson (all 24), and Eugene (Bushy) Bester (21) led the Old

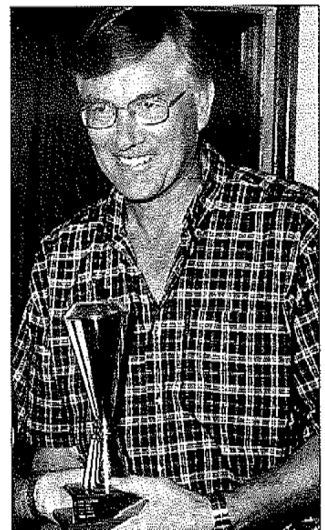
Selbornian field.

Receiving the trophy Old Dalian chairman Dave Sephton-Poultney joked that the engraver had promised to do the job free of charge if Dale won it again.

Craig Clarke was nearest the pin for two at the 18th, winning a prize donated by Richard Niblock-Stuart, and father and son Allan and Warren Brett took home prizes for the most golf, or as someone put it, the longest walk.

Thanks Old Selbornians, for organising another great golf day.

YET AGAIN: Old Dalian chairman Dave Sephton-Poultney keeps the Old Boys' trophy



It's Garvin again **IN MEMORY OF CLINT ...**

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As usual, the tournament received strong support from friends of Dale. Derek Venter, brother of Ivan, and his partner B Roger came in third on 43 points, followed by regular supporters Bryan van der Schyff and Rodney Davies on 42. Old Dalians Bobby Hains and Tony Crassas were fifth on a count-out.

Welcome support came, too, from two Old Kingswoodians, Andy (Stok) Moorcroft and Mark (Gus) La Trobe, and Old Selbornian Richard Niblock-Stuart, nephew of a legendary Dale rugby captain, Dickie Niblock-Stuart.

Close to a hole in one was Eric Broekhuizen, of Pretoria, regular partner of Old Dalian Les Labuschagne, to win the nearest-the-pin prize on the tantalising 18th short hole. He and A Spence, Tony Kakoliris, C de Vos and Gus La Trobe scored two-clubs.

Oldest Old Dalian golfer on the course was 80-year-old Gray King, who left Dale in 1939 and played a useful round off a 16 handicap.

A FOUNDATION to promote excellence in press photography has been established in memory of Old Dalian Clint Zsman, who was shot dead in Maritzburg in February last year.

The foundation aims to establish a scholarship and a permanent collection of Clint's work and is campaigning for the conviction of his killers who are still at large. The venture was launched at a memorial exhibition of Clint's work from the late 1980s until the time of his murder.

The exhibition at the Tatham Art Gallery in Maritzburg was presented by the Natal Witness as a tribute to his life and work on that newspaper. The exhibition received national media coverage, including two documentaries broadcast on SABC TV and E-TV.

More than 400 visitors became Friends of the Clint Zsman Foundation by contributing to the scholarship in his honour. With other donations, including R15 000 from the

Standard Bank Foundation and the proceeds of a fun cricket day, more than R28 000 was allocated to the foundation.

Founding members of the foundation are Natal Witness editor John Conyngham, senior journalist Fred Kockott and Nummy Zsman, Clint's Old Dalian father of Johannesburg.

To become a friend of the foundation Old Dalians and friends of Clint may deposit a donation to the Clint Zsman Trust account, Standard Bank, Maritzburg, account number 258 221046. Contributors are asked to fax the deposit slip and their details, including e-mail, to Hazel Soobramoney at (033) 355-1122.

• Clint Zsman (matric class 1983), an award-winning press photographer who survived dangerous assignments in strife-torn KwaZulu-Natal, was shot dead after confronting three armed robbers in a Maritzburg bar. He was 36. Nearly 18 months later, no arrests have been made by police investigating his murder.

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Prof Andy puts on the style – for Dale



IT'S EASY (if you listen to me) ...



CROSS MY HEART ... in serious mood



REWARDS will come ... Thanks, says Andy

WITH a fine blend of humour and sound sense, Andy Andrews (matric class 1961), eminent professor and business consultant, entertained fellow Old Dalians at their annual Johannesburg lunch last November.

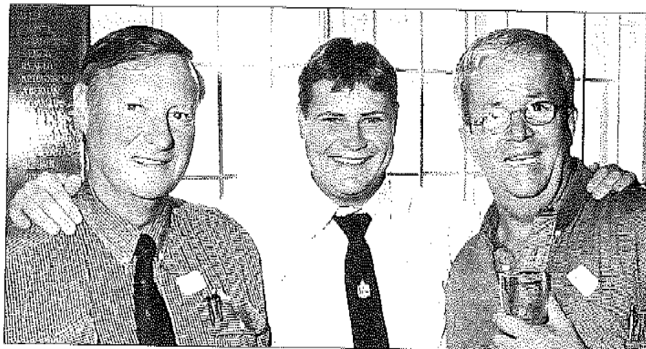
Afterwards branch chairman Dave Sephton-Poultney presented Andy with a bottle of Chivas Regal.

The lunch at the Wanderers Golf Club was attended by Headmasters James Haupt of Dale College and Mike Hosty of Dale Junior. Mike spoke with pride about both schools' achievements and with optimism about their future.

Also present were 2001 Old Dalian national president Andre Petzer and PRO Jack Rosenberg, who reported on the union's activities during the year.

FROM THE FAR WEST

Alan Tuck (left), his son Michael and Rob Wybrow, three Old Dalians who came from Carletonville for the lunch



SPORTS STARS TURN OUT FOR BORDER OLD BOYS

SOUTH AFRICAN sports stars who were once Border schoolboys have been guest speakers this year at gatherings of Old Dalians, Queenians and Selbornians in Johannesburg.

Rugby Springboks Andre Vos and Brent Russell and cricket's Daryll Cullinan took time off to entertain Border Old Boys and face a barrage of questions. For Dale, our own former South African diplomat, Les Labuschagne, regaled supper guests with tales of emerging China.

Quarterly month-end suppers are held at the Pirates Bowls Club, "home" of the Border Schools Old Students' Association (BSOSA).

The Old Dalian Union hosted a supper in July – hours after the death of Dummy Taylor, veteran Old Queenian sportsman, coach and teacher who became the first head of Dale Junior and the Old Dalian PRO.

Johannesburg chairman Dave Sephton-Poultney paid tribute to Dummy's zest for life and his service to both schools. The Old Boys and their wives observed a minute's silence in his memory. (See Obituaries – Page 47.)

Les Labuschagne, former head of the South African mission in Beijing, gave a talk on his experiences in China. It was off-the-cuff, polished, witty and informative.

He gave a meaningful insight into life there and into the culture and the potential of that nation. Les was joined by his wife Rae, a consultant and lecturer on the ageing process.

Two suppers hosted by Old Queenians were addressed by Daryll Cullinan.

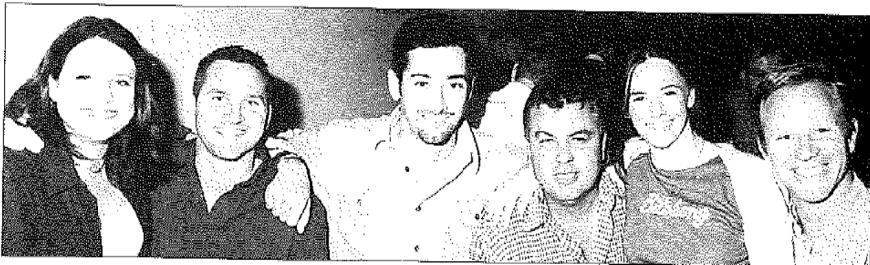
Those present stood in silence in memory of Selborne teacher Rob Taylor and hockey players killed in a motor accident. A collection was taken for a memorial fund.

Neil Johnson, Old Queenian president of the BSOSA, presented Daryll with a book on the history of SA cricket and a tie to mark the 150th rugby game between Dale and Queen's.

Daryll said Queen's and the Eastern Cape had been a huge part in his development as a



'SIXTIES Old Dalians. From left: Peter von Hoesslin with his wife Sandy, Tony and Miriam Lindhorst



EX-BORDER boys and girls (from left) Jackie Wilson (KHS), James Conyers (Queen's), Andrew Burton and George Parish (Dale) and Christine Phillips (KHS), with Gordon Phillips (Northcliff, Johannesburg)

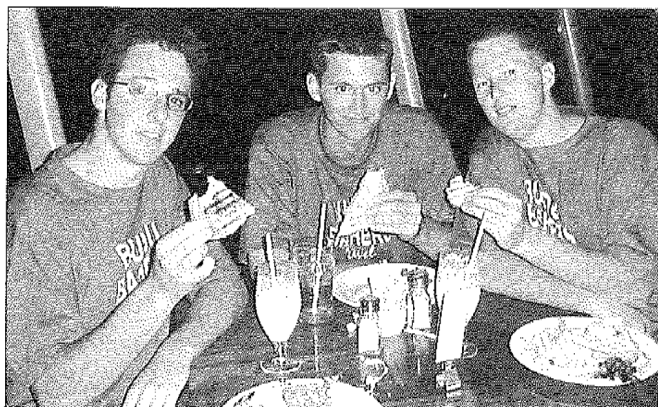
cricketer and a person.

Old Selbornian Springboks Andre Vos and Brent Russell spoke at a recent supper hosted by their Old Boys' association. There was a lively exchange of questions from the floor and answers by the two 'Boks.

• Brent Russell's father Robert went to Dale

Junior and then Selborne. His grandfather Greig taught at Dale and was housemaster of Paterson House.

• As TransDale neared production time, Gauteng Old Dalians were holding their 2002 year-end lunch with rugby Springbok HQ de Villiers as the guest speaker.



LAST BITE of SA food before flying to Britain. From left: Zain Muller, Roy Nicholson and Matthew Eglinton



BEFORE a game, a little practice: Michael Smith (left) and Dale's captain, Wesley Kopke • Pictures on these pages: **STEVE EGLINTON**

A GREAT EXPERIENCE! That's how teachers Mike Eddy and Butch Wigggett describe the combined Dale hockey and squash tour of Britain earlier this year. The first hockey team won five of their seven matches, lost one and drew one. The Under 16 squash side did well, winning five out of eight matches against mostly older sides.

In cold and wet weather the hockey players defeated elite Scottish schools Gordonstoun and Fettes and two others, lost to Whitgift School in London and drew with King Edward School in Bath. The hockey matches ended on a high note with a win over a youth side in Wales.

By then the tour had taken its toll with only 12 fit players out of an original 16. One Dalian, Jade Muller, was injured in the first match and did not play again.

The benefits of the tour were felt in the matches played on their return, reports Mike Eddy. By the season's end the first team had won 23 matches out of 33 played.

The Under 16 team, which had four players on tour, were unbeaten in their first 13 matches and ended the season with 18 victories and only three defeats out of 23 matches played. All four players on tour were chosen for the Border Under 14A team. The second team also had a successful run.

"The players matured in their play, mindful of the privilege of playing on foreign turf," added the coach, "They were not affected by the presence of older players."

"Although exposed to alcohol after the games the Dalians respected the prescribed policy and set high, dignified standards. They mixed with their opposition and made many friends."

"All the Dalians grew in confidence as the tour progressed, from nervous first-time fliers in East London to seasoned travellers in Aberdeen – all in 36 hours."

"Travelling on the London Underground, reading maps, going shopping – all without parents – this is an unlikely scenario in South Africa today."

Hurrah for hockey – a great UK tour!

"We all felt relatively safe and comfortable throughout our travels. The efficiency of the British Airways officials was impressive."

"Travelling is wonderful. What price is experience? May many more Dalians also have the opportunity in the future."

HERE are edited extracts from day-by-day reports by team manager Wigggett, coach Eddy and Gauteng parent Steve Eglinton:

IN SCOTLAND the team beat Gordonstoun School by six goals to two, Robert Gordon College 4-1 and Glenalmond College 5-1. Playing their best hockey on tour, the Dalians swamped Fettes College by five goals to nil.

Jade Muller was injured in a tackle in the first match against Gordonstoun and put out of the tour. In a tentative Dale start, the home side's direct play "assisted by interesting umpire interpretations made constructive hockey difficult."

Despite this goals were scored by Sithembile Makongolo (2), Gordon Poortman, Matthew Eglinton, Jared Terwin and Wyza Makongolo. Dale's victory shattered Gordonstoun's unbroken record for the season in their last game of the year.

In a hard match in Aberdeen against Robert Gordon College the Dalians scored a pleasing win through two goals by Wesley Kopke (the second from a penalty) and one each by Sithembile Makongolo and Zain Muller.

At Glenalmond, the tourists encountered their coldest afternoon with the wind chill factor dropping the temperature to zero. The Dalians were welcomed onto the pitch by kilted schoolboy pipers.

In these bitterly cold conditions the Dalians could not concentrate and were more concerned on getting warm. Down a goal in the 12th minute, the Dalians fought back to equalise and after a ding-dong battle scored four goals in a brilliant ten-minute spell. Sithembile Makongolo netted three and Wyza Makongolo and Matthew Eglinton one apiece. Glenalmond wasted scoring chances.

Playing Fettes in Edinburgh, Dale went on a scoring charge and scored five goals in the first half. They eased off in the second as the longer games and off-the-field walking took their toll. Goals came from Avive Fatyi (2), Sithembile and Wyza Makongolo and Wesley Kopke. Goalkeeper Nathan Pitt made a few comfortable saves.

IN ENGLAND, the first match against Whitgift School, Croydon, was umpired by an Old Dalian, Craig Wood (post-matric 1992). Dale went down by four goals but "could have won 5-4 if our shots had gone in!"

In Bath, King Edward School dictated the pace and scored twice in the first half. Increasing Dale injuries were of concern. Dale's goals came from Wyza Makongolo in the first half and Wesley Kopke, with a magnificent equaliser at the end. The Dalians showed true grit and spirit in a tight and evenly-contested second half.

By the time the tour reached WALES for the final game Avive Fatyi, Akhumzi Molose and Chileshe Mpehle had joined Jade Muller on the injured list.

Whitchurch Youth Club scored first but Wyza Makongolo equalised for Dale. The defence of Nathan Pitt, Salathiso Sikonje, Roy Nicholson and Gordon Poortman was sorely tested as the home side included some experienced players. The mid-field combination of Michael-John Robb, Wesley Kopke and Michael Smith held firm after Craig Smith scored a great winning goal (2-1).

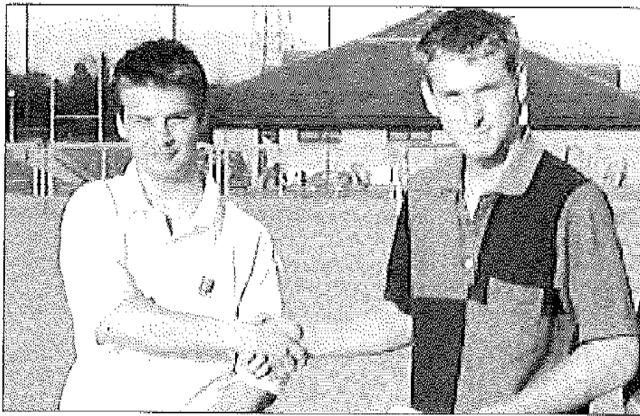
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OFF THE FIELD both players and teachers enjoyed sightseeing, shopping, hearty breakfasts and eating out at night. They were hosted and well fed by local parents and school hostels. Some daytime meals were limited to muffins, pizzas and McDonalds fare. A lot of walking around cities and towns took its toll as the tour wore on.

Rain greeted the tourists on arrival at Heath-
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WELCOME to Aberdeen! At the airport (from left): Salathiso Sikonje, Matthew Eglinton, Zain Muller, Michael-John Robb, Mike Eddy (coach), Jared Terwin, Wesley Kopke (captain), Craig Smith, Butch Wigggett (manager) and Jade Muller



HOWZIT? Dale's Wesley Kopke shakes hands with the captain of Robert Gordon College in Aberdeen. School crests were exchanged.



A NAME to be proud of, says Steve Eglinton, seen with his son Matthew outside a youth hostel where they stayed in Edinburgh. "Coincidence," says Matthew.

Walking, eating and ... walking

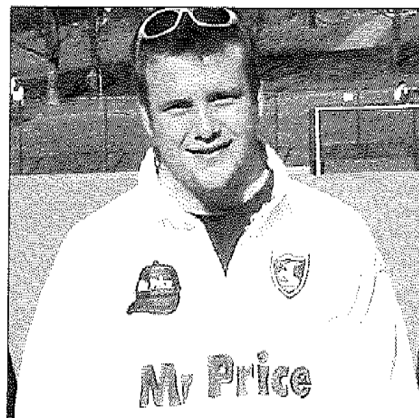
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row and in the north of Scotland it was bitterly cold as well as wet. Here are some of the highlights, which read like a travel brochure:

- **VISITING** the rich, royal and famous Gordonstoun School, where some boys stayed in a school hostel used in the Harry Potter movie. Prince Charles and his father, Prince Philip were schooled there. Founded in 1934, it had a reputation for Spartan conditions but became co-ed in 1972.
- **AN "All You Can Eat" pizza restaurant** on the Aberdeen beachfront. "The boys went back and forth a number of times before they were satisfied."
- **A TOUR** of Glenalmond, a huge, country castle school with a chapel built as a monument to Scots who fought in the South African (Boer) War. Glenalmond was founded in 1841 to give Scotland its first public school to rival those of England. The Springboks used the school facilities while preparing for their match against Scotland in the 1999 Rugby World Cup.
- **VISITS** to two whisky distilleries, Glenfiddich and Glenturret (Scotland's oldest, born 1775). "The boys were given orange juice made from the same spring water used in making whisky. The adults had some other spring water."
- **AFTER CROSSING** Edinburgh's famous Forth Bridge, visiting a restaurant where for hundreds of years Royals have got a free meal whenever they passed by.
- **STAYING** at a youth hostel where the boys "enjoyed the continental girls and ate plenty" at breakfast. Bargain-hunting in down-town Edinburgh and a guided tour of the city's posh Fettes College.

After a 400-metre walk with full kit to catch the airport bus, it was goodbye to wet Scotland and hello to bright sunshine on arrival at Heathrow. More highlights:

- **A WEEKEND** in South London, where the boys were billeted out with local parents and the staff stayed at a hotel near Whitgift School. The boys walked daily into Croydon and back "looking for a place to eat or shop," with muffins and coffee for breakfast, pizzas at night and some visits to Italian restaurants.
- **VISITS** to a unique village built for military training on Salisbury Plain and Salisbury, Wiltshire, with its medieval architecture, the city of Bath with its totally different layout and its 2000-years-old Roman baths, including steaming pools.
- **A TOUCH** of culture after the match at King Edward School, Bath, where the tourists



DALE'S 2002 Exeter Scholar, Michael du Plessis, came to watch the match in Bath. Michael captained the Dale first hockey team last year.



THE HAND OF FATE ... Dale's Jade Muller was injured in the first match and he did not play again. He did have a game of squash.

watched the school orchestra, dance group and choir rehearsing for a week-long festival.

- **A VISIT** to the Welsh capital of Cardiff with its new bridge and a four-kilometre-long on-ramp. The tourists arrived too late to get into the Millennium (rugby) Stadium, which was being prepared for an international match. They settled for a walk to Cardiff Castle.

In the final weekend in London the tour party took in many of the top tourist attractions. They included:

- **A TRIP** on the "Eye" from Waterloo Station took 45 minutes to complete a full circle with the best view of London.
- **VISITS** to Buckingham Palace (the Queen was with the ailing Queen Mother at Windsor Castle), Sir Francis Chichester's round-the-

Meeting people was the best

APART from the hockey, Matthew Eglinton of Alberton found meeting people the most enjoyable part of the tour.

"It was fun going as a school team and a different experience," said Matthew, who had been to Britain before. "You meet a lot more people and do more as a team," he told TransDale.

"On the hockey field we learnt a lot playing against experienced opposition with very different playing styles."

It helped going overseas and playing as a team and this paid off on the team's return to Dale.

Highlights? On the field, the match against King Edward's School in Bath, where the Dadians met their strongest opposition and drew 2-all.

Off the field, Matthew enjoyed interacting with host families and people from the schools. The hospitality was very good, especially from his Whitgift School hosts in South London.

While in Edinburgh, Scotland, the team stayed at Eglinton House, in a youth hostel for tourists in Eglinton Crescent. "No family connection - just a coincidence," said Matthew. It was one of the places on the team's itinerary arranged by the organisers.

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MICHAEL SMITH, the other of the two Gauteng boys in the squad, found the tour really enjoyable and "a good learning experience."

This is Michael's second season in the first team and not his first visit to England, where his father lives. For many of the team it was their first trip abroad and an enlightening experience.

"The hockey was good and all of us benefited, especially the four Under 16 boys," he told TransDale. "They really improved and we saw a big difference in their play."

Off the field it was a good experience, talking to British people, being hosted out by parents and when the players stayed in school hostels.

Michael's tour highlights? Off the field: Meeting new friends and seeing how different their lives were. On the field: The 2-all draw with King Edward School in Bath.

world yacht and the Cutty Sark, perhaps the most famous of all sailing ships. The tour group also visited the Tower of London, the British Museum, the Observatory and the International Dateline.

After the announcement of the Queen Mother's death, London was brought to a standstill. Some Dadians went back to the Palace to see the flowers laid outside the gates.

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108 GOALS! IS THIS A RECORD?

THE DALE first hockey team is believed to have broken the record for the most goals scored by Dale in a season – 108, including 24 on the UK tour and 84 in the rest of the season. Sithembile Makongola top-scored with 35 goals for the season.

Including the UK tour the first team won 23 out of 33 games, drew five and lost five. They beat Queen's 3-nil at Reunion and drew 2-all in the return game in Queenstown. Both games against Selborne were lost (1-3 and 1-4). The second team won nine of their 14 games, drew two and lost three.

Grant Howell and Wesley Kopke were awarded honours and Michael Smith and Sithembile Makongola full colours.

Half colours went to Akhumzi Molose, Roy Nicholson, Salathiso Sikonje, Gordon Poortman, Zain Muller, Nathan Pitt, Michael-John Robb, Craig Smith, Dwayne Terwin and Aviwe Fatyi.

The Under 16s did particularly well, reports manager Mike Eddy. The A team won 18 of their 23 matches, drew two and lost three. The B team played 15 matches, winning 11, drawing three and losing one.

Another great year for Dale squash

THE Leeuw brothers, Timothy and Nathan, were again outstanding in a highly successful year for Dale squash.

The first team were unbeaten in the St Andrew's festival in Bloemfontein – for the first time in the festival's eight years. The team beat Parktown and Jeppe Boys' High Schools and St Andrew's School and drew with Grey College and Kimberley Boy's High.

The team were also unbeaten in the Border Schools' first league, winning all eight matches played.

In the Border men's closed championship, younger brother Nathan Leeuw performed well in the fourth main event, losing 3-1 in the semi-final.

Highlights of the season's tournaments included:

- **FREE STATE OPEN:** Timothy and Nathan Leeuw both ended in the top eight of their age groups.
- **SA SCHOOLS CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP:** Only the Leeuw brothers were invited to this tournament. Timothy finished 26th in the Under 19 section and Nathan 12th in the Under 16 section. (Nathan is still under 15.)
- **EASTERN PROVINCE OPEN:** Nathan, last year's Under 14 champion, made it to the Under 16 final, but lost 3-1 to the SA No 2.
- **WESTERN PROVINCE OPEN:** Timothy ended the tournament ranked fifth in the Under 19A section. Nathan was ranked third in the Under 16A section.

Dale's Border representatives included: Under 19A, Timothy Leeuw (No 2); Under 19B, Gordon

DALE'S first squash team.
Back row (from left):
Nathan Leeuw, Gordon
Poortman, Sashen Murugan.
Front: Timothy Leeuw,
Peter Furstenburg (coach)
and Craig Smith



Poortman (No 1); Under 16A, Nathan Leeuw (No 2); Sashen Murugan (No 3) and Craig Smith (No 5).

For the third time Nathan Leeuw was selected for a SA Schools' side – this time for the Under 16A team.

Dale head of squash Peter Furstenburg was manager and coach of the Border Under 16A and Under

16B sides and refereed the fourth league main events of the men's and ladies final in the Border closed championship.

Timothy Leeuw won the Dale senior championship beating Nathan in the final. Nathan won the junior title with Steven Neuper as runner-up.

FIVE Under 16 Dalian squash players did exceptionally well when they toured Scotland, England and Wales with the first hockey team in March this year.

Playing some games against older and more experienced opponents, the young side won five matches and lost three.

Led by coach Peter Furstenburg, Dale head of squash, they included Sashen Murugan, Yashlan Govender, Steven Neuper and Gautengers Christopher Duncan and Brett Fyfer.

"The opposition ranged from university sides to schools and clubs," reports Old Dalian Peter, a post-matric and first team player last year, now a student teacher at Dale College. "The boys knew the challenges ahead would be tough and went in and put every effort into each game," he said.

Under 16s learnt a lot on UK tour

In Scotland, the Dalians beat the famous public school, Gordonstoun, 4-1 but went down 6-0 to two sides from Aberdeen University, both including members of the Scottish inter-varsity side.

"We had a tough time," said Peter. They then faced the Bridge of Allan Squash Club, a prestigious club that has produced some of the best Scottish squash players, including the current No 1, Peter Nicol. The Dalians went down 4-2.

In the last leg of the Scottish tour the young Dalians beat Fettes College, Edinburgh, 4-1.

In Croydon, South London, the boys pulled off a 5-1 victory over a talented Whitgift School side. King Edward School in Bath proved tough opposition but the Dalians won 3-2.

The last fixture against the Welsh Under 16 national side was the highlight of the tour. Playing brilliant squash, the Dalians won 6-5.

Peter Furstenburg summed it up: "Overall a good tour. The boys learnt a lot from this experience and loved every minute of it. I'm sure if the opportunity arose again the boys would grab it with both hands."

• Christopher Duncan is the son of Judy Duncan of Windsor West, Randburg, and Brett Fyfer the son of Joe and Pat Fyfer of Kempton Park. Joe is chairman and Pat a former secretary of the Transdale Parents' Association. Judy is a committee member.

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It's The John and Chad Show

Chants and chirps spur Dalians to victory at St John's

TWO FORMER Dale cheerleaders entertained the crowd with some lively chants and chirps in the main Saturday match of this year's St John's College rugby festival in Johannesburg.

They gave the referee a roasting when it appeared that Dale, playing the home team, were being penalised excessively. Like: "Open your eyes, ref, or get contact lenses."

All good-natured fun, of course! When he penalised St John's there was applause. ("You're a champion, ref!").

Taking over the mantle of the late Bill Beckley were John Kirk (1987-94) of Dundee, KwaZulu-Natal, and Chad Spence (1982-86) of Edenvale. They led the War Cry on the field before and after the game and at half time.

This year's performance by the tourists was a big improvement on last year's at St Stithians College, where Dale lost all three games.

The first team came to Johannesburg in April after beating Hoërskool Hangklip in Queens-town 34-16 and losing narrowly to Brandwag of Uitenhage (21-24) at the Graeme College festival in Grahamstown.

On the opening day (Thursday) the Dale team were outweighed and outplayed by Paul Roos, one of the strongest school sides in the country. The shattering result: 51-14.

The Dalians played better and were well supported at the Saturday match against St John's (Johannesburg) and on Easter Monday against St John's (Harare). Dale won each game, but the results were close, 24-21 over the much-heavier home side and 15-10 against the Zimbabweans.

After the game Old Dalians, parents, staff members and Dalians attended a reception in the elegant, colonial-style Johannian Club on the school premises. The team and Old Dalians, in turn, performed the War Cry.

Headmaster James Haupt congratulated the team on their performance. "We are proud of the way our boys played today," he said.

Playing tribute to new coach Carl Spilhaus, he said: "The team have to face their opponents in the first half and in the second half - and the coach afterwards."

Explaining the school's new quest to be World Class, in academics, sport and culture, Mr Haupt said: "We are going to make this school a great school. We are producing quality pupils."

"We are one of the most representative schools in the country. We have done something of which we can be proud."

But Dale was in a "fragile situation - on a knife-edge financially in every area. We have to do everything with great sensitivity. We need parental and Old Dalian support to succeed."

To Old Dalians, the Headmaster appealed: "Don't forget us. We intend to be a force in the future. We have the talent to work with."

Dave Sephton-Poultney, chairman of the Johannesburg ODU branch, said Old Boys could help younger Old Dalians by offering them jobs.

"Johannesburg presents a huge opportunity for employment. There are Old Boys here keen to employ Dalians."

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HIGH IN THE STAND, Chad Spence leads Dalian supporters. John Kirk lends moral support. **• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD**

PROMO MAN AND THE AUCTIONEER

AT DALE, Chad Spence (1982-86) finished the season as a cheerleader after he broke a leg after playing first team rugby for two years. John Kirk (1987-94) played first team hockey at Dale and became a rugby cheerleader in Std 9.

• Chad never misses a rugby festival in Johannesburg when Dale is playing. He runs a business called Promo Man in Edenvale, organising business promotions. He acts as professional compere and master of ceremonies at functions.

Chad and his wife Rene, an ex-KHS girl, have a daughter Chané, aged 9, and a son

Cameron, 7, who he says will be going to Dale in Grade 8.

His e-mail address: rene.spence@ulbgroup.com

• John of Dundee, KwaZulu-Natal, has been a cattle auctioneer for eight years. He comes up regularly to Johannesburg to watch Dale play in rugby festivals.

He has played hockey for Natal Country Districts and Natal Midlands Country Districts and is still playing.

Friends may e-mail John at johnkirk@webmail.co.za



PARTY TIME ... Chad Spence (left) and John Kirk meet Headmaster James Haupt at the reception

Thank you, parents ...

MURRAY RANGER, captain of the First XV and headboy of the college, wrote to the TransDale Parents' Association, after the festival thanking parents for their "tremendous support" at St John's.

"The enthusiasm and commitment of Gauteng parents in all aspects of Dale life is a wonderful example to us all and is greatly appreciated," he said.



HOISTED HIGH in the lineout, Dalian flanker Keegan Daniel secures the ball against St John's

RUGBY 2002

WHAT WE LEARNT AT ST JOHN'S

A good experience, says Carl Spilhaus

CARL SPILHAUS, who came up to the college from Dale Junior this year to coach the first rugby team, believes the St John's festival revealed many Dalian shortcomings.

"It was a good experience for us (players and coach) to see how much work is required to make us really competitive," he told TransDale.

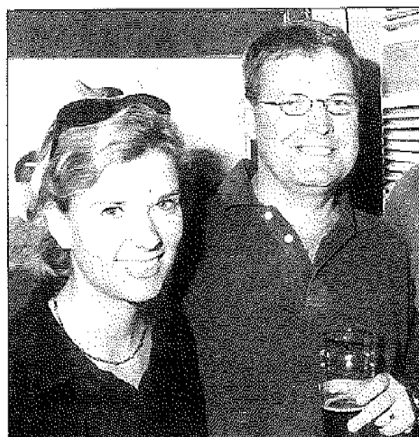
Analysing the team's performance, he said: "Pre-season our players worked really hard at fitness and technical skills. Perhaps we should have worked harder at match skills and a game plan.

"Our tight five certainly struggled; we had a few injuries and our designated scrumhalf broke his collar bone.

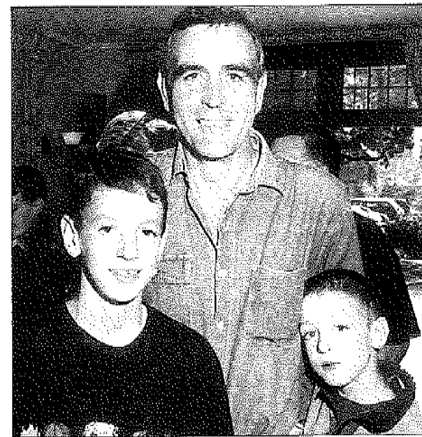
"One of the problems we encountered was that most of our players were playing cricket (in the first term) so many of the players were training for 13 hours during the week. This led to fatigue among players.

"Our players had major technical deficiencies, which we were trying to sort out while also trying to win a few matches.

"Most of the player's minds were filled with all the info - hence some looked a little confused



AFTER THE GAME: Humphrey and Kate Price (above left) and (right) Malcolm Gordon and his sons Ian, 13, and Paul, 8



at the festival. Injuries to three key players did not make matches any easier.

"Another problem was that during the summer our players did not do strength training at the gym. (Something we are going to fix this

year) As a result our forwards were outweighed in all the games.

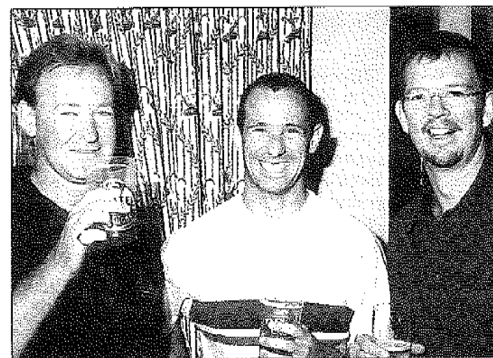
"The quality sides were very well prepared and relied on their heavy forwards to get them out of trouble on numerous occasions."



AFTER THE GAME:

Harry Voerman with daughter Jessica (right) and her friend Sandy Birk

'Eighties Dalians (from left): Craig Trickett, Dean Badenhorst and Wynand Serfontein



THE 2001-2002 cricket season was one of mixed fortunes for the Dale first team, which included both talented youngsters and more experienced players.

They ended the season with nine wins out of 18 games, five losses, two draws and one tie. One game was washed out by rain without a result.

Sithembile Makongolo was the most successful batsman, scoring 647 runs in 15 innings for an average of 43.13. He scored two centuries, 135 against Queen's and 133 against Hudson Park, both in the first half of the season.

Murray Ranger averaged 34.15 runs, scoring 444 in 13 innings, Athi Dyili 29.8 runs in 16 innings and Grant Howell 29.5 runs in 12 innings, including 110 against Queen's.

Howell, who captained the side, topped the bowling averages. He took 30 wickets in 111 overs at a cost of 392 runs - an average of 13 runs per wicket and 3.5 per over.

Luyanda Mpande ended the season with a tally of 25 wickets for 428 runs - an average of 17 runs per wicket and 3.2 per over.

Howell was awarded honours. Full colours went to Mpande, Makongolo, Ranger and Dyili. Half colours were awarded to Dumani Mtya, Keegan Daniel, Roy Nicholson, Dumani Rashe and Wesley Kopke.

Sports administrator Marco van Zyl, who

CRICKET 2001-2

The season of ups and downs

coached the team from September to December 2001, said the side, which had a good batting line-up, disappointed at the Cape Schools Week.

After beating SACS (in which debutant Mtya took four wickets for three runs in six overs) the Dalians lost to Bishops and a Western Province Invitation side and tied one (against Rondebosch).

Back home, Dale were on track to beat Selborne until the lower order folded. Selborne ended the year unbeaten.

Dale went on to win comfortably against Hudson Park, United Cricket Club, Queen's and Port Rex with the batsmen scoring over 250 runs in each innings.

Carl Spilhaus, who coached the team in January and February 2002, said there were "a few good runs against our lesser rivals," but the team failed against stronger opponents.

In the Maritzburg College festival Dale

scored a good win over Glenwood High School but were heavily defeated by Maritzburg College. Rain washed out the game against Durban High School.

Back home, Dale drew with Queen's and Grey High School, but beat Cambridge, Muir and Kingswood. They lost by eight wickets to Selborne.

"There are many talented players in the team, a few players who have played in the team for a number of years, but the extreme will to succeed against our main rivals seems to be absent," commented the coach.

"Murray Ranger had a fantastic time with the bat, not only scoring many runs but occupying the crease for long periods.

"Grant Howell proved to be an exceptional captain and a very good leg-break bowler. Luyanda Mpande was the mainstay of our seam attack."

Howell was selected for the SA Schools' Colts team and Mpande for the SA Under 17s. He and Rashe played for the Border Under 17 team.

Howell, Dyili, Makongolo and Ranger were chosen for the Border Under 18s but Ranger withdrew with an injury.

Says Carl: "We are looking forward to the 2002-2003 season, to see our players develop and once again establish ourselves as a strength on the Border."

RUGBY 2002

Much better than in 2001, Dale – but coach Carl Spilhaus warns: There's a long, hard road ahead

It was a season of highs and lows, much better than last year's but Dale College rugby appears to have a long way to go to restore its former glory. New coach Carl Spilhaus knows this and is looking forward to next season's challenges and opportunities.

The final tally, played 18, won ten, lost eight, tells the story, if compared with the grim figures of 2001: Played 22, lost 14, won 8.

The statistics show results varying from two 60-nil victories over weaker opponents to some heavy defeats – like 14-51, admittedly by one of the strongest school sides in the land.

On the credit side the Dale first team broke even with tradition rivals Queen's and Selborne, winning one match and losing one against each. Last season Dale lost all four.

One of the highlights was the 10-nil Reunion win over Queen's in the FNB-sponsored 150th encounter between the two schools, lifting the spirits of visiting parents and returning Old Dalians. The honours are now level at 67 victories apiece.

The season began on a high note with a 34-16 victory over Hoërskool Hanglip and ended with a disappointing 12-25 defeat by Queen's, both in Queenstown.

Carl Spilhaus came up to the college from Dale Junior this year to coach an inexperienced first team – a daunting task even for a man Headmaster James Haupt calls "the Rolls Royce of rugby coaches."

Last year's young side had one of the most disappointing seasons the school has known in many years. At Dale Junior Carl's Under 13A sides had been unbeaten for two years.

But at the end of the 2002 season he could report that ten victories out of 18 represented a winning percentage of 56% – "a lot better than last year and pretty close to Dale's winning ratio of 60%."

Already preparing his players for 2003, he says: "Next season is going to be tough but we are looking forward to it."

As early as April at the St John's College festival in Johannesburg, Carl had detected "shortcomings" in the team. But he found the festival a good experience for both players and coach "to see how much work was required." (See Pages 33 and 34.)

By the end of the second term Dale had played



WE WON! The Dale First XV celebrate after defeating Queen's in the 150th encounter between the two schools at Reunion 2002. • Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

15, won eight and lost seven. The coach reported "major strides in technical skills" but felt it would take "a lot of hard work to make us competitive."

The team had lost matches due to "poor goal kicking and giving away unnecessary penalties."

Only three matches were played in the third term as the game against Hudson Park was cancelled due to floods.

Hooker Craig Green was Dale's only Craven Week representative and qualified for full colours. The rest of the team who had played 60 per cent of the games were awarded half colours. Winger Ebenezer Smith scored the most tries and flanker Keegan Daniel the most points.

Here are Carl Spilhaus's end-of season comments:

"Our worst time of the year was certainly during the June examinations, when we lost narrowly to St Andrew's and Kingswood. • To Page 36

THE RESULTS

BEAT Hanglip	34-16
LOST to Brandwag	21-24
LOST TO Paul Roos	14-51
BEAT St John's (Jhb)	24-21
BEAT St John's (Zim)	15-10
LOST to Marlow	15-20
BEAT Stirling	60-0
BEAT Port Rex	9-3
LOST to Selborne	3-10
BEAT Queen's	10-0
BEAT Framesby	25-20
LOST to Grey (PE)	5-14
LOST to St Andrew's	5-6
BEAT Cambridge	60-0
LOST to Kingswood	7-16
BEAT Daniel Pienaar	24-12
BEAT Selborne	18-12
LOST to Queen's	12-25

Points for 263. Points against 241

Watch these Under 15s

THE Under 15 rugby teams dominated most teams at the A and B level, reports Butch Wiggett, head of rugby. "This bodes well for the next two years as we need the strength of these players."

The Under 15As played 15 games, won 13 and lost two. Results included 59-7 and 43-7 against Queen's and 14-12 and 20-12 against Selborne. The A team scored 356 points against 86. Their two defeats were both against Grey (PE).

The Under 15Bs played 11 matches, won nine and lost two. "The Under 14s continued to improve, showing a lot of heart when it was needed," says Butch.



RUGBY FAMILY: 1975 Dale captain Ray Ranger with his sons Murray, this year's Dale First XV captain, and Guy, who played for the Dale Under 15A team that beat Queen's 59-7 at Reunion.

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Sevens game comes to Reunion

Old Selbornians grab first-time honours

OLD SELBORNIAIANS won the LLF Wood Trophy in the Didata Old Boys' Sevens rugby tournament hosted by Dale College at this year's Reunion.

They were coached by Josh Fowles, a South African Sevens flyhalf just back from a tournament in Malaysia, where the SA team lost to New Zealand in the final.

Josh, himself an Old Selbornian, is the son of Peter Fowles, an Old Dalian, and the grandson of Ginger Fowles, an Old Dalian who married Mary (Tottie) Rowles, sister of Billy Rowles, former Headmaster of Dale College. Billy is Josh Fowles's great-uncle.

The Old Selbornians beat an Old Dalian team in an exciting final and took home a prize of R5 000. The tournament was sponsored by Gauteng Old Dalians Allan Cawood and Alan Sutton.

Old Dalians entered three teams against Old Boys' teams from Selborne, Cathcart and Forbes Grant, a local school.

Old Dalian players included cricketers Makhaya Ntini (South Africa), Monde Zondeki and Malibongwe Maketa (Border) and Border rugby player Lonwabo Mtimka.

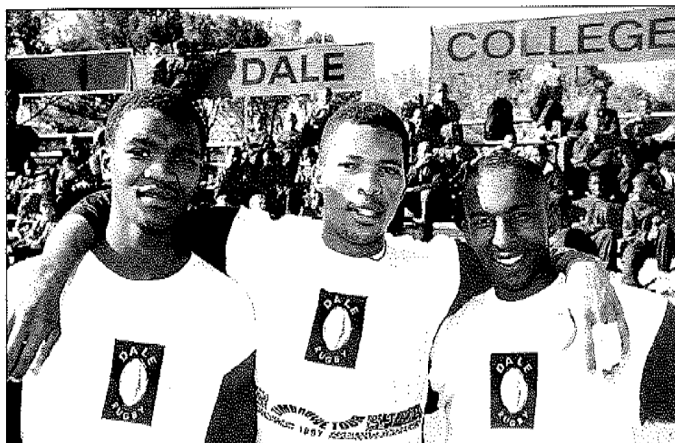
Ntini was prominent with some dashing runs down the right wing while Zondeki shone at centre, where he played for Dale firsts. He is now concentrating on his cricket and has excelled with the ball for South Africa A. (See Page 44 - Where are they now?)

The Matric Class of '92 entered a side which included former Dale rugby first-teamers Mark Bahlmann (captain), Andrew Canny and Courtenay Woodin, who were joined by James Jones, Shaun Phillips, Michael Gemmell, Dallas Clifford and Tshiwo Yenana. (See Page 11.) Former First XV flanker Francis Kingston was another Old Dalian player.

The tournament, the first of its kind organised by the Old Dalian Union and the school, was rated a success although only six teams entered. Plans are being made to stage it again next year and it is hoped the tournament will become a regular Reunion event.



TRIUMPHANT Old Selbornians, first winners of the LLF Wood Trophy in the Didata Sevens rugby tournament at Reunion 2002. Holding the cup: Their captain, Pierre Weber. Above: Coach Josh Fowles.



A NEW BALL GAME

CRICKETERS (from left) Monde Zondeki, Makhaya Ntini and Malibongwe Maketa take to the rugby field for the Sevens tournament at this year's Reunion.

• Pictures on this page: KEVIN WHITEHEAD



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"At the start of the third term we beat Daniel Pienaar and Selborne - here our performances were satisfactory.

"We were comprehensively beaten by Queen's in Queenstown. This remains a huge disappointment.

"The players are working in the gym and technical sessions started in the fourth term.

11 of team may be back

"The players have enjoyed a break and are looking forward to next season. A reason for concern is our lack of pace out wide for next year. We are looking at this situation critically and hopefully will have a few answers in the near future.

Carrying on a tradition

ALL-ROUNDER Geoffrey Wood leads his Under 13A team on to the field for their Reunion match against Queen's. They won 12-7 and the return match 17-7. (See Page 26.) Geoffrey was not only captain of the rugby team this year but also headboy of Dale Junior and DV Taylor House.

He captains the Under 13 waterpolo team and has played for the Under 13As at cricket, tennis and hockey.

Geoffrey, the 21st member of the Wood family to go to Dale, has been at the school for seven years - from Sub A. He is the son of Peter and Rose Wood of Kei Road.

Peter is a grand-nephew of 88-year-old Lyle (LLF) Wood (1922-31), the Old Dalian stalwart and historian, whom Peter calls "Uncle Lyle". Geoffrey's late great-grandfather and Lyle were brothers. A former attorney, Peter manages a butchery in King. Rose teaches at Dale Junior.

"All things said and done, next season is going to be tough, but we are looking forward to it."

• Butch Wiggett, head of rugby, says 11 first team players will probably be back next year. "Their experience gained this year as a young side will be most valuable."

The second team won six of their 13 matches, lost five and drew two and scored 204 points against 134.

Where are they now?

Flying is Matthew's passion

HE'S BUILDING A PLANE AT HOME IN HIS GARAGE

DESPITE a parachute accident that left him a little bent and broken, Old Dalian MATTHEW FORD (1972-76) still has a passion for flying.

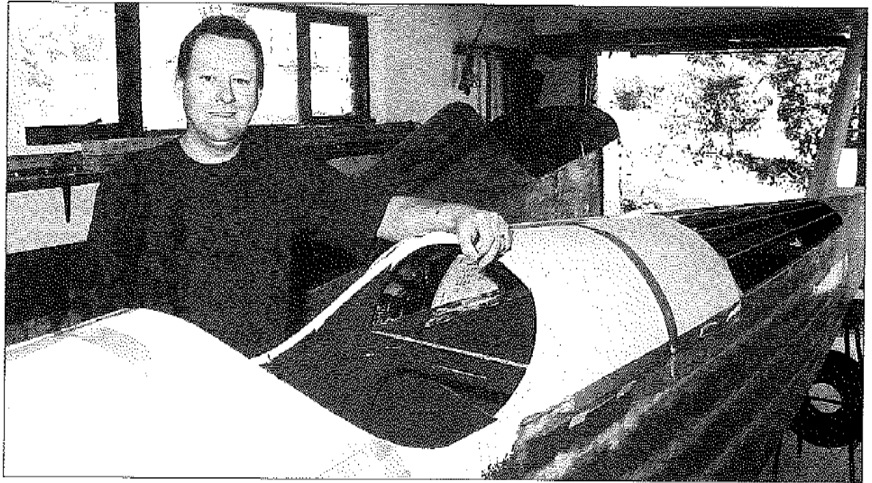
The 43-year-old former parabat flies a Beechcraft Sundowner out of Krugersdorp Flying Club and is restoring an open cockpit, single-seat home-built aircraft called a Bowers Fly Baby in his garage at home.

Matthew runs his own information technology business, Captech Technologies, with a partner at Woodmead, Sandton, and lives at nearby Fourways Gardens.

After leaving Dale he completed a B.Comm part time, did his articles then his national service with the SADF at 1 Parachute Battalion which he describes as "two of the most beneficial years of my life."

Some years later, during a 30-day camp, he was involved in the parachute accident. "Two of us became entangled," he told TransDale.

"On release quite close to the ground, 'mother earth did rise up and smite me a frightful blow' which did my femur and pelvis no good!"



MATTHEW FORD with his Fly Baby ... from software to hard labour

• Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

With the help of "some new body armour in the form of a plate and pins" he recovered and later fulfilled a lifelong dream by obtaining a private pilot's licence.

During the 1980s Matthew built up an IT structure for a large flower-farming business before moving to Genkem, an adhesive/paint manufacturer.

Five years ago he started his own software consulting business. He has recently sold a major share of this business, which involved a lot of travel, especially to Zimbabwe.

Matthew and his wife Beverley have a son Michael, 12, and two Golden Labradors. Apart from flying he has other interests in motorcycling and fly-fishing.

While he was at Dale at Sutton and Frank Joubert Houses with his brother Adam (now aged 40), his mother Jackie Ford, organised block bookings on trains for Transvaal Dalians. She still lives in Johannesburg.

Brother Adam (Ghost) Ford runs a motor repairs and service business in Wynberg, Sandton, and lives in Midrand. He and his wife Jackie have a daughter Bianca, and he has two other daughters, Amy and Chloe.

• Old school friends may e-mail Matthew at mattf@captech.co.za or call him at (011) 465-2914 or 083-375-3000. He lives at 11 Buffalothorn Road, Fourways Gardens, Sandton. Adam's phone numbers: (B) (011) 887-7102 (H) (011) 315-5346.

Billy Rowles hurt in clash with intruder

BILLY ROWLES, Old Dalian and former Dale College Headmaster, was thrown to the floor and injured when he surprised an intruder at his Kidd's Beach home in September.

While recovering from a minor operation, Billy was reading in bed on a Sunday morning when he heard a door open and his dog barking. His wife Isobel had gone to church and he was alone at home.

Billy, who will turn 80 in January, got up and found a man in the kitchen. "I grappled with him and he threw me to the floor," he told



BILLY ROWLES (right) at the 2002 Reunion, with Second World War Old Dalian veterans Butler van de Vyver (left) of Kei Road and Sam Tarr of Escourt, KwaZulu-Natal. Sam was with Billy in the Green Howards during the war - the only South Africans in this British regiment. • Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

TransDale.

"My shoulder hit part of a couch and he landed on top of me, hurting my back. Then he got up and fled. I

was in great pain and could not move for some time."

Eventually he got up and phoned the police, who arrested a man in

the village. The suspect has appeared in court and been remanded in custody.

Recovering at home, Bill says he is "on the mend". He comments: "The moral of the story is, 'You mustn't stay away from church.' On the other hand, I would not have disturbed an intruder had I not stayed at home."

The suspect, who is known in the village, is believed to have seen the Rowles's car outside the church and thought no one was at home.

Billy Rowles, who matriculated in 1940 played first team rugby and cricket, was Headmaster of Dale from 1965 to 1977. He was wounded during the Second World War when he served in the SA Tank Corps and a British infantry regiment, the Green Howards. A good friend to parents of Transvaal Dalians, he encouraged them to form an association in the early '70s.

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MY desire to cross the wasteland of Siberia was inspired by a geography lesson way back in the early 1940s. GC (Taffy) Williams, our geography master, did not "teach" us only from textbooks and endless dictating of notes. He made geography come alive.

There was a war on. Even if the current theatre of war was not included in the syllabus, Taffy would stir our imagination by asking us questions and giving us answers to the conflict.

But what has this to do with Siberia? The great battles of Leningrad, Moscow and Stalin-grad featured much in the news media and in Taffy's geography classes. Where did Russia get the men? A seemingly endless flow of troops to the front. The answer was Siberia.

The war ended, life passed on. But I seldom forgot Siberia. Now and again one would come across someone who had crossed Siberia on the Trans Siberian Express.

In the end my wife forced the issue. I had talked so much about Siberia that Naideen did something about it. We ended up using an Australian travel agency to make our bookings on the Trans Siberian from Vladivostok to St Petersburg. We flew to Vladivostok from Korea.

We landed at a military airport, still 75 kilometres from the town. The rest of the party were coming by train from Beijing and across Mongolia to meet us at Irkutsk.

Our travelling companion, apart from our Russian guide, was Erwin, a London-educated Vladivostokian of Austrian origin. Although he had lived in Australia for almost 40 years he still carried a German accent.

Vladivostok is a rundown town. The streets are full of deep pot-holes and hardly any of the traffic lights work. The Russian Far East Fleet, based in Vladivostok, is something of the past and with its demise so has the town's importance shrunk.

Olga, our guide, told us a yarn, not all that far from home: the governor stole most of the money sent to the eastern provinces from Moscow.

Taken to the railway station we were entertained in a pectopah (restaurant or dining car) where Somerset Maugham wrote "The Moon and Sixpence".

The Trans Siberian Express is a Trans Siberian train, but an "express"? No!

We had requested a compartment towards the middle of the carriage so as to be away from the bogies. As we sat in our compartment before the train pulled out a Russian commissar and his lady tried to evict us.

FACT FILE

- The Trans Siberian Railway: Vladivostok to Moscow 9 288 kilometres. Travelling time - seven days (we had a three-day break, Irkutsk - Lake Baikal).

- Time zones - seven. Stations - 295. Track - double five-foot gauge. Work on the track began in the late 19th century.

FANCY a train trip from Vladivostok to Moscow and St Petersburg? Inveterate Old Dalian traveller **QUENTIN COAKER** (matric class 1944) describes his latest adventure on the Trans Siberian Express. His wife Naideen accompanied him. Her only comment to TransDale: "I survived!"

"Was it all worth it?" we asked Quentin, who has undertaken more adventurous and pleasurable trips abroad. "Yes," he said. "I've done it, but it's a once. It's worth doing, but only once."

Inspired at Dale by Taffy, we crossed the Siberian waste

Olga explained that we would be on the train for several days and as he was only on for one night would he not let us remain in our compartment? This he reluctantly did.

The air-conditioning was not working and compartment windows could not be opened. Naideen, standing in the corridor, suddenly shouted: "They are smashing the windows."

I found the commissar smashing a corridor window with a fire axe he had seized from its clips on the bulkhead. Olga and a crewman stood watching and told us: "He is making his own air-conditioning."

The window was opposite his compartment door. We did not set eyes on this Russian again - but the window remained "open" until we quit the train in Irkutsk.

Leaving Vladivostok the train steams north along the Siberian and North Korean border before turning west to run parallel with the Chinese border. The scenery is not that much exciting. Valleys, rivers, and above all trees; birches, beeches and later pines. But once on a train one becomes a prisoner and you take what you get.

An American, travelling alone, appeared to be harassed by officials. At almost every station officials boarded the train and demanded his documents. This distressed him as no other Westerners were troubled. Erwin said the American was a spy! One morning we woke up and he had left, some said for a monastery.

The villages we passed appeared rundown. Very few children were seen. Each house had its vegetable garden so there was no evidence of starvation. But factories lay deserted, army camps abandoned and rolling stock lay rotting on sidelines.

Naideen and I were travelling first-class and so had a compartment to ourselves. Olga and Erwin shared a second-class compartment with four other travellers.

By now the four of us were settling into a routine. Breakfast, reading, watching the plains and the trees go by; a pre-lunch drink, lunch, and an afternoon snooze. In the evening much chat and a pre-



QUENTIN COAKER, wearing shorts, at Vladivostok railway station. Not for him a winter trip across the frozen wastes. It was mid-summer! With him is a tour guide, Olga.

dinner drink. Vodka was the cheapest one could come across anywhere.

The Trans Siberian track is a double line. Long freight trains, loaded with timber and locomotives hauling fuel, thundered past us day and night, some going to Vladivostok and others to Black Sea ports. It seemed that Siberia was being stripped of its timber.

The great tourist attraction in central Siberia is Lake Baikal. Its maximum depth is 1 629 metres with an average depth of 454 metres. It is 25 kms to 80 kms wide, by 600 kms long and holds one-fifth of the world's fresh water. The nearest town, Irkutsk, is about 70 kms away.

Here we met the main contingent of the touring party from

Australasia, who had come via Beijing. They included five New Zealanders and six Australians under a group leader, a young English girl.

On the bus to Lake Baikal we began to get to know each other. It is easy to talk to New Zealanders and Aussies as both talk rugby and cricket.

The water in Lake Baikal is far too cold for the average tourist to swim in. Two of the younger Aussie men ventured in and came out quicker than they would have at Clifton beach.

The lake is beautiful and we enjoyed a lake-steamer trip along one of the shores. After a pleasant night on the lakeside we returned to Irkutsk which lies on the River Angara, the only river flowing out of the lake.

In the evening we promenaded along the banks and noted that nearly every Siberian was carrying a bottle, usually vodka, and most were inebriated!

Life in the pectopah, after leaving Irkutsk for Moscow, livened up. The bulk of the passengers on the Express bring their own food aboard and eat and drink in their compartments.

So our party, plus a few other Westerners or up-market Russians, had the pectopah to ourselves. The Antipodeans did not get enough meat, but there was plenty of beer. We revelled in the soup and salads, both excellently presented and the cheap vodka continued to flow.

The Express ground on ... its bogies creaking and groaning, sometimes screeching as if tortured. Excitement heightened as we approached the point where we were to cross into Europe.

The great Urals lay before us, but the much-awaited obelisk marking the boundary between east and west, turned out to be a non-event.

The Urals at this point are no higher than the mild undulations found in the Free State. The obelisk was hardly noticeable. The train, not going particularly fast, flashed past and no one I know of managed to photograph it!

There was almost no sign of sporting activity. According to our guide sport is conducted, almost exclusively, by the military and that there are hardly any private clubs. From Vladivostok to St Petersburg we saw not one tennis court, swimming pool, soccer field or golf course.

On the train, the compartments were spacious and well appointed. If the air-conditioning worked that was a plus. There were no showers. At the end of each carriage was a lavatory with washbasin (no washbasins in the compartment as on SA Railways).

There was plenty of hot water for tea and ablutions in the lavatory or compartment. The bedding was spotlessly clean and the Russian female attendants, although having "no English", were friendly.

The three-day journey from Irkutsk to Moscow was drawing to an end. We crossed the great Volga River hardly noticing it.

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Where are they now?

Roger moves up a degree in Oz

ROGER BUDLER, former Headmaster of Dale Junior, has settled happily with his family in Perth, Western Australia, where he is deputy head of an independent preparatory school and has just completed a Master of Education (Leadership and Administration) degree.

"I had to acquire an advanced degree in Australia if I had any aspirations in education in this country – they remain sceptical of qualifications acquired elsewhere, especially South Africa," he told TransDale.

Roger, who emigrated to Australia in January 1996, took this degree part-time over three years through the Curtin University in Perth. "It was tough but rewarding," he says.

In an e-mailed response to TransDale, which approached him about his experiences in Australia, Roger spoke enthusiastically about his school, Guildford Grammar Preparatory, and his earlier spell at another private school.

In a nostalgic footnote he said he missed South Africa and would like to return "home ... if it was up to me." After describing his exposure to "enriching educational environments and schools of the highest calibre" in Australia and New Zealand he said Dale remained a "a special school".

Roger, his wife Linda and their family are "well settled" in Perth where they have recently moved into a newly-built house in a riverside suburb.

Linda teaches at the same school which Roger described as "a proud, historical, independent school with Anglican traditions ... Linda has 14 pupils in her Year 1 (Sub A) class – "what a pleasure".

Before moving to Perth, Roger spent "three fantastic years" at The Scots College in Sydney where he was appointed deputy headmaster (administration).

(Scots is the school where Roger's predecessor at Dale Junior, Roy Taylor, taught during a visit to Australia in 1988. During his absence Roger acted as headmaster and succeeded him when Roy resigned from his post to enter the property business a year later. Roger served as

ROGER AND LINDA BUDLER ... teaching at the same school

After 'packing for Perth'

he and Linda have settled in just fine



headmaster till he resigned in 1995.)

"I was appointed headmaster of Rondebosch Prep School in Cape Town at the end of 1997, but turned this down to remain at The Scots College – a decision I now deeply regret."

The Budlers' two daughters, Cathy and

Tammy, now aged 22 and 20, "have settled well and doing very well. Cathy graduates at the end of the year with a B.Comm (majoring in accounting and management).

"She starts her CA with one of the leading accounting firms in Perth next year (after a two-month holiday in South Africa). Tammy is now busy with her second year at the University of Western Australia – majoring in financial accounting and corporate finance."

Guildford Grammar School is situated on 100 acres along the upper Swan River 15 km east of the Perth city centre. It has about 1 000 boys.

Roger describes it as "a powerful school in swimming, rowing, and cricket." (It has produced a number of Australian Test players – Tom Moody and Brendan Julian to mention the two most recent.)

"Rugby is one of five winter team sports offered – this is an Aussie rules football state – but rugby (union) is growing year by year," he says.

"We have enrolled a number of South African boys who have recently emigrated to Australia."

But I'd like to come home, he says

ON a poignant, nostalgic note Roger concluded his letter to TransDale:

"Do I miss South Africa? – Absolutely. Would I like to move back "home"? – If it was up to me – certainly.

"Would I love to be back at Dale? No doubt! All Daliens, staff at Dale, Old Daliens and parents of Daliens must cherish the opportunity to be associated with such a special school.

"My experiences in Australia and travels on three rugby tours through New Zealand has exposed me to enriching educational environments and schools of the highest calibre – experiences that will stand me in outstanding stead in the future – but Dale is a special school.

Roger said he had just received the Dale

Rugby Song CD from Old Dalian PRO Jack Rosenberg. "I listened to it, with tears in my eyes, on my way home this evening."

Last words from Roger: "Superb that the 'Boks were able to beat the Wallabies – we remain passionate South African supporters – but it does get tough when we (SA) get beaten the way we have the past number of years.

"Please give my best wishes to ALL. Great to hear from you again. Yours in everything that is DALE."

• Roger Budler matriculated at Dale in 1970. He was national president of the Old Dalian Union in 1990. His father Peter and his uncle Harold matriculated at Dale in 1944. His grandfather, Dr AH Budler, was also educated at Dale.

The trip across Siberia that the geography teacher inspired

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Moscow appeared to be a thriving city even though there were many beggars about. The Kremlin, with its Armoury, is a must, as is Red Square.

One can see Lenin lying in state, but Stalin's body has been removed. The Pushkin Museum houses works by Monet, Cezanne, Gauguin, Matisse, Rubens and Van Dyke. A boat trip on the Moscow River is worth-while.

The trip to St Petersburg, formerly

Leningrad, was a night one, so not much scenery was seen, but the air-conditioning worked!

Once the scene of one of the Second World War's great battles, St Petersburg is now regarded as the cultural centre of Russia. Huge cruise-liners come down the Baltic and offload passengers who take in the sights of the Hermitage, the Winter Palace, the Summer Palace, cathedrals and art galleries. Then, too, there are the ballet and the circus.

Our trip was ending, the group breaking up. Erwin flew back to Australia via Seoul. A group of Australians flew with us to London. I love to hate the Aussies. They have nothing good to say about "PommieLand", and yet they flock there!

• In his first year in Std 6 at Dale Primary Quentin Coaker won the Duke and Duchess geography prize by coming first in the Cape Province. He still has the book, "The Coral Island" by RM Ballantyn.

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Where are they now?

Lorrie flies in from Oz as dad Pat turns 90

ONE of the oldest surviving Old Dalians, PAT CONNELLAN (1925-29), celebrated his 90th birthday on March 23 with more than 100 friends and relatives.

His eldest son, LORRIE (1956-61) came from Australia to attend the party at the Kei Road Sports Club and spend a few days with him. Old Dalian PRO Jack Rosenberg represented the union and Sid Knott, past president and Kei Road farmer, paid tribute to Pat.

Close relatives present included Pat's 88-year-old sister Bunny Bridge of Johannesburg and his younger son TREVOR (1959-64) who farms near Kei Road and stays with his father in the town. Sadly Bunny's son Nigel was killed in a motor accident a month after the celebration.

Pat told TransDale that he was still in good shape. "I walk to the shop every day and play bowls now and then," he said. He also spends a lot of time watching sport on DSTV.

Pat farmed in the Kei Road district from before the Second World War till about ten years ago. Lorrie, deputy headboy of Dale in 1961 and now a wool broker in Melbourne, turned 60 on July 26.

Dale on stream!

THE Dale College website (www.dalecollege.co.za) is up and running and being updated regularly by Jayne Cansfield, college head of computers. Suggestions to enhance the site are welcome. Jayne's e-mail address is: jayne@dalecollege.co.za

Other Dale addresses: The college office: office@dalecollege.co.za, Dale Junior: michael@dalejunior.co.za and the O.D.U. office: odu@border.co.za



SPORTING Old Dalian ties and blazers (front row, from left): Alex Hall, Ken Ball and Alan Campbell. Back: Dudley Hayidakis, Murray Campbell and Alan Kietzmann.

The Dale Connection

FORMER Dale teachers and Old Dalians are playing leading roles at Woodridge, a prestigious private school near Port Elizabeth.

Ken Ball, a former Dale College head of department and first team rugby coach in the 1980s, took over as headmaster of Woodridge College at the beginning of this year. He was previously headmaster of Westering High School, Port Elizabeth.

Old Dalian Alan Kietzmann (1958-1970) has recently stepped down after a two-year spell as chairman of the Woodridge Fidelity Committee (parent

body). He farms cattle near Jeffreys Bay.

Alan Campbell, a former teacher at Dale Junior, is headmaster of Woodridge Preparatory School. His acting deputy is Dudley Hayidakis, who spent all his schooldays at Dale, starting at Dale Junior in Std 1 in 1954 and finishing at the college in 1963. Another former teacher at Dale Junior, Alex Hall, is teaching at Woodridge Prep.

Alan Campbell's son Murray, who was deputy headboy at Dale Junior, is this year's headboy of Woodridge College.

... and Bun Hopley takes over at Muir

AFTER teaching at Muir College for 23 years, Old Dalian Nigel (Bun) Hopley has made it to the top. He became headmaster of the school this year after seven years as deputy head.

Bun joined the staff of Muir in 1979 after graduating in physical education at the University of Port Elizabeth. It was a long climb to the top but it has advantages – he knows the school, its culture, Old Muirites and the Uitenhage community well.

Bun, 46, and his wife Shelley have a son Cuan, aged 20, and two daughters, Michaela, 17, and Brigitta, 13.

Both Nigel (matric class 1973) and his elder brother Brian (1968) were nicknamed Bun at school after their father Carden Hopley, a legendary Dale cricketer and rugby player in the late 1930s. Brian was first called Bun, Nigel became Scone and later Bun.

While at Dale Bun played first team cricket for three years, captained the Dale First XI in his matric year and was chosen for Border Schools for two years. He played for four years for UPE and for SA Universities B and Eastern Province B.

Barry now aims at business targets

BARRY DE BLOCQ (1980), who was awarded honours for shooting at Dale and went on to be a Junior Springbok marksman, is aiming at different targets today. He is industrial relations manager for mining company Durban Roodepoort Deep.

While at Dale Barry was a school prefect and head of Fuller (dayboy) House, cadet drum major and captain of the shooting team. After his two years' national service he graduated B Social Science at Rhodes in 1986 and worked for eight years for AngloGold in Welkom.

Then followed a two-year spell as group industrial relations manager at the company's head office in Johannesburg. He joined Durban Roodepoort Deep in 1998.

Barry shot for Eastern Province while at Rhodes and for Free State while in Welkom. He won Junior Springbok colours for both .22 and air-rifle target shooting, but has not shot competitively for eight years.

Barry's two sons, aged seven and four, are at Trinityhouse, the Randburg private school where former Dale headmaster Colin Thomson is deputy head. Barry's e-mail address is deblocq@drd.co.za

• Elder brother Nick de Blocq tells of his Reunion visit to Dale – Page 1.

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Where are they now?

Craig finds more ups than downs 'Down Under'

CRAIG GODFREY, Dale deputy headboy and dux scholar in 1986, has made a new life for himself and family in Australia where he runs his own business as a financial planner.

"It has been an unbelievable experience to change countries – certainly not one to be taken lightly," Craig says.

"We have left every one of our family and friends behind and have even taken my parents' only grandchildren away from them – that has been the hardest.

"But, we do not regret the move for one second! We made our personal decision in 1999 and have never looked back."

From his home on Queensland's Gold Coast, Craig told TransDale of the ups and downs of his life "Down Under." At first he battled to obtain permanent residence after promises were not kept when the company that recruited him was taken over. And he warns of the pitfalls of state education and the high cost of attending private schools.

But he maintains: "Australia has been fantastic to us and for us. It has given me a unique opportunity to own my own national business, working with exceptional South African and Australian clients and new friends."

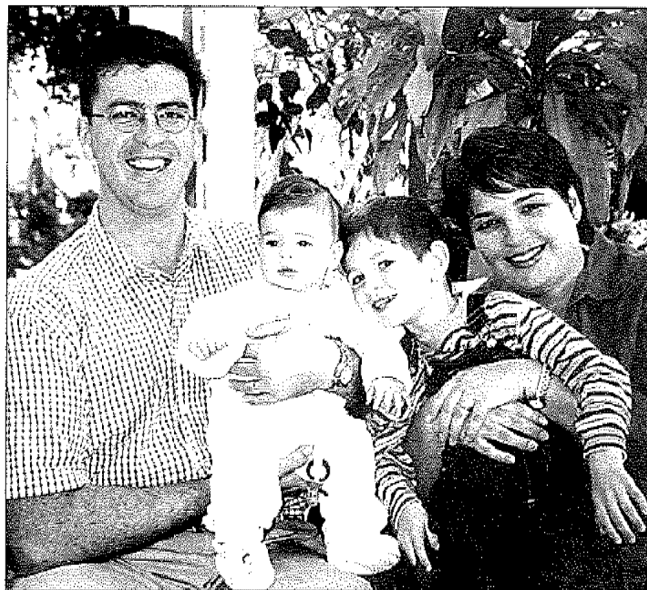
Craig, his wife Theresa and their son and baby daughter live in Robina, 80 km south of Brisbane. Keagan was two when the family left South Africa and Gené was born last December.

"We are fortunate to be able to live this stress-free lifestyle, but it is not cheap. We will have to send our children to private schools and that could cost us anything from the equivalent of R30 000 to R50 000 a year.

"We could use the state schools, but there is NO discipline and NO sport. Private schools at least offer the type of education Dale offered me. I believe that the involvement in team sport and cultural activities is what keeps the children busy and gives them extra goals and a sense of achievement.

"Dale College and my years there was the best thing that could have happened to me, second to meeting Theresa. I don't believe I would have had the grounding and the personal values to get this far, if it weren't for my experiences at Dale. You don't realise what you have

HAPPY FAMILY:
Craig Godfrey, with Theresa, Keagan and baby Gené



He owes his progress to 'grounding at Dale'

until you have to leave it behind!"

Craig started at Dale in Std 4 when his father, Dudley Godfrey, was transferred to King William's Town to open the Permanent Building Society in 1980. "It must have been painful for my Dad, an Old Selbornian, to send his two sons to a better school – but he saw the light and we both had a fantastic time at Dale." (Elder brother Mark matriculated in 1983).

"I matriculated in the greatest possible year, when Dale celebrated its 125th anniversary. I certainly could not have asked for a greater year to end a fantastic high school career."

In 1987 he was chosen to represent the local Rotary Club as an exchange student to South Australia. "So (later) Oz was not totally foreign to me."

Craig's first spell in Australia proved to be a turning point in his career. "During this testing time in my life, South Africa was going through some radical international pressure and I had to deal with questions of apartheid and racism."

As a result he changed his career ideas from majoring in science and decided "to get into law and commerce and rather work with people."

Back in South Africa he completed five years at UPE, majoring in accounting and mercantile law. He met Theresa on their first day there when they had to hold hands and walk to a café as part of their orientation programme.

have to provide each child with a Apple Macintosh laptop – standard issue – so they don't mess around!"

After their meeting at UPE in 1988 Craig and Theresa both went on to captain the residence first-year athletics teams together. "I suppose it was destiny," he said.

Both became head of their residences and graduated at the end of 1992, Theresa with a BSc in botany and zoology and later a Higher Education Diploma.

They have been together for 14 years and married for eight.

Theresa grew up near Humansdorp where her parents were sheep farmers. She played intervarsity tennis and Eastern Province ladies' golf. With two young children her golf is on hold, but she intends later to study as a golf instructor through the Greg Norman Golf Academy in Brisbane and to teach and play golf.

Admitted as an attorney in 1993, he worked for two Port Elizabeth law firms, the second as its director of litigation and commerce. He studied further in income tax and lectured to law students at UPE.

During four years with Old Mutual as a legal adviser and training centre manager Craig obtained a post-graduate qualification in financial planning and won a trip to America as the top exam candidate in 1996.

In 1999 he started moving into a specialist investment and retirement field as a portfolio manager with Alexander Forbes. With some colleagues he was then recruited by an Australian financial planning company to join them as a financial planner and investment adviser.

"So, after never thinking I would leave South Africa, and with my wife Theresa, who I married in 1994, and a two-year-old son, I packed up and headed to Queensland, where we were offered employment on the Gold Coast," he said.

"But you learn from your mistakes and companies get taken over. Mine was bought out by an insurance company and the rules changed. Promises of permanent residency disappeared, income promises were broken and marketing support was withdrawn."

Fortunately his South African financial planning qualification was recognised in Australia and "after a painful conversion process" he became a "certified financial planner" in Australia, an international qualification initiated in America.

Through this he was able to join a reputable financial planning company, Whittaker Macnaught, which sponsored his family's permanent residency in Australia. He has now lived on the Gold Coast for more than two years.

In May this year Craig left Whittaker Macnaught to set up his own financial planning company with a South African partner, Gary Scallan, also from Port Elizabeth.

The company, Future Asset Management Pty Ltd, offers financial services to Australian and specifically ex-South African clients, now living in Australia. They have also become advisers to many South African resident clients who want their international investments managed out of Sydney, rather than in South Africa.

They have bought part of a specialist reloca-

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TEARS OVER STATE EDUCATION

THE GODFREYS have not been impressed by Australian state education. Says Craig: "Theresa, a teacher by profession, vows she will never teach in an Australian state school again.

"There is no discipline, and there is about a 20-point check list on how a teacher is to respond to bad behaviour before she can even accuse the kid of being a nuisance.

"We had many nights of tears while Theresa worked on a teaching contract last year. So we have now agreed that she is now an ex-teacher and a full-time home executive."

"I really hope that I can offer Keagan and Gené a similar education to what I had at Dale. There is a school on the Gold Coast known as TSS – The Southport School. This, I believe, would be the closest to Dale in many ways and has a really good sporting and academic name.

"When the kids start school there the parents

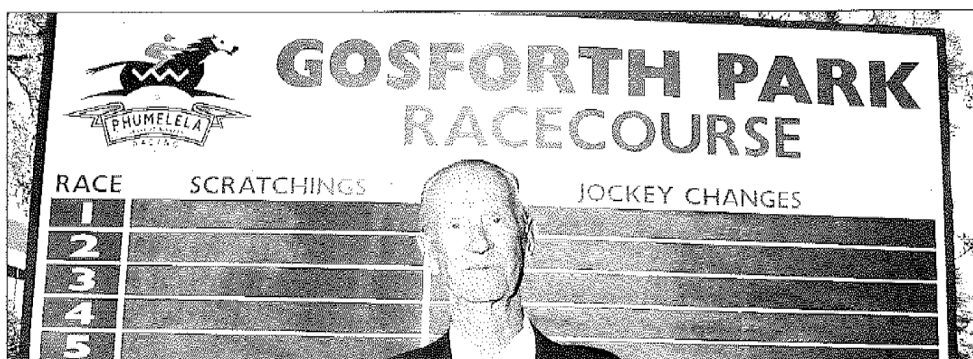
Where are they now?

Farewell to the track he knew for 38 yrs.

VETERAN Old Dalian Des Webber, 84, said a last goodbye last month to the Gosforth Park racecourse he knew during his 38-year career with Rand racing clubs.

On this sentimental journey he saw the Germiston racetrack being bulldozed to make way for motor-sport and other forms of entertainment. The course was closed in March this year because of lack of spectator support blamed on other gambling activities, including the Lotto and casinos.

Next year the roar of racing cars, motor-cycles, quadbikes, dragsters, stock cars, hotrods and motor-cross bikes will replace the sounds of horses' hooves in the new arena. The Gosforth Park Raceway has taken over and development is in



full swing.

For Des the visit was a nostalgic eye-opener, although the giant new pavilion had been built two years before he retired. Several additions had been made and modern facilities developed.

The old stand he knew for years is in a state of disrepair and will be updated. And now, as he sadly put it, "The track has gone ..."

But Des is not one to dwell much on the past. Even at his advanced age, he insists: "Let's rather look to the future."

DES WEBBER at Gosforth Park ... a different kind of racing soon

• **Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD**

Des left Dale in 1938 when he was a member of the unbeaten first rugby team of that year and also a star pole-vaulter. Only one other player in the '38 rugby team is known to be still living - 82-year-old Gordon (Tubby) Lynn, of Waterfall, near Hillcrest, KwaZulu-Natal.

When Des retired in 1986 from the Germiston Sporting Club, the Benoni

Turf Club and the Vereeniging Turf Club, the house newsletter told how he had risen from a ticket collector, to assistant totalisator manager and finally to tote manager.

"It is quite amazing what Des did before and after a race day. He sold racecards, accepted nominations, did the draw, took scratchings and paid out."

Des, who was widowed in 1994, lives at Leisure Park Village, Edenvale. He still plays bowls and attends Old Dalian functions regularly.

It's Dalian 'Duck' and 'Dive' Dale

"DUCK & DIVE" - look out for this new group of entertainers on the circuit - their name is derived from the Swazi pronunciation of Doug and Dave, Old Dalian Doug Thompson (matric class 1984) and his musician partner, Dave Dale.

Dave is not an Old Dalian but his name makes up for it. The two free-lance musicians played in August at the opening of Phakalane Resort, a new golfing estate in Botswana, owned by the sons of the country's former president, Quett Masire. They are to return there for performances on November 30 and New Year's Eve.

Since Doug gave up his roving one-man band and linked up with Dave, the duo have performed at the Royal Swazi Sun, Lugogo Sun and Ezulwini Sun hotels in Swaziland and latterly at Caesars Gauteng and Secunda's Graceland casino.

They also play at corporate functions, private parties and sporting events. Both play guitar and sing,



DOUG THOMPSON (left) and DAVE DALE ... musical duo

accompanied by their own backing tracks. They use state-of-the-art equipment to run their sound and lighting system.

• Doug's e-mail address is: doughthompson@border.co.za

• His parents, George and Avril Thompson, of Rotary Village, Primrose, Germiston, were committee members of the then Transvaal Dale Parents' Association in the late '70s and early '80s.

One year at Dale and it's in your blood, says Craig

CRAIG WOOD, who spent one post-matric year (1992) at Dale, flew from Britain for this year's Reunion, and said: "It was great to re-live that Dale spirit and meet up with the guys, this time for a beer! The trip was well worthwhile. It felt as though we hadn't missed a day. Dale is something embedded in your blood."

Craig, who lives and works near Guilford, Surrey, England, brought his girlfriend, Carrie Patrick, on his first visit to Dale since he left.

A mechanical engineer, he is busy with the design of a \$160 million plant to be built in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Earlier this year he was awarded his Chartered Engineer Certification by the Royal Institute of Mechanical Engineers.

He plays hockey for Guilford and refereed the Dale first team hockey game against Queen's at the Reunion, as well as the team's match against Whitgift School, Croydon, on their UK tour.

We're Aussies, but we shout for SA

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tion business with offices in Sydney, Brisbane, the Gold Coast, and plan to open in Perth, Melbourne, Adelaide and then Auckland, New Zealand.

The company owns a financial planning business in South Africa and looks after clients who are migrating, advising them on relocation, finance and investment. Craig is the Australian investment and retirement specialist in the group and its managing director.

"The great part about this is that I get to fly around Australia to support my team and its like being on a permanent holiday. Every time I go to Sydney and travel over the Harbour Bridge it's like a dream."

"We are now permanently Australians, but will always shout for South African sport. One of my co-directors in Sydney is an international manager for the Springboks and the Sharks, so I am fortunate to retain strong connections with SA sport."

"We have excellent sport coverage on TV and have cable TV dedicated to international sport. It is even better when you get to watch the tri-nations at Ballymore and the cricket at the Gabba, not to mention having had the Olympic Games down the road. We at least got to shout for the Bafana Bafana soccer team in Brisbane during the Olympics!"

"I have yet to bump into another Old Dalian over here, probably because Queensland is inundated with Natalians! There is no room for Eastern Capers!"

For those who need assistance Craig's business website is www.futuream.com.au and his e-mail address is craig@futuream.com.au

Last word from Craig: "Thank you to all my mentors and teachers, thank you to all my friends around South Africa and the world. Good luck! I look forward to being able to return to the school to attend a Reunion and watch Dale thrash Queen's again! AMADODA, DALE!"

The sailor's friend - for 54 years

NOLLAS BURTON, who captained the 1943 Dale first rugby team, has clocked up nearly 54 years' voluntary service with the British Sailors Society. He has been a director of the society since 1960 and is its longest-serving member in the world.

His "dedicated service" was recognised as an "outstanding achievement" in a citation by the society's board in London four years ago.

Nollas became associated with the society while he was shipping master and a senior customs official in Port Elizabeth. He retired from the Customs and Excise Department in 1982 and turned 80 this month.

Where are they now?

A FORGOTTEN MAN? Not Old Dalian rugby star Gcobani Bobo, the elusive side-stepping Lions and Cats centre, sidelined by injury after a brilliant start to the season.

We saw him daily on a Super-sport promo video for the Currie Cup, scoring an electrifying try under the posts. He's been on TV with Naas Botha and other commentators. He hasn't played rugby for eight months, yet he's still making news.

Bobo was on a crest before he tore cruciate ligaments in his right knee while playing in New Zealand for the Cats against the Highlanders in the Super 12. Appropriately for him, the ground in Dunedin is known as "The House of Pain".

Critics had been tipping him for a place in the Springbok backline for the tour of Wales in June. The injury and the operation that followed put Bobo out for the season.

Since then he has been exercising, first in the pool and the gym and lately doing a bit of running and heavy work on the practice field. In the run-up to the Currie Cup final he was sitting in the stand or on the Lions bench with his colleagues.

But, as one sportswriter points out, Bobo is tired of sitting. He is anxious to get back to contact training and eventually to match fitness for next season.

Earlier this year he was the "CENTRE of attention" in a newspaper interview after a brilliant Super 12 debut against the Bulls. He had scored three thrilling tries for the Cats.

Asked where he learnt his rugby he declared: "Dale College, King William's Town." (This despite completing his schooling at Rondebosch.) "We had to choose between rugby and hockey," he said.

He predicted that rugby would overtake soccer's popularity among blacks in five years. His motto: "Only the strong survive."

Described as a "gangsta rap singer with dreadlocks ... rugby's Rasta man" and "something of an icon in Johannesburg," Bobo thrived after moving from Western Province to the Lions and from loose forward to centre.

Last season, in October 2001, former Springbok flyhalf Joel Stransky foresaw his possibilities after he scored twice for the Lions against the Blue Bulls.

One newspaper writer then described him as "currently the most potent attacking centre in the country."

Bobo is raring to go go!



HAT-TRICK! Gcobani Bobo scores his third try for the Cats against the Bulls at Loftus • Picture: WESSEL OOSTHUIZEN, The Citizen

"Bobo has an uncanny knack of always knowing where the ball will be. He is deceptively quick and there is no better stepper or straight runner than him at the moment," he wrote.

This season, after a brilliant start, the rising star was brought down to earth in Dunedin, flown home for corrective surgery and has not played since. Ironically the player sent to New Zealand to cover for him was an Old Queenian, Kaya Malotana.

Since then Bobo has undergone careful rehabilitation, first rebuilding the strength of the knee and now the fitness he has lost.

"I've been to quite a few games at Ellis Park this year," he told The Star's rugby writer Kevin McCallum. "When you're injured you need to keep in touch with the game and the guys. I've sat on the bench with them a couple of times which was cool but frustrating at the same time."

"You keep thinking what you would do if you were out there, when you would pass, how you would run..."

While the Lions were preparing for their final against the Bulls, Bobo was busy with the second-last phase of his rehabilitation. He got down to some running in a corner of the training ground.

"I've got to get fit now," he said. This entailed pushing what looked like a slimmed down scrumming machine from the deadball line to the 22 and back again. And again. And again, wrote McCallum. He had to take off the drenched skullcap that kept his dreadlocks under wraps.

He looked a little beefy around the chest and midriff. Had he perhaps picked up a little weight while sitting on the job? "Hey man, not so much," he laughed.

"I've been downloading, getting myself ready for the season. The plan now is to get my fitness to where it was and I've got plenty of time to do that."

Early next year he would get back to training. Then with the pre-season tours he would pick up his match hardness and fitness.

• Bobo began his rugby at Dale in 1992 as a prop forward in the Under 14B team.

He graduated to the A team in 1993 with players like the brothers Samora and Oginga Siwundla and Ondela Kiwa, who have since played provincial rugby.

Coach Butch Wiggott described Bobo as "a prop with possibly the fastest reactions in his hand-eye co-ordination," who "could pick up a ball anywhere and secure possession with his strength." In 1994 he was a loose forward in the Under15As and next year he went straight into the First XV and became "the find of the season."

OUR BULLDOGS ARE ON AND OFF THE LEASH

WHERE have all the Old Dalian Bulldogs gone? Last year's Border rugby squad included nine Old Dalians. Some were still playing for the senior Border team this year, some have retired and others have moved on.

Scrum-half Richard Bennet has retired after starting six games in the Vodacom Cup and spending two on the bench. Doctors advised him to quit after he was concussed several times, he told TransDale.

During a game between the Bulldogs and the Lions both Richard

and Old Dalian Nicholas Eyre were on the field at one time as opposing substitute scrumhalves.

Hooker Ondela Kiwa, whose home was in Johannesburg while at Dale, began the season playing for the Eastern Province Mighty Elephants but pulled a hamstring and missed several games before returning as a substitute.

Chumani Booie was a regular starter on the wing for Border this season and Pietie Loots has been playing eighth man. Ryan Picketing is playing rugby in Italy.

Reon Kockjeu, who has retired, has been coaching Swifts in Queenstown. Robin Swanepoel has joined Rovers in Durban.

Willem Mills has been playing for Cambridge in East London. Lonwabo Mtshaka played for Border B, captained the Border Under 21s then joined the Bulldogs bench.

• Gareth Krause, Dale headboy and First XV captain in 1999, returned home from New Zealand this year after a spell with North Harbour. He joined the Bulldogs and was outstanding as an open-side flanker.

Gareth scored a try and was man of the match against the Griffons.

• Adam Robertson, Dale flyhalf in 1999, returned from Natal this season to play for Border Under 21s.

• Kaunda Ntunja, former SA Schools and SA Under 19 captain, scored a fine try for Natal Sharks Under 21 against the Bulls. "He's on fire ... he's very quick on the flank," said a commentator.

• Oginga Siwundla, who joined the Lions with Gcobani Bobo, has played for both the senior side and the B (merit) side.

• This letter from a rugby fan appeared in East London's Daily Dispatch. It was headlined, "Hail to Dale."

AS a young boy from Masingatha location I used to walk barefoot to Dale College just to watch it play against schools like Queen's and Selborne College.

If my memory serves me well, there were no black pupils then, so none would say I was going there to watch blacks playing whites. What sent me there was none other than my passion for the game of rugby and the behaviour of Dale players.

As I watched them on the field after each

HAIL TO DALE!

game, I would hear them shouting the Xhosa slogan, "Dale, Amadoda." That impressed me a lot as it was rare for an all-white school to have a Xhosa slogan.

This alone showed that Dale knew as far back as 20 years ago that transformation in this country was inevitable. When the new dispensation was created in 1994, Dale College opened its doors, not only in class but on the field. That's why one will see almost all the teams at Dale

dominated by black kids.

What Dale has done cannot go unnoticed - just as the acts of racism displayed by Framesby can't go unchallenged. The fact that all the teams of Dale are black-dominated reflects the composition of King William's Town.

I salute Dale College because from it we have seen black national heroes like Makhaya Ntini, Gcobani Bobo and Kaunda Ntunja.

LULAMA KENENE, Mooiplaas

• Dale, in fact, opened its doors to black pupils in 1991 - three years before the change in government. (See Page 11.)

MAKHAYA ON FIRE!

FAST BOWLER Makhaya Ntini has bounced back into the cricket spotlight after mediocre performances for South Africa in the Morocco Cup and the Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka.

The Old Dalian who was the first African to play Test cricket for his country could, according to one critic, become the spearhead of the South African attack.

Bowling with new-found pace and control on livelier pitches, he stunned the touring Bangladeshis and then the Sri Lankans in the first Test of their tour. His progress is highlighted in these comments by cricket writers covering the tours:

Stuart Hess of *The Star*, after South Africa had demolished the Sri Lankans in three days at the Wanderers: "Not since the New Zealand series two seasons ago has the Border player bowled with such intimidation and control."

"He unsettled all the batsmen and if there had been any doubt that he had the capacity to fill the role of the spearhead of the South African attack, that was certainly dispelled over the last few days."

Makhaya claimed a wicket with his first ball of the second innings and at one stage had two wickets for two runs. He finished with three for 22 in ten overs. Though Ntini had been less successful in the first innings, Hess wrote of his controlled aggression, fire and grit.

Michael Owen-Smith, of Independent Newspapers, writing in *The Star*, named Ntini as one of the "obvious first choices for any South African side that is chosen at the moment – either for five-day or one-day cricket."

He added: "Since undergoing the salutary experience of being dropped during the away Test series in Australia, there has been no stopping South Africa's champion black fast bowler. He produced a stunning performance in the first leg of the World Series final against New Zealand in Australia."



MAKHAYA NTINI celebrates after taking a wicket in the first Test against Sri Lanka • Picture: ALEXANDER JOE, AFP

Colin Bryden of the Sunday Times, covering the first Bangladesh Test on the Border player's home turf in East London: "Makhaya Ntini rescued South African bowling from mediocrity yesterday and kept his team on track to crush Bangladesh within three days ...

"Ntini injected pace and hostility into an otherwise lacklustre attack." (Ntini's figures on that day: Three wickets for 13 in ten overs, including five maidens.)

Patrick Compton, reporting for *The Star* on

the next day's play, said that Ntini, "their (SA's) bowling hero on Saturday, continued to charge in, ripping out two more wickets and finishing with his second-best Test figures of 5/19 in 15 overs of hostile pace bowling."

In Bangladesh's follow-on innings Ntini was more expensive. But he added two more wickets for 55 runs to finish with a match analysis of seven for 74 off 33.5 overs (matched only by David Terbrugge, son of Old Dalian Peter, with seven for 90 in 26.4 overs in the test).

Mark Smit of *Business Day*: "Ntini was the only one of the local bowlers who got the ball in the right place with any regularity."

Jermaine Craig, reporting for the Saturday *Star* on the second Test, said skipper Shaun Pollock and "the fiery" Ntini had, in the tourists' first innings, "restored proceedings to a semblance of normality by ending the new-found Bangladesh resistance as quickly as it had begun. (Ntini: 21-4-69-2.)

After SA had won a one-day international in Kimberley by seven wickets, Craig reported: "Ntini has definitely used the Bangladesh series to regain some confidence. He's worked hard at his game recently and he too was getting plenty of movement through the air and off the pitch."

Mark Smit of *Business Day* wrote after the Bangladesh series that Ntini had "looked the part with a new acumen in his approach to his bowling." Convener of the selectors Omar Henry said after the first Test: "Ntini was fantastic."

• One element missing from Ntini's armoury has been variety in pace and without a slower ball he came unstuck in Morocco. His slower ball was not much slower than his normal delivery. There his slowest was timed at 134 kms. an hour and his fastest at 145. His coaches put him through a crash course but Makhaya seems to have consistently upped his pace during the season.

Marvellous Monde

OLD DALIAN Monde Zondeki is being tipped as a future South African fast bowler – even for next year's World Cup.

An unlikely scenario? Maybe, but not in the opinion of Michael Owen-Smith, respected cricket correspondent of Independent Newspapers.

Monde, who left Dale in 2000, impressed for South Africa A against the Bangladeshi tourists, taking three wickets for 39 in a one-day match. He has also performed well for the Border Bears this season.

Owen-Smith believes "the emerging sensation of the World Cup could well be 20-year-old fast bowler Monde Zondeki."

"He has already proved himself to be the fastest bowler in the country at the moment – and he has the intelligence and mental concentration to go with it."

Writing in *The Star* on October 31 in an article on transformation in SA cricket, Owen-Smith added:

"If Zondeki features in the World Cup, then the Government won't be worrying too much about quotas; their main concern will be to find places in the VIP area."

"Zondeki is the nephew of one of their most popular former colleagues, the late Steve Tshwete. He grew up in the Tshwete home and even went into exile with him in Zambia in 1989."

In an earlier article, Owen-Smith wrote that Monde "may be a rough diamond but he does have two qualities that nobody can coach: raw pace and the ability to impart late swing when he cuts back on his pace."

"Already this season he has put opponents to flight for South Africa A in the one-day arena. He has knocked over the Natal batting in their own Kingsmead wicket and he has done much the same to Boland."

(In a new-ball spell he took three wickets for 12 in nine overs in a SuperSport Series match. Owen-Smith said Zondeki had been bowling quicker than Makhaya Ntini or West Indian international Vasbert Drakes in that game.)

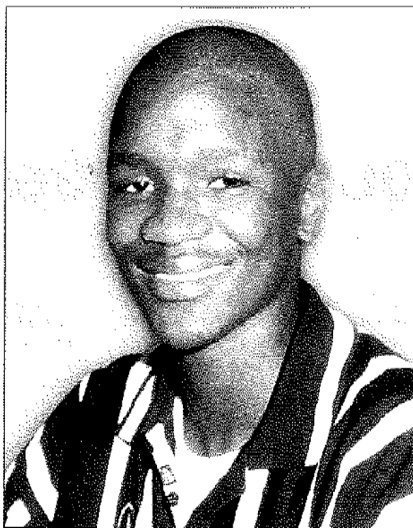
Monde made his first-class debut for the Border Bears against the touring New Zealanders when he was still in matric at Dale. He took a wicket and scored 12, batting at No. 11. He had just returned from New Zealand after touring with the SA Under 19 side.

Former Cabinet Minister Steve Tshwete, who once said that he had "yearned to be a student at Dale," gave his nephew the chance to go there. (See Page 48).

"Monde has not taken this opportunity for granted," wrote editor Iraci Mackie in her Eastern Cape magazine, *SportAction*. "He embraced it. His famous uncle may have got him a foot in the door at Dale when he was nine years old, but after that his own talent and quiet, yet confident personality got him to where he is today."

"Soon after he began at Dale (in 1991) he started playing rugby. He played cricket too and took part in athletics. In Grade Seven (at Dale Junior) he was the school's deputy headboy."

"He maintained his impressive record throughout high school, playing both first team rugby and cricket. He was a prefect at the college and deputy headboy of his hostel."



MONDE ZONDEKI ... 'emerging World Cup sensation?' • Picture: SportAction

In his Grade 11 year the Border Cricket Academy awarded Monde a bursary. He decided to focus on a cricket career rather than on rugby.

In his matric year, however, he still played for the First XV and at this year's Reunion he played for an Old Dalian rugby team in the Sevens tournament. (See Page 36.)

Going to New Zealand with the SA Under 19s was Monde's first overseas trip. If he maintains his fast bowling form it will not be his last.

• Monde lost his mother, Nokwanda Zondeki, when she was killed in a car crash four years ago.

Where are they now?

MONSIEUR HALL!

Old Dalian rugby star Steven sidelined by injury after playing two Tests for France

STEVEN HALL, the first Old Dalian to play rugby for France, has been sidelined after his fourth ankle operation in four years.

Steven, who broke his ankle in the second last club game of his first season in French rugby in 1998, played in two internationals for France early this year – against Italy and Wales.

Dropped from the French Test team to play England in the Six Nations championships, he was chosen for the reserve side, France A, against Scotland and for their tour of Australia. But he had to withdraw because of his injury and had further surgery early in June.

This news comes from Steven's elder brother Bradley, who as a post-matric played first team rugby for Dale with Steven in 1989. He says Steven hopes to be playing club and possibly international rugby again during this winter season.

Steven, who is a towering 1.98 metres tall, weighs 115 to 118 kilograms at peak during the season. He plays lock forward in 95 per cent of his games, but was tried out as eighth man by his club, Beziers, in the south of France, last season. He played No 8 for France against Italy and Wales.

Bradley says Steven and his girl friend, Belinda Pudney of Cape Town, may settle in France. "He loves it there," adds Brad, who lives and works in King William's Town.

At 29, Steven still thinks he has lots of rugby ahead and hopes to stay in the game as coach when he retires.

• After playing occasionally for the Dale first team in 1988, Steven won colours in 1989, honours in the unbeaten 1990 team and then again in 1991 as vice-captain.

He played for Border Schools A and SA Schools and scored five tries for Dale in the 1991 season.

Coach Mick Paterson described Steven as

"an exceptionally hard-working and mobile lock ... he turned in some tremendous performances – an exceptional line-out forward – the team's nice guy!"

Steven played for Dale in what has been called a "golden era" of Dale rugby. The 1989 team lost only three matches out of 17 and was the only unbeaten side at the St Stithians festival in Randburg. Brad Hall was also in the touring team.

The 1990 team was unbeaten in 20 games – again at the St Stithians festival. The 1991 side played 22 games, lost one, drew two and won 19. They were the first team in Dale's 100 years of rugby to score 560 points in a season, beating the 1990 record number of points by 68. They scored 90 tries with only seven against them.

• When Old Selbournian Springbok lock Mark Andrews, who partnered Steven in the 1990 Border Schools team in Craven Week, heard of Hall's selection for France, he commented: "I always knew Steven had what it takes to make it to the top. Everyone down in the Border is very proud of Steven today. I think it is a magnificent feat to get this once-in-a-lifetime call-up at the age of 29."

Another former Dale coach, Deon Boshoff (now teaching and coaching rugby at St Andrew's College, Grahamstown), was also thrilled at the news. "Absolutely brilliant. Steven has always been a top-class lock."

• The Johannesburg-based newspaper, the Citizen, said Hall and Andrews formed a very formidable level pairing for Border Schools. "At school Hall was an aggressive and powerfully-built lock with a no-nonsense attitude."

STEVEN HALL ... four operations in four years

• Picture: AP, with assistance from the Daily Dispatch



At 73, his first hole in one Colin runs NZ hyper-store

SENIOR golfer BLYTH THOMPSON (1942-43) scored his first hole in one this year – after playing the game for 25 years. Blyth, who took up golf when he gave up cricket in his late 40s, once played off a six handicap. Now aged 73, he is a 13 off the seniors' tees. This is how he describes his "ace" at the Johannesburg Country Club:

• We were playing in the club's Thursday afternoon competition on February 21. Our opponents in a private bet were one up on us so we needed to win the penultimate hole of the round, which was the par-three eighth at Woodmead, because we had started on the tenth.

One of our opponents had hit his ball very close to the hole and was likely to score a two, so when I stood on the senior tee I needed a hole in one to win the hole.

I took a seven iron and the ball disappeared out of sight in the direction of the pin as the green is raised from the level of the tee.

When we got to the green my ball was nowhere to be seen so I looked first in the bunkers beyond. Then one of the opponents said it was at the back of the green. But when I

got there it was a piece of white paper and in fact, at the time, my ball was in the hole.

We won that hole and the next to turn the match around and that evening I collected all the competition money as a reward for achieving the perfect fluke.

It was the first time I had ever done so, so the conviviality was quite expensive. However, when I arrived home I was delighted to find that my extremely efficient wife Wendy had insured me against a hole in one. So in the end we broke about even, and a good time was had by all. •

• Blyth was not as fortunate in the annual Old Dalian golf competition at Leeuwkop on June 7. He was paired with another veteran Old Dalian, who despite his 26 handi-



BLYTH THOMPSON ... he needed an ace to win the hole. He did – and turned the match around

cap contributed virtually nothing to their better-ball score, which won the prize for the "most golf," also known as the "longest day".

His partner, who shall be nameless, at least had the grace to collect and hand him their prize – which he had donated himself – a six pack of beer!

• Blyth, who spent two years at Dale before matriculating at Bishops, regards himself as an Old Dalian. He is a regular supporter of Johannesburg branch functions and golf tournaments.

COLIN RUSSELL (1982), who emigrated to New Zealand with his family three years ago, is managing the Auckland branch of The Warehouse, a country-wide chain of 72 hyper-stores.

His wife Penny, an ex-KHS girl, has gone back to university and is in her second year of study to be a teacher. They have a six-year-old son James.

Younger brother DAVID (1983) is manager of Ciskei Uniforms, the family clothing business, with branches in East London, Umtata, King William's Town, Butterworth, Cofimvaba and Engcobo.

Their father, MIKE RUSSELL (1953), national president of the Old Dalian Union in 1981–82, who runs the holding company, Sara Purchasing in East London, intends finally to retire next year.

KIP FOWLER: The rugby captain who missed Reunion honour

RODNEY (Kip) FOWLER, headboy of Dale College and Frank Joubert House in 1954, died from a heart attack in Ramsgate, KwaZulu-Natal, on December 9, last year. He was 66.

Kip, who came to Dale from Northern Rhodesia, played for the first rugby team for three years (1952-54) and was captain in 1953. He was awarded honours, played for Border Schools and won colours for rowing, captaining the first crew.

He was looking forward to attending the Reunion this year when past Dale rugby captains were honoured.

Dale coach LJ (Monkie) Lazarus described Kip as "a very fine front-rank forward ... powerful, hard-working and indefatigable. Not only did he do yeoman work in the tight but he had plenty of dash in the loose and was very dangerous."

He developed as a captain and towards the end of the season "led his team excellently."

In 1954, as vice-captain, he scored a try against Queen's which coach Tommy Higgs said would "long be remembered as a classic."

Kip's wife Vivienne, whom he married in 1959, told TransDale that Dale had been "a major influence" in his life. "It meant a great deal to

him and he had a good relationship with Headmaster Russell Searle. He even changed the date of our engagement announcement to attend a Dale Reunion and introduce me to Mr Searle."

His Old Dalian friends had kept in touch and been a great source of support to her since his death.

Kip Fowler spent most of his working life on the gold mines. After leaving Dale he joined Rand Mines as an "official learner" and trained underground at CMR.

He played rugby for the Union Club in Johannesburg and in the Transvaal trials and after retiring to the coast he remained a Transvaal/Lions supporter to the end.

After their marriage he and Vivienne moved to Blyvooruitsig where he served as a mine overseer for ten years. Later, after a spell with another mining company, they went to Rhodesia where he ran a motor service station for 11 years.

During the bush war he served as a police reservist and obtained a private pilot's licence.

In 1982 Kip and Vivienne returned to South Africa and he rejoined Rand Mines at Blyvooruitsig in his old post as mine overseer.

After a serious illness he retired



RODNEY (Kip) FOWLER ...
honours for rugby, colours for rowing

to Ramsgate in 1993, stunned by the death at 56 from a heart attack of his younger brother Derek, a successful businessman, who had swum for Northern Rhodesia at the Empire Games while still at Dale.

Kip's widow, Vivienne, lives at Darrenwood Village, Randburg. He also leaves a daughter Robyn of Johannesburg, two sons, Rodney of Johannesburg and Glen of Harare, Zimbabwe, and two young grandsons, Justyn and Neil.

• When Dale celebrated its 125th anniversary in 1986, Kip and Derek flew to King William's Town in Derek's light plane with Derek's son Robert and Ivan Venter (who became ODU national president in 2000). "He loved his old school," said Vivienne.

ARTHUR WOOD: Oldest Old Dalian

THE OLDEST known Old Dalian, Arthur Llewellyn Wood, died in hospital in his home town of Komga on September 26. He would have been 97 on December 10.

Arthur was the third of five sons of Old Dalian Henry Irvine (HI) Wood (1884-86), national president in 1929, and his wife Ivy Maud. He was national president in 1945, his younger brother Lyle (LLF) Wood in 1943 and his uncle Oscar in 1939.

Arthur, who born in the Willowvale district of the Transkei in 1905, was until his death the oldest surviving Dale first team rugby player (1923-24) and the oldest holder of a rugby honours cap.

The 1923 team was the only Border school side to top the Border senior second league. Arthur was also the oldest surviving Dale first team cricketer (1924).

Arthur made his last public appearance at Dale College in 1999, when ODU past-presidents were honoured. He leaves his wife Pearl, 93, an Old Dalian son, Anthony (Tug) Wood two daughters Jill and Jennifer, of East London.

The Woods were a family of Transkei traders. Arthur retired about 40 years ago to farm in the Komga district. At the time of his death he and Pearl were living with their younger daughter Jill and her husband Gordon Renton on their farm near Komga.

Headmaster James Haupt of Dale College, head of department Zane Hagemann and Old Dalian PRO Jack Rosenberg attended the funeral in Komga. Also present were other Old Dalians and a former deputy head of Dale Junior, Robbie Noble, now headmaster of the Komga Primary School.

• Lyle Wood, the college historian, is now the only survivor of the five Wood brothers. When Lyle turned 88 this year a group of Border Old Dalians entertained him at a party in East London.

JIMMY WAITE: Hard times in the Depression

JAMES (Jimmy) WAITE (1922-31), who spent his entire schooling at Dale, died in St George's Hospital, Port Elizabeth, on February 16 after a stroke. He was 88.

Jimmy won colours in cricket and rugby in his final two years. A day-boy, he played centre in 1930 outside the star halfback pair of Dickie Niblock-Stuart and Lionel Schonegevel. In his matric year he moved to flyhalf.

Two Old Dalians, Rudolph

Ginsberg, a leading King businessman and former mayor, and EW (Drollie) Rowles, a Dale teacher who was secretary and president of the ODU, formed a trust fund that gave Jimmy a start after he left school.

He worked for the SA Mutual in Cape Town with the famous Springbok flyhalf Benny Osler and played for the Gardens Under 19 team.

As a junior at the Mutual he

earned eight pounds and sixpence a month (100 pounds a year). "In those Depression years their help kept me going," he told TransDale.

After serving in the SAAF in the Second World War he worked in King William's Town, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

Widowed in 1992 after being married for 54 years, he spent the last ten years of his life at Fairhaven.

FRANK ROUESSART: Murdered in his home

FRANK ROUESSART, a former committee member of the TransDale Parents' Association, was murdered at his home in Mayfield Park, Johannesburg, on September 13. He was 66.

His wife Luise (Cookie) found him dead when she returned from work that afternoon. His hands and feet were bound and he had been struck on the head. It is believed that he surprised intruders when returning home.

Frank, who had a strong tenor voice, sang in the choir of St John Bosco Roman Catholic Church, Robertsham. On the morning before his death he spent two hours at a convent rehearsing for a special communion service to be held at the church the next day.

The Rouessarts were active members of the parents' association when their younger son Pierre was at Dale College from 1979 to 1983.

Of French descent, Frank grew up in Durban and in Rhodesia, where he worked as an engineering draftsman and served in the air force.

He and Austrian-born Cookie, whom he married in Rhodesia, moved in 1977 with their five children to Johannesburg. There he worked for many years for engineering companies and then as a steel sales rep. In his retirement he was working part-time for his elder son's medical company.

Frank was an active member of his church and the Johannesburg South Lions Club. A lover of classical music, he sang at family weddings and functions.

"His family meant everything to him," said Cookie. "He was always ready to help when needed." Once, when friends faced a crisis, the Rouessarts fostered their seven children.

Frank struggled for years with ill-health but

remained cheerful and active. Tributes to his courage and generosity were paid at his funeral by his elder son Michel of Cape Town and his Old Dalian son Pierre, who recently changed his name to Joshua. He is a pastor at a religious settlement at Duiwelskloof, Limpopo.

Several former Dale parents, who were TransDale committee members with Frank and Cookie, attended the requiem mass. As the congregation left the church the choir accompanied a recording of a World Youth Day theme song Frank had made in Cape Town a few weeks earlier. His rich voice could be heard above those of the choir.

Frank leaves his wife and sons, three daughters, Bernadette of Johannesburg, Collette and Yvette, who both flew from New Zealand for the funeral, and 12 grandchildren.

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OBITUARIES

DV (Dummy) TAYLOR, who died in East London on July 25, aged 88, was an institution at both Dale and Queen's and among the wider Border community. His loyalty knew no boundaries.

He died just two months after his second marriage – to his friend and companion for 17 years, Desray Warner.

Daniel Vaughn Taylor was one of Queen's College's favourite sons, but his contribution to Dale was far-reaching.

As a schoolboy he was head prefect, and won colours at rugby, cricket, musketry and athletics. He was Victor Ludorum and held both the 440 and 880-yard track records and the record for throwing the cricket ball when that event was in vogue.

Dummy was a teacher at Queen's for 25 years, rugby coach for 15 and also president of the Old Boys' Association. He got his nickname from his skill in "selling the dummy" as a young rugby player.

After leaving Queen's he became the "father" of Dale Junior, an honorary Old Dalian, PRO of the union and editor of its newsletter, *The Heron*.

He was the first Headmaster of the Dale Primary School after it became independent in 1962. He held that post for 15 years and ran Taylor's Hostel for junior boarders.

When, after a spell at Sutton House, Dale Junior boarders moved to the former Convent building, the hostel was named DV Taylor House in his honour.

"Our school is indebted to him for the incredible foundation he laid concerning the standard, traditions and spirit of the school," said Mike Hosty, Headmaster of Dale Junior. "He never lost touch with

DUMMY TAYLOR: A legend at two rival schools, he remained loyal to both



Dummy and Desray – on their wedding day: May 24, 2002

our progress and kept abreast of all our developments."

A report compiled by David Williams, a Grade 7 teacher and hostel master at Dale Junior, said: "Mr Taylor will be remembered as a man who, through his own drive and self-motivation, inspired and led by example.

"In so doing, Dale Junior became not only an outstanding education-

al institution, but a landmark in South Africa; a pride and a purpose, a reputation on which this great school bases its successes today."

Innovations introduced by Mr Taylor included the parent-teachers' association (PTA), gymnastics, the Dale Digest diary and magazine and educational tours to the Bloemfontein Zoo, the Cradock Mountain Zebra Park, the Kruger National Park, Jan Smuts Airport and Maputo in Mozambique.

Extramurals included a scripture union, a thrift club, a choir, scholar patrols, and a school quiz team.

The Dale Junior Choir sang at the funeral in East London where Old Dalians joined with Old Queenians and friends.

Tributes were paid by the Headmaster of Queen's, Chris Harker, and Robbie Muzzell, Old Queenian and Border and South African cricket administrator, who wrote the foreword to Dummy's book, *"Close To The Crested Hills,"* (see review below).

In his address, Mr Harker described Dummy as "an amazing man and an outstanding educationist." Starting in Std 3, his association with Queen's spanned almost 80 years. In his final year as head prefect he won the Nelson Shield, the school's highest award for "duty well done."

As a teacher Dummy's "outstanding abilities as a motivator and his enthusiasm and expertise in many areas was to influence the lives of thousand of boys as they passed through Queen's."

"He coached the first cricket team and introduced gymnastics at the school. But it is perhaps as a rugby coach that he is best remembered."

At Dale Junior, said Mr Harker, Dummy had positively impacted on the lives of many Dalians.

Robbie Muzzell said Dummy was no ordinary man. After leaving school he played provincial rugby and cricket, captaining Border and while serving in the Second World War he played rugby in Italy.

"He was the ultimate family man. All loved him: children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"He touched the lives of many Dale boys and Old Boys as their national PRO, who are richer for the experience."

Retired to Kei Mouth, he was coaxed into helping out at the local school for three-and-a half years. He later moved to East London.

Dummy leaves his wife Desray, two sons Roy and Peter and two daughters Gillian and Diane. He lost his first wife Mildred in 1983 after they had been married for 40 years. Roy, also an Old Queenian, taught at Dale Junior for eight years and was headmaster for ten.

– JOE SUTTON

QUOTE

DUMMY was my headmaster for the entire seven years I spent at Dale Junior. We held him somewhat in awe. He was indeed a disciplinarian, but at least he kept the traditions very much alive.

He was the first person (and certainly not the last!) to dish out a couple of "cuts" to me. I remember him rather dearly. – Nick de Blocq (1966 -1977)

The 'amazing alliance' – Dummy's last tribute

THE CLOSE bond between the Border's three premier schools has again been highlighted by a man who became an institution in two of them.

Dummy Taylor, the Old Queenian, Queen's teacher and rugby coach who became the first Headmaster of Dale Junior, an honorary Old Dalian and PRO of the Old Dalian Union, called this an "amazing alliance."

He did so in *"Close To The Crested Hills,"* a treasure trove of entertaining anecdotes and memories of the school that was closest to his heart, Queen's College. Sadly since this was published Dummy has passed on. (See above.)

While this book will appeal mostly to Old Queenians there is much in it about Dale, Old Dalians and the men who have shaped both schools – and Selborne College, too.

Despite their intense rivalry on the sports fields, Dale, Queen's and Selborne have shared headmasters, teachers and families in a remarkable form of cross-pollination for well over a century.

Paying tribute to former Queen's heads, Dummy recalled that three – A Parry Davies, Dudley Schroeder and Tommy Higgs – were

Old Dalians and former Dale teachers and that the present head of Selborne College, Sammy Gunn, is an Old Queenian.

Billy Rowles, an Old Dalian who taught at Queen's and took over from Dummy as its first team rugby coach, went on to become headmaster of Dale.

Higgs, who had coached the Dale First XV in the 1950s – when Dummy was coaching Queen's – was to sit in the stands as Queen's headmaster while his school locked horns with Dale between 1965 and 1974.

"Tommy and I, though good friends, were wary of each other and circumspect as to what the other was up to but it was all good fun and so competitive," wrote Dummy of his rival coach.

Dummy's Old Queenian son Roy was to fill the role held earlier for 15 years by his dad, as headmaster of Dale Junior.

Malcom Andrew began his schooling at Dale Primary, matriculated at Selborne, taught at Queen's and became headmaster of Dale College. Another Old Dalian who taught at Queen's before returning to Dale was Bruce Gordon, later to become headmaster of Grey

High School, Port Elizabeth.

Brent Russell, the present Springbok utility back, is the grandson of an Old Queenian, and himself an Old Selbornian. His father Robert went to school at both Dale and Selborne.

The "amazing alliance" was aptly illustrated in a Second World War cartoon in East London's Daily Dispatch. It showed two soldiers in battle dress with bayonets fixed lying next to each in the front line.

"They glanced at each other. 'Hello Queer Cat,' said the Dalian to the QC soldier, to which the Queenian, putting his fingers to his nose, replied, 'It must be a dead cat!'"

"This was comradeship in danger but they hadn't forgotten their schoolboy banter," recalled Dummy.

Dale, Queen's and Selborne, he observed, are "sometimes extraordinarily connected, rather a wonderful kindred."

"Close To The Crested Hills," is a fitting memorial to this remarkable Border product who was so much a part of Queen's and Dale.

The book may be ordered (@R100 plus postage) from the Queen's College Old Boys' Association, PO Box 888, Queenstown 5320.



AT DALE: Steve Tshwete with Old Dalian historian LLF Wood and PRO Jack Rosenberg

STEVE TSHWETE: 'Mr Fix It' was a Dale parent

POPULAR, sport-loving Cabinet Minister Steve Tshwete, who died on April 26, aged 64, was one of the first black parents to send a son to Dale.

His son Mayihlome and nephew Monde Zondeki were among the pioneering batch of "New Daliens" to enter Dale Junior in 1991. His daughter Yonda went to Kaffrarian High School.

Steve gave the senior prize-giving address in 1994 and he remained the best-known public figure among Dale parents of the '90s.

In the transitional years before the 1994 election Steve became the driving force behind the normalisation of South African sport.

A skilful negotiator, he became known as "Mr Fix It" – a go-between in international cricket, rugby and soccer – and played a big role in South Africa's re-admission to world sport.

In 1994 he became the first Minister of Sport in the Mandela Cabinet. He encouraged transformation and promoted physical education in schools to develop the nation's sporting talents.

Later, as Minister of Safety and Security – one of the toughest posts in the Cabinet – he took a "no nonsense" line on crime and defended policemen's rights. He

won their confidence, boosted morale and, it is said, convinced many civilians that the Government was serious about fighting crime.

Steve died in No 1 Military Hospital, Pretoria, from pneumonia and kidney failure following back surgery for a pinched nerve. About 70 of the mourners at his funeral service at Bisho and burial at Peelton were put up overnight at Dale's Paterson House.

Stephen Vukile Tshwete was active in sport as a player and administrator for most of his life. Born in Springs in 1938, he moved with his family to Peelton as a boy.

He played first team rugby for Forbes Grant Secondary School in King William's Town, and Welsh High in East London and was a prefect at both schools. As a boy he sensed the wrongs in South African society and as a young man became involved in politics.

In 1964 he was jailed for 15 years for sabotage and political offences and was sent to Robben Island. There he ran sporting activities and obtained a BA degree from UNISA, majoring in English and philosophy.

On his release he was banned and confined to Peelton for two years. He went into exile in Zambia in 1985 and returned in 1990.

'I YEARNED TO BE A DALIAN'

WHAT made Steve and Pamela Tshwete send their son and daughter as boarders to Dale and KHS? While Steve was travelling the country, he and his wife lived in Johannesburg, but they regarded the Border as their home.

In 1991 he told Traci Mackie of The Mercury, King William's Town: "I have always admired the two schools from a distance. While I was at Forbes Grant there was always a good rapport between us and Dale."

"I would always admire the Dale guys when I saw them in town with their beautiful uniforms. They play good rugby, too. And their grounds are good. The students at Dale and KHS are always well-disposed towards the traditions of the schools. I yearned to be a student there and share in those beautiful facilities."

He commended the positive atti-

tude of white parents who voted overwhelmingly to open their schools to children of other groups.

• Mayihlome Tshwete spent six years at Dale Junior and two years at Dale College, but completed his education in the Western Cape.

• Monde Zondeki, who grew up in the Tshwete household and reportedly went into exile with Steve, spent five years at Dale Junior and five at the college.

He was a fast bowler in the first cricket team and centre in the first rugby team and this year played for the South Africa A cricket side against the Bangladesh tourists. (See Page 44.)

DUX ANDREWS: He was larger than life

DUDLEY (Dux) ANDREWS (1965-68), who died in a Durban hospital in October last year, was a stalwart Old Dalian and former chairman of the Johannesburg branch. He was 50.

Dux was a big man in more ways than one. Tall in stature, large in build, he also had a big heart and was much loved and respected by his Old Dalian colleagues.

After leaving Dale, Dux worked for a while and then went to Wits University where he graduated with a BA. He worked for Tobacco Exporters and Manufacturers, Epul and Group Africa.

Later he built a career in training and recruitment. He worked day and night. By day he was retained by top companies as a marketing trainer and devised training programmes for them.

At night he lectured for many years in marketing at Damelin College. "Dux had an unusual laid-back approach. His lectures were very entertaining and successful," said Dave Sephton-Poultny, chairman of the Johannesburg Old Dalian Union branch, who is himself professionally involved in recruitment. "He even ran a canteen part-time at Damelin."

Cecilia Andrews, who was married to Dux for 26 years, told TransDale that through his profession he was known to more than a thousand people.

"He lectured at Damelin, the Association of Advertising Agencies training college and also conducted several in-house training courses for a wide variety of companies. There are probably over 100 people whose careers developed directly as a result of Dux's training."

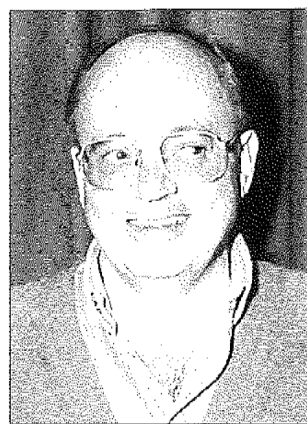
"In recruitment, Dux had an unbelievable ability to match people to jobs. There are hundreds of marketing and sales people placed by Dux who today hold very senior positions."

Dux was chairman of the Johannesburg Old Dalian Union during the 1980s and served on the committee for several years. "He was a fanatical Old Dalian," said Dave Sephton-Poultny. "He loved interacting with fellow Old Boys and was a strong supporter at rugby festivals."

Says Cecilia: "He was involved in organising cricket days, dinners, bingo evenings. Whether he was on the committee or not, he was a staunch supporter of Dale and loved attending functions where he could get together with old schoolmates and other Old Daliens."

"His time at Dale was undoubtedly one of the biggest influences in his life, shaping his attitudes, values and approach to life and to business."

"He would spend hours entertaining us about his exploits at Dale – some stories I am sure were quite



DUX ANDREWS ... big build, big heart

embellished and romanticised.

"If ever we were in the King area we would visit Dale and Dux would go to great lengths to point out the route he took from Presby to school and where the best places were to go for a smoke."

Dux served on the Governing Body of Bryneven Primary School, Sandton, for 11 years and was chairman for about five.

"He left a great hole at Bryneven, not only because of what he did for the school, but also because he was so well liked by the teachers and parents. As chairman he was instrumental in setting a strategic direction for the school and set up a number of fund-raising initiatives."

The choir of Bryneven School sang Psalm 23 at his funeral at St Mungo's Church, Bryanston, which was attended by many Old Daliens. And, in a moving tribute, Cecilia told of the legacy Dux had left:

• His ability to reduce apparently complex issues to their simplest level.

"Probably due to the influence of Dale College as a boarder, or perhaps during the time when he was a full-time student and we lived off my starting-out salary, he had this unbelievable ability to simplify what others saw as complex."

"If you lost your job, had a fight with someone, lost a business deal or whatever crisis you had, he was able to place a perspective of simplicity on things."

• His wonderful and original way of giving – he believed that one should give unconditionally.

• His lack of the emotions of envy, jealousy or competitiveness.

"As a lot of people said after he died, Dux was larger than life," Cecilia told TransDale. "Not only was he incredibly tall, in his persona he was charismatic and well loved by an enormous group of people. We all miss him terribly."

Dux Andrews leaves his widow and two daughters, Victoria and Catherine. His older brother, Professor Grenville (Andy) Andrews, matriculated at Dale College in 1961.

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

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